

EDITORIAL

Warnings Go Unheeded

Volumes have been written relative to careful driving, with special stress placed on cars of pre-war vintage, yet highway accidents are occurring with greater frequency. Too much speed is in evidence on every hand and the result is a mounting death toll, to say nothing of the destruction of cars.

Figures are not available from other states but taking Oregon as an average the record is one to give us pause. Latest report from the office of Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell Jr. states that an estimated 60,000 Oregon automobiles were smashed in accidents during 1946, and that killed in this unprecedented wreckage were at least 478 persons. "The dimensions of the safety job facing us can be gathered from these facts," said Farrell. "With some reports not yet received, the tabulations have passed the 59,000 mark."

According to the records, rural highways were the scene of most of this death and destruction in 1946. While rural tolls have been comparatively high, they increased more sharply last year than ever before. Accidents and injuries in non-city locales more than doubled during the first nine months. The city increase, while serious, did not approach this scale.

The jump in rural danger has gone hand in glove with swelling traffic volumes and soaring speeds, more than half the cars on some main Oregon arteries exceeding the top speed limit. The worst single contributor to the non-city death toll has been the head-on accident. This type of crash has reached near-epidemic proportions since the end of the war released unlimited gasoline.

The law eventually catches up with the careless or reckless driver whose acts endanger the lives of others. Yet there are many who take the value of human life lightly as they go dashing madly along the highways giving little thought to the condition of their tires or the

of their cars. The old bus has always been reliable and it will see us through—so we think. The record fails to justify such thinking.

A good rule to follow is to drive carefully yourself so you will be prepared to dodge the careless driver. We travel but a short distance through this vale of tears at the best. Why make it any shorter by acting foolish behind the wheel of an automobile?

Send in Contributions

Results of the March of Dimes campaign to date have not been such as to bring cheer to the county chairman and if he is not to suffer sleepless nights, graying hair or an unwarranted short cut to old age the contributions will have to start rolling in right soon.

A check-up of the March of Dimes boxes finds none of them gaining weight to any extent. Perhaps our people have not been aroused sufficiently to get them interested in supporting this great cause and when they do the boxes will be filled so full there will be no jingling of the coins. It takes a lot of dimes to make up one million dollars, but in the present campaign a fund of 24 million dollars is being sought.

If you will observe the size of the slot in the top of the March of Dimes boxes you will note that the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis recognized the futility of trying to raise the entire fund by dimes contributions. There is room for larger coins, up to the size of a silver dollar. If you haven't ten dimes in your pocket, put in a dollar, yes, put in ten dollars—they'll make a bigger noise than ten dimes, any way you look at it.

And always remember this fact: one-half of all the money raised in the county will remain here to be used in providing aid for local polo cases. The county's present fund is comparatively low—would not last more than a few days should an epidemic occur here. Bear this in mind and give all you can to this great cause.

Approximately 6000 Pacific Bill provisions were added to Northwest veterans in education assistance rolls during December, bringing the total to 56,909.

30 YEARS AGO

(From the files of the Gazette Times of January 18, 1917.)
Installation of the officers for 1917 of Heppner division Ancient Order of Elks was carried out Sunday. The officers installed were John F. Kenney, president; Patrick Connell, vice president; Rev. J. P. O'Rourke, secretary and finance secretary; Frank Monahan, treasurer; John McDevitt, sergeant at arms; F. A. McMennamin of Portland read the charges to the officers.

At the January meeting of the Morrow county court W. T. Campbell was appointed as the regular Road Viewer for 1917. W. W. Smead was appointed as member of Morrow county fair board.

Miss Appella Steeves of The Dalles was in the city last week organizing a class in dancing. She was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Victor Marden.

A large part of the membership of Heppner Lodge of Elks will board a special train leaving this city at 10:30 Saturday morning for Bend, accompanied by their wives and best girls. A dance will be given Saturday evening followed by a six course banquet. The return trip will be made some time Sunday.

One hundred thousand bushels of wheat were sold here

during the past week. Much of it went at \$1.57 and today's market for blue-stem is quoted at \$1.60.

Mrs. Henry Blahn was pleasantly surprised last Sunday at her farm home below Heppner, the occasion being her fifty-fifth birthday. Her neighbors began arriving early and spent the day.

The Smokeless Smoker given by the members of Heppner High school at the Fair pavilion Tuesday night was a large success, both from standpoint of interest shown and from the financial side as well. Over \$10 was cleared.

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E. G. Noble returned the first of the week from Salt Lake City where he attended the National Woolgrowers convention.

Postmaster Walter A. Richardson spent Wednesday in Ione on business.

Glenn Hayes of Rhea creek was in the city Tuesday for a few hours.

Frank Turner, who recently suffered an attack of zodiac rheumatism, expects to resume his position at Gilliam & Bisbee's store before many days.

Dan Barlow, Eight Mile farmer was a Monday visitor in the city.

From where I sit... by Joe Marsh



Willie Goes to School at 23

Everybody's joshing Willie Wells about going back to school. They remember when Willie would hide out in the woodshed—scared to bring his report card home to Pa. But under the G. I. Bill of Rights, Willie (who has a wife and baby) is getting a free education at the Agricultural College. And Uncle Sam is giving him a fine report: "Department, excellent; Progress, above average."

That goes for all those undergraduate veterans. Like Willie, they "prerate an education more than

ever now. They're industrious and well-behaved—their favorite beverage is milk, or a temperate glass of beer. For them the "three R's" seem to mean: Responsibility, Resourcefulness, Restraint.

From where I sit, cynical folks who thought veterans wouldn't want to return to school—wouldn't stick to steady habits of work and moderation—have their answer in "undergraduates" like Willie.

Joe Marsh

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Burns, manager of the Marshall Wells store, is assisting at the furniture store and Mrs. Allen Case and daughter Josephine are carrying on at the hardware store.

Mrs. R. K. Drake is reported recovering nicely from the effects of a surgical operation which she underwent at a Portland hospital last week.

Mrs. Crystal Barlow of Boardman was a business visitor in Heppner Saturday.

Sam J. Nelson of Newberg was transacting business at the Morrow county courthouse in Heppner Monday.

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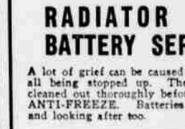
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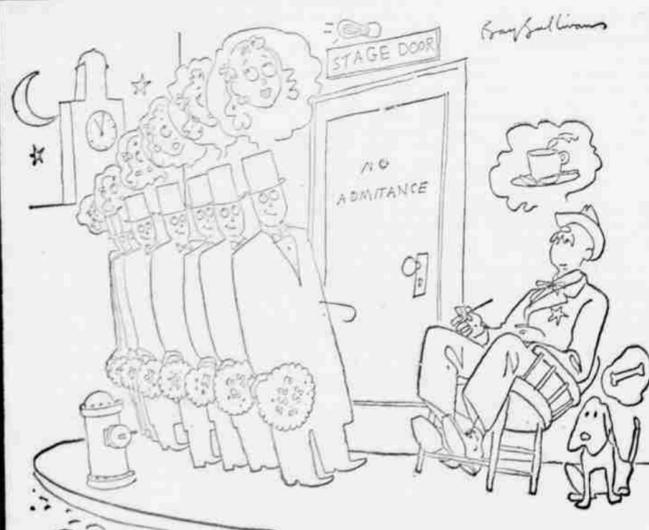
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