

State President Visits Auxiliary

State President Extene Humble was speaker at the special meeting of the Lions Auxiliary Friday evening, January 29, at the Chetco Inn.

Mrs. Humble spoke to the members about the work being done by the Lions Auxiliary of Oregon at the State School for the Blind, which is their project for

this year.

Accompanying Mrs. Humble to Brookings was Faith Thompson, fourth state vice president from District E, and Mrs. Olive Elliott, state hospitality chairman.

Hostesses for the meeting were Jessica Chaney, Rachael Young.

The next meeting will be February 17 at the Chetco Inn. All wives of Lions Club members are eligible to join, and are cordially invited to attend.

Oregon Roads Will Have White Line For Center Mark

(Contributed)

The Federal government, either in whole or in part, supports many Oregon highways. For those highways, to which it contributes, the Federal government has set up a uniform system of highway markings to be followed throughout the country.

The system calls for, among other things, a white painted line down the middle of the highway, with parallel yellow markings alongside the white center line whenever automobiles are limited in crossing the center line.

The Federal innovation shall, naturally, put an end to a long cherished institution—the orange center line down the middle of Oregon highways. Lo, through these many years sturdy Oregonians have battled to maintain this orange center line. Other states painted their center line white—but not Oregon. When Oregon made up its mind, sir, it made up its mind and stuck to it, come hell or high water.

While it is true "that the hand which rocks the cradle rules the world," there is also an element of veracity in the suggestion that the hand that holds the cash will also do some ruling.

So, in the next year or two, we shall observe our orange center line change its color to white and our rugged individualism shall be assuaged, and our injured feelings soothed by a tidy sum of dollars which shall flow from Washington to Salem.

We shall reconcile ourselves to this Federal largesse. We have, in the past twenty years, reconciled ourselves to, and have accepted many a dole and contribution from out of the Federal treasury. In fact this has become an accepted practice.

We have come to the point where everyone and his sister joyfully joins the game of grabbing some of the Federal folding stuff. The boys from the Pentagon, Pennsylvania avenue and the District of Columbia precincts have been given plenty of this folding stuff by their brethren who operate on Capitol Hill.

So we, out in the sticks, grab off and get back a portion of our money which we have paid, in advance, to the Federal government. But the sad part of all of this is that we must surrender some of our inherited rights whenever we nick the Federal treasury. We are being milked and then if we want some of the milk we must buy it back. We put in a dollar and get back a dime. But when we get back the dime we surrender something that is beyond price.

This condition of affairs is not new in the history of man on this earth. Many nations have fallen into this practice of taking a dollar from their peoples and giving them back a dime. Of course none of these nations or peoples are doing business now. Something seems to have happened to them.

In the face of all of this how does either a white or yellow line painted down the center of our highways affect us? Not very much. It is just another step into a future when our Federal government will tell us when to get out of bed in the morning, when we shall go to work, when we shall quit work, when we shall eat, what we shall do during our waking hours and, maybe, even go to the extent of sending us written regulations governing the subject matter of our dreams.

SEWING BEES BUSY

The Sewing Bees 4-H club spent the time following their business meeting working on the needle case which are a part of their current project.

THE CHETCO RIVER

By BOBBY WALLEN

Age 11

The Chetco river runs very fast. Especially in certain places. When you walk in it, It sometimes keeps its paces. It is awful deep. And the banks are very steep. There's a lot of fish in it; When they jump they go swish; When you cook them They make a real good dish. In winter it usually causes a flood. And covers all the roads, with mud. In the rain, it makes you quiver. But it is a real good river.

HARBINS RETURN

Mr and Mrs. Lloyd Harbin have just returned from a visit to the bay area and say, "We're just like Wilson Freeman—glad to be back."

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