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**Fearful Toll of Traffic Violations**

Do you know that man hours lost in one year in Oregon through automobile accidents are sufficient to build 83 Liberty ships? Two hundred and thirty persons were killed last year; 4,834 were injured and the economic loss amounted to \$10,350,000.00, in 31,376 accidents. In Umatilla county 11 persons were killed, and 69 were injured in 369 accidents. Large as these figures may be they have been greatly reduced by legal restrictions and enforcement of state

regulations. In 1941 there were 49,674 accidents as against 31,376 in 1943; 8005 injuries in 1941 against 4,834 in 1943 and 396 killed in 1941 against 230 killed in 1943.

The laws regulating automobile traffic are made to save human lives, man power and prevent property losses, and a state police force is maintained to regulate the enforcement of these laws.

And, yet, many persons take the laws in their own hands and complain bitterly when apprehended. If every driver would cultivate the habit of observing the regulations of the road on all occasions, the losses of life, manpower from injuries, hospital bills and property destruction would still be greatly reduced during 1944. All of us are learning the benefits of 35 miles an hour in the general operation of our automobiles. Add to this the strict observation of the laws of traffic and the tragic list of accidents would fall far below the record of the preceding years.

With Dewey for president and Bricker for vice president, the Republican convention has done a good job. Both men are excellent campaigners and the battle for ballots this Fall

will be hot and furious. The convention was dominated by the 26 Republican governors, who represent three fourths of the people of the United States. The delegates were influenced, through fear or favor, by Wendell Willkie who has congratulated Governor Dewey. With the exception of two or three indefinite phrases in the platform, Willkie has accepted the general program and is expected to give his support. Dewey comes from a great pivotal state and from the greater east and Bricker from the powerful Middle West. The western states, well represented by the keynote speech of Governor Warren who wrote the "bible" for the Republicans of 1944, pronounced the ablest document of its kind in many decades. The new Republican party appears completely unified.

**ECHO NEWS ITEMS**

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bartholomew and Mrs. Lucy Jarmon were Echo visitors Tuesday. Mrs. Jarmon had been visiting in Hermiston and the Bartholomews were on their way to Butter Creek from their cattle range southwest of Ordance. They have 400 head of fat cattle on this range for which they pump water every day. Mr. Bartholomew says part of his range was burned during the recent big grass fire in that neighborhood but the cattle escaped injury as they were grazing in green greasewood area at the time.

Arthur Bloom and daughter of Salem are visiting relatives in Echo. Mrs. Leona Thompson, who is visiting in Pendleton at the home of her nephew, Bryan Branstetter, broke her wrist last week in a fall.

Bruce T. Irvin, son of Mrs. Lois Witten, left Wednesday evening for induction into the army.

Mrs. Cleo Meador and daughter, Mrs. Markham, and three children of Pendleton are visiting Mrs. Meador's mother, Mrs. Martha Scrivner in Echo.

Mrs. W. D. Neill, who has been ill for several weeks at the home of her daughter in Hermiston, expected to return to her Butter Creek home this week, but her doctor has advised her to remain in Hermiston until she is stronger.

Construction work has started on a new bulk loading elevator at Echo Flour Mills. The structure will have two bins holding 2500 bushels each and will be equipped to handle 1400 bushels an hour. The elevator is ex-

pected to be completed by August 1, which will permit handling most of the bulk wheat of the district this season. Most of the local wheat growers have abandoned sacking of their grain. Last year 250,000 bushels were handled in the mill warehouses in sacks; this season it is estimated not more than 30,000 bushels will be sacked. The new plant will greatly facilitate loading out bulk grain from the farm warehouses for shipping by rail.

John Sheythe, who was superintendent of Echo school several years ago, has been elected principal of Nestucca high school for the ensuing year. He has been head of the school at Madras for several years.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Gaskill recently received a letter from Jack Gaskill saying that he is still in Italy, although his camp has been moved frequently. He has been eight months in that country and it is presumed, since he has been moved so frequently, that he is with the troop who are following the Nazis on their retreat northward. The Gaskills had not heard from him in several weeks and were much relieved to receive word from him that he was all right.

From present indications there will be about a normal wheat crop in this district this year, although some of the farmers east of Echo predict a greater yield than last year. Recent conditions have been favorable for the grain. Harvesting may be a little later than usual in starting, some farmers saying that it may be July 15 before their grain is ready for the combine.

A. Hackbarth, manager of the community theatre, has completed draping the walls of the show house with curtains and patrons report that the drapes have materially improved the sound. The theatre, which was opened in May as a community project, is being well attended.

The Echo Brownies, under the direction of their leader, Mrs. G. A. Vincent, gave an interesting program at the Odd Fellows hall Saturday followed by a pot luck supper. A collection was taken up and enough realized to complete payment for new uniforms for the members.

Rev. Earl B. Cotton, who attended the Methodist conference in Portland last week, is now visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Cotton at Salem. He is expected home Thursday.

Echo Garden club will hold a business meeting and a pot luck dinner at the home of Mrs. F. J. Irvine Thursday evening at 7:00 o'clock.

A stork shower was given Mrs. Kenneth Bowman Sunday afternoon by a group of 20 friends who met in the recreation room of the Methodist church. Games under the direction of Mrs. G. H. Frederick were the principal diversion. Refreshments were served and many attractive and useful gifts were presented to the honoree.

Mrs. Irene G. Wamsley died Wednesday at the state hospital in Pendleton. She had been ill for some time and recently fell and broke her hip

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which aggravated her illness. Mrs. Wamsley lived in Echo with her brother, Ed Van Horn, for several years. After his death she resided at the Wilson camp for some time and last fall was admitted to the Masonic home at Zenith, Wash., a few weeks ago leaving the home and since then has been in the Pendleton hospital.

There will be a Sunday School picnic next Sunday on the public school grounds immediately after the morning Sunday School session. All pupils are welcome.

Otis McCarty was reelected director of Butter Creek school district at the annual meeting. Other members of the board are Sloan Thomson as chairman and Gaylord Madison, director. Mrs. Gaylord Madison was elected clerk to succeed Mrs. Nell Arnold.

Mrs. Floyd Mathers and Miss Mary Lou Madison left for Portland Thursday to go through a medical clinic. They expect to remain in the city for about a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Laughlin and family of Long Creek visited Mr. and Mrs. Charles Laughlin the first of this week.

An enjoyable family gathering and dinner was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Meyers Sunday, the occasion being the 79th birthday of Mr. Meyers and the second birthday of his grandson Dickey, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Meyers. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hutsell of

Walla Walla, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Meyers and family of Pendleton and Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Meyers.

Ted Laughlin, who has been taking training as a ski trooper at Camp Hall, Colorado, has a furlough and is spending a few days with his wife in Portland. He will come to Echo to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Laughlin, before returning to Colorado.

Harvesting of the first alfalfa crop is practically completed at Butter Creek. Gaylord Madison completed stacking his crop Tuesday. The Oscar McCarty first cutting has been all baled by the Tum-A-Lum baling crew and baling of the Sloan Thomson crop is now underway.

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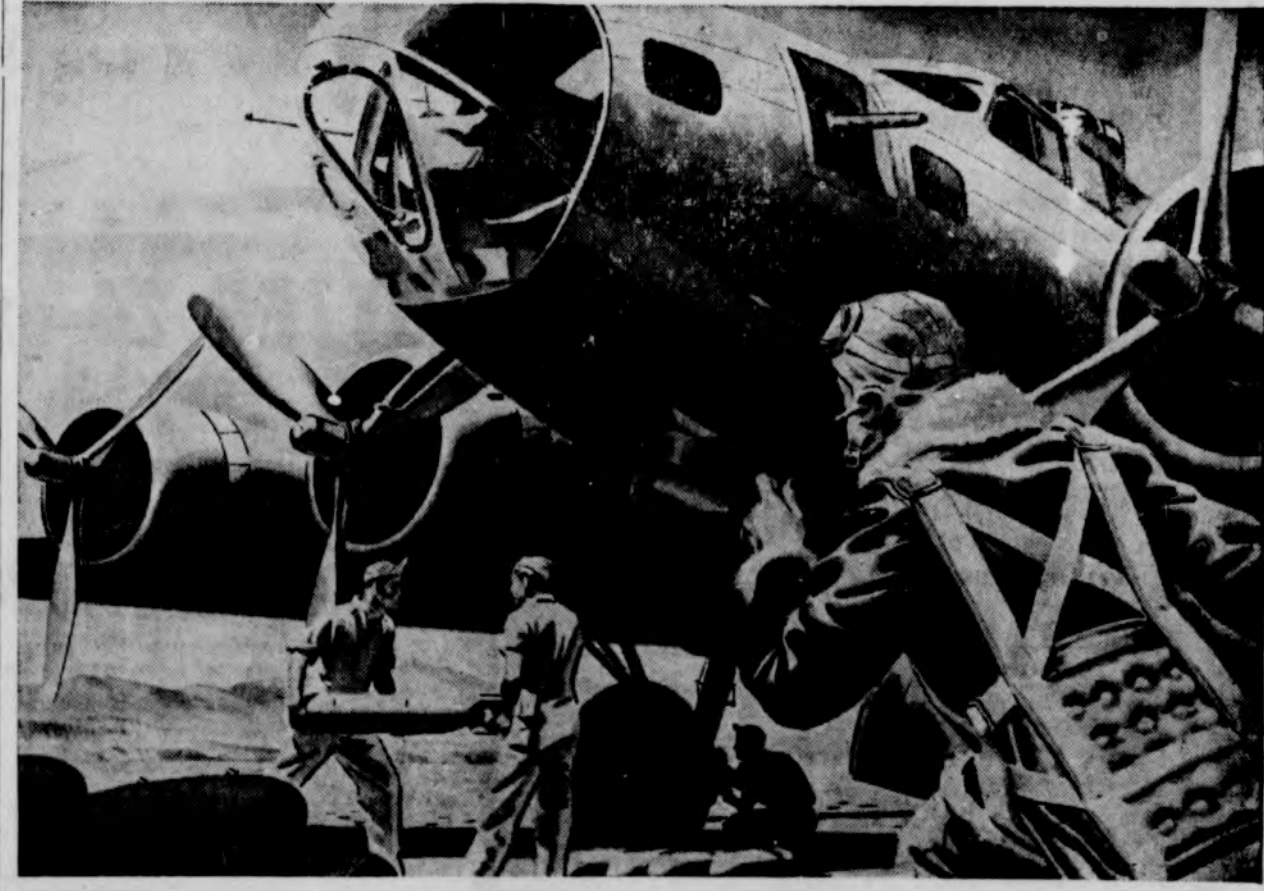


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