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Nature is the major enemy of roads — not weight and traffic! Smoothly wheeling weight has no destructive impact on a properly built and maintained road.

Everything Built by man has to be protected against ravages of the elements. Heat, cold and moisture, in all their extremes, give our highways a terrific going-over around the clock —twelve months a year.

Water works unceasingly to undermine our highways. Innocent drops of rain keep eating away at the shoulder and slab joints. Water destroys surfaces, too. It gets into tiny crevices, freezes, expands and, before you know it, the crevice is enlarged to a point where the entire surface is "pockmarked."

Snow Is Rough on roads. Salt and other de-icers are necessary for safety, but have a damaging chemical action. Extreme heat and cold expand and contract road-surfacing materials. These and moisture are the worst enemies of the highway.

When A Highway foundation has been weakened by water or snow, when a road surface has been scaled by alternate freezing and thawing, then every passing tire can contribute to further damage.

Weight, which ought to roll smoothly and harmlessly over a highway, will roll unevenly, bumpily. No matter if the car is a light passenger machine or a big truck—no matter if it goes 20 miles per hour or 60 — there'll be added wear when weather has roughed up the road.

That is the only way in which traffic ever hurts a highway. It is distinctly a secondary effect, brought about only *after* the ravages of the weather have gotten in their dirty work.

DETROIT

By BOOTS CHAMPION

Mrs. J. D. Lindstrom and son Danny returned to their home in Seattle after a few days visit with her mother, Mrs. Dave Oja.

Mr. and Mrs. Gale Fagan returned last week after a week's vacation trip into Sikue, Wash., where they visited with Walt Frink. While there they enjoyed a cruise across the bay. The Fagans were accompanied by Mrs. Ann Anderson of Salem, formerly of Idanha, as far as Seattle where she visited with her son Lewis, who is in Providence hospital. Lewis was seriously injured in a truck accident while employed in Alaska, and was removed to Seattle.

Visiting in Detroit Sunday, were Mrs. Emma Ramage and children Joan and Webb.

By proclamation of the governor, fire season went into effect Tuesday night at midnight, May 5th. Meaning that we must obtain fire permits for all burning.

Mrs. Jerry Dumont of Albany was a caller in Detroit last week. Her husband Jerry is employed here.

Enroute to the Robert Piercy's home in Vancouver, Wash., last weekend, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Harlan enjoyed a visit with Wilbur's aunt, Mrs. Lola Bailey of Oregon City.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Layman of Cedar tavern motored to Toledo, the first of the week on a combined business and pleasure trip. While there they enjoyed a floor show and Hawaiian music at the Beach club in Newport.

Fire of undetermined origin completely destroyed the upper story of the Paul Hobson home in Idanha Tuesday afternoon. Quick action of the Idanha fire department saved the building from a total loss.

Preliminary work started on the FOE lot Tuesday when 13 stumps were blown by Lee Hawland and Leonard Bullard assisted by Danny McCormick, and Harold Champion.

Visiting at the Earl Capurro home in Idanha are Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Buckholtz of Moro, Ore. Mrs. Buckholtz is a sister of Mrs. Capurro.

Mrs. Leonard Bullard, accompanied by Mrs. John Krause, and Miss Fay Cooper, motored to Portland Thursday, where Mrs. Krause will remain for a few days for medical attention.

An invitation extended by the FOE Auxiliary in Albany, to attend a business meeting there Thursday night was excepted by the FOE Auxiliary No. 2745. Members and officers attending from here were Mrs. Margaret Hawland, president; Mrs. Helen Bryant vice pres.; Mrs. Elaine Farrow, conductor; Mrs. Emma Rhodes, Mrs. Marion Kite, Mrs. Melba Harlan, guard; Miss Fay Cooper, guard; and Mrs. Oskie Nyberg, trustee.

Mr. and Mrs. John Estey motored to Portland last weekend for a visit with A. J. Montgomery, Johnnie's brother-in-law, who is seriously ill in Veterans hospital.

A public meeting of the North Santiam Chamber of Commerce, was held at the Woman's club in Mehama Wednesday night. Plans were discussed on the coming dedication of the dam.

Scenic picture slides of the Russian zone, were shown by state trooper Lt. Farley Mogan of Salem.

Refreshments were pie and coffee, and a coin box placed in a handy place. Proceeds to go towards building an addition to the Woman's club.

Attending from this area were Mr. and Mrs. Len Davis of Idanha; Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Kennedy of Breitenbush; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rutherford; Mr. and Mrs. Otto Russell, Brad Humphrey, Tenny Moore, and Nolan Rasnick.

Knowledge is Power

(1) By dropping matches, razor blades, and other inexpensive items behind the Iron Curtain, says Nicholas Hyaradi in his book, "My Ringside Seat in Moscow." The Russians are attracted by foreign knickknacks far more than they are by glowing Voice of America descriptions of life in the U. S. A. Nyaradi further suggests that Americans write warm personal letters of friendship to Russians to bridge the international barrier of misunderstanding which the Kremlin has built. He advocates this as the best method of capturing Russian thought.

(2) Richard Van Smith suggests that you try the Sidis method of educating your child from babyhood. In This Week magazine Smith outlines the principal points of the Sidis method: (a) Avoid punishment. (b) Try not to say "don't." Explain why what you say is so. (c) Awaken curiosity; it is the key to learning. (d) Never fail to answer, and never put off your child's questions. (e) Never force your child to learn nor judge his ability to learn by adult standards. (f) Implant ideas at bedtime. Suggestions made then will make a solid impression. (g) Never lie to your child or use evasions. (h) Refrain from showing him off.

(3) St. Bernadinus, a Catholic priest, originated boxing to keep his parishioners from disemboweling one another in duels. That was about the year 1200 in Sienna, Italy. Fist fights had bashed gladiators' brains for centuries. No defense; no rounds; no referee.

Allison Danzig and Peter Brandwein inform us in their book, "Sport Classics of a Century," that St. Bernadinus refereed his parishioners' bouts, and stopped them when honor had been avenged, before either fighter was seriously damaged. The priest stressed defensive blocking. He taught "boxing up" an opponent's attack with one's arms—the first protective tactics in fist-fighting.

Articles in the September Catholic Digest provided information for this feature.

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