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Public Opinion

SO WE WON THE PLAQUE

Yes, the city of Heppner is to be congratulated upon the winning of this splendid award. It is an indication of what can be done when folks try, and it is the record of an outstanding achievement for our city. It marks a very definite pathway in which our efforts should be directed, but this effort and this honor is not for any single person or class alone. It is for all, young or old alike, motorist or pedestrian.

To the motorist, it is an instruction in the "courtesy of the road," and it is an encouragement to the pedestrian in the first law of nature, "self-preservation." As a pedestrian, you have a right to assume that a motorist will obey the law and yield to you the right of way where you are crossing the street in a pedestrian safety lane; you may even defy an on-coming motorist, but if that motorist is asleep, or drunk, or dead, or his brakes do not work properly, whatever punishment the law may mete out to the motorist will be a mighty poor compensation to you who may have suffered a broken arm or leg or even lost your life.

A pretty good rule to remember in this regard is, never defy a stranger who carries an instrument of death in his hands, even though that instrument may be an automobile.

We are going to attempt to stop some of the dangerous speed in our town, and we are going to mark out pedestrian lanes at some of the intersections and we urge the whole-hearted cooperation of both motorist and pedestrian to make Heppner as safe a town in the future as it has been in the past and that we may keep the plaque won in 1940.

J. O. TURNER, Mayor.

Rural Accidents Lead Auto Fatalities

Rural accidents caused the greater number of traffic fatalities in Oregon during the year 1940, but urban fatal accidents showed the greatest percentage of increase over the previous year, figures compiled by Earl Snell, secretary of state, disclosed today.

There were 205 rural fatal accidents last year, compared to 120 fatal accidents in cities. Rural fatalities in 1940 were 4.2 percent over the rural fatalities for 1939 while urban fatalities last year were up 17.6 percent.

In 1940, rural fatalities constituted 62.7 percent of the total fatal accidents reported in the state while in 1939, rural fatalities constituted 64 percent of the total. The proportion of rural fatalities to the whole in 1940 was thus lower than in 1939.

Rural accidents consistently cause the greatest percentage of fatalities in this state, Snell's figures revealed. In 1937 they were 62 percent of the total, in 1938 they were 52 percent, and in 1939, they were 64 percent.

The vacation month of June saw the greatest number of rural deaths for any one month of 1940. Twenty-seven persons were killed that month in rural accidents. November was second with 26 fatalities while January, with nine, was the lowest.

TO SELL 'EM, TELL 'EM- With An Ad

State Nutrition Body Named for Defense Purpose

A state nutrition committee for defense, consisting of 18 representatives of agencies in Oregon interested in the field of nutrition, has been appointed by the president of Oregon State college at the request of the Land Grant College association and the United States department of agriculture. Plans for the organization of such a committee in each state were made last summer at the annual meeting of the Land Grant College association.

Ava B. Milam, dean and director of home economics at Oregon State college, is chairman of the committee, and Dr. Margaret L. Fincke, associate professor of foods and nutrition at O. S. C., was elected secretary at the first meeting of the committee. As explained by Dr. Louise Stanley, chief of the bureau of home economics, this state committee will advise on or deal with national defense moves related to the food supply.

"We have adequate food supplies, hence our problem may be one of distribution of surpluses rather than conservation as it was during the last war," explained Dr. Stanley. "In brief, we see, this committee as the agency in the state to which problems and materials on nutrition could be sent for distribution and adaptation to the needs of the state. It can also serve as a group to send back to Washington suggestions for changes needed in national policies as they relate to nutrition and the food supply."

Other members of the committee are as follows: Elizabeth Baldwin, president, Oregon Nutrition council; Elmer Goudy, administrator, state public welfare commission; Dr. Harold Erickson, director, and Laura Wells, state board of health; Bertha Kohlhaugen, state supervisor, home economics education; Clara Thompson, associate state director, FSA; M. Louis Belangie, area director, SMA; Dr. Ira A. Manville, U. of O. medical school; Mabel Wood, head of home economics, U. of O.; Dr. Blair Holcomb, president, Oregon State Medical association, and the following state college representatives—Mrs. J. C. Williams, head of foods and nutrition; Mrs. Azalea Sager, state home demonstration leader; Mrs. Mabel Mack, acting extension nutritionist; Dr. Joseph S. Butts, professor of bio-chemistry; E. L. Potter, head of agricultural economics, and C. V. Ruzek, professor of soil fertility.

House for rent. Box 3, Heppner.

Increase in Beet Seed Production Sought

An increase in acreage devoted to the production of sugar beet seed will be sought in Oregon this year, according to Ray Pendleton, representative of the federal bureau of plant industry, who has been transferred to Oregon State college from the state experiment station at Davis, Calif. About 1500 acres of seed are being grown in Oregon this year, and it is hoped that this can be at least doubled for next season.

Sugar beet seed production is a comparatively new industry for Oregon where conditions have been found excellent for this enterprise when plantings are placed on suitable types of soil and well cared for, say experiment station men at O. S. C. Growers contract all acreage in advance with the West Coast Beet Seed company, a non-profit organization which serves as an intermediary between the growers and the beet sugar companies of this country. The United States is now independent of foreign beet seed supplies and is even exporting some seed, says Pendleton.

TOURNEY ENDS

The 60-game tournament carried on for the last several months at the local bowling alley ended with final round of play Friday evening. Len Gilliam finished computation of individual men's averages this week which showed Lee Howell at the top of the list with an average score for each game out of 75 played of 134.1 pins. The ten high players were as follows.

	Games	Pins	Av.
Lee Howell	75	10060	134.1
Walter Carlson	60	8016	132.6
Phil Mahoney	46	6409	133.5
Tom O'Neil	87	11519	132.4
L. E. Bisbee	69	9317	132.4
L. L. Gilliam	51	6747	132.3
Frank Davidson	84	11070	131.7
Lester Doolittle	57	7475	131.1
N. Osborne	36	4691	130.3
C. Lynn	33	4275	129.5

HOTEL RENOVATED

Renovation and redecoration of the Heppner hotel lobby was started this week with present gray and oak colors to be replaced by ivory and cream. Orve Brown is in charge of the work.

Mrs. Mark Brown and baby of Redding, Cal., are visiting at the Rhea creek home of Mrs. Brown's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Rugg.

Matt Kenny was a week-end visitor at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Kenny, coming up from Portland.

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