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"FREEWAY" LEGISLATION NEEDED

No proposal now before the Oregon state legislature is more urgent than "the freeway bill" which bears the first indorsement of the Portland Chamber of Commerce and the Oregon Roadside Council.

A freeway is a main highway to which intersecting traffic is admitted only at safe intervals and under proper safety control.

In Oregon, it is proposed to establish freeway where main highways approach or go through major cities. The state highway department would be authorized to buy enough additional right-of-way to construct feeder lanes for local traffic at the sides of the main highway.

Previous freeway legislation has been beaten down by farmer opposition. The new bill by limiting freeways to cities and city approaches should not worry farmers.

Take a couple of local examples. The new highway between Eugene and Junction City is already cluttered with developments of many kinds where local traffic barging into the main stream of through traffic creates a hazard.

For freeways, it is necessary to buy right-of-way 180 or 200 feet wide instead of the old standard 120 (for four lanes). It costs considerable to develop the light side-roads between intersections.

What about business? It tends to group around intersections, but off the main speedways in any case. In most cities where freeways have been developed this type of development is more stable, better looking and pays a much higher return than "shoestring" development.

Oregon needs freeway legislation—and badly! In fact federal aid for arterial development in "urban areas" is virtually conditioned on it.

COLONEL ELLIOTT HAD A DOG

All the good black Republicans are gloating over the story of Col. Elliott Roosevelt and his dog, and as Ajax McGurk observes dourly, this is one of the first real "breaks" the GOP has had since "the Royal Family of Politix" took over the White House.

"The GOP ought to extend Col. Elliott an honorary membership in their party for this peerless piece of stupidity."

To be sure, President Roosevelt cannot be blamed for the foibles of his family, but in his role as Commander-in-chief he has had an opportunity to clamp down with a bit of discipline which might be good for his son and all other army and navy officers.

A sailor, homebound to the bedside of a dying father in California was cheated out of a seat in an army transport plane because a colonel was chiseling. Young Roosevelt is not the only officer who pulls rank to get a little special privilege.

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Mr. Roosevelt is missing a splendid chance to demonstrate that to the Commander-in-chief, his son (or any other officer) is just another soldier. In the service there is nothing more injurious to discipline and morale than "pulling rank."

There is nothing lacking in the courage or patriotism of any of the young Roosevelts, and we do not agree with those who

claim they have won rank or honors by "pull." Roosevelts have been pretty silly but never lacking in "guts." Knowing "regs" and the delicate position of his Old Man, Col. Elliott has been particularly silly.

"Col. Elliott had a dog. Eeyi, eeyi, oh. The bullpup gets prior-i-ty Eeyi, eeyi, oh." Etc., through endless variations! Col. Elliott's "bull mastiff" will be one of the most famous "wardogs" in history.

EUGENE'S NEW JUNIOR FIRST

Everybody in this "baliwick" will concur in the selection of Jack Danner as "Junior First Citizen." Notice we use the word "baliwick" because that covers the same idea as the overworked word "community" and it is not so pompous.

This rating is made by the venerables of the senior Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Danner has long been a leader in a wide range of civic undertakings, but he has also done an excellent job of tending to his own business while doing his share in public affairs.

In the last few years, a right remarkable program of sports and recreational activities for young (and as many of the old as want to take part) has been developed in this area and it is still spreading and growing.

Sometimes as we have viewed the "social consequences" of "Big Business" and "Big Government" with their tendencies to regiment and submerge the individual, we have made moan and wondered whence would come the supply of new and vigorous leaders to carry on the building of cities and towns.

CAN THE RUSSIANS KEEP ROLLING?

Nothing is detracted from the glory of the new Russian drive through Poland described as "greatest in history" by stating that the flat lands in Poland are made to order for it, and that the real test of its momentum may not come till it crashes into the "eastern wall" which the Germans have been strengthening for generations.

It is true that the approach to Berlin from the Russian front is much less difficult than from the west, but if the Russian drive is slowed down or checked near the old borders of Germany that is no reason for the deep dark suspicion that the Russians "do not really want to go to Berlin."

The conflict on the eastern front is approaching some of the historic battlegrounds of other wars. It is quite possible the Russians may be able to overrun East Prussia. The loss of rich industrial areas will weaken both the German war machine and the German will to fight on.

It stands to reason the Russians would like very much to be "first in Berlin." There have always been the Germans who have felt that Germany should look east to Russia and not west to France or England for friends, but most of the political strategists are probably now dodging shells at the fronts.

The German people are making a frantic stand because they have been whipped into a frenzy of fear for the consequences no matter which side penetrates to Berlin first. That is the tough nut of "psychological warfare" which both Mr. Churchill and Uncle Joe Stalin seem to be trying to crack with their appeals to Germans to give up a hopeless fight.

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The Order of the Buggy Ride is contemplating a "gridiron" for the alleged "good of the community." They should have a "pet parade" to decide whether Wayne Morse's horse or Col. Roosevelt's dog should be "beast of the year."

Mr. Roosevelt says "the first twelve years are the hardest." We think even the Republican party would agree that he has something there.

MAILBAG

EUGENE—(To the Editor)—Since I am one of those who is a "menace to society" because I use raw milk, I should appreciate an opportunity of stating my position.

Leaving out the political aspect—that compulsory pasteurization is just another step in our regimentation,—and my personal preference,—that I dislike the taste of pasteurized milk and the way it spoils instead of souring,—we come to the question of safety.

People get T. B. and other ills that come from raw milk that comes from diseased cows. It is not the milk that is the source of infection but the cows.

Personally I prefer raw milk, grade A, from cows that I believe are healthy, to pasteurized milk that may come from diseased cows but can be sold because it has been pasteurized and the germs killed.

Can every farmer who keeps a cow be compelled to pasteurize the milk his family uses? Unless this is done we shall still have people who are a "menace to society."

Instead of compelling pasteurization the State might better spend its money to search out and kill ALL DISEASED cows, even if it meant recompensing the owners for their loss. This would protect the meat handlers (about whom no one seems to care) as well as the milk consumers.

Very truly yours, Mary Elizabeth Bouck

CHRISTIAN FAITH

Come Jesus, dwell within my heart,

Be ever thou my stay and guide; I dare not trust myself alone,

My feet may wander, from thee slide,

Sometimes I fear I am not true,

And do not serve thee as I ought,

Forget the path that thou hast trod,

That leads to heaven and my God.

But when I'm in thy loving care,

My heart is happy all the day,

It was for me thou bore the cross,

Thou art the life, the truth, the way.

And so my heart gives way for thee,

Thou Jesus, Lover of My Soul,

I give my life, my soul to thee

Thou art to me my all in all.

And so dear Lord I pray forgive,

Cleanse thou my heart and make me free,

That I may love thee more and more,

And with my loved ones dwell with thee.

When I shall see those portals fair,

My heavenly Father on His throne,

I'll swell his courts with love and joy,

To know He claims me for his own.

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Eugene Credit Bureau Sold To Chain Group

Sale of the Eugene Credit Bureau to Francis Smith, of Salem, is announced today by Mr. and Mrs. Sig Seashore, who have operated this concern for many years. It was originally the L. M. Travis agency.

The Credit Bureau here will become a part of a chain of Credit Bureaus operated in more than a dozen cities of Oregon and Idaho, including Boise, Salem, Corvallis, Tillamook, Dallas, McMinnville, Forest Grove, Hillsboro and Pendleton.

Smith announces that the Eugene office will be in charge of Miss Helen Livingston as manager. Seashore has been employed in railroad work since early in the war.

Eugene High News

Bob Moffit, senior, will be the master of ceremonies of the amateur show to be held Feb. 18. Judges will be people around town. Auditions will start Feb. 1. Those interested are to leave their names in the student body box.

A farewell dinner was given recently by the band for Kenneth Bumpus, band president, and Wayne Clark, a member of the organization, for two and a half years; both boys are going into the navy. Approximately 40 members of the band attended.

The GAA volleyball tournament will be held at the GAA.

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ments are well underway. There are two teams representing each of the three classes. The sophomores and juniors have played their tournaments and the first senior game will be played at a later date.

"Jerry Breaks a Date" will be presented by the drama class under the direction of Mrs. Ladelle Houglum, drama instructor, at a special assembly on Friday, Jan. 26. Clay Thomson has the title role. The rest of the cast includes Kenneth Kienzle, Jeanne Gibson, Dorothy Ferrill, Beverly Brown, and Douglas Bunkman. Those on production staff include: Lois Stalsberg, Dorothy Tomlin, Dorothy Miller, Neva Kuhnken, Jackie Martens, Dorothy Quam, Betty Bowen, Dean McCorkle and Bob Elspat.

The Mask and Dagger, drama club at E. H. S. selected its cast and committees for "Star Struck" at a meeting on Jan. 8. The play is to be given at an assembly Feb. 9. The cast includes: Diane Barnhart, Carolyn Strong, Janis Heisel, Linda Pedron, Shirley Hansen, Evelyn Jones and Florence Hawkinsworth. Mrs. Roger Houglum, drama instructor, is the director of the play.

Shirley Finley was elected president of the Inter Nos, the Latin club, at a social meeting Jan. 15. Mina Zebley is vice-president and Mona Rankin is secretary treasurer.

Eugene high's service club will initiate the new members at the beginning of the next semester. The policy of this club is to enlist new members in the fall, furnish work at football and basketball games and finally initiate new members on the basis of the number of times they have worked. A minimum of four participations is necessary for installation. A pot-luck is planned for the middle of February. At that time election of officers for the club will be held.

A swimming program for all boys in school is being organized by the Axemen's council for boys. Coach "Hank" Kuchera, Jim Luckey and Corky Mobley are making arrangements for the men's pool at the university. Complete plans will be announced within the next ten days.

Cottage Grove News

COTTAGE GROVE — Delmar Rearrick, GM 3-c, who has been on duty in New Guinea, is spending a 30-day leave in Cottage Grove with his mother, Mrs. Charles Rearrick.

The marriage of Miss Thresa Premazzi, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Premazzi, to J. B. Cobb, F. 1-c, on Jan. 8, at the Broderick Catholic church in California, has been announced. Mrs. Cobb is well known here, having attended Cottage Grove high school before moving to California. The bridegroom was a former Florida resident and has served 22 months overseas. They spent a few days in Cottage Grove recently and returned to Sacramento where Mrs. Cobb will make her home while her husband is on duty.

Mrs. June Johnson entertained Camella club at her home on Thursday. Following a covered dish luncheon at noon, a business meeting was held. Mrs. Mary Plunkett was elected president of the club and Mrs. Johnson secretary. It was decided to have the next meeting at the home of Mrs. Velma Forrester on Feb. 15. It will be a Valentine party and Mrs. Beryl Shattuck will furnish dessert.

Members of the Harmony circle of the Baptist church met at the church on Thursday afternoon for a work meeting. The devotions were read by Mrs. George Hardy. At the close of the afternoon, refreshments were served by Mrs.

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Hardy. The next meeting of the group will be at the home of Mrs. A. C. Spriggs.

Monday Calendar

7:15 p. m.—Boy Scout troop No. 60 will meet at the Baptist church. 7:30 p. m.—Boy Scout troop No. 1 will meet at the armory.

7:30 p. m.—The Order of the Rainbow for Girls will meet at the Masonic hall. Following a regular business meeting, a formal public installation of officers will be held.

7:30 p. m.—Carnation club will meet at the home of Mrs. Marie Hogate.

8 p. m.—The Townsend club will hold a regular weekly meeting in the Townsend hall.

12:00 noon—The chamber of commerce will meet at the Rainbow cafe.

1:30 p. m.—Justamere club will meet at the home of Mrs. Walter Hunter.

1:30 p. m.—Friendly club will meet at the home of Mrs. P. C. Christensen.

7:30 p. m.—The Research club will meet at the Cottage Grove city library.

7:30 p. m.—The farm machinery and repair club, under the supervision of H. A. Hein, will meet at

the cannery building.

7:30 p. m.—The Royal Neighbors of America will hold a regular meeting in the Eagles hall.

8:00 p. m.—The Daughters of the Union Veterans will meet in the league room of the Methodist church.

8:00 p. m.—The Moose lodge will hold a regular weekly meeting in the Petersen's hall.

VIDA ITEMS VIDA—Mr. and Mrs. Grant March, Sr., have returned after spending a week visiting with friends and relatives and attending the loggers convention at Seaside.

Several logging companies in the Vida district who are working high up, have been closed down this week because of snow. The March company and Christian

company have been closed down as not enough men from operations. Mr. and Mrs. Albertson, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kirkpatrick, are serving with the south Pacific hospital medical discharge center. Mrs. Kirkpatrick is a sister of Mrs.

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