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Auto Accidents Becoming Costlier

You may be a good driver, but you can not very well help yourself in paying for the other fellow's carelessness; that is unless you don't carry insurance and in that case you are running quite a financial risk. Starting January 9, most companies increased insurance rates because of an unfavorable liability experience in the state. Insurance companies say there are more cars on the road and more become involved in auto accidents.

Insurance companies say claim frequency and claim costs have continued to rise and the cost of practically everything that affects an automobile have continued upward. Prices of new automobiles are up, auto repair costs have risen and jury awards in liability cases continue to follow an upward trend, insurance companies say. Whether justifiable or not all these factors have been considered by the insurance commission in granting the raise. In granting the raise, the commission noted that one out of every six automobiles in the state was involved in some type of an accident last year.

Or more specifically there were 127,458 registered motor vehicles involved in some type of an accident last year which represents a 20 percent increase over the previous year and is largely responsible for the 15 percent insurance rates granted.

In a further study of some of the statistics we note that the suburban territory of Portland took the biggest jump which averaged $9.00 for the non-business car with no young drivers to $60.00 for the "class 2C" which were cars operated by young male owners. Lane county, outside of Eugene, went up from $5.00 to $39.00.

One of the remedies it seems to us for less accidents and lower insurance rates is more driver training and a more alert public to report infractions of safety rules. Thus, actually we could save money by reporting traffic violations in additions to lives.

The State Budget

Like everything else, government costs are rising, and it's not surprising that the state budget as submitted by Gov. Elmo Smith for the next two years is up about $38,000,000 over the present biennium budget. However the total is still about $20,000,000 short of the amount requested by the various state agencies.

While the budget will require no new taxes, it will take all of the state surplus, if no further changes are made by incoming Gov. Robt. D. Holmes. All of which means that we face still higher taxes for the future.

The high surtax on the state income will be dropped if present plans are carried through, but we will still pay a high income tax rate, which will be expected to produce about the same amount of revenue as now; that is provided we have normal business conditions.

We doubt the wisdom and propriety of the outgoing governor having too much to say about how the affairs of the state are to be run for the next two years. This, it seems to us, is a problem of the new governor and legislature.

Where Few Rule

The few who rule the soviet empire have tremendous power. Even in the Soviet Union, there are only seven million party members out of a population of 193,000,000, which puts a tremendous manpower in the hands of a few. We noted a quotation from Conger Reynolds, chief of the office of private cooperation for the U. S. government information agency.

Writing in the Public Relations Journal says the Soviet propaganda weapon is a dagger at the heart of the United States. He states:

"This propaganda apparatus is as thoroughly organized as a modern army. The command is at the very top, in the central committee of the party. It extends downward through every agency and activity of an all-powerful system —the diplomatic service, the various communist parties outside Russia proper, all media of communications, the lavish sports programs. The propaganda line is carefully tailored to fit each particular locale at which it is aimed.

"The extent of Soviet propaganda is enormous. Mr. Reynolds summarizes a study of 1955 Soviet Orbit propaganda in communications media. At the end of last year, official communist broadcasting facilities were sending 1,673 hours per week of programs to all parts of the world. The soviet press service, TASS, is the main source of news for a third of the world's population, and in 1955 it was responsible for a million words a day of communist-slanted material. Russia—not including satellites—publishes about a billion books a year—'and a book is hardly a book in Russia unless it contains some propaganda.' In 1954, nearly 30 million of these books were printed in one or another free world language, and the number constantly increases. Various Soviet periodicals are distributed widely throughout the world in many languages. Communist libraries exist in many of the world's cities. Soviet trade fairs and films serve important propaganda purposes."

"They Never Come Back to Pocatello"

So our old friend Harris Ellsworth is slated for an appointment to the U.S. Civil Service Commission in Washington, D.C. with the gracious consent of his Democratic rivals —and he will not return to Roseburg where he still has a lovely home and substantial interests.

"They Never Go Back to Pocatello"

So wrote Dick Neuberger a few years ago in one of the most amusing pieces he has ever authored—a comment on the fact that seldom does a defeated Statesman return to his home town. There are many reasons:

Public life gets into the blood. It's a "come-down" to return to private life. Federal pensions, nowadays, "ain't hay."

In fact from the day a member of Congress takes office he begins to lose contact with the state or district which elected him. Most of our congressmen and senators become absentee-citizens whose only first hand knowledge of what goes on at home is gained on quickie trips in election years.

This accounts for much stupid legislation. Kiplinger once wrote about "Pandemonium on the Patomac" as a place where "everybody wears a halo," or tries to. They never lay a halo down—Port Umpqua Courier.

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HARVEY ROAD COMES OF AGE

To the Editor:

Many years ago the people of Harvey Road District were a happy people. They spent their time feuding, courting and raising large families. Each had their own turnip patch and bear skin rug. But that was before civilization encroached on our fair acres. It was inevitable I guess that civilized culture with all its attendant evils should rub off on us, indoor plumbing, electric lights, telephone and even the durn automobile which would not run on hay.

Some of our braver sons emigrated to the town and they too brought back slick city ways and inflicted them on us. Some of us older heads fought them tooth and toenail but it was a losing battle.

Now if we have a ruckus with our neighbor no longer can we go out with a gun but instead have to go to law and before those slick city lawyers are thru we both lose. Now our offspring insist on wearing shoes even on week days when everyone knows that you can't stay healthy unless you get your toes in the dust and mud. No longer are our women folks content with a calico dress but instead have to have an ensemble, what ever that is. As a result we have to lay down our rifles and rods and get a JOB.

Now they are going to pave our beautiful dusty bumpy road and foreigners will be running up and down it night and day invading our privacy and disturbing our rest.

Oh well, we have our memories.
Your Harvey road reporter,
Cliff Roberts

Editor's Note: Cliff should not complain too much about the passing of the good old days. For it was not too long ago that he was beefing about the competition Chick Sales was giving him and it was not until Chick left the county that Cliff began to prosper.

BUTTER LOSING TO MARGARINE

To the Editor:

Thanks for the copy of your fine newspaper. I appreciate your using my letter.

I was interested in the article about the Black Butte mercury mines. When I was manager of the Eugene chamber of commerce back in 1930-33 I worked with Robert Betts, mining engineer at Eugene, who was associated with the owners of those mines, so I learned something of the properties.

I also read with interest the item about the meeting of the Lane County chamber of commerce. I recall we held a meeting in your town of this chamber at which Marshall Dana of Portland was the speaker. Marshall was running for the Democratic nomiantion for U. S. Senator and we all thought Marshall would win. But the voters didn't agree with us. I guess that was the only time Marshall ever ran for public office.

I was the first Chairman and Administrator of the Oregon Milk Control Law. I have been interested in all dairy matters since that time. I noted one store sold five pounds of margarine for 98c, which shows what the dairymen are faced with right now. We have an aggressive state dairy organization that is advertising dairy products and getting results—so they say. I didn't notice any ads for butter, cotiage cheese, cream or milk in your paper which shows that farm folks should get busy with advertisers and give their products a boost.

And I commend the Varley Rexall Store for devoting their space to expressing appreciation for the work of the mail carriers.

Sincerely yours,
Ned Harlan, partner
Riley's Store for Men
Boise, Idaho

To the Editor:

I am reasonably sure I saw a person drop a young black and white female Shepherd dog along our road recently. It was a rather pitiful sight to see this dog run and hide in the day time and then come out at night to find what ever it can to sustain life.

Two dogs to feed of our own is too many and a loose dog without a master can become a nuisance. We wondered if some of your readers would like to have this dog or know where someone would take this dog for their children. I imagine it has been a child's pet.

We adults are often cowards and instead of taking the unwanted dogs to the humane society, we dump them on the other fellow. Two little fluffy kittens were left at our gate just recently.

We hope the puppy can find a good home.

James Bridges
Phone 1168J1

Community New Years Party Greets 1957 at Dorena

By Mrs. Charles Denzer
Phone 68425

DORENA—A community New Years party was held New Years eve at the Row River Community hall. Mr. and Mrs. Frank LaBlue and Virgil Bassett, all of Cottage Grove, furnished the music for the dance.

Guests of the Henry Snauers of Mosby Creek on New Years eve for turkey dinner and cards were Messrs. and Mmes. Lee Thomason, Raymond Wicks and Tom, Roy Englund, Glen Gillespie, Ralph Plaisted and LeRoy and Mrs. George Layng, mother of Mrs. Snauer.

Mrs. Jessie Torrance of Guerneville, Calif., has been visiting for three weeks with her mother, Mrs. Eva Hatch and her sister, Mrs. Dudley VanNortwick, and family.

Mrs. Leslie Wicks spent New Years eve and New Years day with her son, Eston Wicks, and family at Cottage Grove.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Plowman of Florence attended the community New Years dance here and spent the night with Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Vaughn. On New Years day they had dinner with her sister, Mrs. Emil Smith, and family of Culp Creek.

Mrs. Wayne Clark (nee Dixie Freeman) visited for a week with Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Freeman and family. Mrs. Clark is staying at present with her folks at Gowdyville while Mr. Clark is employed in Northern California.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Vaughn and family and William Vaughn were dinner guests on New Years da yof Mr. and Mrs. Robert Vaughn of Culp Creek.

Circle Meeting Postponed

Sunshine circle meeting scheduled for January 16 has been postponed until the fourth Wednesday, January 23, at the community hall.

Scout committee meeting was held Wednesday, January 16, at the home of the Everett Howells. Hostesses for the evening were Mrs. Darrel Garoutte and Mrs. Howell.

A flue fire Wednesday, January 2, caused damage to the Leo Hart home when a hole had to be chopped thru the roof to get to smouldering embers. Some damage was done to inside walls by smoke and water. The neighbors and men with the Row River mill fire truck extinguished the blaze.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Estabrook, who have been living in their trailer on her grandmother's place, moved this week to Eugene. Mr. Estabrook is employed at the Eugene Plywood mill.

Dorena men are organizing a basketball team to play in the league sponsored by the South Lane Recreation district.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Hart and family on Sunday were a brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hart, and three children of Oakland; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Findley and three children, and Mr. and Mrs. Grover Rigsby and three children. The Findley and Rigsby families are both of Sutherlin.

With Our Armed Forces

BACKUES AT SAN DIEGO

SAN DIEGO, Calif (FHTNC)—Ermil M. Backues, radioman third class, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Sherman of BB Route, Box 188, Cottage Grove, Oreg., arrived at San Diego, Calif., last month aboard the attack aircraft carrier USS Lexington after seven months in the Far East.

The Lexington is one of the most modern aircraft carriers afloat with mirror landing system, angled flight deck, steam catapults and guided missiles.

During the cruise the ship visited Pearl Harbor, Japan, Okinawa and Hong Kong.

By Mrs. Esther Hinkle

PCS Sam Crawford, son of Mrs. Myrtle Crawford and Dale Crawford of Cottage Grove, spent the holidays at home. He left Thursday for San Diego which will now be his home port. January 5 he was placed on his fourth ship, the USS Chickasaw.

Charles Jacobson left Monday morning for San Diego after spending a month's leave here with his mother, Mrs. Rhoda Jacobson. He has just completed 18 months service with the U. S. Navy in the Far East. He will be stationed for the present at the San Diego Naval base.

"The Minute Men of today are those who can make it to the refrigerator and back with a sandwich while the commercial is on." —George Hart.

FARM and GARDEN

Hebron Grange Has Full Calendar

By Mrs. Gale Roby

HEBRON GRANGE — A 3/c Dennis Chapman visited Hebron Grange Saturday night while on furlough from the Air Force at Lowry Field, Colo. Following a two week visit home, A 3/c Chapman will return to the Colorado base for training in airplane electronics.

A by-laws committee appointed by Master Marvyn Harris at the January 5 meeting included Dale Harris, Mrs. Clare Chapman and Mrs. Fred Harris. In an agriculture report Clare Chapman told of topics of interest in the Oregon Farmer and an article about the first Oregon saw mill. The officers seating drill preceded the regular grange meeting. An officers meeting was anounced for January 12, an all day and evening meeting at the Creswell Grange. Cash awards will be given for subordinate officers attendance. A potluck evening meal for 5 p.m. will be served.

The secretary's quarterly report was read and approved. Mrs. Mildred Rohrer was reported improving at a Eugene hospital. Letters were read from members Walter Dodd in Washington, D. C., and the MacKenzies of Florence. A demit was asked by Mabel Kief. Withdrawal cards from grange membership were asked by Mr. and Mrs. Robert St. Elmo and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred White. A resignation from the office of lecturer was received from Mrs. Don Lough. First and second degree obligations were given by Master Harris for Jolene Roby. The January 5 meeting was opened with the officers seating drill.

The charter was draped for Mrs. Nora Yearous.

A book, "The Seed From the East," written by Mrs. Harry Holt was displayed and on sale for $3.50 to help finance the Korean orphan project that has already cost $80,000. Hebron Granges dues paid contest has been continued. It was voted to donate $5 to the March of Dimes.

The HEC quarterly report was read by Mrs. Fred Harris. HEC will meet January 22 at the hall for an all day planning meeting with a potluck noon meal. First grange potluck supper will be held at 6:30 p.m., January 19, at the hall.

Farm Products Sales Up in '56

Farmers have more money in their pockets this year, according to U.S. department of agriculture statisticians. And Oregon farmers are sharing in these higher incomes, reports Mrs. Elvera Horrell, extension agricultural economist at Oregon State college.

She says sales of farm products in Oregon from January through September of 1956 show an increase of 3 percent compared with the same months in 1955. Farmers took in more money from both crops and livestock, with larger marketings of both more than offsetting the lower average prices farmers received in 1956.

Nationwide, Mrs. Horrell said farm income turned up after four years of decline. The realized net income of the nation's farmers, based on the first nine months of 1956, was 4 percent above that of 1955. Mrs. Horrell thinks soil bank payments had a hand in swelling the 1956 total.

In general, the nation's farmers came up with a crop production that equalled the highs set in 1948 and 1955. And Mrs. Horrell reports this was done with the smallest total acreage in farm land in 20 years.

Spray Peaches Now

Protect your peach trees—whether in the orchard or in your own backyard—with a spray to control leaf curl, advises W. B. Parker, Lane county extension agent. Two sprays, one applied now and another in January when the buds break usually assure success.

Both sprays should be complete, reaching all parts of the tree, and if rain follows before the spray material dries on the tree, the applications must be repeated, he said. Flowering peach trees are also susceptible to peach leaf curl and should be offered the protection of the sprays, too.

Parker recommends a spray of either Bordeaux 12-12-100 or Puratized Apricultural Spray at the rate of 1 quart to 100 gallons of water. Dormant spray oil (one quart to 100 gallons of spray) makes an excellent sticker for fungicides.

Reduced measurements for spraying the backyard tree are 2 tablespoons of liquid Puratized Agricultural Spray to 3 gallons of water and 2 teaspoons of dry milk powder which serves as a sticker.

If peach blight and lecanium scale are problems, use a homemade bordeaux and dormant oil at 4 per cent strength. All spray materials are poisonous and should be stored out of reach of children and pets, Parker warned.

Spray Fruit, Nut Trees Now for Moss

If you wish to rid your fruit or nut trees of moss, spray them with bordeaux or lime sulfur during the dormant season, says County Agent W. B. Parker. For best results, the moss should be thoroughly saturated with spray applied at high pressure.

"Don't expect control the end of the first week," warned Parker. "The dead moss may persist for awhile, but gradually it will weather away."

Rates of spray to use are bordeaux 12-12-100 or lime sulfur 12 gallons to 100 gallons of spray. Fruit trees may be sprayed at any time during the dormant season; filbert trees, either during the dormant period or in the interval between the end of the catkin blooming period and the opening of leaf buds; walnuts, during the dormant period or in the early pre-bloom stage of development.

Dads Weekend Set For Feb. 8-9 at OSC

OREGON STATE COLLEGE—Dads of Oregon State college students will be honored on campus February 8 and 9 at a series of special events, combined with a look at classroom activities of their sons and daughters.

The abundance of Saturday morning classes at OSC this year will give Dads an opportunity to attend some courses if they choose. Campus tours are also slated.

Special events will include the traditional Dads weekend luncheon, performances of the famed comedy, "Life With Father," the annual sorority sing, and dinner and fireside programs at student living groups.

Athletic events will include basketball games with University of California and swimming and wrestling meets with University of Oregon.

The 45 students receiving scholarship aid from the Dads club this year will be introduced at the annual business meeting. Eight were awarded full tuition scholarships and 37 received partial tuition grants.

FARMERS TAX GUIDE AVAILABLE

Farmers needing "an assist" in figuring their 1956 federal income tax are advised to obtain a copy of the "Farmers' Tax Guide" from the Lane County Extension Service office at 1170 Pearl Street, says County Agent W. B. Parker.

"The information doesn't replace instructions you received with your return forms," he explained. "But it is a good supplementary source of information written in plain non-technical language."

Philanthrophy is almost the only virtue which is sufficiently appreciated by mankind. — Thoreau.

A Tribute -- To Our Ministers!

Each Sunday and ofttimes throughout the week, the minister of your church lifts his head in prayer and envisions the heaven of your faith. He is a patient man. He is an understanding man. He's there, your loyal friend, in sickness, sorrow. He officiates at weddings and visits the homes of parishioners. Yet with all his Biblical knowledge and his interest in his sermons, he is a man. A fine man. And he should be treated as a friend and companion, not merely as a cleric. Your minister and his church deserve all the support you can give them. Attend services regularly and be generous with your contributions.

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We Salute Our Town!

Gettys Sell Store, To Make Home In California

By Mrs. Ruby Benston
Phone 28F4

SAGINAW — Mr. and Mrs. George Getty left for California Friday for health reasons. They plan on making their future home there. They lived here for the past 13 years operating the Saginaw Cash store and where Mrs. Getty was the postmaster. At present she is on leave of absence waiting retirement from the U. S. Post Office Dept. Mr. and Mrs. Getty formerly lived at Yakima, Wash., for 15 years where they were in the shoe business. Later they moved to Eugene where they were in the Eugene Notion Co. for 15 years before moving to Saginaw.

Successor Named Soon

Mrs. Getty's successor as postmaster will be appointed in the near future. The Gettys will be missed very much in this community and are wished success and happiness in their new home.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Edwards of Creswell have bought the Getty store and home and the newcomers, with their three daughters, Barbara, 9, and the 6 year old twin girls, are welcomed to the community.

Party Given Mrs. Getty

Mrs. Luke Hindman and Mrs. Lowell Benston entertained with a handkerchief shower and farewell party for Mrs. Getty at the Hindman home Thursday evening. A gift from the Friendly Neighbors club was presented to Mrs. Getty as club mother. She also received many handkerchiefs, gifts and cards.

Refreshments were served to the following: Mmes. Getty, Yvett Dion of Eugene, Joe Kronberger, Ray Huffman, C. G. Keene, Howard Keene, William Sharon, Charles Sharon, Glen Platner, Jake Schwarzer, Tony Sells, Paul Emerson, Lowell Benston, and Luke Hindman. Those sending handkerchiefs and cards but unable to attend were: Mmes. William Purcell, Cecil Purcell, Don Wilson, Harley Williams, Kenneth Zumwalt, and Ray Huffman.

Duck Hunter Shot

Mrs. Noah Mintz received word Monday that her younger brother, Hillard Lewis, was accidentally shot in the face and stomach with a shot gun by a companion while they were duck hunting. He was taken to the hospital where he was to be operated on the next day. Hillard is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Riley Lewis, formerly of this place, but now residing at McCloud, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bash and daughter Linda have moved back to their home here after spending several months at Bridge where Mr. Bash was employed.

Rickini Lbr. Co. resumed operations Wednesday after being closed for two weeks for the holidays.

Mrs. Inez Monteith of Springfield spent one day last week with local friends.

Too Late to Classify

FOR RENT: One bedrm. house. Ph. 429J. Inquire 325 S. First. 22-2tp-23

H.C. LITTLE 5-rm. oil heater, will burn diesel, like new. 300 No. 9th. Ph. 881J. 22-1tp

FOR SALE: Kenmore gas range, $50; table and chairs, $5; daveno and rocker, $25; two 26" bicycle wheels, tires and tubes and other misc. items. 416 S. 10th, ph. 462J. 22-1tc

OAT AND RYE hay for sale. Ph. 141M, Cottage Grove eves. 22-3tc-24

RUMMAGE — Presbyterian rummage sale, Jan. 26, Grove Auto Sales bldg., 5th & Wash. 22-1tc

FOR RENT OR SALE: Modern 2-bedrm. home. Ph. 313L before 2:30 p.m. 22-tfcx

ONE BEDRM. house for rent on Thornton Lane. Wired for range and auto. washer. Ph. 730R. 22-2tp-23

FESCUE and grass baled hay for sale. 70 cents a bale. Never been rained on. Ph. 646Y. 22-1tp

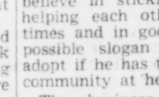
Rug Braiding Is Workshop Subject

Pass Creek Home Extension unit met at the grange hall at Curtin for a braided rug workshop January 8. Seven members were present.

Next workshop will be Tuesday, January 15, at the same place. This will begin at 10:30 a.m. and everyone attending is asked to take a sack luncheon for the noon meal. Coffee will be provided.

The workshop series includes three sessions. Those who missed the first may still benefit from the second and third meetings. Those wishing to attend are asked to refer to their news letter for other materials to take.

Mrs. Raymond Merrill and Mrs. Clark Cole, both of Drain, are project leaders.



"FEET FIRST"
By
Ed Hoover
Watch this space every week.

BUY AT HOME

During a time of a disastrous flood the newspapers were filled with stories and pictures of the calamity. Among the pictures was one that caught my attention. It was a picture of men, with rifles in hand, guarding the levee. Immediately my curiosity was aroused, as I could not understand why it was necessary to have armed guards on the levee or what these puny instruments of man could do in holding back the swollen, raging water.

Reading further, I discovered that armed guards were placed on the levee to protect them against dynamiters. It seems that when the river rises to dangerous height there have been instances when people in the neighborhood would steal over to the other side of the river from where their homes and lands were located and dynamite the levee. This would release the flood tide and decrease the danger to their own property at the cost of the destruction to their neighbor's property.

This is a terrible example of man's selfishness at its worst. Man's selfishness also will work hardship upon his friends and neighbors when he fails to patronize business and industry in his home town and for some small real or imaginary advantage takes his business out of town. Buy at home is a slogan of people who believe in sticking together and helping each other out in bad times and in good. It is the best possible slogan for everyone to adopt if he has the interest of his community at heart.

The business people of this community are helping to make it possible for everyone to buy at home and be completely satisfied. The price of their merchandise is reasonable, stock is new and selection is adequate. The businessmen are trying to give the people of this community the type of service necessary to make purchasing in this town on the same basis as it would be anywhere else, and I believe that the people of this town should demonstrate their desire to help this town progress and help the people in business here by buying at home.

Those who do their buying out of town and then wonder why they don't do as well financially themselves as they think they should, remind me of the moron who was walking awkwardly along the street hampered by a can that was several inches too long for comfort. "Why don't you cut a few inches off the bottom?" a friend suggested.

"That wouldn't help," replied the moron. "It's the upper end that's too high." The person who thinks that he will get along better by trading in another town is like the moron who used his cane awkwardly and couldn't understand how it would benefit him to cut off the bottom when the top was too long. A little intelligent reasoning should convince everyone that the smart thing to do to help himself is first to help other people who live in this same city.

Hoover's Shoe Store
532 Main St.
Cottage Grove, Oregon

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