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UNFORGIVABLE DRIVING SIN

Drinking drivers are guilty of "the unforgivable sin of the motorist," according to a former Pennsylvania State police captain who is now engaged in highway safety work, Thomas N. Boate. They are to blame for a large share of the lives lost in accidents, for hundreds of thousands of injured victims, and a big portion of the economic losses of accidents totaling nearly \$4,000,000,000 a year.

Some statistics taken at random from state files point up the problem of the prevalence of drunken drivers on the streets and highways. Mr. Boate, who is accident prevention department manager of the Association of Casualty and Surety Companies, says that in one southern state, nine of every ten drivers whose licenses were revoked in 1952-9,349 in a total of 10,488 who lost their licenses for all causes—were guilty of driving while intoxicated. Of all drivers whose licenses were suspended in

in that state, 833 out of 1,224 were taken off the highways for drunken driving. A neighboring state revoked 13,136 driving licenses, of which 12,581 were those of drunken drivers. A midwestern state reported 942 drunk driver repeaters in a single year, and 6,300 revocations for drunken driving, in a total of 6,684 licenses revoked. Not only second offenses, but third, fourth, fifth and sixth offenses are part of the shocking record of drinking drivers as revealed in some state reports.

There are more drinking drivers on the road than most people seem to think, and they do cause more accidents, both fatal and non-fatal, than is generally presumed. In a southwestern state, 49 percent of all rural fatal accidents involved a drinking driver, according to official studies. That experience is borne out to a larger or lesser degree in virtually every state in the nation.

Police, the courts which impose fines and jail sentences, the juries who sit in judgement on drivers charged with driving while intoxicated, the state licensing authorities who have the power to revoke or suspend their licenses when they are convicted—and public opinion, too—must all do a relentless teamwork job until a driver who has had a drink won't risk trying to drive his car. When deserved justice in all its forms becomes more certain, drinking drivers will hesitate more often before committing "the unforgivable sin of the motorist."

While returning from Portland Friday evening, after attending to business matters there, Lowell Stiffler had the misfortune of hitting a slick spot on the road between Silverton and Stayton, causing him to take the ditch. One side of the car was damaged, but Mr. Stiffler came out without injury. He was alone when the accident occurred.

Bookmobile and Mental Health Topics At PTA Meeting

The presentation of the Colors by the Cub Scouts opened the December meeting of the Mill City PTA held Wednesday evening at the school auditorium, conducted by Al Nesbitt, president.

Earl Loucks was appointed to investigate the size and type of hot-water heater to be purchased for the recreation room.

A discussion on kindergarten was brought up, and the group present was in favor of placing this group under the jurisdiction of the school. The school board is in favor of the plan. Under this arrangement the cost of the operation of a kindergarten would have to be allowed for in the annual budget. Mrs. Roy Kiersey, who is in charge of the kindergarten at the present time, stated that it should be confined to children five years of age.

It was also brought to the attention of the PTA members that there is need for a Cub Master at the present time. About 40 cubbers are now active in the scouting program.

It was also voted to sponsor a dance sometime in March to raise funds for PTA work. Mrs. Bob Veness is chairman of the committee. Ed Linquist of Linn County was introduced and spoke briefly of the bookmobile, stating reasons why we should have more books available for the public. He stated, "We spend 12 years teaching our children how to read, and then provide nothing for them to read after they leave school." He stated petitions would be circulated to attempt to pass a measure enabling the county to provide this service to the people of Linn county.

Melvin Murphy, of Portland, who is with the State mental health department, showed a film of school children and following the showing of the film gave a splendid talk on problem children.

The junior class had the best representation of parents present, and Mrs. Loucks' fourth grade won the prize for the grades.

Refreshments were served following the meeting.

Gov. Patterson To Speak At Dad's Day at U. of O.

Governor Paul Patterson will be the main speaker at the annual Dad's Day luncheon at Eugene January 23. Governor Patterson will speak to University students and their fathers in the ball room of the Erb Memorial Union.

Tickets for the luncheon which are priced at \$1.25 apiece, will go on sale at the Student Union main main desk Wednesday. Karl Onthank, director of the University of Oregon Dad's Club has predicted a complete sellout for the luncheon, and has urged the fathers to buy their tickets early.

A barbershop quartet contest will be an added feature of this year's program. Planned for the first time this year, the contest will feature eight quartets from the University competing for top honors.

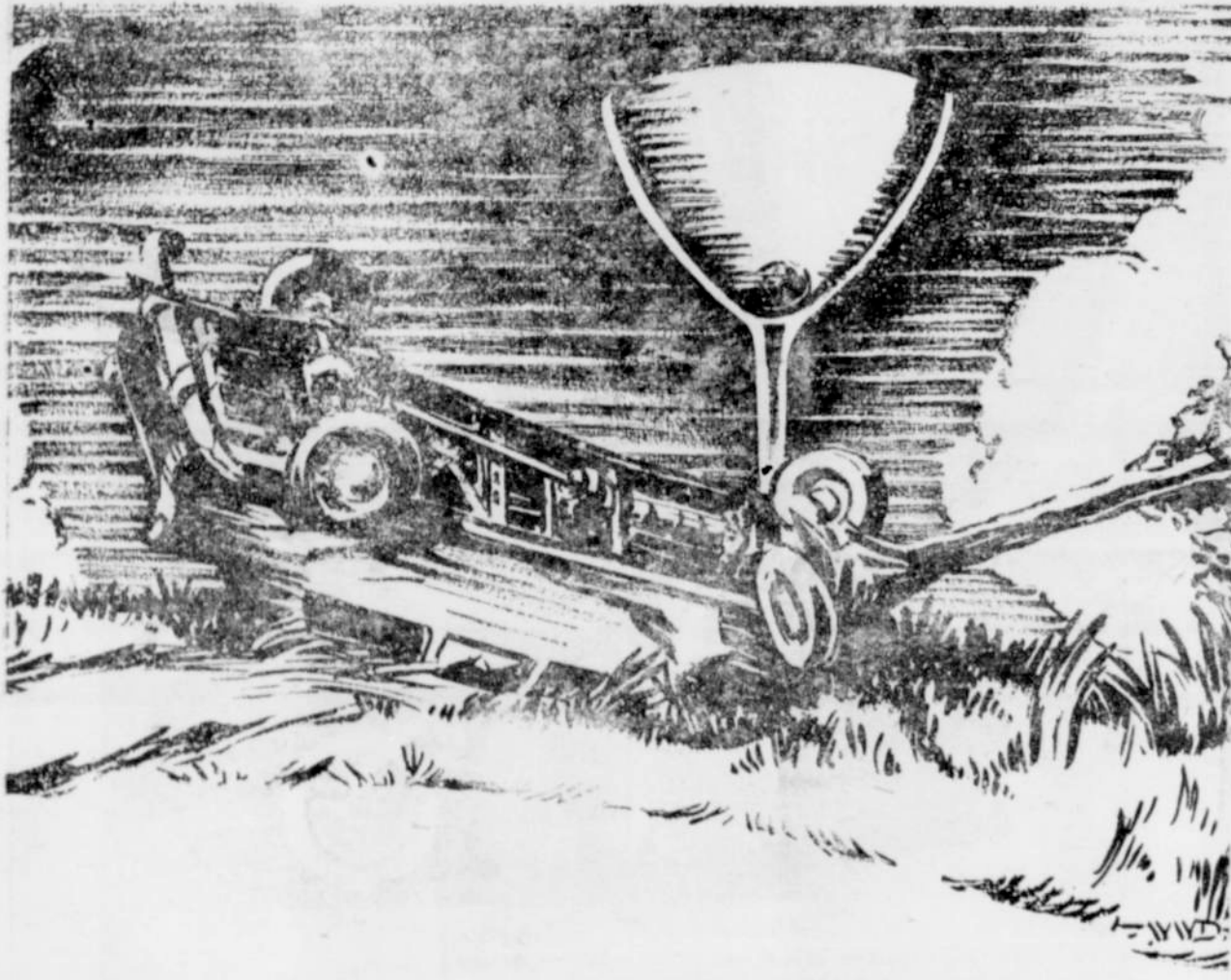
Also on the program will be the University of Washington-Oregon basketball games in McArthur Court on both Friday and Saturday nights, January 22 and 23. Dads arriving on campus for the event will be greeted by signs constructed by the various living organizations all tied in with the theme of the event, "King for a Day."

FAITH REBEKAH LODGE HOLDS INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

LYONS—Installation of officers was the high light of the regular meeting of Faith Rebekah lodge held at the hall Wednesday evening. Under the direction of Zona Sischo, district deputy president and staff, Alice Huber warden, Hazel Lewis, marshal, Lois Myers, secretary, Alma Olmstead treasurer, Elsie Myers, inside guardian, Ethel Huffman chaplain, and Mabel Bass, musician, officers were installed. They were Garnett Bassett, n.g.; Roberta Longnecker, v.g.; Helen Anderson, secretary; Helen Johnston, treasurer; Bonnie Wagner, warden; Norma Pennington, conductor; Ross Berry, lang; Mildred Carr, lsvg; vice grand, Blanche Wagner, color bearer, Jewell Hartnell, chaplain; Hazel Neal, musician and Jean Roberts p.n.g. Eva Bressler, rns and Beulah Lewis rsvz, who were unable to attend will be installed at a later date. Eva Bressler was re-elected a trustee for a term of three years, Hazel Lewis, Roberta Longnecker and Mabel Bass were appointed the examining committee; Rosa Berry and Lois Myers, finance; Alta Bodeker, Celene Taylor and Gertrude Weidman floral.

Jean Roberts, retiring noble grand was presented with a past noble grand pin, who in turn presented her outgoing officers with a gift. At the close of the meeting a pot luck luncheon was served. The committee for the next meeting January 27 will be Rosa Berry, Mildred Carr and Norma Pennington.

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BOTTOMS UP!

A Last Drink — A Last Drive

The party's over—Bottoms Up! Let's get going! For thousands of men and women—children and pedestrians, too—that has been the beginning of the end. On the highway at night, where the road curved and the hazy driver drove straight ahead, there was another "Bottoms Up!" and the end of the last drive.

It's hard to convince a person who has had a few drinks that he shouldn't drive. Alcoholic stimulation engenders a false confidence in his ability. In reality, his reactions have slowed down, his perception and judgment lowered—driving alertness gone. In a later stage the road blurs, lights blind as he fights drowsiness, loses control.

Seldom is he endangering his life alone. He is also endangering the lives of those traveling with him and others on the streets and highways. In 35 states 166,179 drivers lost their licenses in 1952 for drinking and driving. Thirty-five per cent of all revocations are brought against drinking drivers.

If you have been drinking, either let someone else drive, leave your car and call a taxi, or stay where you are until your senses clear. *Stay off the road!*

Don't kid yourself into a "Bottoms Up" drive—it can be fatal!

SCOUTERS MEET AT SMITHS CREEK LODGE AT SILVER FALLS

The Scouters of Calapooya-Marion district met at Smiths Creek lodge at the Silver Falls camp-ground Saturday afternoon, January 16 for the fifth and last session of Scoutmasters training and fellowship.

The Scouters reviewed methods of teaching Scouting skills to their boys. A nature trail was outlined by Russell Harrison, Scoutmaster, Troop 22 using Scout trail signs for the Scouters to follow. On the trail each Scout was required to measure heights and distances and be observant for signs of animal life. At the end of the trail each man was checked to see how completely he had followed directions. The evening was spent around the campfire telling stories and singing.

Sunday morning the Scouters assembled around the fireplace for services which were conducted by one of the Scoutmasters, who is a retired minister.

After a Sunday dinner of baked ham and potatoes the Scouters prepared to return home.

There will be a meeting for the Order of the Arrow Chapter members of the Calapooya-Marion district on Saturday, January 23, at the Scout Cabin at Bryant Park at 8 p.m.

In observance of Scout Sunday, February 7th, all churches are asked to recognize Scouts during their services and all Scouts are urged to attend the church of their choice.

MARI-LINN PTA MEETING HELD TUESDAY EVENING

LYONS—The regular meeting of the MariLinn PTA was held at the schoolhouse Tuesday evening with a good crowd in attendance.

Mrs. Roscoe Poole presided over the business meeting which was followed by a short program presented by the girl scouts. Readings by Bonnie Cruse and Marla McWhirk, piano solo by Jean Prideaux, accordion solo by Kathryn Johnston, with Brownie dramatizing "The Brownie Story." Intermediate girl scouts acted out the girl scout laws, with older girls telling of their experiences while at camp. At the close a picture film "Skippy and the Three R's" was enjoyed by the crowd. Jean Fletcher and Mrs. Jacquie Smith are leaders for the older girls; Helen Johnston and Zora Thistle for the intermediates and Beth Prideaux and Betty Britton for the Brownies.

Traffic Conference Dated At U. of O. Law School

Three national authorities on traffic courts and a number of regional experts from Oregon and Washington will head the roster of leaders scheduled to appear at Oregon's Third Regional Traffic Court Conference at the University of Oregon School of Law at Eugene on January 25, 26 and 27 to direct discussion and consideration of mounting traffic problems and court procedure improvements in the Northwest.

Sponsored by the General Extension Division of the U. of O. School of Law in Oregon's State System of Higher Education, the conference is expected to draw attention of more than one hundred participants from law-making, law-enforcing activities in Washington, Idaho, Montana, California.

Heading the panels of experts listed to take part in the conference are: James E. Economos, secretary of the American Bar Association, Chicago; Franklin M. Kreml, Director, Traffic Institute of Northwestern University; Robert L. Donigan, counsel for Northwestern's Traffic Institute, and Dean Orlando J. Hollis, School of Law, U. of O.

Agenda for the conference was developed following research aided by General Extension Division of Oregon's State System of Higher Education to determine the most pressing problems faced by court officials and the law-enforcements personnel throughout the region. Topics included for consideration are: Traffic Court arrests, The Drunken Driver, The Speed Driver, Traffic Legislation, Traffic Court Procedure, Legal Problems Concerning the Use of Radar and others.

Cooperation of American Bar Association and Northwestern's Traffic Institute is referred to by Dean J. F. Cramer, head of Oregon's General Extension Division and Director of Portland State college, has placed the Oregon traffic conference on a scale of national importance.

Attendance at any or all the sessions is open to anyone interested. Information on fees and registration is available from Traffic Court Conference, General Extension Division, Eugene, Oregon.

Bids Called For On Road Rock Work By Engineers

The Portland District, Corps of Engineers, has invited bids for the completion of the Cumley Creek section of Kinney Creek Forest access road, rock surfacing of the powerhouse access road and stockpiling of mineral aggregate at Detroit Dam on the North Santiam River.

Colonel Thomas H. Lipscomb, Portland District Engineer, said the bids will be opened in his office, 028 Pittock Block, at 2 P. M., January 28. Completion time is June 15, 1954. Bids have been invited under serial Number CIVENG- 35-026-54-83.

Estimated quantities for the work are: 13,000 cubic yards of un-classified excavation, 70 lineal feet of 18-inch diameter corrugated metal pipe in place, 2,350 cubic yards of base course in place, 3,150 cubic yards of crushed stone leveling course in place, 100,000 gallons of sprinkling, and 400 cubic yards of base course, 470 cubic yards of crushed stone leveling course, 640 cubic yards of one and a quarter to three-quarter inch aggregate, 265 cubic yards of three-quarter to one-half inch mineral aggregate, 265

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