

LINCOLN COUNTY DEFENSE COUNCIL

Toledo, Oregon  
September 10, 1942

Mr. Jerald Owen  
Oregon State Defense Council  
Salem, Oregon

Dear Jerry:

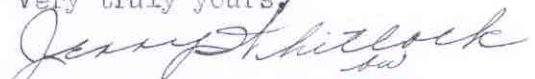
We, in Lincoln County, are experiencing considerable difficulty with the enforcement of Proclamation #10 in regard to Dim-Out. A good many motorists are covering their headlights with a wide variety of cloth. Others are using parking lights, leaving a rather small percentage of the residents of this area who have had the proper restrainer installed.

It is my opinion, after considerable investigation on the matter, that most of the cloth covered headlights do not conform with the regulations of Proclamation #10. Some of the late model cars with the strong seal-beam lights will penetrate these coverings to the extent of from 1,000 to 2,000 beam candle power.

I am informed by Sgt. W. J. Mulkey of the Oregon State Police, that he cannot help us in curtailing this condition as his orders are to permit drivers to use this cloth covering. Also, I do not feel that parking light driving is a good condition from a safety angle, as most of them do not put out enough light to be of any benefit in driving. That combined with the wide variation of parking lights, further complicates matters. With members of Civilian Defense trying to do their part of the enforcement of Proclamation #10 and trying to educate the residents of this area with having proper restrainers installed, it is very discouraging to them not to have the cooperation of the State Police in this matter, and I strongly recommend and ask your consideration on this, and any help you may be able to give us will be appreciated.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,



Jerry Whitlock, Commander  
Lincoln County Defense Council

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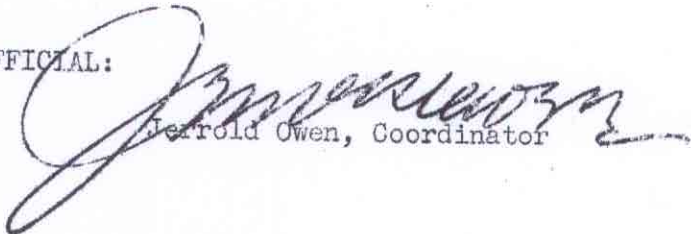
CLOTH COVERING NOW TABOO FOR  
AUTOMOBILE HEADLAMPS USED IN  
DIM OUT ZONE

As a temporary expedient to avoid unnecessary inconvenience to persons driving coastal highways on brief pleasure or business trips, the Oregon State Defense Council on August 5, 1942, approved the use of one thickness of muslin or other suitable cloth of a grade comparable to flour sack material for dimming automobile headlamps in light restricted zones, where they would be visible from the sea.

Sufficient time has elapsed for all persons habitually using the coast roads to have their automobiles equipped with devices permitting the headlamp light intensity to be reduced to not more than 250 beam candle power by means of a dash switch. Accordingly, on and after Monday, September 21, 1942, cloth covering of headlamps will no longer be acceptable as compliance with Public Proclamation No. 10 of the Western Defense Command.

Only authorized vehicular traffic after dark within posted areas where headlamps are visible from the sea will be that equipped with two lighted driving lamps of not more than 250 beam candle-power. This intensity shall be measured as 2.5 foot candles on a vertical plane 10 feet ahead of each light source.

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