

Brother, Can You Spare Five Minutes a Day? A Simple, Yet Sure Way to Safeguard Lives

A Few Suggestions by Widely-Known Cartoonist, Don Herold

I have a few suggestions which ought to cut automobile accidents in this country down about 50 per cent over night—well, anyway, by the middle of next week.

My suggestion to all motorists is: Drive carefully enough for yourself and the other fellow too, because the chances are he isn't.

My own system is to expect the world's prize idiot around every next corner.

When I turn a curve or go over the top of a hill, I hug my side of the road like glue and I slow down a bit, because I always picture a congenital imbecile at the wheel of a car coming at me from the other direction—a bird who was born on the wrong side of the road.

Slows Down a Bit

At an intersection, I always imagine the other intersecting artery filled with morons. And I slow down to offset their morosity with a double dose of my own sanity.

Of course, I know this is a pretty cynical slant on my fellow motorists, but I don't think a group which killed about 30,000 victims and injured some 850,000 others last year, is worthy of very many medals for bright and shining mentality.

The present system is to let the other fellow take care of us—and look at the figures! My suggestion is for each of us to take care of himself and one other driver, too. Don't you think it's a dandy plan?

If everybody agreed to this system, we'd have twice as much motoring carefulness as we need in the world—instead of half enough, as at present.

Due to Fast Driving

I've often heard it said that it isn't fast drivers who cause accidents, but statistics gathered up set this glib philosophy with figures showing that nearly 126,000 accidents last year were the result of exceeding speed limits. So there!

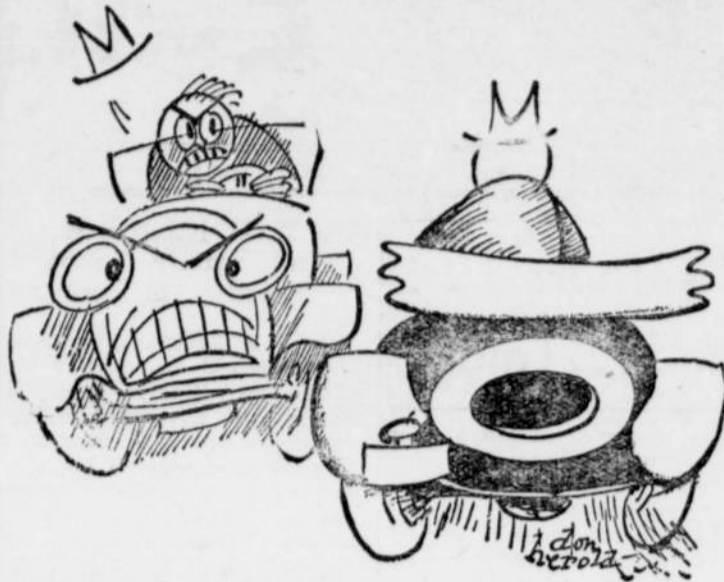
Hurry. There's the hub of this whole accident business. Probably nine-tenths of our automobile accidents are caused by people trying to save five minutes. We rush like mad to get somewhere and it doesn't amount to much when we get there. Methods of locomotion have improved greatly in recent years, but places to go have remained about the same. If we have an appointment with somebody, the chances are, anyway, that he will be 30 minutes late, having been smashed at an intersection or pinched by a cop for rushing through a red light. If everybody in America would resolve to contribute five minutes a day to the cause of automobile safety, we could cut the death and accident toll in two. Five minutes a day. Brother, can you spare five minutes a day?

A little ordinary courtesy would help, also. We are usually



He saved five minutes and lost five weeks

pretty peaceful in our attitude towards our fellow man, but the minute we get behind a steering wheel, we seem to regard every



DRIVE CAREFULLY ENOUGH FOR YOURSELF AND THE OTHER FELLOW TOO, BECAUSE THE CHANCES ARE HE ISN'T

man as our enemy. The fact is we have killed more than 325,000 of our friends with motor cars in the last 15 years in this country, whereas our enemies have killed only 300,000 of us in all our wars to date. We'll be darned if that guy passes us or gets across the street intersection first. I'd say, Aw let him pass you or let him beat you to the crossing. You don't have to prove to him that your car has the greatest pick-up in all creation, or that you are the master motorist of all time. A little Alphonse and Gaston stuff would help us keep folks out of hospitals and cemeteries.

Those Vanishing Americans

And now a word to those vanishing Americans, pedestrians. They should be careful enough for themselves and the fellow in that approaching motor car, too, for the chances are he isn't. And they should get up every morning resolved to contribute five minutes a day of their time to keeping out of automobile accidents. Five minutes a day will keep the ambulance away. These figures show that around 800 persons were killed last year crossing streets against the signal, while only around 200 were killed crossing with the signal. That's 600 persons who could have avoided death by waiting a minute on the curb. Another 3,300 could have avoided death by going to the corner instead of hurrying across in the middle of the block. More than 35,000 pedestrians were hit last year by stepping out from behind parked cars—they didn't have sense enough for themselves, let alone a little extra sense for the fellow who needn't have hit them.

I don't know exactly how many persons were killed last year walking along highways with traffic instead of facing it, but I'll bet plenty . . . persons who were leaving it to the other fellow not to hit them instead of seeing that he did not.

A careful study of tables of last year's motor car death and accident causes shows that a large percentage of them were the result of "stupidity," under which I group unnecessary hurry. And nearly all of them could have been avoided if every driver had started out every a. m. with the resolution to drive carefully enough for himself and the other fellow too, and to tax himself five minutes a day for the general cause of automobile safety, and to show his fellow humans just a wee bit of ordinary courtesy.

TWO-WHEEL BRAKE CARS IN TOO MANY ACCIDENTS

Practically all cars manufactur-

ed and sold in the United States in the last several years have been equipped with four-wheel brakes. Yet many automobiles with only two-wheel brakes are still in use. More than 18 per cent of the cars in fatal accidents last year had only two-wheel brakes, according to statistics. The ratio of two-wheel brake cars involved in fatal accidents to the total of such vehicles in all accidents was 33 per cent greater than for cars equipped with four-wheel brakes.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the legal voters of School District No. 47, of Columbia county, State of Oregon, that the ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING of said District will be held at Washington school; to begin at the hour of 8:00 o'clock P. M. on the third Monday in June, being the 18th day of June, A. D. 1934.

This meeting is called for the

LODGES

A. F. of L. LOGGERS

Local No. 18742 meets second and fourth Thursdays in the month at Grange hall, 8 p. m. Visiting members cordially invited to attend.

Fred Lumm, president.

A. F. & A. M.

Vernonia Lodge No. 184 A. F. & A. M. meets at Masonic Temple, Stated Communication First Thursday of each month. Special called meetings on all other Thursday nights 7:30 p. m. Visitors most cordially welcome.

J. B. Wilkerson, W. M.
F. D. Macpherson, Secretary

Order of Eastern Star

Vehalom Chapter 153, O. E. S. Regular communication first and third Wednesdays of each month, at Masonic Temple. All visiting sisters and brothers welcome.

Mrs. M. F. Wall, W. M.
Leona McGraw, Sec.

Pythian Sisters

Vernonia temple 61 meets every fourth Wednesday in W. O. W. hall.
Rose Fletcher, M.E.C.
Clara Kerns, M. of R. & C.

purpose of electing one director and one clerk and the transaction of business usual at such meetings.

In districts of the second and third classes the ballots shall not be counted until one hour after the time set for the meeting to begin. Until the count begins, any

legal voters of the district shall be entitled to vote upon any business before the meeting.

Dated this 21st day of May, 1934.

R. M. ALDRICH,
Chairman, Board of Directors
ATTEST:—LOEL ROBERTS,
District Clerk.

NOTICE OF SCHOOL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the legal voters of School District No. 47, of Columbia County, State of Oregon, that a school meeting of the said district will be held at Washington School, on the 18th day of June, 1934, at 8:00 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of discussing the budget for the fiscal school year, beginning June 19, 1934, and ending June 18, 1935, herein set forth, and to vote on the proposition of levying a district tax.

In districts of the second and third class when the budget meeting is held in connection with the annual school meeting, the following provision of Section 35-1006, Oregon School Laws, 1931, should be observed: " * * * And the ballots at the election in such district shall not be counted until an hour after the time set for such election. Until the ballots are counted any legal voter of the district shall be entitled to vote upon any matters before the meeting."

BUDGET ESTIMATED RECEIPTS	
Balance on hand at beginning of the fiscal school year (third Monday in June) for which this budget is made	None
To be received from the County School Fund	\$ 4,038.00
To be received from the Elementary School Fund	2,760.00
To be received from the State Irreducible School Fund	748.00
To be received from Delinquent Tax	26,527.27
TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS	\$34,073.27

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	
I. General Control	
Clerk	\$ 216.00
Census and Comp. Ed.	30.00
Legal services (Clerk's Bond, telephone, electricity and pub.)	125.00
TOTAL GENERAL CONTROL	\$ 371.00
III. Instruction—Teaching	
Principal	\$ 1,800.00
Teachers— 5 @ \$110.00	550.00
4 @ 105.00	420.00
3 @ 100.00	300.00
2 @ 95.00	190.00
Supplies	250.00
Textbooks	250.00
TOTAL INSTRUCTION—TEACHING	15,440.00

IV. Operation of Plant	
Janitors Salary and Insurance— 1 @ \$1,180.00, 1 @ \$245.00	\$ 1,425.00
Janitors' Supplies	200.00
Fuel	420.00
Light and Power	250.00
Water	200.00
TOTAL EXPENSE OF OPERATION	2,495.00

V. Maintenance and Repair	
Furniture and Equipment	\$ 75.00
Buildings and Grounds	350.00
TOTAL MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR	425.00

VI. Auxiliary Agencies	
Library Books and Repairs	\$ 150.00
Health—Supplies	15.00
Transportation—Personal Service	4,280.00
TOTAL AUXILIARY AGENCIES	4,445.00

VIII. Capital Outlay	
Alterations	\$ 200.00
New Furniture and Equipment	250.00
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	450.00

IX. Debt Service	
Principal on Bonds	\$ 3,500.00
Principal on Warrants	26,527.27
Interest on Bonds	3,575.00
Interest on Warrants	1,000.00
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	34,602.27

X. EMERGENCY	\$ 1,000.00	1,000.00
XI. TUITION	\$ 540.00	540.00

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES	
Total General Control	\$ 371.00
Total Instruction—Teaching	15,440.00
Total Expenses of Operation	2,495.00
Total Maintenance and Repair	425.00
Total Auxiliary Agencies	4,445.00
Total Capital Outlay	450.00
Total Debt Service	34,602.27
Emergency	1,000.00
Tuition	540.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR	\$59,768.27

RECAPITULATION	
Total Estimated Expenditures for the year	\$59,768.27
Less Total Estimated Receipts for the year	34,073.27
AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY DISTRICT TAX	\$25,695.00

TOTAL INDEBTEDNESS OF DISTRICT	
Bonded Debt, including negotiable warrants	\$60,000.00
Amount of Endorsed Warrants Outstanding	26,527.27
TOTAL INDEBTEDNESS OF DISTRICT	\$86,527.27

Dated this 21st day of May, 1934.
LOEL ROBERTS, District Clerk
R. M. ALDRICH, Chairman, Board of Directors

Approved by Budget Committee May 21, 1934.
Signed: Loel Roberts, Secretary, Budget Committee
R. M. Aldrich, Chairman, Budget Committee