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AMERICAN cities staidly refuse
to admit that relief is here to
stay.

In a small and inoffensive way,
relief has always been administered
in this country. Most people
didn't even know about it before
1929. It was generally believed
that if anyone was as unfortunate
as to be without funds, fate, in
the form of a benevolent welfare
agency or a wealthy distant cousin,
would be on hand to supply soup
and things until the crisis passed.

While municipal relief was not
exactly managed out of the petty
cash till, its inroads on the finan-
cial operations were usually slight
enough to be overlooked by the
general public. The money was
taken from the normal tax sources
and scarcely ever became too
severe a burden for the city.

Times have changed.
The No. 1 headache for practi-
cally every councilman in every city
during the past 10 years has been
relief. The same depression that
brought relief clients pounding at
aldermanic doors in unprecedented
numbers also made it difficult for
property owners to settle up their
tax accounts. Since 1930, most city
governments have been abnormally
occupied with figuring out means
of making budgets stretch to ac-
commodate the new relief costs.

In most cases, states and the
federal government helped. PWA
and WPA, along with their pre-
decessors, provided for some of the
indigents; but even these agencies
had to be supported partially by
community funds.

Few cities have conceded that
relief is to be a permanent ac-
countant to municipal finances.
Relief costs are calculated from
year to year, with funds being ear-
marked out of the regular budget.
Sometimes the money doesn't quite
stretch, and year-end crises re-
sult. With a few exceptions, all
the funds, used to pay for munici-
pal relief, are coming from the
same sources that were drawn upon
before relief became a prob-
lem.

Many cities take care of this
item by floating municipal bonds.
But bonds must be redeemed eventu-
ally, so the solution is only tem-
porary. Unless new forms of
taxes are adopted, the burden will
eventually fall upon the property
owners.

The gravity of relief problems
decreases, of course, as general
business conditions improve. The
situation today is much better
than it was six years ago, but it
is improbable that the problem will
ever vanish entirely.

BOTH Britain and Germany read
the Riot Act to befuddled Nor-
way as a result of the Altmark in-
cident.

It doesn't matter who's right ac-
cording to international law, be-
cause this code of nations, during
war, is pretty much like gang-
land ethics. The act of war itself
is a gross violation of fundamen-
tal rules of conduct, and any gentle-
man's code to govern butchery is
a bitter travesty.

The victim of criminal acts is, of
course, Norway; and Britain and
Germany together share the guilt
for bringing the war and its legal
problems into Norwegian waters.
It is not fair to project neutrals in-
to the dispute.

If there must be war, the best
way to conduct it, if it were pos-
sible, would be to rope off areas
somewhere strictly within the bel-
ligerents' own territories and then
send the armies in with a final,
fatidic, admission not to hit below
the belt.

Teachers Unite In Study Groups

Conferences Will be Held on
Primary and Intermediate
Work in Grade Schools.

Organization of the primary and
intermediate grade teachers of the
county into study groups resulted
here Saturday from the mid-year
rally of county school teachers.
Mrs. Elise Lamp of Drain was elect-
ed temporary chairman and will
call a meeting in March, at which
time permanent officers will be
chosen. Periodic meetings will be
devoted to conferences pertaining
to the work in the primary and
intermediate grades. Similar
groups already have been organ-
ized by high school and grade
school principals.

Saturday's meeting was attend-
ed by a large majority of the
teachers, regardless of the fact
that attendance was not compul-
sory. Principal addresses were
given by Dr. A. S. Jensen, of Ore-
gon College of Education at Mon-
mouth, and Dr. Ben Spake, professor
of sociology at University of Ore-
gon. Dr. Ben Spake in place of Dr.
Bruce Baxter of Willamette uni-
versity, who was unable to be
present.

Plans were made for the county
study groups to be held soon.
Drain and Reedsport were chosen
for the first, in which schools of
the north and west sections of the
county will participate. The festi-
val for the southern district will
be held either at Myrtle Creek or
Hidale. The sectional events will
be followed by a joint festival in
Roseburg late in April or early in
May and at the same time there
will be held in Roseburg a county-
wide art exhibit.

Teachers also voted to be held in
the early fall, electing to join
with Lane, Linn and Benton coun-
ty teachers in an institute to be
held at University of Oregon in Eu-
gene.

Membership Increased by
Roseburg Rotary Club

Membership in the Roseburg Ro-
tary club has been increased to 28
as the result of several recent ad-
ditions. John D. Dunderberg and
James Meyers were accepted into
membership last week. Other new
members to the roster were Ray
Hampton and Earl Wiley.

The club last week celebrated the
35th anniversary of the Rotary
movement. A special meeting
Tuesday evening was featured by
an historical report and by commu-
nal reports with a social hour fol-
lowing the business session. The
regular Thursday luncheon pro-
gram was given over to five minute
talks on Rotary objectives. Speak-
ers were Vernon Orr, Story Iles,
A. J. Gelson, Victor Meehl,
Charles Emery and Clarence Slin-
inger.

New Voters to Be Guests
at Program Here Tonight

This year's crop of new voters
will be officially recognized at a
meeting to be held at 8 o'clock this
evening at the county court house.
The "Majority day" program is
sponsored by the Americanization
department of the American Legation
and its auxiliary. The principal
speaker will be Circuit Judge
Carl E. Wimberly. The meeting
will be open to the general public,
and special guests will be all
young persons who have recently
attained the age of 21 years or who
will reach their majority in time to
vote at the coming elections.

According to traffic experts, un-
happy accidents, impatience, and
irascibility are responsible for a
large percentage of auto accidents.

Editorials on News
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beaten with stick, but what comes
out no good."

THE brokenman comes into the
Pulman smoker, carrying a
truly enormous orange. "The Chin-
aman gave it to me," he explains.
"The Chinaman, a glance through
the window confirms, runs a fruit
stand in the station."

"I'm going to take it home to-
night and cut it up, feeding and
drink, and tell it off its sort and
ask it before I turn it. I'll sweat
like a nigger at election, and in
the morning this cold of mine will
be all gone."

That's what he thinks. Still,
it's wonderful to have faith. The
trouble with faith is it doesn't
work on colds.

"I DON'T think much of Califor-
nia," he remarks (prompted by
the orange). "I've got a sister out
in San Diego, and when I went to
visit her my clothes didn't get dry
till I got back. Give me a country
with some life in the air."

Well, he's got it right here.
They call this a warm spell, fol-
lowing the cold spell that just
passed on, but when you step out-
side the cold bites like a bull-
dog.

OUT OUR WAY

WE GOT TO FORM AN
ORGANIZATION TO
STOP THIS EAR BRUTAL-
ITY BEFORE WE ALL
HAVE OUR EARS FLOPPIN'
AROUND OUR KNEES
LIKE BLOODHOUNDS!

GET INTO
THAT CLOAK
ROOM--I'LL
JUST THE
B.B. SHOT
OUT OF YOUR
POCKETS!

BORN THIRTY YEARS TOO SOON

J. R. WILLIAMS

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Officers Chosen By Roach Timber Co.

R. M. Fox of Portland, manager
for the Roach Timber company,
was selected president of the
Douglas Forest Protective associa-
tion at a meeting held Saturday in
Portland. J. S. Chapman of the
Weyerhaeuser Timber company was
made vice-president. H. O. Par-
gater of Roseburg was selected sec-
retary. Directors, in addition
to the president and vice-presi-
dent, are P. S. Scrimmer of the
Scrimmer Timber company; E. H.
Walsh of Brown and Brown, for-
est engineers; Edward Scanlan,
of the Umpqua company; A. G.
Clark, Glendale timber broker, and
W. H. Horning, administrator of
O. and C. lands, representing the
Department of Interior.

The association authorized con-
tinuance of the \$500 reward offered
for the arrest and conviction of
parties maliciously setting fire to
timber, and the county court
agreed to continue cooperation by
making the association's finan-
cial total of \$1000 to be paid
by the two agencies.

The annual report furnished an
association members showed a total
of 230 fires during 1939. Of these
fires 156 were of incendiary origin.
Fires classified by other causes
were: lightning 35, campfires 12,
smoking 15, burning 5, slash-
ing 1, miscellaneous 5. Total loss
to merchantable timber was \$66,
885 and to reproduction timber,
\$41,878. Total average burned
over was \$21,984.

A recommendation was made
that a special investigator be em-
ployed during the periods of bad
weather in an effort to secure
evidence in connection with incen-
dianism.

REMAINING HOURS TODAY
1:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr., MBS.
1:15—Haven of Rest.
1:30—Tea Time.
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FRIDAY, FEB. 30
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