

EDITORIAL

Greetings of the Season!

As much as we would like to greet our readers personally it would be an impossible task, and in lieu of greeting cards, which we have had no time to prepare, we wish to convey our best wishes to each and every one for a happy Christmas, with the hope that ere another Yuletide season there will actually will be "Peace on earth, good will towards all men."

More About Roads

In reporting Judge Johnson's talk to the Heppner Chamber of Commerce last week there were some errors which call for correction as well, as a little further discussion of the road set-up in the county. The error consisted mainly in not mentioning the roads Judge Johnson discussed and in putting in one highway over which the county court has no jurisdiction.

It appears that the upper Willow creek road from the limits of Heppner to the foot of the Coal Mine hill is not being considered so much as the Coal Mine grade. The court would eliminate some of the bad curves there and widen the grade so that heavy hauling will be less hazardous. As to the Hardman hill that is the state highway commission's child. What the court is interested in is the Rhea creek road from Jordan to the Scritsmier mill. It is a graveled highway from Jordan to Ruggs and from there to the mill a country road. In the opinion of the court the Jordan-Ruggs section will have to be improved real soon to save the investment in the original grade. From Ruggs on some grade will have to be built in order to provide better passing, especially with log and lumber trucks traversing the route.

These are not all of the road projects the court has in mind, for there is scarcely a mile of county road that will not call for improvement ere peace comes, but in speaking of roads the judge cited a few to indicate how much the county will share in postwar employment.

As far as the Hardman hill is concerned, assurance was given by the highway commission on the occasion of a visit here that improvement and possible realignment of the grade, with permanent surfacing, will come just as soon as possible after the war.

Remember December!

With that slogan Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell admonishes motorists to exercise greater caution during the winter months. The admonition is extended to pedestrians as well for it is during the last month of the year that the peak of pedestrian fatalities is recorded. In Oregon, an average of 16 fatalities has been recorded each December during the past five years. The outstanding year was 1941 with 21 pedestrian deaths in the final month of the year.

The excitement of holiday shopping, inclement weather and longer hours of darkness contribute to this heavy pedestrian toll. Each December many pedestrians are struck in business sections of Oregon cities as they hurry about their shopping. Carelessness in crossing streets, vision obstructed by armfuls of packages or by umbrellas held too low all contribute their share to tragic accidents.

In order to avoid these accidents, Mr. Farrell urges pedestrians to cross only at intersections, to watch both ways for approaching cars and to be extra careful after dark.

BOYS BEAT MEN IN P-TA SAFETY QUIZ

A safety quiz, part of the program at the meeting of the Heppner P-TA Wednesday evening, Dec. 13, was won by four boys, Carter House, Ray French, Lauren Corwin and Bobby Bennett. Opposing them were four men, J. O. Turner, Blaine Isom, Marvin Wightman and Harvey Bauman. Harold Becket presided.

Miss Hoosier's sixth grade class

had a table display of notebooks on science, social science and penmanship and the type of books being read. A large map of Canada made by the students showing its products, rivers, etc was an interesting part of the display.

The third grade room had the most parents in attendance at the meeting and will have a half holiday after the new year begins. Mrs. Harold Becket is room representa-

tive of this grade.

Mrs. John Bergstrom's committee, Mrs. Floyd Adams, Mrs. Harold Cohn, Mrs. Edgar Albert and Mrs. R. B. Rice, served refreshments.

EXPECTS LEAVE

Mr and Mrs. D. H. Jones have received word from their son Dee Jr. that he expects to be home Dec. 29 on a 30-day leave. Dee has been in active service for many months in the Pacific zone. He called his parents Friday night from Seattle.



Merry Christmas!

See Central Market for prizes to be given away Saturday afternoon.

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