

## Oregon's Basic Speed Law, Age 22, Is Due For Change

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SALEM (AP) — Oregon's 22-year-old basic speed rule, which says motorists can drive at any speed that is "reasonable and prudent," may be due for a change.

State Highway Engineer R. H. Baldock and State Police Supt. H. G. Malson favor superimposing maximum speed limits on highways in rural areas.

The basic speed law established indicated speeds, such as 55 miles an hour in rural areas. However, motorists can exceed these speeds if driving conditions are good, such as on a straight stretch of dry highway in broad daylight when traffic is light.

Baldock and Malson want an over-all maximum speed limit that couldn't be exceeded under any circumstances. The basic speed law would be kept, with the proposed maximums added on top of it.

They think it would make the speed laws easier to enforce, and would curb the 90-mile-an-hour drivers who cause the worst of the fatal accidents.

Baldock and Malson haven't made surveys to decide what they think the maximum speeds should be. Baldock thinks the maximum at night should be five to 10 miles an hour below the maximum for daylight driving.

It would be up to the Legislature to decide what maximum limits, if any, should be imposed.

Oregon's automobile drivers don't go as fast as those in most other states. This is in contrast to the World War II years, when the Oregon drivers were the fastest in the country.

The U. S. Bureau of Public Roads, in a speed survey made last year, found the average motorist on American rural highways drove 49.5 miles an hour.

The average in Oregon was 48 miles an hour. In Washington, where there is a fixed maximum limit of 50 miles an hour except on a few high speed highways, the average was 51.3 miles per hour.

This study also showed that 10 per cent of Oregon's drivers exceeded 60 miles an hour. It's this 10 per cent who would be affected by a maximum speed limit.

Baldock said the "basic" rule would be a fine thing if all people were reasonable. But they aren't.

Baldock, Malson and Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry, who are the state Speed Control Board, are under constant pressure from parents and school officials to restrict traffic in front of schools.

There's a lot of hard feeling on this subject. Many organizations of parents of school children are cussing out the police, and the police and highway officials cuss out the school districts for building schools on main highways.

"There have been a dozen schools built on main highways in the past year or so," Baldock said. "And when they get them built, the school authorities come hollering to us for help."

"We do what we can to provide the most safety for everyone. But what can you do when they build a school on a blind curve at a grade crossing on the Oregon Coast Highway, like they did last year?"

The Traffic Safety Division sponsors 327 schoolboy traffic patrols, totaling 6,000 boys and girls. They solve the problem in all places except on the main highways.

These patrols aren't permitted on main highways because the patrolmen might get killed, and because the school children might get lulled into a false sense of security.

Since the state took over these patrols three years ago, there hasn't been a school child killed at a patrolled crossing. Only one child was injured at such a crossing, and he was a junior patrolman.

The state Traffic Safety Division, accusing the parents and school people of over-emphasizing the danger to the children, say that there is no record of a school child being killed near any school last year.

The state authorities say it will

have to be the school districts' job to transport the children across the main highways.

"I've been to lots of meetings of parents who were indignant. They criticize the highway commission and the police, and view with alarm the motorists who speed past the schools."

"After these meetings, we've checked the license numbers of cars speeding near schools."

"And in many cases, we found that these speeders are those same parents who raised the devil at the indignation meetings."

Baldock added fixing speed limits which are too low "would result in total ignoring of the law, and no law is any good unless it can be enforced."

This row between the school interests and the state officials probably never will be settled. But maximum speed limits probably would bring the opposing groups a little closer together.

### Washington's Experimenting

OLYMPIA (AP) — Washington is experimenting with speed, letting motorists step on the gas a little harder on selected highways.

Results thus far have been favorable but not conclusive, says Rex Still, traffic engineer for the State Department of Highways.

The accident rate dropped 32 per cent on one section of highway where the speed limit was boosted from 50 to 60 miles an hour two years ago.

Still attributed the reduced accident rate to the increase in speed, but emphasized that it was the only highway where a complete analysis and study had been made. As a result, he said the state plans to go slow in boosting the speed on other roads awaiting the findings of other studies.

The State Highway Commission has boosted the speed limit from 50 to 60 miles an hour on several sections of highways in sparsely populated parts of the state east of the Cascade Mountains.

Last week it established a new 60 mile speed zone on part of U.S. 50 south of here — the first authorized in the western part of the state. It is a 9.36 mile stretch of the new four-lane highway between Castle Rock and the Lewis-Cowlitz County line.

The faster speed limit was authorized by the 1951 Legislature whenever an investigation by a traffic engineer showed that the increased speed was warranted.

"Speed does not create accidents," Still said. "It's congestion that creates accidents."

In some instances, he explained, the lack of speed results in congestion and thereby creates accidents. He cited the slow moving vehicle or string of cars which other motorists attempt to pass and in so doing sometimes end up on the fatality list.

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HERE TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL Klamath County PTA School of Instruction at the YMCA, Oct. 22 were Mrs. Helmer Lindstrom, Astoria, president of the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers, center, and Mrs. J. W. Stagg, right, Milton-Freewater, state vice president. With them at the council table was Mrs. Hagan Moore, president of the Klamath County PTA.

## Shoulders, Hager Testify To Grand Jury On Kidnap

KANSAS CITY (AP) — A federal grand jury delving into the Greenlease kidnapping case today sought further information from two key witnesses who figured in the arrest of the abductors.

One was Louis Shoulders, St. Louis police lieutenant who arrested Carl Austin Hall, 34, and his woman friend, Mrs. Bonnie Brown Heady, 44-year-old divorcee.

The other witness was John Hager, St. Louis taxicab driver credited with supplying the tip that led to the apprehension.

Both testified at length yesterday but U.S. Dist. Atty. Edward Scheufler asked that they return for further questioning.

The jury may indict Hall and Mrs. Heady late today.

Hall confessed kidnapping and slaying Bobby Greenlease, 6-year-old son of a multimillionaire Kansas City automobile dealer. Mrs. Heady admitted abducting the boy Sept. 28 from his private school. His body was found Oct. 7 in the

yard of her St. Joseph, Mo., home. Still missing is \$300,000 of the record \$600,000 ransom paid by Robert C. Greenlease, the father. Hall has said he believes it was lost during a drinking spree in St. Louis.

Yesterday Hager was in the jury room for more than four hours. He told newsmen: "I've been telling them everything — everything I know about the whole thing. But I didn't say anything I haven't said before."

Hager picked up Hall as a fare and drove him around St. Louis during his free-spending binge. Later he tipped off Lt. Shoulders and led Shoulders and another officer to Hall's room where nearly half the ransom money was recovered.

Shoulders declined to discuss his appearance yesterday before the jury saying, "There's been too much talk already."

He resigned last Saturday after 27 years on the police force, claiming he was a victim of character

### Needy Taxpayer Asks '53 Refund

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M. (AP) — A New Mexico serviceman, apparently in need of the \$23 refund he claims, filed his 1953 income tax return yesterday. Internal revenue officials say he won't be able to get the refund until after the first of the year, however.

assassination during an investigation by top-level police officials. The police inquiry was called after reports the FBI had found discrepancies in police records of Hall's arrest and recovery of the ransom money.

The St. Louis police board, however, has not yet accepted the resignation.

In another aspect of the case, charges of blackmail were filed against Edward Eugene Long, 31, of Kansas City. Police said Long, a hotel elevator operator, attempted to collect \$10,000 from Greenlease the day after the kidnapping. Police said he had no connection with the actual abduction.

At least 16 ransom demands from persons other than the kidnapers were received by the Greenlease family.

## Women Are Smarter: They Don't Grab Snow Shovel To Show Vigor

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Weaker sex?

Rubbish! says Dr. William G. Leaman Jr., Philadelphia heart specialist, who stunned Oklahoma Clinical Society delegates (mostly male) with the bold statement:

"Women are smarter than men!"

This weaker sex "myth," he said, just permits the ladies to live a less exciting life and outlive their male counterparts by an average of six to seven years.

"The man beyond 50 can't resist the temptation to shovel snow," said Leaman. "Men like to show off, to prove they are big and strong."

He said by keeping alive the weaker sex idea, women don't have to overexert themselves to prove they still have their old vim and vigor.

It is extremely rare, he said, to make a diagnosis of heart disease in a woman under 40 who has neither high blood pressure nor diabetes. However, when a woman does have the same heart ailment as a man, she tolerates it better.

Added proof to explode the age-old myth of female weakness was offered.

"Women can lose more blood. Women can stand more shock. Women are far better drivers (sic)."

They can go into a profession and hold their own provided men don't give them an inferiority complex.

"They can hold down a job, take care of a home and family, and, at the same time, guard the supposedly stronger male."

As a finale, Dr. Leaman added:

"If it is a woman's world if she wants to admit it and claim it. But perhaps she would be unwise to do so."

Dr. Leaman is chairman of the department of medicine at the

Phoenix, Ariz. (AP) — The home of Fred Cornell was burglarized last night. Only thing reported missing was a 3-month-old boxer puppy.

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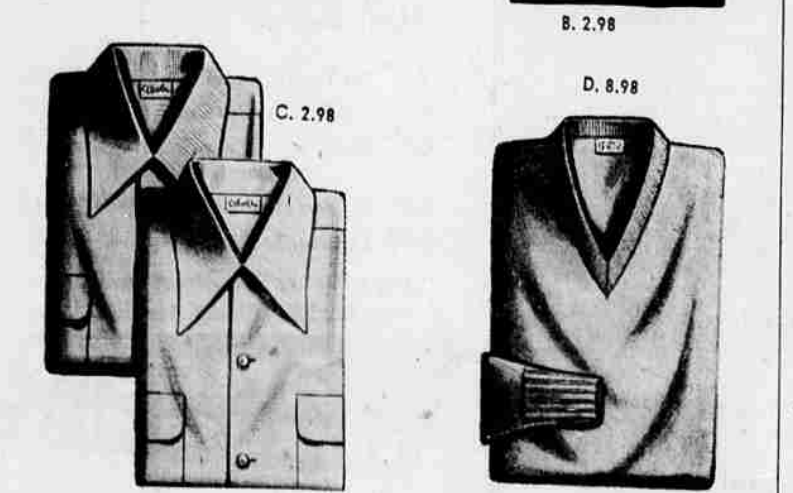
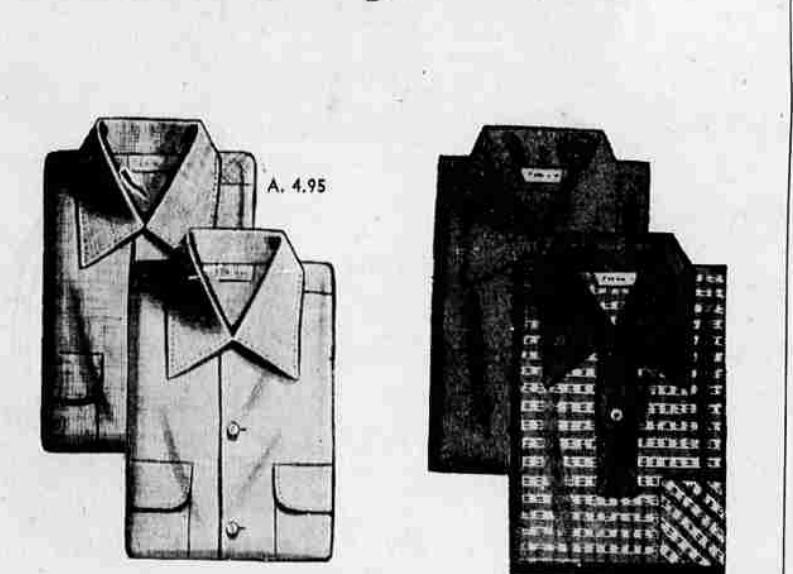
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