

# EDITORIAL

## The Penalty of Speed

Burning up the road in a high powered car may be fun for the driver but when he fails to negotiate a turn or hits a slick spot in the road the result is a sad, sad story. And stories of this nature are appearing almost daily.

The accident at Irrigon early this week which claimed the lives of two young men almost certainly was due to high speed. There are no dangerous curves in the road at that point. Speed too great for the driver to have complete control of the powerful machine should some otherwise minor difficulty arise must have caused the car to leave the road and encounter a locust tree which resulted in wrecking the car and killing its occupants.

Something more than mere fines or short jail sentences will have to be meted out. Car drivers, young and old, will have to be taught that gasoline in the motor is safe as long as there is no alcohol in the driver.

It is an uphill job to educate the experienced driver to be careful or to refrain from driving when under the influence of alcohol in any degree. Most of them will tell you, "I know what I'm doing," and rather than argue they are permitted to go ahead and drive, and all too often a serious accident occurs.

Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell Jr. has suggested organization of high school student safety councils as a means of supplementing class room instruction in driver training.

Farrell takes the view that drivers and pedestrians must learn that safety in today's traffic is, to a great degree, a matter of acceptance of individual responsibility for the efficient, comfortable movement of vehicles and walkers. One of the best methods of teaching young people these responsibilities, he declares, is to give them the responsibility for safety in their own environment.

The secretary of state's office now is distributing a series of high school safety manuals, designed to help student safety councils organize and conduct traffic accident prevention programs. These manuals give detailed instruction in such fields as accident reporting, analysis and maintenance of accident statistics, traffic engineering surveys, motor vehicle inspection, student traffic courts and other related activities.

Several Oregon high schools now are making plans to organize student safety councils and others interested are urged to contact the traffic safety division of the secretary of state's office. There is enough bad driving in Morrow county to warrant the local high schools to take advantage of this service offered by the secretary of state's traffic division. Perhaps if the young people had the principles of proper driving thoroughly inculcated as they learn their other lessons in school they could go home and give their elders a few worthwhile pointers.

## Natural Causes Most Destructive

Man has done his full share towards the destruction of our timber resources, yet he does not get the credit for being the greatest destructive force. Natural causes such as insects, disease and storm damage have wrought greater loss by far to American forests than removal of trees by lumbering.

Studies indicate that in the 300-odd years since 1630, disease, insects, and storm damage took a total of 5,426 billion board feet of growing trees. In addition, 1,698 billion feet were lost in forest fires. In the same 300-year period, the lumber cut is estimated at 3,259 billion feet.

Nature's own ravages were almost twice as

great as man's use of the trees for construction material. Even clearing woodlands for farms and cities or for fuel did not make as heavy inroads as natural causes.

Because man has been outdistanced by natural causes is no reason why he should relinquish his vigilance to help preserve this great resource. The challenge is the greater in coping with these natural agencies of destruction as well as keeping closer guard on the uneconomic practices of timber operators and the carelessness of human beings.

## Help Keep Streets Clean

Under the city superintendent plan, Heppner's streets have been undergoing a good cleaning at regular intervals and the result, along Main street, at least, is gratifying. Trash is swept up and hauled away every day, removing the litter that usually accumulates along store fronts and in doorways.

The city is doing its part in trying to give our little city a neat appearance. What are the citizens doing? From what the street commissioner gathers up each day it looks like Mr. John Clitzen is doing his best to keep the street department busy. Candy wrappers, paper bags, cigarette packages (empty, of course), or anything J. C. wants to get rid of is thrown on the sidewalk or over the curb. There may be a trash can right at hand but no one seems to be aware of that fact. It is much more convenient just to throw the trash away and let the street cleaner pick it up later.

To the thoughtless, let us say that it is as much your town as the other fellow's. It is the carelessness of the individual that makes it necessary for the city to expend thousands of dollars annually to make the town presentable. A lot of this expense could be avoided if the people would become civic minded.

The next time you have something to dispose of, look around for a trash can. There are several of them deposited at convenient spots in the business district. It is not expected that all of the waste papers will find their way to the cans but all that does will be that much less to blow around and give the street an untidy appearance. It requires a little personal courage to become a careful citizen, but pride in the town should prompt us to make the effort.

Who was acting president while Mr. Truman was visiting in Mexico? Not that it matters a great deal, but just in case an accident occurred and the president failed to return to Washington, is not the next person in line the speaker of the house of representatives? And isn't the speaker of the house of representatives a republican? Better be careful, Mr. President!

In the passing of Ms. Frank Turner, the county lost one of its outstanding citizens. It is doubtful if another of our number ever did more toward moulding the character of those whose privilege it was to call her their teacher. During her forty or more years of teaching, hundreds of young people learned to appreciate her sterling character and her earnest zeal in preparing them to become the citizens of the future. Hard work meant nothing to her when the welfare of her school children was involved. This was demonstrated most forcibly when, during the war, she carried on correspondence with fifty-three of her "boys" who were serving their country in many parts of the globe. That was a job in itself, yet she felt that she could not let them down. To those boys—the ones who returned—her passing is the loss of a real friend.

## 30 YEARS AGO

From Heppner Gazette Times, March 8, 1917.

Probably the biggest item of improvement during the present year will be the remodeling of the First National bank building which will cost approximately \$10,000.

Erb Kirk this week sold his 640-acre ranch located in the head of Six Dollar canyon to Ralph Benge. The consideration was \$12,000.

The band instruments for the Sand Hollow Concert band will arrive shortly and practice will begin in earnest.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Anderson of Eight Mile at the Heppner Sanatorium on March 2.

Jeff Beamer, local deliveryman, received serious and painful injuries to his right eye when that member came in sharp contact with a locust tree when driving under the locust trees at the back of the court house.

Work of improving the streets

### Kinzua News of Week

By Elsa M. Leathers  
Mrs. Marion (Slip) Wright is chairman for the Red Cross drive at Kinzua.  
The basketball game between Spray grade and Kinzua for Friday night was postponed.  
Beth Miller has returned to her work in the post office after having the mumps.  
Slip Wright and Ernie Wahl flew to The Dalles Saturday a. m. Mr. Wright will fly his own

of Heppner will be started as soon as the weather moderates and some of the larger mudholes have dried up, says W. O. Minor of the streets and public property committee.

Legislature adjourned with less laws passed and less interference with business than ever before.

James Carty, well-known north-end sheepman, was transacting business in Heppner Tuesday. Shearing will begin in a few days at Mr. Carty's ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Webb have returned to Heppner after an extensive visit of several weeks in California. Mr. Webb is much improved in health.

E. J. Slocum, formerly engaged in the drug business in Heppner, Wash., near which place he has a fine little fruit farm, was a visitor in Heppner over the week end.

A. A. McCabe, one of our friends from the Fairview section, was doing business in Heppner Tuesday.

plane home and Mr. Wahl will bring his back.

Kinzua organized its own baseball team this week. At the meeting a managing financial committee was appointed, J. C. Walker, Marion Wright and George Close. A benefit dance Saturday night was well attended. The complete line-up hasn't been decided as yet.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Coleman returned home after spending the winter in California for Mr. Coleman's health. He is woods

### PARTY WELL ATTENDED

The tractor and equipment show put on by the Braden Tractor and Equipment company Thursday, Feb. 20, was a grand success both from the standpoint of attendance and from the entertainment provided by the company, according to Robert Grabill, manager of the Braden store in epnet.

Two hundred farmers registered for the day's activities and the company fed 300 people at the noon luncheon served in the spacious store room. The Star Theater was filled for the showing of the several films included in the day's program. In all making it a satisfactory occasion, Grabill stated.

boss of Kinzua Pine Mills.

A farewell party was given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Cameron Porter Saturday night at the E. Ostrander home. The Porters have long been residents of Kinzua and Wheeler county. They are moving to Baker where they have purchased a home. Mr. Porter has a position there similar to the one from which he resigned here at the office. He was sales manager.

Owen H. Leathers Jr. and Walter Weir Jr. spent part of last week in Portland where they took their physicals for the marines.

Loretta Bledsoe and daughter visited in Kinzua Sunday from the ranch near Fossil.

Glen Hadley and son Stanton of Camp 5 left this week for California where they will do early sheep shearing.

Mrs. Chas. Leichenberg spent several days in Portland this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Davis spent the week end in Lonerock with their parents and at their ranch.

## OUR DEMOCRACY—by Mat

### SELECTED SEED

WHEN METHODS OF SEED SELECTION WERE ENTIRELY UP TO THE INDIVIDUAL FARMER, THE RESULTS WERE NECESSARILY "HIT OR MISS." EVEN WHEN A MAN DEVELOPED A CERTAIN TALENT, HE HAD LESS ASSURANCE OF GOOD CROPS THAN TODAY WHEN HE HAS THE BENEFIT OF ORGANIZED FACILITIES AND SCIENTIFIC METHODS APPLIED TO PLANT BREEDING AND SEED SELECTION.



SIMILARLY, IN THE EARLY DAYS OF OUR COUNTRY, AN INDIVIDUAL, NO MATTER HOW PROVIDENT IN PLANNING FOR HIS FAMILY'S FUTURE SECURITY, LACKED THE ASSURANCE OF SUCCESS WE HAVE TODAY WITH OUR ORGANIZED FACILITIES FOR THRIFT AND SAVINGS SUCH AS LIFE INSURANCE AND SAVINGS ACCOUNTS.



### BIG ISSUES TO COME

In attending 26 sessions of the Oregon legislature we have never observed a session where the members worked harder, more purposefully or longer hours. Committee meetings are well scheduled and frequently extend over a fourteen hour day. How different from the old days. At this session there has not been even an attempt at oratorical fireworks. No long speeches. It seems the old "cut-shooting" days have gone. There is no political machine dominating affairs. Just a dozen potential machines watching each other. That's good for the people. The amendatory, clarification and other routine work is well done. The heavy measures—balancing the budget, school financing, labor legislation, sales tax and other levithans—will take up the next two or three weeks before adjournment.

### ENACTED LAWS

Monday was the 50th day of the present legislative session and the last day for which the members receive their \$3-a-day salaries. There have been 88 bills, memorials and resolutions introduced, which surpasses by 20 per cent the total of the 1945 session, substantiating predictions made in this column before the legislature convened, that this session would beat all records for length and number of bills.

Twenty-two bills passed by the legislature were signed by Governor Snell the past week. Two of the acts, House Bill 176 and Senate Bill 293, carried emergency clauses and became law when signed. The others will become effective in ninety days. HB 176 creates a wheat commission of five members to be appointed by the governor for the purpose of aiding wheat growers in marketing and advertising wheat and wheat products. The board is given authority to stabilize and protect the wheat industry of the state and the health and welfare of the public. An administrator is to be appointed by the commission at a salary not to exceed \$10,000 a year. The funds for the administration of the law are to be derived from a tax of 1.2 cent a bushel for all wheat grown. SB 293, by joint ways and means committee, transfers funds derived from personal property taxes on sleeping cars, refrigerator cars, tank lines and private companies, from the school support fund to the general fund. SB 123 requires the governor to call a special election to fill vacancies caused by death or disability of a congressman and also applies to candidates for nomination to congress. SB 66 does away with the necessity of reading a subpoena when served. SB's 152, 156, 69 and 159 introduced by committee on revision of laws set forms for letters of administration, probate, etc. HB 51 increases fees for filing action in counties under 100,000 population. HB 62 increases to 19 percent of gross the amounts the industrial accident commission may retain for administrative purposes and to 4 percent for its safety program. HB 141 gives cooperative associations right of easement in construction of waterways. HB's 156, 157 and 159 cut interest on benefit claim funds, on settlements paid, and gives authority to industrial accident commission to replace artificial limbs.

## French Reviews The Legislature

By GILES FRENCH  
Rep. 22nd District

To watchers of the legislature, if any there be, it must seem that it goes on and on, day after day, week after week, without progress. It seems that way to most of the members, too, although a faint, dim picture of what may be done begins to show through the fog some days.

There will probably be a sales tax bill, and it now appears that it will be bad. It apparently tries to be all things to all taxpayers and therefore results in being the hodge-podge that such attempts usually are. It will levy a three percent sales tax with food exempted, will raise the income tax exemptions, and put on a property tax limitation.

Dismissing for the moment—or until our lawyer comes along—the illegality of putting three such divergent matters into one tax bill, the tax is probably too high, certainly should not make any exemptions and property tax limitations just don't work. True a 40 mill limit would be a nice drawing card for votes, but no one in the 22nd district has ever, as far as can be known, paid 40 mills, except perhaps on town property. That is an appeal to the city taxpayer. As in Washington it would result in vastly increased assessments until the rate was an actual 60 mills.

Furthermore, there is no assurance that the men who must finance any sales tax campaign will get behind this one and spend the \$50,000 needed to make it pass. The guessing is that they will not. In any event it is no measure with which to settle the tax problems of the legislature.

Spoken of around the fringe of the badly frustrated house assessment and taxation committee is a new cigarette tax of 2 cents per pack, which would make the cost of a smoke around one cent.

There are rumors of a new tax on gasoline of a cent to pay the HB 284 abridges service of summons when avoidance is continual. HB 52 provides that mentally enfeebled patients shall be separated from mentally diseased patients at state hospital insofar as present facilities will permit. HB 96 repeals law giving superintendent of banks authority to examine trust departments of national banks. HB 152 extends law requiring name of manufacturer, quality, etc., be placed on containers as well as on cheese.

### NEW TAX COMMISSIONER

Wallice S. Wharton, a former state tax commissioner was chosen Saturday to succeed the late Charles V. Galloway on the state tax commission. He was state budget director under Governor Martin, later becoming tax commissioner, resigning at the outbreak of the war to join the United States naval reserves, subsequently being promoted to captain.

### LOGICAL—FOR A LAWYER

The fine sense of continuity and order Senator Irving Rand used in announcing hearings for three measures furnished comedy relief Tuesday for the august senate. The senator said: "They will be considered in the following order: First the fire-works bill, then the medical bill, and then the cemetery bill."

cities and counties the money they are demanding from the state highway commission. Attempts to make one dollar do the work of two usually result in failure and the effort to give additional millions to cities and counties from highway funds while expecting the development of through highways is entirely futile.

When the state permitted its political subdivisions to organize—and even aided that movement by appropriating some \$60,000 to the bureau of municipal research—it led with its chin. Now these same organizations come biennially to the legislature trying to change the laws so their units get more of the tax moneys. There is now a bill here permitting the organizations of school boards into a statewide organization which if passed will create another pressure group.

The distribution of the basic school money bill is now in the senate where some analysis of it will be attempted. Its return to the senate floor may assist the passage by the house of some amendments to HB 80 of the 1945 session, inasmuch as the financial arrangements of districts are inescapably mixed in the two.

The sentiment appears to be growing that some recognition of Oregon's diverse geographical structure, and its differences in educational opportunities will be considered in the senate. In the house the basic school matter was considered merely in the light of testimony of those who passed it, and their ideas were not broadened by much other evidence.

The senate committee has a fine opportunity to write a bill that will not only combine the ideas behind the bills before it, but will in addition, take into consideration the needs of high cost districts. As a practical matter, one of the highest changes on our education system is inefficiency, usually in organization. Perhaps nothing that can be written into law will ever correct this.

Guessing as to when the session will end has started but it will take three weeks more unless the committees just throw up their hands and go home. Labor bills are still in the first house, meaning that they have not been progressed at all. The only thing that has indicated life is the passage of the educational distribution bill over to the senate from the house.

Incidentally, watch the senate committees on taxation, education and labor for what will probably be final action.

### CARD OF THANKS

We are deeply grateful for all the kindnesses, the expressions of sympathy and tenders of assistance during the illness and death of our beloved wife and mother; for the beautiful floral offerings, and to those who participated in the last rites.

Frank W. Turner and family.

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**LODGE OFFICIALS VISIT**  
Deputy Grand Master Ralph Saylor of Hermiston and Lloyd McCrae of Pendleton, senior grand warden, made an official visit to Heppner lodge No. 69, A. F. & A. M. Tuesday evening. They were accompanied by Frank Sloan of Stanfield who held the post of deputy grand master for several years.

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