

942,000 Deaths Recorded Since Autos First Appeared

(Editor's note: In view of the long Fourth of July week-end approaching, the United Press has prepared a series of three articles on traffic accidents. The first article follows.)

Chicago, June 25—(U.P.)—Kill every person in Des Moines, Nashville, Richmond, Omaha and Miami and the toll wouldn't equal the number of persons killed in the United States by automobiles since self-propelled vehicles were first tried out.

There probably have been more deaths, but recorded figures show that 942,000 persons have died in automobile traffic accidents in the past 148 years, most of them since the turn of the century. That's nearly 100,000 more than the total United States war dead since 1775.

March them four abreast in military formation, 120 steps a minute, past a reviewing stand. The parade would last about 13½ days.

Rush them through 30-minute funerals. If the services were held 24 hours a day, seven days a week, it would take 53 years to get them to their graves.

By the time the last one was buried there would be 1,690,000 other bodies, at the current high rate of exchange of life for death—three per hour. Their funerals would take 94 years, at the end of which there would be an accumulation of 3,008,000 others, in a never-ending stream.

Statisticians figure there are 35 injured for every person killed in an automobile accident. The toll of injured at that rate would be 32,970,000.

Man lost his first bout with the automobile in 1802, when an Englishman, Richard Trevithick, plowed his steam carriage into a fence at 10 mph. Trevithick escaped death but became the world's first auto accident victim.

Trevithick's crack-up, history says, inspired a torrent of indignation against this menace. The torrent has been raging ever since.

Politicians, movie stars, laborers, business men, athletes, grandmothers and musicians are united with every segment of American life in fighting the wave of death on the streets and highways; three deaths and 105 injured every hour.

The wave goes on, but there is evidence that safety campaigns have begun to meet some success.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
Sealed bids endorsed "Proposal for the installation of a ten (10) inch Cast Iron Water Main on West Second Street from Columbus Avenue to Western Avenue, and a twelve (12) inch Cast Iron Water Main on Western Avenue from West Second Street to Humphrey Street" will be received by the City Council of the City of Medford, Oregon, at the office of the City Recorder, City Hall, Medford, Oregon, until 10:00 a. m., on the Fifth day of July, 1950, and will then be publicly opened and read in the office of the Supt. of the Board of Water Commissioners at the City Hall in Medford, Oregon.

The work for which proposals are invited will be paid by Improvement Fund Warrants from assessments to be levied upon the property benefited by such work and by Water Commission Warrants as set forth in Section 48 of the "General Provisions." The work includes the following:
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The necessary cast iron pipe, valves, hydrants and fittings may be purchased from the Board of Water Commissioners at their shop on Fir and Jackson Streets.

Contractors desiring to bid shall pre-qualify as a bidder as provided by Section 98-103, Oregon Compiled Laws, Annotated.

The right is reserved to reject any or all proposals and to accept such proposals as are to the best interest of the City.

Dated this 6th day of June, 1950.
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Businessmen Here To Seek Aid in Tourist Campaign

Local businessmen will seek the assistance of the state highway department in their campaign to more adequately inform the nation's tourists of the wealth of attractions that await them here.

Manley Robinson, director of public information for the highway commission, is in Medford today for an appearance before the Medford Kiwanis club and while he is here the tourist and convention committee of the chamber of commerce will lay their problems and plans before him for advice and comment.

To Distribute Folders
At a meeting of the committee at the Medford hotel Monday, arrangements were made for the wider distribution of tourist information folders that have been prepared by the chamber and there was also some discussion of the problem posed by "tourist traps" that have sprung up in the area.

The committee agreed to

give all possible help to the Gold Rush jubilee committee at Jacksonville. Committee Chairman Ray Clark said his group will publicize Jackson's historic buildings and relics as attractions in their own right. In addition to the public museum to be provided there, the entire town is a shrine of western history in a remarkable state of preservation, he pointed out.

Clark and committee members Dr. Lee Mellish, John Lister, and John Snyder were to accompany Robinson when he

Father Solves Plan For Bottle Feeding

Roanoke, Va.—(U.P.)—Frank L. Turner has to mind the baby a lot.

He found out that holding a bottle in an inverted position can be a tiresome chore. So he invented a kit which serves to hold baby accessories and can be

transformed with the flick of a wrist into a bottle holder.

The kit consists of a harness affair that fits over the baby and holds the bottle.

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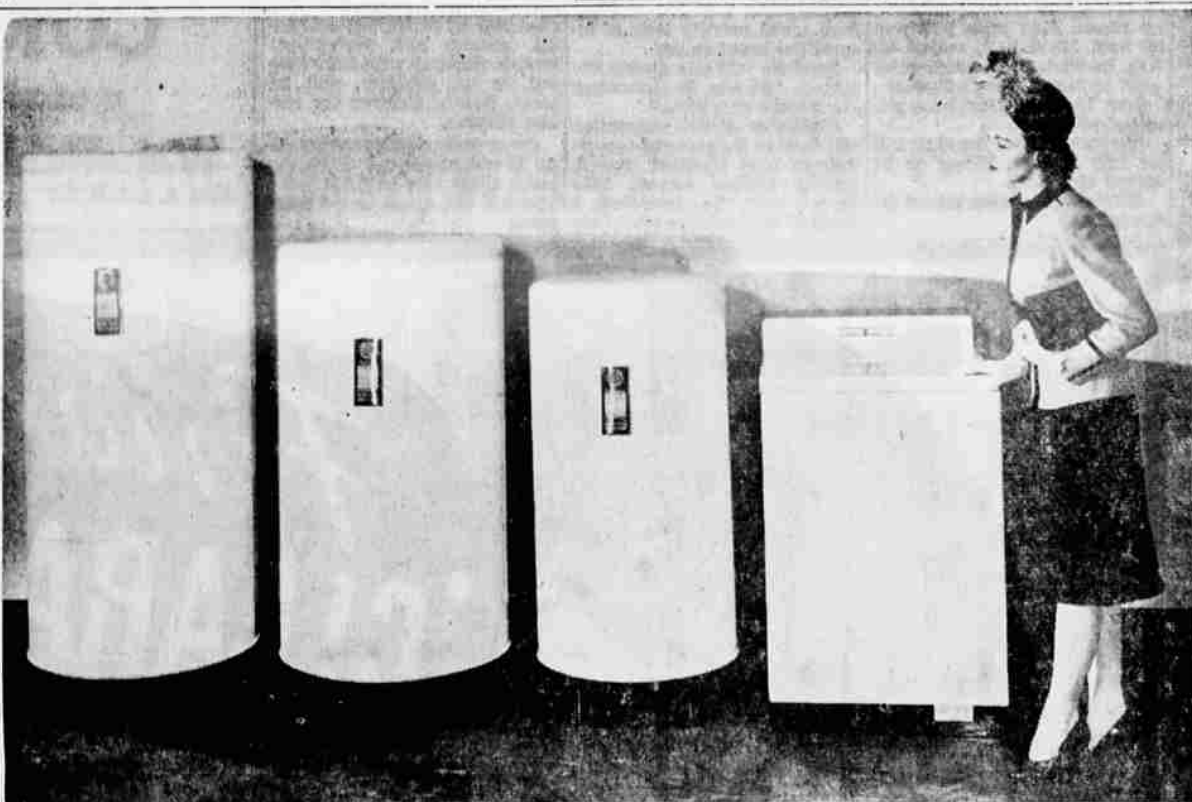
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