

EDITORIAL

Grade Crossing Deaths Growing

Railroad grade crossing fatalities increased 266 percent in 10 months of 1944 over the toll for the entire year of 1943, according to a statement released this week by Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell. Total number of persons losing their lives due to this cause was 22.

Of the 22 deaths at grade crossings, 17 or 77 percent, occurred at crossings in urban areas. Only one such death was reported in the state for the same period of 1943.

Morrow county was not included among counties reporting deaths from grade crossing accidents. It could easily happen here, particularly along the main line in the northern part of the county where trains travel at high rate of speed. Fortunately, there are few crossings in the region and all of them have clearance. Spots where accidents did happen are main line locations with the railroads running through populous areas of the cities and towns. Train-vehicle deaths were reported from Portland, three; Salem, three; Albany three; Grants Pass, two; Pendleton, one; Milwaukie, two; Junction City, two; Woodburn, one. Rural locations were in Klamath county, one; Lane county, one, and Marion county, three.

Apparently drivers take more chances in daytime than at night for the figures show that of the 14 accidents claiming the 22 lives, 11 occurred on clear days during daylight. The period 11 a. m. to 1 p. m. saw the heaviest number of accidents, indicating unsafe actions on the part of drivers.

It must be remembered that most trains are traveling at greater speed these days. The safest thing to do when a train is approaching a crossing that you are headed for is to wait until it passes. Time is never so precious to the car driver that he cannot wait until all danger is past before negotiating a railroad crossing. Bear in mind that life is but a short span at the most and you're a long time dead.

A Little Paint Would Help

While on the subject of highway accidents it might be politic to suggest that the highway commission send the paint crew up this way to renew creek highway. The stretch in mind most deserving the center stripe on at least a part of the Willow ing of a right strip right now is between Heppner and Lexington. Heavy traffic on that nine miles has eliminated the yellow stripe to a point where the brightest automobile lamps fail to bring it to view. Daylight driving in fog can be negotiated with a measure of safety but drivers trying it at night find great difficulty in keeping on the pavement.

Officials may take the attitude that people driving at night are doing so at their own risk, and this is true, for whether essential or not, it is a risk to drive over the stretch in mention. It may be that paint and paint crew are not available but if they are we feel that this section is entitled to a little recognition. Under the plan of painting a foot or so and skipping that much it would require a supply for about four and one-half miles to do the job. In the interest of safety

Add the Second Dollar

it should be done. No doubt the several hundred Morrow county

people receiving Christmas seal stamps through the mail the past week wondered why the extra 100 seals were enclosed. Had the committee reached the conclusion that it is as easy to get two dollars as one? What are they doing with all the money received from this source? These and other questions flash through the mind when one feels someone is putting the "B" on him and in enclosing the extra stamps the committee realized that just such reaction would set in.

In times past a considerable number of people have taken more than their quota of seals. At the same time perhaps just as many have returned the stamps sans a remittance. This time, if the wartime emergency is to be met, every seal will have to be accepted and paid for. Why? Because gains made in past years in the battle against tuberculosis have in a large degree been wiped out by the war and efforts to cope with the emergency association asks that you double your quota and if you feel generous don't stop with merely doubling it. The money will not be wasted.

Bond Campaign Moving Slowly

Oregon is lagging behind in war bond sales and from all accounts Morrow county is not helping the situation. Reports on sales as of the first of the week indicated a disinterest on the part of the public in the treasury offerings.

This is not a good report to send out to the boys over there who must go on fighting day after day regardless of action on the home front. They are entitled to a brighter Christmas prospect than that. They have a right to feel that if they are fighting this war every day the folks at home should be doing the same.

This is the sixth time the treasury department has come before the people asking the loan of their money to prosecute the war. There may be several more financial campaigns before arms are laid down and it is just as well that we figure out how much we can invest and make our purchases without having to be visited by committee and field workers. If this were done it would eliminate a lot of car expense and bring the drive to a close ahead of time. As it is, local bond officials are considering starting a soliciting campaign earlier than previously announced in order to get the ball rolling.

Morrow county's quota is \$300,000. In the common parlance, that ain't hay, even in these days of billions, and in order to go over the top every citizen will have to step up and do his bit.

Where Weakness Lies

Poor nutrition has accounted for more than 50 between 18 and 37 years of age. This is the state-percent of the rejections of military registrants ment of General Lewis B. Hershey, head of the selective service, and his figures are cited by national nutritionists as a powerful argument for better nutrition of America's youth.

Many authorities believe that good food habits begun in infancy and established in these young men in their earlier years could have prevented many of the defects which later kept them out of the armed service.

Attend Daughter's Wedding in Astoria

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Monahan returned Saturday night from Astoria where they attended the wedding of their daughter, Lt. (jg) Mary Monahan of the U. S. navy, and Lt. Com. Joseph Causey of the navy and more recently serving in the dental division of the medical corps with the marines in the south Pacific. The wedding took place in the chapel of the Star of the Sea church at Astoria, a naval chaplain, Lt. (jg) Henry Borelli, assisted by Father Joseph Vanderbeck, pastor of the church, officiating. The single ring ceremony was read. The bride wore a blue wool suit with matching accessories and a corsage of gardenias. Attendants were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hisler of Heppner, brother-in-law and sister of Mrs. Causey.

The bride is a graduate of St. Joseph's academy, Pendleton, and of St. Mary's school of nursing, Walla Walla. She was nurse in the Swift and Barnes brain specialist clinic in Seattle and enlisted in the navy the day after Pearl Harbor. The groom is on 30-day leave after serving 25 months in the South Pacific in New Zealand, Guadalcanal, Bougainville and the Marianas. Following a honeymoon through California and the south to New Orleans where the groom's mother lives, Lt. Com. and Mrs. Causey will be temporarily located at Notre Dame university, South Bend, Ind.

One of those things which happen in war time befell Mrs. Causey some months ago. Her father was ill and she made this long trek from Florida to see him. Upon returning to her base she received orders to report at Astoria, Oregon. Incidentally, Mr. Monahan stood the trip to Astoria and back nicely.

BACK IN STATES

Mrs. Don Romine has received word from her husband stating that he landed recently at a North Carolina port. He expects to be hospitalized near his home, which may mean the Barnes hospital at Vancouver or the McCaw General at Walla Walla, since home to him is where Mrs. Romine is located. The Romines formerly lived in North Dakota, where he was inducted, and he took much of his training at Camp Adair.

DRIVE TO WALLA WALLA

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