

JACKSON CO. TO HAVE SAME TAX RATIO AS 1924

Medford, Ore., Nov. 5.—On the county tax ratios for 1925, approved by the state tax commission last night showing the ratio of assessed property values to actual values, are slightly lower than the 1924 ratios. This is according to a statement by members of the commission.

Multnomah county ratio is set at .54 as against .55 last year. Marion and Polk county ratios are at .58 and .44 respectively. Lane is increased from .53 to .54. Jackson county continues at .61. Clatsop is decreased from .49 to .48. Douglas reduced from .66 to .65. Umatilla is decreased from .69 to .68.

The ratios for all counties this year, with a comparative column for 1924, follow:

County	1925	1924
Asa	.70	.72
Benton	.60	.51
Clatsop	.48	.49
Clatsop	.78	.81
Columbia	.71	.76
Coos	.61	.61
Curry	.54	.57
DeWitt	.80	.80
Douglas	.46	.48
Grant	.65	.66
Harney	.80	.80
Jefferson	.71	.70
Joseph	.63	.60
Madras	.64	.64
McMinn	.61	.61
Madras	.71	.71
Philomath	.67	.67
Mathews	.66	.70
Polk	.60	.60
Wheeler	.55	.53
Wheeler	.85	.87
Wheeler	.53	.58
Wheeler	.59	.56
Wheeler	.56	.56
Wheeler	.75	.75
Wheeler	.44	.44
Wheeler	.54	.54
Wheeler	.80	.86
Wheeler	.69	.70
Wheeler	.78	.79
Wheeler	.69	.68
Wheeler	.73	.73
Wheeler	.46	.47
Wheeler	.76	.76
Wheeler	.64	.56

Y SCHOOLS ARE TEACHING SAFETY FIRST

- How Schools Are Working.
- 1. Telling in civics how traffic operates.
- 2. Training scout groups to look after younger children.
- 3. Teaching traffic games.
- 4. Dramatizing accident prevention work.
- 5. Talks by police officers.
- 6. Including safety in each subject as it applies.
- 7. Incorporating safety training in physical education classes.
- 8. Organizing Junior Safety clubs.

A nationwide reduction in child fatalities is being accomplished by the public schools in the country, according to a survey just completed by the national automobile chamber of commerce.

Forty-two per cent of the city schools and 38 per cent of the county schools are giving instruction to their pupils, telling them of the dangers of traffic, explaining how it is handled, and emphasizing the necessity of observing the rules, according to data supplied by 1800 school superintendents.

Reports taken from 328 newspapers all over the country show that 20 per cent of the fatalities for first eight months of the year involved minors as compared with 25 per cent for the corresponding period last year.

The August total fatality figures, including children and adults, were the same as August, 1924, and 8 per cent under July, 1925.

The total child and adult, for first eight months is 6 per cent more than the first eight months of last year.

The fact that fewer children are being killed with disaster is a great relief to the teachers of this country.

When every school includes safety somewhere in its curriculum, something which will help the child get itself to this new age, there will be a still further reduction.

In addition to this training of the child in the what-to-do and not-to-do of traffic, there should be a provision of adequate playgrounds so that the boys and girls will have a safe place than the streets to play, driving too fast for conditions remains the dominant accident cause attributable to the motorist.

In open country and on non-stop roads, rapid driving with due regard for caution may be permissible and desirable, but facts show that within the city limits, moderate driving should be an absolute rule under all conditions.

Most of the citizens of this country are automobile drivers or passengers, but when they are traveling, they seem to forget the fact of view they have when driving.

Jaywalking continues to be a large factor in automobile disasters. A good deal more of the "Ten Rule" on the part of those who are either walking or driving would have very helpful results.

FITZGART, Ark.—Wild ducks about to forfeit game law protection by destroying the rice crop.

May Act Not as Wife asking her to do a double act with her husband. She may accept, but, anyhow, she's going to get a divorce.

Mussolini's Eye ROME—Mussolini had one eye on the dove of peace and the other on the concrete necessities. But as to Italy's frontiers: "Woe unto him who touches them!"

They'll Take It From Joe NEW YORK—The Sultana diamond, 18 karats, is here with him, take it from Joe Stelito, soldier of fortune. He says he led an expedition into Morocco to recover it.



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