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IMPROVING THE TRAFFIC SITUATION
There are not many ways left to improve our traffic situation and make for safer driving until some of the main thoroughfares are made wider and this can be done by taking out the parking strip.
We thought the city had plans for making Whittaker avenue a one way street, but if there were any plans, they have not yet materialized. This would not help as much as taking the parking strip out from each side of the street. But to do this the utility lines and more particularly the line of the Postal Telegraph Company would have to be moved. It has been suggested several times that this be done, but so far as known no approach to the problem has been made.
Sixth street, another heavy traffic lane could also be improved with the removal of the parking strips. With parking permitted on both sides of the street, a main traveling road is made a one way and a dangerous one at that after dark. There has already been at least one bad accident caused from the narrow street.
Still another bad practice is permitting cars to park on the highway at the intersection of Sixth and the highway. The driver going south on 6th is under a handicap when he tries to cross the highway because his vision is obstructed.
Another hazard the 6th street driver is subjected to is the switch yard on Sixth street, which the Friendly SP railroad refuses to move under the excuse that it might inconvenience some of our business men because they would have to go a block or two out of the way to get their freight. Most railroads think enough of the territory they serve to build freight depots, but not the SP especially as long as they have no competition in this territory. Apparently it is quite an effort for the SP to even paint their fifty year old frame passenger station here.
Still another improvement would be the installation of a stop and go light at the intersection of Main and the highway or Ninth and the highway. This matter is up to the highway department and action on this is promised soon.

ANOTHER FOOLISH POLICY PERHAPS
If selling scrap iron to Japan prior to Pearl Harbor was foolish and we know now that it was, the present policy of supplying Russia with ninety-three million dollars worth of heavy equipment is just as foolish. If you keep up with current events you have probably read the controversy over the statement of the president a few weeks ago when he said he saw no reason to withhold the shipments of heavy materials to Russia.
The truth is that we are doing without many needed supplies while they are being shipped to Russia so that Russia's armament program won't suffer. The best information of the state of affairs in Russia is to the effect that the bulk of Russia's effort is being directed toward making arms.
According to information in this issue from the letter of Congressman Harris Ellsworth, we are permitting more than 3,000 Russians to visit this country while fewer than 80 Americans are permitted to visit Russia with its iron curtain.
We may have to pay for this policy later unless we mend our ways.
Superintendent and Mrs. H. B. Ferrin received a cable from their son, Captain Allan Ferrin, who is with the medical corps, saying he left Yokohama on December 4th and hopes to be home for Christmas. Captain Ferrin left the states 18 months ago for Japan and the first year was spent as quarantine officer at various ports in Japan. The past six months have been at the 155th station hospital.
Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Melvin of Lorane, route lost their home Tuesday by fire which was caused by an overheated stove. Neighbors assisted in putting out the fire but all that was saved was the washing machine and the clothes they were wearing. It was partially covered by insurance. The Melvins are living in a small building on the place until they can rebuild.
Plans by the millions were shattered when war made traveling a mere dream for the future. Such were the plans of Mr. and Mrs. Walter A. Woodward and the fulfillment of their dream started last Tuesday when they left for New York City as their first stop on a holiday. Mr. and Mrs. Woodward will be at the Plaza Hotel until the 17th of December when they will embark on the liner Queen Elizabeth for London where they will spend Christmas.

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Letters to the Editor
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Dec. 5, 1947
Dear Editor:
Some time ago you ran an article asking, "What's wrong with Cottage Grove?" To most of us "native born" or "old timers" that was quite a joke and being that we were all too busy to take a week off to write a book on the subject we let it slide.
Last evening I was sitting by my radio at peace with the world and reading my paper. I had just finished the "funnies" when I looked across the page to see what C. G. was doing. I know now how the people of Pearl Harbor must have felt when the first bomb dropped. I was stunned! There it was in big print "Council hears Guy Smith Plea." To replace such a fine man in the first place was bad enough but to do him dirt by first trying to shame him, then dismissing him, was too much.
I'm not saying a night duty job is a disgrace — far from it! But he, Smith, should have some priority after all he's done.
Guy Smith is the only man I can remember that C. G. has ever had that wouldn't let the "Stuffed Shirts" of City Hall tell him who to arrest. In fact just because a man had money in C. G. was no excuse to Guy for his son to "rule the roost" and get by with everything short of murder. He was kind and considerate to young and old alike. Many a young girl and boy he has persuaded into the straight and narrow.
If any department needs a house cleaning in C. G. why don't the council clean out the city hall? Lock stock and barrel! To me that is the "city dump" not where they throw a few papers and cans. Then, too, if our city council is the kind to wait till they can discuss a matter like the Smith case only behind his back it could stand a darned good "cleaning up" too. They sure must have a lot of "guts" to have to wait till his back was turned to stab him.
Gosh, we who were born in this "dumping grounds of Oregon" sure have a lot to be proud of! Our ancestors I'm sure, would be very proud to know that such as this is the result of all their hardships of getting to this country by covered wagon.
Mrs. Ray Weiden.

CITY BRIEFS
Mr. and Mrs. David Tomashek and family left Monday for Shawano, Wisconsin, where they will make their future home. They have resided here for the past year and a half.
Mrs. H. M. Bell and grandson, Alan Aspey, plan to leave December 20th for Pasadena, Calif., for a holiday visit with Mrs. Bell's daughter, Mrs. J. M. Cole and family.
Will Norwood, employed at Toledo as a timber cruiser spent the week end with his family here.
Mr. and Mrs. Walter A. Woodward left Tuesday for a European vacation, expecting to be abroad a month or six weeks. They went to Portland and from there will go by train overland to New York where they will board a liner for England. They plan to spend Christmas in London and the new year in Paris and will visit other places of interest before returning home.
Miss Bernice Smith returned to San Francisco, California after spending the Thanksgiving holiday with her family.
Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Markham of Lorane entertained Mr. and Mrs. Albert Adkins at dinner Friday evening. The occasion was their 40th wedding anniversary and Mrs. Markham's 74th birthday anniversary.
Glenn S. Keeney has taken over the management of the Shell Service Station at the corner of Main and highway, succeeding W. M. (Curley) Thompson, who has managed the station for the past two years. Mr. and Mrs. Keeney have recently located here.
Mrs. Lavina Rearick and Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Rearick returned last week from a motor trip through 16 states, visiting relatives in North Dakota, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and California. They had various kinds of weather from snow and cold in the Dakotas to the real summer heat in Texas and New Mexico, but none of it compared to the Willamette valley.
Leonard E. DeHaven is a new addition to the staff of the First National Bank and has been employed in the clerical department.
Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Whippes of Eugene were visiting Mr. Whippes' brother, Chas. Whippes here Tuesday.
Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hap Hayes are his parents of Los Angeles, California. Tuesday the Hayes' made a business trip to Portland.
The Rev. and Mrs. J. Hugh Peniston entertained guests Monday night at dinner, in observance of their first wedding anniversary. Guests were Miss Beverly Benton, Bob Daugherty, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Manock and Mrs. Paul Berry.
Al Shofstall and son Bob of Redmond spent the week end here and took home the remainder of their household goods. They spent Saturday night at the home of Mrs. E. C. Shay.
Mrs. Nettie Johnson returned home Wednesday from Portland where she spent the last two weeks with her son, Virgil McKibben and family.
Mr. and Mrs. Lew Markham

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have returned to Cottage Grove after an absence of six months spent near Seaside. They will locate here if they can find a home.
Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Gray spent Wednesday in Portland.
Mrs. C. V. Belknap, who has been seriously ill since October 30, at the home of her son, Ronald Gray, is reported improved in health and now able to be up and around.
Mrs. O. H. Pickens received word Tuesday of the sudden death of her brother, J. D. Baker, Lakeview, who passed away at his home following a heart attack early that morning.
Sgt. Donald W. Sullivan, son of Mrs. J. D. Sullivan, arrived in Frankfurt, Germany in November, and is stationed at Kaufueren according to word received here. He is serving a three year enlistment.
Joe Bukowski of Saskatchewan, Canada is spending a few days here visiting his brother P. S. Bukowski and family.
Guy W. Winklebeck of Byron, Wyoming is visiting his sister, Mrs. J. D. Sullivan, who he had not seen for 28 years.

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