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PUBLIC OPINION.

One thing is being accomplished in the matter of moulding public opinion and that is the public is becoming conscious that it does cost something to operate the government. For this reason the general public will be more alert to stamp out graft and other unnecessary expenses attached to the operation of all forms of government.

The legislative session which ended last week saw many efforts to raise additional revenue and further efforts to pass a sales tax fail. More and more it is becoming evident that the property tax burden should be reduced and other forms of revenue substituted to encourage home ownership and the building of additional housing facilities to care for the current demand. There is a housing shortage existing in the great majority of communities, but those who are able to invest are hesitant because of the expense involved and the uncertainty of the tax situation.

Significant too is the fact that the public is becoming conscious of the part played by large concerns in bearing their share of the tax burden. The amount of taxes paid by many of the larger companies has been publicized this year more than ever.

HITLER SPREADING WINGS.

Many professed to be shocked last week at the dramatic march of Hitler and the German legions into what was formerly the republic of Czechoslovakia. But such course of action was predicted in Hitler's book, "Mein Kampf," and it looks reasonable to suppose that his next move will be against Russia. So far his conquest has been without bloodshed; his objective has been accomplished through propaganda from within.

Next to Napoleon, modern Europe has never witnessed a conquest quite like the present one. What the final outcome will be, we would be afraid to hazard a guess. It is no longer strange that the average American community should be so vitally interested in the Hitler conquest. The world events are so closely related that any unusual disturbance even in Europe might affect our welfare and prosperity more than we know.

A WORTHY MOVEMENT.

Efforts of the Balladeers and the Carolers to create greater appreciation for music and the finer things of life and to make this section more music minded should have the whole-hearted cooperation of the public. These organizations have given their own time and money without cost to anyone outside the organizations.

Result of many week's work will be culminated in the joint concert to be given at the Arcade theater March 26th at 3:30 p. m. Show your appreciation of these organizations by your attendance.

WHO PAYS FOR HIGHWAYS?

What is probably the most complete study yet made of highway costs has recently been issued by the Association of American Railroads. But the study is not of railroad origin. It was prepared by three experts with national reputations in their field—Clifford Older, head of the Illinois State Highway Department; Charles R. Breed, head of the School of Civil Engineering of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and W. S. Downs, professor of highway engineering at the University of West Virginia.

Their study was undertaken to determine three things of vital importance to the taxpayers of America—first, the total annual cost of roads and streets; second, what part of these costs is borne by the general taxpayer and what part by motor vehicles; third, what should be the equitable division of costs between these two groups. The survey covers the 12 years from 1921 to 1932. This period was chosen because the records for years before 1921 are incomplete, and no comprehensive data is available for years following 1932.

The study goes into great detail, and includes charts, graphs, tables, etc. It seems to be as scientifically accurate as is humanly possible. And here is its startling conclusion:

During the 12-year period, the total annual cost of streets and roads was \$20,876,146,000. Of this total general taxes should have paid \$5,087,797,000 and motor vehicles should have paid \$15,788,349,000.

However, motor vehicles actually paid only \$6,031,395,000—and general taxes paid the remaining \$14,844,751,000.

In other words, over a representative 12-year period, the taxpayers subsidized motor vehicles to the tune of almost \$10,000,000,000!

Surveys made by various bodies in individual states have come to similar findings. The problem of highway costs and who should pay them, is something that hits every pocketbook and that deserves a great deal more public attention than it has received.

PAUPER HAS FORTUNE

The following news item clipped from the San Francisco News of March 1st was sent the Sentinel and was mislaid. This week we are reproducing the item for its interest locally:

Stricken with paralysis, Jorgen Jorgensen lived the last months of his life at Marin County's "poor farm," died and was buried in a pauper's grave.

"Today, somewhere, the shade of the 82-year-old clockmaker may be chuckling.

"For Jorgen Jorgensen was no pauper. He lived frugally, but tucked away in San Francisco and Marin County banks he had deposits totaling more than \$20,000.

Kept Fortune a Secret

"His real estate holdings are worth an estimated \$7,500. They

include the house in Fairfax, where he lived and where, one day last fall, neighbors found him paralyzed and helpless, surrounded by a hundred clocks which ticked away for almost a week before his plight was discovered. Only one of the timepieces was still running.

"He died early last month, without having said a word about his secret fortune.

State to Get Money

"A native of Denmark, Mr. Jorgensen left no relatives here. Search of his belongings disclosed no trace of any living kin.

"Consequently, California will spend the little fortune he amassed. It will remain open to claim for five years, thereafter will go to the state's public school fund."

Sentinel went ads pull.

High Production of Fruit and Nuts Looms In the Future Years

Prospects for improvement in the market situation for fruits and nuts grown in Oregon depend largely on improvement in consumer purchasing power, inasmuch as prospective supplies of most of these commodities will be on the increase for the next five years, barring unusually unfavorable conditions.

Such is the conclusion reached in a new situation and outlook report just issued by the extension service at Oregon State college, dealing with the outlook for tree fruits and nuts. The market outlook for this group of products is of real concern to Oregon's agriculture, the report points out, as the income from interstate and export shipments of fruit and nuts represents a rather large percentage of total sales of Oregon farm products made outside of the state. The industry also provides a considerable amount of employment, particularly during the harvesting and processing seasons.

The combined annual production of all fruits in the United States during the next five years probably will be larger than the average for the past five years, the report states. As fruit prices are rather closely related to the two factors of fruit production and consumer income, the latter will be highly important in determining prices for the next five years.

Oregon's market will also be affected by a continued rapid increase in citrus fruit production. While the civil war in Spain has given the United States orange growers some advantage on the export market, domestic outlets will continue to be the most important. Citrus fruit prices during the past year were close to a record low, and with prospects of record high production for the next five years, keen competition from this source is expected to have an unfavorable influence on prices for Oregon produced fruits.

The current report, which is available at any county agent's office, contains detailed outlook information on apples, pears, peaches, prunes, cherries, walnuts and filberts.

Lorane

A regular grange meeting was held Tuesday night at the hall. After a business session, a reading was given by Mrs. Tom Kerns and refreshments were served by Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Seales, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kerns and W. C. Singhouse. A H.E. meeting will be held this week at the hall. The refreshment committee for March 28 includes Merle Allender, Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Ashley, Mrs. Blanch Abbey and Mrs. Mary

Barker.

The Ugo Igo club met with Mrs. Gladys Perry Friday afternoon with fifteen ladies present. Officers elected for the coming six months were: President, Mrs. Mary Barker; vice president, Mrs. Zora Franklin, and secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Bertha Rulon. Mrs. Marion King read a piece on care of roses. Mrs. Candis Foster will give a flower suggestion next meeting. The afternoon was spent in quilting and sewing for the hostess. In a quiz, Mrs. Elva Ashley won first prize and Mrs. Nettie Moore, low. The next meeting will be April 7 with Mrs. Mabel Herendeen as hostess. Roll call will be answered with suggestions for eliminating pests. Surplus flower seeds will be exchanged.

A Christian Endeavor party was held at the grange hall Friday night. About fifty young people were present. After a short program and group singing games were played.

Eldon Mackey and J. T. Lorang made a business trip to eastern Oregon last week.

Mrs. W. H. Davis, Mrs. H. A. Mitchell and Mrs. E. C. Herendeen spent Thursday with Mrs. A. D. Lindsey in Eugene and helped her with a quilt.

The freshmen and seniors gave a backward party to the sophomores and juniors Wednesday night. Guests came in at the back door with their clothes on backward. The evening was spent playing games.

Mrs. Harold Swartz of Cottage Grove visited at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Catherine Davis, Thursday.

Ruby Davis and Darrol Davis who attend Oregon Normal, spent the week end at home. Adrian Dawson of O.S.C. spent the latter part of the week with relatives here. He visited Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Herendeen at Medford the first of the week. Louis Dey of OSC and Virginia Kempston of U. of O., spent the spring vacation here.

Mrs. Sid Jenkins was severely burned last week when she tripped with a pail of hot water, spilling it on herself.

Welby Schneider was injured last week when struck in the face with a pickaxe. It went through his cheek and cut his tongue.

A Red Cross first aid class was held at the high school Monday night. Fractures and artificial respiration are being studied. An advanced course is being planned following the standard course. Anyone who hasn't completed the required number of hours in the standard course may complete the course during the advanced course. Several from Silk Creek who have taken the standard course are expected to take the advanced course here.

Students who were here for the spring vacation have returned to school. Adrian Dawson and Louis Dey returned to OSC. Darrol and Ruby Davis to Oregon Normal at Monmouth and Virginia Hempston, Lillian and Mildred Schaffer to U. of O.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Circle moved to Portland Monday. The Luman Ream family have

ACCURACY IN SOCIAL SECURITY

Although the federal government now has more than 43,000,000 social security accounts under its old-age insurance system, it is possible to find any worker's name within one minute, Carl D. Monroe, Eugene manager of the social security board, said today in describing the accounting system used in keeping wage records.

Speed and accuracy have been achieved in this "biggest book-keeping job in the world" through the use of a highly developed accounting procedure, Monroe explained. These methods of handling wage accounts he added, are now being shown at a special exhibit which opened this week at the Golden Gate International Exposition in San Francisco.

Returning from a conference of field office managers in San Francisco, Monroe said the social security board's recent report to Congress suggesting amendments to the social security act are pointed toward greater security for the family as a group.

Among other things the board has suggested a supplemental allowance to the aged dependent wife of a worker retiring in the early years of the old-age insurance system and also an allowance to younger widows with dependent children. Survivor benefits for widows and dependent children are now found in 15 of 22 foreign old-age insurance systems, Monroe said.

moved to the Perne Crow place which they recently bought.

Joseph Kempston and Raymond Woods made a business trip to Reedsport Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Zellar have moved to the Jeanette Anderson place near Lorane.

DEPARTMENT ALLOCATES PREDATORY ANIMAL FUNDS

The allocation of the \$36,000 appropriated by the recent session of the legislature to provide for state aid to counties in employing predatory animal hunters was announced this week by Dr. W. H. Lytle, chief of the animal industry division of the state department of agriculture.

Under the provisions of an official order, \$17,250 will be the maximum allotment to 15 counties for predatory animal control during 1939. Counties which will receive the aid, based on the necessity for control and eradication of predatory animals and on financial cooperation, are as follows: Baker, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Jackson, Klamath, Lake, Malheur, Marion, Morrow, Sherman, Umatilla, Walla, Wasco and Wheeler.

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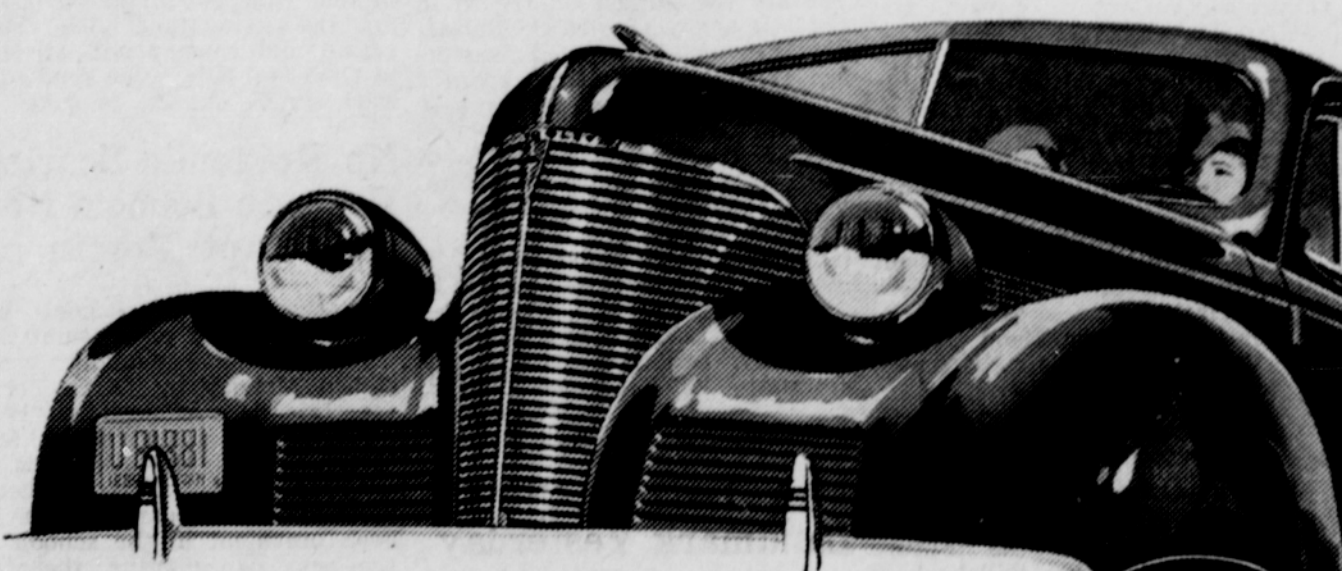
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