

Out-of-Town Roads Account for 79 Pct. Traffic Accidents

Outstanding feature of recent Oregon traffic accident deaths is the high proportion of fatalities occurring on the highway system rather than in cities and towns, Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry has reported.

The secretary pointed out that rural areas in the state now claim 79 per cent of all traffic deaths while the average for the nation as a whole is 63 per cent. As recently as 1944 Oregon rural area deaths were only 61 per cent of the total, he said.

"While driver error is the immediate cause of nearly all our traffic fatalities, it is undoubtedly true that overburdened and obsolete highways are an underlying factor, making driver errors

both more frequent and more fatal," Newbry declared.

Another indication of the same trend is seen in comparative figures on pedestrian fatalities, he said. "However, pedestrian deaths are usually due to human error rather than to lack of proper engineering safeguards. Our record in this respect indicates an improved attitude on the part of our drivers and walkers."

Newbry asserted that failure to accomplish construction of minimum highway facilities in the next few years would send traffic losses skyward. Constantly increasing traffic loads lend urgency to the highway problem, he said.

J. P. Gaines, manager of the Eastern Oregon Electric Co-operative, was conferring with officials of the Columbia Basin Electric Co-operative in Heppner on Wednesday.

Local News In Brief

Guests at the R. B. Ferguson home for Thanksgiving and over the week end were their daughter, Marylou, and two college friends, Nancy Cesar and Carl Ransom, all of Whitman college. Miss Cesar is a resident of Los Angeles and Mr. Ransom is from Seattle.

Visitors in Heppner Wednesday were Mr. and Mrs. A. Haines of Fossil. Although they have lived the greater part of their lives around Fossil, this was their first visit to Heppner. They are looking for a business location.

Jack Hynd Sr. and grandson, Frank Lieuallen, were Heppner visitors Wednesday from their homes in Pendleton. Jack Hynd Jr. of Cecil was also transacting business in the county seat on Wednesday.

Snow Sports Take Center of Stage As Winter Approaches

Increased snow sports activities throughout the state for the 1948-49 winter and early spring season are indicated by reports currently received from ski areas by the Oregon state highway commission travel information department.

More than 20 winter sports areas are to be in operation. Of these, 17 are in 13 Oregon national forests, one at Crater Lake National park and another on non-federal lands on Siskiyou summit. Other areas are located in the immediate vicinities of different towns and cities for limited use, without prepared facilities.

Improvements are reported in larger ski areas, several of which will be scenes of Pacific Northwest Ski association jumping and racing tournaments.

Mt. Hood national forest at the northern end of Oregon's Cascade mountains offers the largest number of individual areas, with seven available for winter sports fans. The Timberline Lodge area, 63 miles from Portland on the south slope of Mt. Hood, above Government Camp, U. S. Highway 50, attracts visitors from early November to early June. The lodge itself accommodates 250 guests. Dormitory accommodations are also available. The parking area has space for 700 cars.

Facilities include a chair lift, 5000 feet long with a rise of 1000 feet, and three rope tows of 400, 500 and 600 feet in length. Problems of operating the chair lift during heavy snows were

soived during 1948 by building a tunnel at the lift entrance to prevent snow piling up. A number of steel towers were raised where drifts were particularly high.

Mid-winter timberline snow is from 8 to 20 feet deep with temperatures averaging around 24 degrees above zero. Ski classes will be underway throughout the winter.

University Chorus To Present Handel's Famous "Messiah"

More than 500 students, representing the finest vocal talent at the University of Oregon, are preparing for the university's forthcoming production of Geo. Frederick Handel's famed "Messiah" under the direction of Dean Theodore Kratt of the school of music.

Less than three days remain until the ever-popular Christmas oratorio is presented in McArthur court Sunday night, December 5, but rehearsals indicate

this year's presentation will surpass in excellence the school's last performance in 1941. The chorus and nine soloists, and the accompanying 70-piece university symphony orchestra are sacrificing nothing in striving for the perfection demanded by Handel's work.

The two-hour performance traces the story of Christ from the angel's first prophecy, the

birth of Christ in a manger, His life, crucifixion, ascension, and the promise of immortality. The musical score has been altered only slightly during the 207 years since it was written. The word text comes from the Bible.

The December 5th presentation will be at 8 o'clock in McArthur court. It will be the university's contribution to the community Christmas season observation.

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