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A NEXT DAY BETTOR



\$250 ESSAY CONTEST OPEN TO STUDENTS

Concerned over the increase that took place in 1926 compared with 1925 in the number of highway grade crossing accidents and believing that more care should be exercised by all those crossing railroad tracks, the American Railway Association today announced plans for a nation-wide essay contest among school and college students with three cash prizes of \$250 each, to be awarded the authors of essays containing an outstanding, readily available suggestion for preventing such accidents.

One prize of \$250 will be awarded by the American Railway Association for the best essay by a grammar school student, a similar prize for the best essay by high school student and a like amount for the best essay by a college student.

Under the rules prescribed by the association, the subject of the essay is to be "Cross Crossing Cautiously" and each essay is to be limited to 250 words.

The essays must be terse, logical and constructive and must stress the need for greater care in approaching and passing over railroad crossings.

The essays are to be sent to J. C. Caviston, Secretary of the Safety Section of the American Railway Association at 30 Vesey street, New York City, by not later than June 1. Three persons of national reputation to be selected later will act as judges.

Under the plan, class teachers in both grammar and high schools will select the best essays from their classes and transmit them to their principal who will then select the best one from that school and send it to the superintendent of schools for the county or an equivalent officer. The county superintendent will then select the best essay written by a grammar student and the best one written by a high school student in his county and will transmit them to the American Railway association. Colleges may follow the same procedure except that each college or university, through its proper officer, may select one essay and transmit direct to the association.

In 1926, there were 5,921 highway grade crossing accidents in which 2,432 persons were killed and 6,991 injured. In 1925, there were 5,478 accidents in which 2,296 persons were killed and 6,555 injured. Owing to the increase that is constantly taking place in the number of automobiles in use, the hazard from such accidents is annually becoming greater. Only through the co-operation of the public and the railroads can a reduction in such accidents be brought about, in view of the fact that the complete elimination of highway grade crossings is impossible, not only because of the time that would be involved but also because of the prohibitive cost which ultimately falls on the public.

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Land Settlement Prospect In Eastern Oregon Good

Looking forward to more intensive activity in Land Settlement in Eastern Oregon, W. G. Ide, manager of the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce, has just completed a trip of ten days throughout the northeast part of the state.

At La Grande, Mr. Ide addressed the Realty Board and also a regional meeting of the chambers of commerce. He participated also in enthusiastic conferences at Enterprise, Walla Walla, Vale, Ontario, Baker and The Dalles, where an enlivened interest was manifest in land settlement work for the coming year.

The Government has already begun work on the Vale Irrigation project, two large dredges being in operation. The first units are expected to be completed this season. This project is now ready for some new settlers.

The Owyhee project was also inspected by Mr. Ide in company with W. H. Doolittle of Ontario. The farmers in the districts around Vale and Ontario are feeling most optimistic for 1927. Their crop prospects are excellent and there is general improvement throughout the entire district. The cooperative creamery located at Payette, which serves this district, shipped 3,000,000 pounds of butter in 1926, mostly to the Los Angeles market, paying to the producers an average of 45c per pound for butter, bringing about a million and a half dollars to the dairymen during the year.

Hermiston was included in the itinerary, conferences being held here with the business men and the county agent who are cooperating. With the abundance of water from the McKay Creek reservoir, the irrigation districts around Hermiston, Irrigon and Boardman will be wonderfully supplied with water for the entire season. Wheat conditions in Umatilla county are the best in a number of years, according to Mr. Ide.

High Schools to Vie at Corvallis Track Meet

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis—Arrangements for the first annual Oregon interscholastic track and field meet to be run off here May 14 have just been completed by Carl A. Lodell, general manager. Mr. Lodell met with representatives of Oregon and Portland high school athletic associations where differences as to eligibility rules were adjusted and an agreeable date decided upon.

The annual event will be on the second Saturday of each May. This date is early in the season but was considered the most suitable as it will take care of all schools throughout the state, in the opinion of the athletic officials.

Schools will be eligible for competition under the rules of the Oregon or Portland high school athletic associations. The same rules will govern this meet as govern the association contests.

"I think this annual track meet will be great for athletics in the northwest," said M. H. Butler, Oregon Aggie track coach and trainer. "It will be the cause of developing many more men. Competition is what is re-

quired to bring out the best in the boys." High school officials throughout the state are very much in favor of such a meet and sent word through their representatives that they would back up the event and be boosters for it. The general opinion is that the annual affair will help bring the state of Oregon to the front in track activities.

"Very fine opportunity for us to assist in building up track in high schools of the state," remarked W. A. Kearns, director of athletics at O. A. C. "This is a branch of sport where the benefits to the individual are of such outstanding value that we cannot possibly let the interest die."

Low Grades Force 53 Out of the University

University of Oregon, Eugene, Mar. 29.—Fifty-three students were expelled from the University for failure to meet the minimum scholastic standards during the winter term, Carlton E. Spencer, registrar, announced today. Of this number 49 were men and four were women.

The number of flunkers is comparatively small, Mr. Spencer said, because of the probation system under which poor students are given a second chance. The personnel committee gives special attention to weak students, and many are warned in time to improve their work or else withdraw before the end of the term, he explained.

Last fall term 72 were flunked out, and in the winter term of last year 41. The number on probation this fall was 120, and it is expected this number will be smaller for the spring term which has just started.

NOTED PSYCHOLOGIST TO TEACH

University of Oregon, Eugene, Mar. 29.—Two of the foremost psychologists in America, Adam R. Gilliland, professor of psychology at North-

western University, and Franklin S. Fearing, professor of psychology at Ohio Wesleyan, will teach classes in the University of Oregon 1927 summer session, June 20 to July 29. Gilliland will be in Eugene, and Fearing will instruct at Portland. Professor Gilliland received his master of arts degree from the University of Ohio, and his doctor's degree from the University of Chicago. At one time he was professor of psychology at Lafayette University, and during the war served in the psychology department of the U. S. army. Mr. Fearing received both his degrees from Leeland Stanford University. Since graduation he has done research work in the field of physiological psychology. Fearing has published considerable work on reflexes and equilibrium.

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Also Monte Banks in THE WILD GOOSE CHASE, two reel comedy, and THE ACE OF SPADES.
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SATURDAY, APRIL 2:
Clair Windsor and Owen Moore in "MONEY TALKS"
An ocean of fun on a sea of laughs. Thrills are what this picture has nothing else but. Laughs tumble over one another. The hilarious tale of a spendthrift who made an amazing comeback.
Also PIPEROCK GOES WILD, two reel western comedy.

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