

Driving Errors Play Big Part

Operating too Fast Is Practice Responsible for Greatest Number of Deaths

ACTIONS OF DRIVERS PRODUCING DEATHS

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| Driving too fast | 33 |
| Going off roadway | 19 |
| Right of way involved | 14 |
| On wrong side of road | 13 |
| Improper passing | 3 |
| Miscellaneous | 18 |
| | 100 |

Practically two-thirds of the automobile accidents which happened in this country in 1933 were due in some degree to driving errors. Among these, exceeding the speed limit resulted in the greatest number of deaths. Although the number of accidents from this cause accounted for about one-quarter of all the mishaps which involved improper motoring practices, the fatalities comprised approximately one-third of all the deaths resulting from driving errors. Such is the hazard of excessive speed.

Four-Fifths of Deaths

Speed too great for the conditions is regarded as a potent factor in the accidents involving improper passing, failure to grant the right-of-way, driving off the roadway, and reckless operation. The number of accidents from these causes and exceeding the speed limit comprised approximately three-quarters of all the mishaps which in 1933 may be assigned to driving errors. The deaths from these accidents totaled nearly four-fifths of all the fatalities resulting from improper actions of motorists.

In accidents involving excessive speeds, operation on the wrong side of the road, passing standing street cars, going off roadways, and reckless driving, the rate of death per accident last year was greater than the average death rate for all accidents due to improper driving practices. The rate of death per accident involving excessive speed was 28 per cent greater than the average; operating on the wrong side of the road, 6 per cent greater; passing standing street car, nearly 2 per cent greater; going off roadways, 58 per cent greater, and reckless driving 37 per cent greater than the average.

With rates of speed in city traffic as well as on the open road being raised constantly, the

question is asked whether drivers are improving in their ability and whether driving conditions are improving as rapidly as speeds?

MANY INJURED SERIOUSLY

Out of the total of 850,700 persons injured in automobile accidents last year 117,830 suffered fractured skulls; 69,800, other fractures; 12,500, concussion of the brain, 196,340 severe general shock, and 11,490, internal injuries.

Riverview

Mrs. J. Bertraw of Souls Hill had as her guests Saturday Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Biggs and son Carl of Riverview.

Mrs. Dora Washburn of Vernonia was a dinner guest of Mrs. B. B. Hawkins Tuesday.

Clarence Fowler who has been employed at Waldport was a visitor at the Clifford Fowler home Sunday. After a visit with home folks he left for St. Helens where he will spend some time with his mother.

Juanita Parker left Thursday for a week's visit with her aunt, Mrs. Bill Mason, at Tidewater.

Miss Ida Mae Hawkins returned Friday from Portland, where she had visited with friends for a week.

Erma Thompson of the O.-A. returned Sunday from the berry fields.

Bernice Yadon of St. Helens and Angelina Serafin of Wilark spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Hawkins.

Mrs. Claude Gibson and babies returned home Tuesday after a week's visit with relatives at Toledo.

Glen Tarbo of Warren and Miss Merrithew of Houlton were guests of Mrs. Farnk Mills Sunday.

Clifford Fowler was a Portland visitor Thursday.

Mrs. K. W. Bentley and son Donald of Redmond came Sunday for a few weeks visit with relatives.

Aletha Gunnoe of Spokane left Sunday for her home after spending a week with her mother, Mrs. Frank Hankle.

Fred, Bud and Violet Lindberg of Olney spent the week end with relatives.

Mrs. Frank Crawford will leave Tuesday for a visit with her son at Sunnyside, Wash.

Mrs. Edith Varley and son Oral and Mrs. Dan May visited relatives in Portland Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Biggs and son Carl and daughter, Mrs. Clifford Fowler and children, visited

relatives at Wauna Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Powell and sons enjoyed the big picnic at Big Eddy Sunday.

Ada Mills is spending a week at Faye's home near Forest Grove.

Among the Portland visitors Wednesday were Frank Mills and son Bert, Mrs. E. L. Lloyd and Mrs. Mertie Rose.

Louie Serafin spent the week end among relatives in Vernonia.

A charivari was given on Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Cook at the home of his parents Monday night. A large crowd attended and all reported a jolly time.

Mrs. T. C. Miller and daughter, Mrs. B. B. Hawkins, and Ida Mae and Mrs. Glen Hawkins enjoyed the day at Mrs. Pete Serafin's home in Wilark Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thompson were Riverview visitors Sunday.

Mrs. Elsie Parker and Nels Westland were visiting friends at Keasey Sunday afternoon.

Friends of Mrs. T. C. Miller surprised her Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. B. B. Hawkins. The evening was spent in a good old time fanning bee greatly enjoyed by all.

Barbara Dustin of Vernonia was a guest of Lavina Ziner Sunday.

While fishing Sunday George Peachey landed the prize trout of the season, measuring 27 inches. This is one for the old timers to shoot at.

Saturday was one continuous round of celebration for Mrs. Margaret Dunlap. In the morning her friends and neighbors surprised her with a pot-luck dinner, after which the guests sat around and visited until late in the afternoon. In the evening the Auxiliary accompanied by their husbands called on Mrs. Dunlap. After warm greetings all sat down to a treat of ice cream and cake brought along for the occasion.

CALL FOR BIDS

Bids are called for 50 ricks sound old growth fir wood, cut by July 15, delivered and ricked in woodshed by Sept. 1, 1934. Specifications: 14 inches long, 50 per cent not to exceed 6 inch face, 30 per cent not to exceed 8 inch face, 20 per cent 6x12 inch face.

Ricks to be 4 feet 4 inches high and 8 feet long. Bids to be opened at Pleasant Hill school house June 18 at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

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