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VOTE ON MONDAY

The consolidation of three school districts, Detroit-Idanha, Gates and Mill City will be held in the three districts this coming Monday, March 29.

This is one of the most vital elections to be held in this area for some time. It will decide whether or not the three high schools will be consolidated.

Heretofore The Enterprise has been content to say but little on issues such as this, but the importance of this issue makes it imperative that all residents of the area think clearly, and turn out and vote.

This is not a question of where a school shall be located. It is deciding just how the best education can be made available to the youth of the three communities, and at the same time kept at a cost that is not prohibitive. Facts have been proven that it is more economical to educate students in a larger school. A better balanced course of study can be given.

This is not being said to belittle any of the schools of the area. We are confident that the schools are doing a fine job of educating, and that each of the schools is doing the best possible job with that which they have to work. The main thing is, a much better school could be provided, and at less cost to the taxpayer, by consolidating the districts.

This consolidation does in no way change the elementary schools of the districts. These schools will be maintained just as they are. In the high schools, administrative costs could be materially reduced. A wider choice of subjects would be made available. More than one section of required courses could be given.

These are some of the reasons that the districts should be consolidated. We are not in any way trying to tell you how to vote. The main thing is to get out to the polls and to exercise your right as an American citizen by voting.

TURNING POINT

An important aspect of the tragic loss of lives in the nation's highway accidents which has escaped the full attention of Americans is the emotional impact on victims' families. Paul H. Blaisdell, public safety director of the Association of Casualty and Surety Companies, brings "Operation Heartbreak" into proper focus with a letter he received from an Illinois mother whose 15 year old son was killed while riding with a driver of the same age.

"One reads of automobile accidents involving hundreds of people," the mother wrote him, "but little do we consider the heartbreak and changes in family living that those accidents bring about."

"We never hear of a victim's father or mother who have kept on from day to day, feeling that all of their physical strength has completely left them—pulling themselves up by their boot straps so the two brothers and one sister won't feel that the bottom has dropped out from under their feet."

"We never hear of the brother who was so very close to his year-and-a-half older brother wandering from bedroom to bedroom when time to retire, visiting with his brother and sister and his mother and dad, and his grandmother—talking about one thing and another, dreading the time he must go to his own bedroom alone—sighing and tossing in his bed until late at night."

"We take other people's trouble so casually—surely something could be done to lessen the number of lives that are lost along our highways."

This mother's poignant picture of what an accident has done to her family only begins to tell the whole story of "Operation Heartbreak" in the homes of America's 40,000 highway fatalities in a year's time. As Mr. Blaisdell points out, this is part of the uncounted indirect toll of these accidents, but it is in understandable human terms that perhaps might make a deeper impression on drivers of American families than cold statistics of the dead and injured.

If motorists respond with safer driving because their emotions are moved by the tragic results of accidents as drawn by this and other bereaved mothers, and if the legion of those left behind by the victims of automobile accidents could be organized into an army of ardent workers in the cause of highway safety—which is this mother's strong desire—we might at long last see a turning point in the alarming trend of traffic accidents.

Have Something to Sell? Enterprise Class Ads Pay

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Mr. and Mrs. George Veteto and Sharon Gray visited relatives in Canby Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Nielson and son, Larry, moved Monday to Salem. Mr. Nielson is purchasing agent for C. B. I.

Mrs. James Nye (Dorothy Bassett) of West Stayton, was taken to Santiam Memorial hospital Sunday for observation.

Mr. and Mrs. Burnett Cole and family, who spent the winter in Falls City, returned to Mill City last week. Mr. Cole is working at Hillton General store at the present time.

Visitors at the H. E. Jull home Tuesday were Miss Edith Barnes of Lodi, California, and niece Miss Fay Jull of Auburn, California. Miss Barnes is a cousin of minister Jull.

Spending the weekend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Yankus was their niece, Patty Thomas of Cottage Grove. Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Miller of Cottage Grove drove up for her Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Loren Hurd and daughters, who have lived here for the past four years, moved Tuesday morning to Richland, Washington. He was employed on the dam while living here.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Plymale and children of Lebanon were here Sunday at the H. I. Plymale home. Other dinner guests were Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Hutcheson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin LaVine were here from Toledo over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Hoodenpyle and daughter, Donna, of Creswell, were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Kimmel Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Brown announce the arrival of a baby daughter, March 15. The baby weighed in at 5 pounds, 11 ounces, and has been named Rita Marie.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Fenner of Eugene, spent the weekend here at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Graham.

Mr. and Mrs. Max F. Rogers, of accompanied by Mrs. Rogers' sister, were visitors at the Lee Ross home Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. William Shuey spent several days this past week in Portland at the home of their son-in-law and daughter Mr. and Mrs. Que Haynes.

Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Willoughby of the Enterprise office, spent last Saturday and Sunday in McMinnville attending to business and visiting with friends and relatives.

The Ed Cooke family has received word from their son, Ensign James Cooke, who is taking flight training in the naval air service, that he has qualified for carrier landing and is now stationed at Corry Field, Florida.

Charles Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vern Thomas arrived last week on furlough from the Air Force. He has been stationed in Japan. He expects to be here for about 30 days, and then will report for duty in New Mexico.

PLANT BEFORE YOU PICK



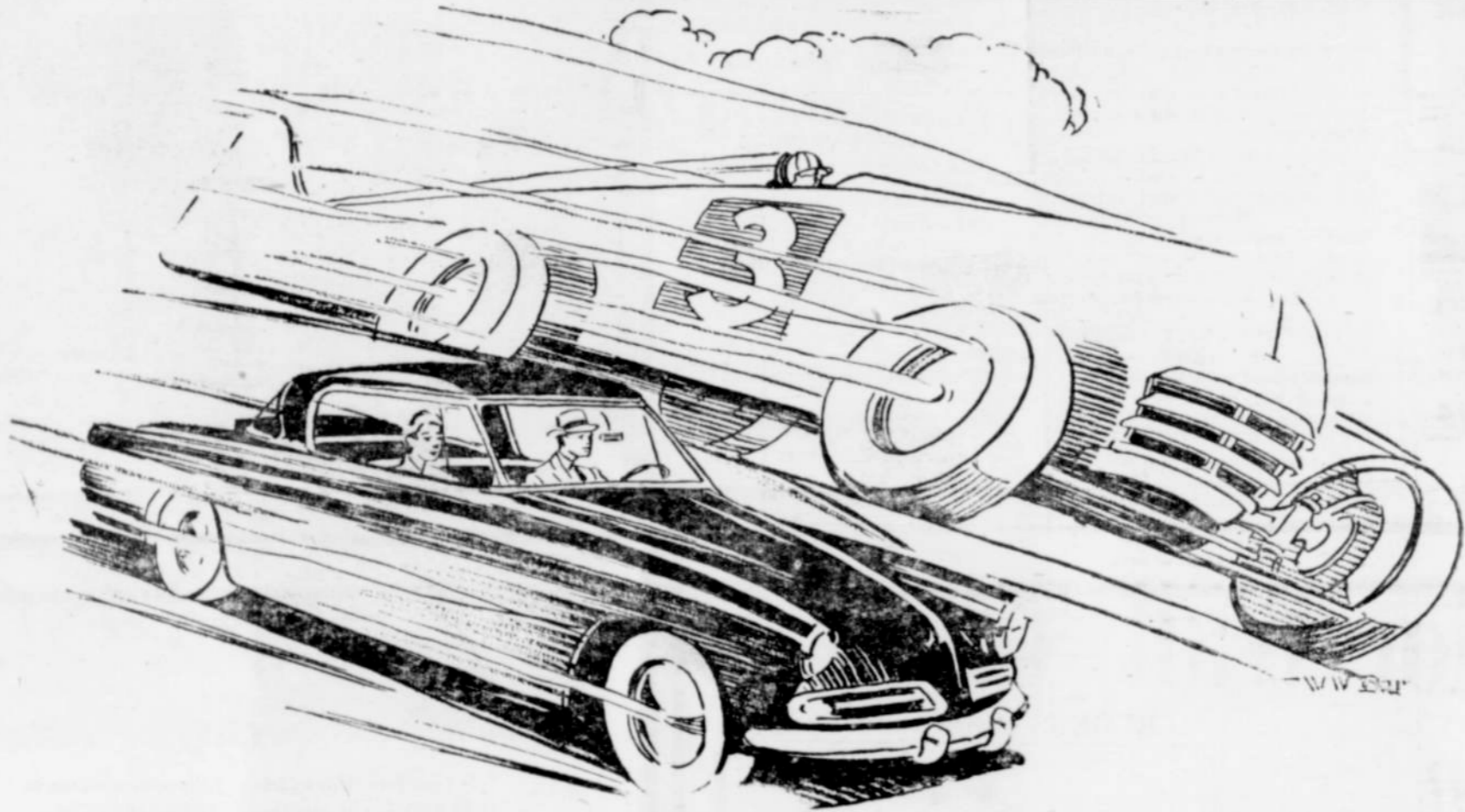
It's true money does not grow on trees.

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When racing drivers set out to break speed records, they pray for a clear, fast track.

But those same conditions on the nation's highways produce different records—deadly records! Last year 80 per cent of fatal accidents, 26,280 occurred in clear weather on straight, dry roads. Only one percent of them were on race tracks. Only one percent of them were on race tracks. Only one percent of them were on race tracks.

Highways are not raceways, but every road has its dread quota of "race track fringe" drivers. One highway safety authority says: "It is not a question of what is a safe speed—now it is what is a 'survival speed' for the average driver? It isn't up in the 65 miles an hour and plus range, where sustained momentum hypnotizes the senses, where impact is deadly. Now we must slow down to live!"

In the last four years average speeds have been creeping up until more than half of all rural driving, passenger cars and buses, are now exceeding fifty miles per hour with many of them doing well over sixty.

This high speed hysteria must be tamed. It has become a national emergency to be met by indignant public demand for more and stricter law enforcement. Let's stop this losing race with Death!



SLOW DOWN—LIVES ARE IN YOUR HANDS!

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