

'Accident Repeaters' to Be Checked By State

Oregon drivers having more than their share of accidents or convictions for traffic law violations will receive the close attention of the state driver's license division under an "accident repeater" program now being set up, Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry has announced.

As a move to help stem traffic accident losses, motorists involved in three or more smash-ups during a 12-month period will be notified that their record has been transferred to a special file, Newbry said. Later reports of chargeable accidents or violations of traffic laws will be checked carefully, and the driver in question may be called in for special examination and interview. His driver's license will be suspended if circumstances warrant, it was disclosed.

Drivers turning in clear driving records for the 12 months following receipt of a warning letter will be given a clean slate.

"Actually, the only sound reason for the requirement of a license to drive is that of safety," Newbry declared. "In order for the state government to fulfill its obligation, it must supply adequate facilities to properly eliminate the unsafe driver." On a national basis, about four percent of all drivers are classified as

accident repeaters, yet this group caused an estimated 46 percent of the fatal accidents in 1946.

In Oregon, such drivers will not be assumed legally responsible for every accident reported, officials said. Instead, action will be based on the belief that the trouble could have been eliminated by better driving.

In many cases, the cause is some physical defect that can be corrected or compensated for when behind the wheel, according to the experience of other states with accident repeater programs now in effect. These defects may come to light in the course of the special examination. Frequently, it was pointed out, the fault is an improper attitude that makes for dangerous driving.

Two Deaths Reported on Highway Sunday

Due to the heavy fog Saturday and early Sunday morning, death took its toll near Central Point at 8:30 a.m. Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ackerman of Klamath Falls, enroute to Grants Pass lost control of their car on icy pavement near the John Bohnert farm, north of town and rolled over pinning Mr. Ackerman under the car. Mrs. Ackerman was injured, but not too seriously.

Earlier in the morning Alvia J. Spence, of Gold Hill was delivering papers for his son, and was struck by a truck and instantly killed.

John Bohnert Family Visits in Grants Pass

Mr. and Mrs. John Bohnert and daughters drove to Grants Pass Sunday to visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mel Williams and their two sons, Martin and Monty. Mrs. Bohnert and Mrs. Williams are sisters.

Mr. Williams arrived home from

Guam Dec. 23rd. for a fifty day leave from his duties in the postal service of the Navy. When his leave expires he will report to the San Francisco base.

Sunday p.m. Mrs. Bohnert left on her fourth tour as a member of the educational team sponsored by the Pomona State Grange. They will cover the west coast area. She will return Feb. 5th.

Funeral Service Held For John D. Green

Services for John D. Green, 74, of route one, who passed away in a local hospital Saturday, were held in the Conger-Morris chapel Tuesday, with Rev. Delbert Daniels officiating. Interment was in the I.O.O.F. cemetery.

Mr. Green was born August 3, 1874, in Ontario, Canada. He had resided in this community for 15 years.

Surviving are five sons, Sylvanus, Mt. Vernon, Wn.; Roy, Medford; Archie, Wallie and Russell, all of Central Point; two daughters, Mrs. Dorothy Anderson, Daisy, N.D.; Mrs. C. B. Coffman, Chowchilla, Cal.; three sisters, Mrs. Effie Crowell, Salem; Mrs. Pearl Martin, New Salem, N.D.; Mrs. Bertha Smiley, Lisbon, N.D., and one brother, DeForest, Thief River Falls, Minn.

Sympathy of the community is extended to the sorrowing family.

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Movies Shown at Vincent Home Monday

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Scott spent Monday evening with Mrs. Sarah Vincent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Vincent. Mr. Scott set up the movie projector and showed the movie film of Robert Vincent's wedding. It was such a thrill for "Grandma" Vincent that she watched while it ran a second time. Mr. Scott then showed both movies and slides of South America.

Mrs. E. W. Jermark was also a guest.

A lunch was served later in the evening.

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RETURN TO PORTLAND—
Mr. and Mrs. Cal Smith returned to Portland last week after attending the funeral of Mr. Smith's aunt Mrs. Minnie Love, and visiting friends and relatives in the valley.

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