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**WHAT SHOULD BE DONE ABOUT OUR HIGHWAYS**

The Brookings-Harbor area is truly a garden spot. Certainly no other place in this great sovereign state of Oregon has acacia trees blooming in January and February, and no other place in Oregon can boast of fields of daffodils at this time of year. Everything grows and flourishes so luxuriantly in our mild climate, and our scenery is unexcelled anywhere. The Oregon State Highway Department has just publicized our beautiful coast line with large color photos in the leading national magazines, but what this department has failed to do is furnish us with an adequate highway so that visitors may travel here in comfort to enjoy our gorgeous scenery and recreations.

This area is the southern gateway to Oregon's beautiful coastal playground, but the highways necessary to travel to reach this lovely garden spot are so winding, and at this time of year in such deplorable condition, that we hesitate to invite guests to visit our section of the state. This community should make a united effort to get our state highway department to do something about the wretched condition of the highways into Brookings and Harbor. We seem to be the forgotten people, and it is high time that something was done to get action toward a good highway to this area from the Rogue river valley. There should be some cooperative movement between the Chambers of Commerce at Grants Pass, Medford and Ashland with our own Chamber of Commerce. Going to the state highway engineer, to the highway committees of the legislature, and right now while the 1953 legislature is in session, also bring our condition to the attention of the governor. In general, really make a good big noise so that the rest of the state knows that we are here, and that we want to develop our resources, but must have a good highway into this area in order to do it. We all know the old saying, "it's the squeaky wheel that gets the grease"—let's all start squeaking good and loud so that we will get the attention we need in the Brookings-Harbor area.

E. L. MORTON

**For What It's Worth**

By CLIFFORD P. ROWE

I am always open to advice, very seldom refusing to listen; but the other day a suggestion was given that really set me back on my heels

A very good friend, or at least I had always considered him as such, hinted that I should put



something on my thinning thatch to disguise the fact that it was turning gray. The dear fellow seemed to be under the impression that gray hair was a sure sign that one was not long for this world and that if those

with whom he associated ever became aware of the situation, the unlucky individual would be stashed away in a closet somewhere along with other items that had outlived their usefulness.

I informed him that the color of my hair was the least of my worries, and that if those who knew me weren't aware of the fact that with each passing month I was growing older, they were hardly worthy of the bother involved in dipping my head in a dye vat. In fact, I have always had the notion that a person grows old all over and not just on top of his head.

For example, I met a woman on the street the other day with purple hair. Now maybe purple is a sign of youth; it wasn't in my younger days but then times are changing I suppose. At any rate, if that was her game, she had missed fire completely because while she had certainly camouflaged her hair, that which remained unretouched offered evidence enough to nullify all her efforts topside.

No, I am not a bit ashamed of the fact that snow is beginning to fall on the roof; my principal concern is that the fire continue to burn within.

When I quit looking forward with anticipation to the events of tomorrow and to those of the coming years and when I begin harping about the good old days of my youth and how the present generation is going to the doys, then and only then will I become worried for fear that my acquaintances will catch on that I am getting older.

**LOCAL NEWS**

Mrs. Dolly Cox of Klamath Falls, who has been visiting Eva Lea Long the past two weeks, returned to her home during the weekend.

Mrs. F. N. Lygart left Saturday for Sacramento to be in the home of her daughter when she comes home from the hospital with her new baby.

Peggy Gould is at home this week fighting a bout with a flu "bug."

**Letter From Washington**

By

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NOW THE whole world knows what the new Eisenhower administration stands for. We also know exactly what is to be done about a number of important things. You have probably read complete reports of the President's "State of the Union" speech to Congress. You have doubtless heard and read much comment about it. I think, however, that the speech was of such extreme importance, especially with respect to foreign policy that I shall mention a few of the more significant points of it.

The President said: "We have learned that the free world cannot indefinitely remain in a posture of paralyzed tension, leaving forever to the aggressor the choice of time and place and means to cause the greatest hurt to us at least cost to himself." He then stated six points around which a well-defined and understandable foreign policy is being built. Some will say that there is little or nothing new or different in his foreign policy statement. To me, however, it is new and wonderful not merely because of the words in the statement but because I believe—yes, I know—that the words mean what they say. Their intent WILL be carried out.

We have heard lip-service to the idea of cooperation between the President and Congress on foreign problems before, but it has not happened. The Truman administration talked of having a bi-partisan foreign policy but seldom permitted bipartisanship.

We have heard before that our policy of opposing communist aggression was world-wide; however, we saw one policy developed in Europe but almost the exact opposite approach in Asia.

We developed the "Marshall Plan" which was specifically designed to help Europe help itself, but we have been too timid to remind the European countries of

We made some secret agreements, denied at first that we had and later admitted making "a few." From there on out there will be none.

Yes, there is some similarity between what was supposed to be our foreign policy in the past and what President Eisenhower outlined. Possibly the greatest difference is that now the principles stated will be carried out.

The most dynamic, if not the most startling, part of the President's message was his statement that the U. S. Seventh Fleet would no longer be used to protect Communist China from the Central government forces on Formosa. That is specifically a new policy in action. After I listened to the speech I came back to my office and looked up the paragraph I wrote in my weekly letter a few days after the order was issued to the fleet. In that letter I said: "One thing about our new Asiatic policy troubles me. I think we are making another grave error. On the Korean peninsula it is our policy to help drive the Communist troops back and regain territory they have taken by force. But, at the same time, we are sending the U. S. Seventh Fleet

**Keep To Right When Driving**

Drivers who cling to the inside lane of a four-lane highway violate an important traffic law as well as fray the tempers of motorists following behind, the state traffic safety division pointed out today.

Oregon law requires drivers to keep well to the right hand side of the roadway, except when passing or preparing to turn left. On four-lane highways, the lane closest to the centerline is intended to permit overtaking traffic to pass easily and safely, the division said.

Slow moving vehicles which stay in the inside lane impede traffic flow and force faster vehicles to change lanes. This can be a tricky maneuver leading to serious trouble when impatience over-rides natural caution, safety officials reminded.

The division said 3,724 accidents in which one vehicle sideswiped another while overtaking

to Formosa to PREVENT the Chinese Nationalist government from fighting to regain territory taken by the Communists by force. "The Seventh Fleet will see that this is done," said President Truman! It seems to me the people of Asia are going to be completely bewildered by this contradictory action on our part."

I certainly have made no pretense at being an expert on foreign affairs. The point is that even a novice could see that there was something very wrong in that 1950 policy which has been so costly to us since.

were reported during the first six months of 1952.

It is legal to pass on the right while on a four-lane roadway, the division said, provided you don't exceed the speed designated for the area while so passing.

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