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WE MIGHT SAVE OUR ROADS BY CUTTING SPEED Lane county residents will likely hear a great deal more about the county roads as time goes on and as the demand rises for construction of permanent type of roads, thus eventually enabling the county to spend more for road work and less for maintenance.

In connection with the repair of both highways and county roads, it has been pretty definitely established that not only will overloading cause a rapid deterioration of the roadbed, but the speed of the heavy vehicle is also an offender, which contributes as much to tearing up the road grade as overloading. At least this is the opinion of a good many people who have seen their road torn up by big speeding trucks. A good many of these people believe also that the big trucks should pay more taxes, since they are the alleged offenders so far as maintaining our roads is concerned. The taxes that trucks do pay go into the coffers of the highway department and only a small percentage is returned to the county roads where the major damage is done.

Nobody likes too much regulation, but it may come to the point where the speed of the truck will have to be governed as well as the load it carries.

The winter months of 1949 have been hard ones, the worst in several years, but it seems to us that with an increasing number of bigger trucks using the roads and highways, the problem of maintenance has grown much worse.

A POLITICAL AWAKENING PERHAPS "Historians may write that some sort of political awakening has happened to the American people in this era of grace," says Washington correspondent Holmes Alexander. "So many evidences of it cannot be put down to coincidence. The present revolt in congress against spendthrift financing and government waste has spread like a loose rumor."

There has always been an economy block in congress. Probably its best known member is Senator Byrd of Virginia, a conservative democrat. Mr. Byrd fought hard against what he considered the waste of President Roosevelt's New Deal, and he is doing the same thing in the case of President Truman's Fair Deal. His support, which has been largely made up of southern democrats and some northern republicans, has not been sufficiently large to make any particular impression in the field of legislation.

Now, however, as Mr. Alexander points out, the feeling that something must be done to curtail unnecessary federal spending is spreading. One of the most interesting examples is provided by Senator Douglas, the new senator from Illinois. Mr. Douglas was formerly a college professor and had a distinguished war record. He is a pro-Truman Democrat. His legislative views can be fairly described as left of center. He favors many of the welfare state ideas. However, he recently went firmly on record against financial waste, saying, "To be a liberal one does not have to be a wastrel." Again, he said, "Our first job is to fry the extra fat out of our departments and agencies."

It doesn't require any deep analysis to see why this attitude is gaining more adherents. Whether or not Mr. Truman's extremely costly legislative program, with its heavy emphasis on cradle-to-the-grave social security, goes through, this country is committed to enormous budgets far into the future. The cost of maintaining our growing military establishment, ERP, the North Atlantic Pact in which we are the dominant member—these and other established policies will require tens of billions of dollars. So any possible cuts in expenditures, even though they may be individually small, have assumed an increasing importance.

In the past, one difficulty in the way of economy was that no one knew how to go about it. No one had ever made a complete analytical study of the sprawling central government. That lack has now been made up through the Hoover Commission survey. This tremendous work has examined every nook and cranny of the government. It has pointed out hundreds of instances of waste, duplication, overlapping, and proposed means of eliminating them. If it is followed, billions can be saved. Judging by recent events, Congress is taking it seriously.

REBUFF TO THE BRASS Other factors entered into the action of the house of representatives in pigeonholing the bill which would have raised the pay of army and navy officers by \$400,000,000 a year. The economy block and the antimilitarists counted in the voting. But all the reports seem to agree that the control in the 277-to-163 vote was held by former service men, now in congress, who simply did not think the higher levels had it coming.

We wonder what the result would have been if, in the investigations and reports following the war, the decision had been in favor of true democratization of the services?

As matters turned out, the caste system was retained, with only token concessions. We still have all the infuriating flapdoodle introduced by Frederick the Great of Prussia. There is still some mysterious leap between the sergeant and the second lieutenant based upon necessities long since passed from history. And the high commands, in spite of their insistence upon this outmoded and bothersome system, continue to expect acceptance on their own evaluation.

The decision of congress was unfair in its essentials. We are convinced of that. There has been no proper pay adjustment within the army and navy. And which is most stupid? One thing at least is clear. The former GIs in congress, spring from the people, have sat in judgment—unfair but human.—Oregonian.

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LONDON

Bible School To Begin Monday It is to be remembered that London Church of Christ Bible school begins Monday, June 6, 9 a.m. Athelston Crowson of Roseville, Calif., teacher will speak at Sunday services, June 5 at the church and give lectures each evening at 8 p.m.

June 12, there will be all day Sunday services with Mr. Crowson speaking and a basket dinner on the church grounds at noon. Everyone is invited to come.

Children from five years thru high school age will be in attendance at the Bible school classes. Watch for the yellow grade school bus, each morning thru June 17.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Stein recently entertained company from Oroville, Calif., when Mrs. Stein's niece and husband, Mr. and Mrs. "Chuck" Buresh, newlyweds spent a week here visiting.

"Teens" Carlson of Cottage Grove spent several days last week with her aunt, Mrs. Jeanne Morton.

Mary Long surprised everyone by being able to return home from the hospital last week and is able to be up and around.

Bob Blackwell flew to Santa Rosa, Calif., in his private plane, over the week end, to be on hand to welcome a new baby son, born there May 21. This is Mr. Blackwell's fourth child, all sons. Mrs. Blackwell and sons will move here soon.

Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Clark and family, accompanied by Bill Cantwell and Margy Newton, enjoyed their first trip to the coast Saturday, picnicking on the sand at Winchester Bay.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Barke-meyer and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Easley spent a camping-fishing outing, Friday to Sunday at Tahkenitch lake, near Florence, catching a nice lot of perch.

Mr. and Mrs. Reub Heinrich moved from Cougar Bend mill, Monday to the Anderson place near covered bridge at Cougar Bend road.

Mr. and Mrs. Nash Hughes from California are here visiting Mrs. Hughes' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Abeene.

Clare Chapman of Martin Creek is in the community sheep-shearing for E. M. McEwin, Wayne Berggren and G. A. Andrews.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wood and daughter Carol are moving to Salem this week where Mr. Wood has a school in the Kaiser district there. Before leaving Tuesday evening Mr. and Mrs. Wood were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Pearl Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Prescott spent the week end at Empire, Oregon, visiting Mrs. Prescott's brother, Byer Putman, and attended a birthday celebration of a nephew, Bill Putman.

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ARE YOU HONKING YOUR HORN OR BEING HONKED AT?

A young lady stalled her car at a traffic light and couldn't get it started. She tried and tried, while behind her an impatient motorist honked his horn steadily. Finally she got out and walked back.

"I'm awfully sorry, but I can't start my car," she told the driver of the other car pleasantly. "If you will go and start it for me, I'll stay here and lean on your horn."

This little story brings home to us the attitude of so many thru-out the nation, and especially those in our own city, Cottage Grove. We are thinking primarily of the current membership drive being put on by the Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce, although it applies not only to that drive, but to many phases of "our town" life.

The Chamber of Commerce is striving mightily to maintain a self-supporting basis. It is promoting the interests directly and indirectly of each and every business person in Cottage Grove; literature describing Cottage Grove goes out every day to prospective settlers here. Word of mouth information, telephone calls, letters answering inquiries about business, employment, and residential

King Wilson is reported running a bread and pastry route up B. B. route.

4-H Mothers Club London 4-H Mothers club met May 25 at the club house with 14 members, seven children and two guests present. Mrs. Norma Patton and baby of Woodards camp, and Mrs. Lovine Miller of Springfield were the guests. A pot luck, serve yourself luncheon was held at noon.

An invitation was extended to Mrs. Anna Brown of Lynx Hollow former president, and a group from there to attend the next meeting of the club, June 8, in view of their interest in organizing a similar club in their community.

A new quilt was put in the frames, an embroidered state flower pattern, for Mrs. Emma Kelly. The day was spent quilting. Pollyanna gifts were for Mrs. Edith Gilham and Mrs. Shirley Wood.

Mr. and Mrs. "Bud" John Wood moved from Woodard's camp Saturday to Woodard's mill at Cottage Grove.

Merrymakers Meet The Merrymakers card club met May 18, with Mrs. Gladys Kelly for a luncheon, the hostess serving sandwiches, salad, pie and coffee, and an afternoon of cards with scores going to Dorothea Hess, high, Zelma Small, second, Goldie Gunn, low. Prizes were glasses in carrier sets and a vegetable chopper for low. Mrs. Kelly received the customary hostess gift of four pairs hand embroidered pillow cases.

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possibilities are all in the order of a day at the Chamber of Commerce office. You call in to inquire if the McKenzie pass is open, and how far up you can go. You drop in to ask whether selective service registering is still required, and where it is done. Strangers in town come in to find out where and when their particular lodge or young people's church group meets. Each query is answered in as much detail as possible; occasionally it means placing a long distance telephone call. And this, of course, means that there must be a means of support. This is done wholly through the membership dues paid in, and the "sad story" is in the number of our business people who "wouldn't care to join" because "What would I get out of it? Nothing."

The community supports you, doesn't it? Your mode of living may not be of untold wealth, but in most cases, you are either "getting by", living comfortably, or putting aside something for the rainy day we expect in the future. But instead of joining with us in trying to make something of the community, you sit and honk your horn, while we try to start the

car—when what is needed is your moral and financial support. May we expect some of that support, as of right now? Brighter horizons don't just happen in the life and growth of a community—they're the result of unified effort on the part of all the people.

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