

## High Prices Of New Cars May Slow Purchases By Next Fall; Turn-In Cycle Apt To Widen

By SAM DAWSON

NEW YORK.—(AP)—The auto industry plans to build more cars than ever in the next few months, and says it isn't worried about finding buyers. But some observers wonder if the supply of customers for new cars won't dwindle markedly by next fall.

Industry optimists, currently staging coming-out parties for their latest models, apparently count on continued prosperity and relaxed installment credit terms to provide the public with the wherewithal to buy.

They add that some 12 million cars (about 40 per cent of the cars now on the road) are 10 or more years old, and that more than 1 1/2 million of these are going to the scrap heap each year. Detroit feels that even more of these jalopies should and probably would, if new car prices weren't so high.

As the new 1950 models go into high-gear production, there is the hope in Detroit that many of the more prosperous citizens who bought new cars in 1946 and 1947 will put these into the used car market and buy the latest autos.

This hope is based on the pre-war practice of the better-heeled of turning in a car every two or three years. There is still, however, little indication that this prewar habit has been resumed generally, and some dealers

fear that car owners will lengthen the turn-in cycle to four or five years.

Used car dealers, meanwhile, say their sales have stayed comfortably high for this time of year, a trend partly explained by the mild, open winter most of the country has had.

### Price Is Deterrent

About half of the cars 10 or more years old are owned by families with cash incomes of between \$2,000 and \$4,000 a year.

Traditionally, this group is a mainstay of the used car dealer. These families sell their 12-year-old buggy and buy one discarded by upper bracket families after three or four years of service. But this pattern is far from universal, and it may have chan-



**CLOSE HARMONY**—KRN's "Man on the Street", Bob McCarl (with mike) found himself literally surrounded recently by workers for the annual Polio drive, now in session. Mayor Al Fiegel, left, issued a special plea to all local radio listeners to help reach this year's \$1 per capita goal. Introduced to listeners was Mrs. Vern Harpham, polio drive secretary, who is to be in the office at Trowbridge Electric from Jan. 16 until the drive closes Jan. 31. She will be assisted in answering questions and receiving donations by members of the Junior Womens club and Jay-Cettes. City Chairman Del McKay, right, emphasized the urgent need for reaching the goal. Because of the increase in polio last year, the national headquarters are literally without funds to continue treatment or accept new cases. The record polio outbreak swept away the national emergency fund. (Paul Jenkins photo).

ged since the war taught people to take better care of their cars and since high prices of new cars made some would-be customers think twice.

Only about a fourth of the old cars are owned by families

making more than \$4,000. In the case of car-owning families making \$7,500 a year, or more, 64 per cent have already bought postwar models, although 15 per cent still drive cars 10 years or more old.

About one-fourth of the cars on the road were built since the war. Half of them are owned by families with an annual cash income of \$5,000 or more. However, 17 per cent of these chrome plated jobs are owned by families making less than \$3,000 a year, and of this number, two per cent are owned by families rated at less than \$1,000 a year in cash income.

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## "Tick's" Tips On Veterans Hospital

By L. J. "TICK" MALARKEY.

He is a fine figure of a man who loves a game of golf and shoots this Roseburg course in better than average figures—fair weather or foul. This is W. F. Amiot who bosses the most immaculate dental office this writer has ever seen. There isn't a patient of the local VA hospital who doesn't park himself in Dr. Amiot's chair and have a thorough and efficient "tooth over-hauling" while going "through the mill."

The good dentist and his assistant, Margaret Carrico, have 25 examinations and 235 sittings each month—these are the around-the-year totals. This does not take into consideration out-patients or service-connected cases which fluctuate from time to time.

Dr. Amiot is now entering the 32nd year with the VA. In France during the first war he was attached to the 26th division, base hospital 26. Hospitals which have benefited by his profession have been the following: Fort Sheridan, Wyo.; Saranac, N. Y.; Northport, Long Island, N. Y.; Dawson City, Ky.; Los Angeles and Roseburg. The past seven years he has lived here and makes his home at 227 W. Third avenue, N. Like most Greybeards he is "Grandpaw" to the children of his daughter, Meta Marie, who lives in Los Angeles. Georgetown university, class '13, and in Public Health service before World War I, is the record.

Mrs. Margaret Carrico of this office has been with the Veterans administration for five years. Mrs. Carrico graduated from Marquette university and was in private practice as a dental hygienist before coming to Roseburg. Husband Ray and daughters Dona and Patricia are domiciled at 1230 Chatham road.

It was really rugged out by the Grove this past weekend. Yet not a patient missed a hot meal and not a patient was uncomfortable from the freezing weather despite no power all of Friday night and Saturday.

The "hospital heroes" were numerous and from Dr. Haskins, the manager, down through the list of the employed personnel everyone was on the job throughout the entire emergency. Despite hazardous road conditions no employee failed to show for his or her job.

Food was prepared over steam tables. This took real manpower, as the boilers to generate steam were fed coal by hand and not by the usually electric-driven stoker conveyors. When cold storage rooms for the meat and vegetables began to thaw 1,300 pounds of ice were pulled by Harold L. King, engineering officer and Albert Laurie, one of the guards. Back on the job Saturday morning came Harry Harris, farm superintendent, to operate the tractor and grader to clear snow from the walks and parking spaces.

Harold W. Bloomer, assistant

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to the engineer, rigged up some small generators so that some light could be used in the most needed places. Old fashioned lanterns, candles and flash lights were other methods.

All stairs were climbed, some five floors high, by doctors, nurses, attendants and crews from the kitchen—as well as volunteer workers—in performance of duties. Not one nurse failed to arrive for scheduled duty. However, to Mrs. Vega Burns of Myrtle Creek goes the palm. With chains on this lady's car, she had a couple of lifts out of the ditch by county crews. But she arrived, and on time.

A lot of people did a lot of work. No patient suffered even the slightest inconvenience. Your reporter was reminded dozens of times of that character, Diogenes, as he roamed the countryside "looking for an honest man." These good people out here were looking for work—and found plenty of it.

Would like to say a few words about Orpha Busenbark. After Mrs. Moss K. Brown left the station, Orpha volunteered to take over the training of the patients' choir, and the job she made was a pleasure for not only herself but her pupils. Legionette Busenbark kind of made her Thursday practice session an event; there is coffee and visiting and not all just singing.

The result is a mighty fine choir—even equipped with a soloist. Husband John fought the first big war and is active in all Umpqua post affairs.

Ann Ricketts and Hope McKay were the pair of decorators who labored most of the day in preparation for the Monday night dance. The cowboy motif prevailed. Sponsors were the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Picked up the Astorian Budget Pictures of over a foot of snow in old home town Astoria and the boys and girls trying to dig out cars. More falling and predicted. We wonder if the Clatsop tribe would have the town back?

"30" - Now - "Tick."

Rio De Janeiro, in English, means River of January.

## Wildlife Federation Cancels Slated Meet

By Bruce L. Yeager, president of the Oregon Wildlife Federation.

today announced cancellation of the federation's semi-annual meeting, scheduled at Corvallis Friday and Saturday of this week.

Yeager said he had contacted federation leaders in all parts of the state by telephone and had received unanimous agreement that the meeting should be canceled because of adverse weather conditions.

A meeting of the organization's executive board to dispose of business scheduled for action at the convention, will be called in the near future, Yeager said. Less pressing matters will be brought before the federation membership at a meeting tentatively scheduled during the month of May.

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