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Bicycle Riders Given Warning

Two boys were riding their bicycles home from a meeting one night, one of them riding close to the center line of the street. His bicycle had no lights and as he started to turn the corner at an intersection, he crashed head-on with an automobile also making the turn. The cyclist was killed instantly.

This accident, said Earl Snell, secretary of state, was just one of the seven bicycle-automobile fatalities during the first six months of 1939 that illustrate the importance of proper equipment and safe practices in riding bicycles.

"It is becoming somewhat trite to emphasize the necessity for proper lights on bicycles and to urge bicyclists to keep well to the right side of the street, but such accidents as this one prove that we must continue to stress these warnings in our campaign for traffic safety," Mr. Snell said.

Nearly 90 per cent of the automobile-bicycle fatalities during the six-month period were persons between the ages of 5 and 24 years, but one elderly cyclist was killed when he was struck while trying to cross a street.

"A second's indecision on the part of the bicycle rider or the driver can cause a fatal accident when the two meet at an intersection or when a bicycle rider attempts to cross a busy street or highway," Snell said. "For that reason, very young children and elderly persons are advised to dismount and walk while crossing heavily traveled thoroughfares. But even while pushing a wheel, caution must be observed. One youth was killed recently when he was pushing his bicycle up a hill. He was walking on the right side of the road, going with traffic, and was struck from behind by a car whose driver was blinded by the glaring headlights of a car coming from the opposite direction."

Most youngsters enjoy coasting down hills but one girl met tragedy in this practice this year. Coasting down a steep hill, the road being covered with loose gravel, she crashed into the side of a car that was crossing the street at the bottom of the hill. Bicycles, just as in the case of automobiles, must always be kept under complete control so that they can be stopped in time to avoid accidents, Snell emphasized.

A frequent cause of automobile-bicycle crashes is the act of cutting across the path of traffic without first making sure the way is clear, accident statistics compiled by the secretary of state reveal. One boy met death this year when, after following behind a school bus till he came opposite the driveway to his house, he cut across the street and rode directly into the path of an oncoming car. He was struck down before the driver realized there was a bicycle on the road.

"When bicycles first became popular, they were considered something of a menace, frightening horses and endangering pedestrians because of their 'speed,'" Snell said. "In those days regulations were designed to protect others from the bicycles. With the coming of automobiles the situation changed and it is now necessary to have regulations which protect the bicyclist from others. In some places certain traffic lanes are designated for bicycles only, one city in France going so far as to

mark off a section of the street for the use of cyclists.

"The rapid increase in the number of bicycles now in use has brought the problem to the attention of society more vividly than ever before and it is quite possible that future engineering may consider the safety of the bicycle rider. However, at the present, we must concentrate on educating those who ride bicycles to observe safe practices which will keep them out of accidents.

"Observing traffic rules as they apply to automobiles, riding in single file instead of two or more abreast, giving pedestrians the right-of-way at cross-walks, equipping the wheel with proper front and rear lights and using caution and commonsense at all times will cut down the death toll from automobile-bicycle accidents."

"Where to Live" Vital Question For College Men

By DR. U. G. DUBACH,
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One of the liveliest issues among parents as their boys prepare to enter college, is the question "Where shall my boy live?" Over and over again, I have been asked that question with the implication that there are right and wrong places. That is hardly correct.

College boys are successful in an outstanding way who live in fraternities, dormitories or boarding houses, or who batch in private homes. Naturally there are factors in all of these places which help, and there can be factors which hinder.

Whether an entering freshman will do better in or out of a fraternity depends a good deal on the individual nature. I have known many boys who have an individualistic bent, who chafe under the group regulations in an ordinary fraternity. Such boys will be happier and probably do better work in so-called independent groups.

On the other hand, some boys who have not had the advantage of living with others gain some of their most valuable college training by learning to give and take under the fraternity system, where they learn to cooperate in organized groups and share in the government of the group.

Each year the college housing committee inspects boarding houses, attempting to secure for the boys the best possible accommodations for the price involved and also to give the householders the cooperation of the college in maintaining those facilities found suitable.

Fraternities at Oregon State are able to care for approximately 400 students during Freshman week, out of which an average of about 300 usually pledge. A large proportion of the fraternity members in this state earn part or all of their way in college, just as do those outside.

A dormitory gives some of the advantages of good fraternities, such as living in an organized group, but without the close restrictions. Membership in a dormitory group does not prohibit later joining a fraternity. Anyone may live in a dormitory if he presents his application in time with a small deposit.

A fourth living group is important in Oregon colleges, and at Oregon State is made up of about 300 who batch. Most of these boys live in pairs, though some live in groups of three to five. Many bring a part of their supplies from home. Under this plan boys are able to live for about half of what it costs others, and they live quite well if they are at all adept at caring for their own needs.

The matter of selecting a place to live at college is somewhat like selecting a suit of clothes. Take the kind that fits you and is best suited to your own temperament and individual needs. Incidentally, don't let anyone high-pressure you into making a decision before you are ready.

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PHILIPPINO BOMBER COMING



Joe Mendiola, Philippino flash featherweight, is the gentleman above as he will be seen in action in Heppner on the 19th when he meets Buzz Brown of Salem in the main event of the fastest fight card ever slated here.

PRIZE LIST FOR 1939 RODEO PARADE

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7. Best costumed cowboy \$5.
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10. Best costumed juvenile cowboy (under 12 years): 1st, \$5; 2nd, \$2.50.
11. Best clown with animal and equipment: \$5.
12. Oldest pioneer man, Morrow county, \$5.
13. Oldest pioneer woman, Morrow county: \$5.
14. Best representation of historical character, juvenile under 15 years: 1st, \$2; 2nd, \$1.
15. Ugliest pet, juvenile under 12 years: 1st, \$2; 2nd, \$1.
16. Pets, most original: 1st, \$5; 2nd, \$2.50.
17. Best covered wagon drawn by calves: \$15.
18. Best covered wagon drawn by goats: \$10.
19. Best horse pack string: \$10.
20. Best paraded saddle horse: \$5.
21. Best paraded calf: \$2.50.
22. Best paraded sire and herd (any breed): \$15.
23. Best float entered in parade by juvenile (15 years or under): 1st, \$10; 2nd, \$5.
24. Largest immediate family of Morrow county in parade: 1st, \$10; 2nd, \$5; 3rd, \$2.50.
25. Best comic float: 1st, \$12.50; 2nd, \$5.
26. Best individual float: \$2.50.
27. Best Grant County float: \$10.
28. Best Gilliam County float: \$10.
29. Best Umatilla County float: \$10.
30. Best Wheeler County float: \$10.

Specialty Crops Yield 20 Million

That specialty crop and animal products have become the highly diversified source of nearly twenty million dollars of cash farm income in Oregon is evident from data for the year 1938 just published by the Oregon agricultural extension service. The report includes state and county estimates of acreage, production, price and income from numerous kinds and varieties of forage crops, vegetable seeds, flower seeds, small fruits, nuts, greenhouse and nursery products, and from hops, flax, peppermint, sugar beets, turkeys, farm raised fur and game,

apiary products and other specialty farm products.

It is apparent from the data that in general the production of specialty farm products has increased more rapidly in the nine Willamette valley counties than in other sections of the state. Certain products, however, have forged ahead elsewhere, like sugar beets in Malheur county, Ladak alfalfa seed in Union and Baker, ladino clover seed in Josephine, alsike clover seed in Deschutes and Klamath, peppermint in Columbia, cranberries in Coos and Clatsop, and fur farming along the coast.

Of \$18,844,000 cash farm income accounted for by the survey, not including several items for which

data were too incomplete, \$13,239,525, or 70 per cent, was earned by farmers in the Willamette valley counties. This income is in addition to that obtained from the "principal" farm products such as grain, hay, truck crops and potatoes, tree fruits, dairy and poultry products, cattle and calves, hogs, sheep, goats, horses and mules.

The report, prepared by M. D. Thomas, L. R. Breithaupt and N. I. Nielson, shows turkeys leading the specialty products list with \$4,325,000 of cash farm income in Oregon in 1938. Forage crop seeds at \$3,494,400 ranked second. Greenhouse, nursery and flower crops brought \$2,742,600, small fruits \$2,659,000, hops \$2,553,000, and nuts \$1,568,000.

The 26-page statistical bulletin is available to citizens and officials of Oregon. It may be obtained free from county agricultural agents or direct from the college by requesting Oregon Extension Circular No. 334, "Production and Income Statistics for Specialty Farm Products, Oregon, 1938."

STORM HURTS YIELD

Walter Dobyms, in the city Saturday from the Eight Mile farm, reported that his harvest just finished revealed a loss of three or four bushels to the acre as a result of the cyclonic storm that struck the section just before harvest. Dobyms' farm wasn't directly in the path of the heaviest part of the storm, hence did not suffer as much damage as neighbors whose fields were a total loss.

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