

## Experts Study Timber Issues

### 'Unrealistic' Taxes Called Major Threat

Three experts in the fields of timber management and taxation Monday evening discussed problems of timber taxation.

The discussion, sponsored by the forestry committee of the Lane County Agricultural Council, was held in Eugene before approximately 50 foresters, farmers and lumbermen.

Speakers included Homer Lyon, reforestation director for the Oregon State Board of Forestry; Robert S. Keniston, professor of forest management at Oregon State College; and Robert Oslund, chief appraisal engineer for the Oregon State Tax Commission.

Lyon said "unrealistic" taxes are a "major threat" to the owners of forest land who are growing young trees for a future timber crop.

"It is unrealistic to tax timber more than its annual growth," he declared.

Keniston discussed certain forest tax changes proposed by a special committee of the Society of American Foresters.

These recommended changes, he said, include that immature timber (Under 80 years of age) should be treated as a crop and not taxed. The land under the timber, he said, could be taxed on its "earning power" or productive capacity, considering the land's "economic accessibility," or how far the timber is from market.

Oslund explained the workings of the state's 10-year reappraisal program and said Lane County should be reappraised by 1953 or 1959.

Oslund said timber is the "most difficult class of property to appraise." He said it is difficult determining market accessibility and when the timber is likely to be harvested.

## Driver Cited After Wreck In Springfield

Clive Conrad Tanton, 22, of 1307 Q St. Springfield, is scheduled to appear before Springfield Municipal Court Wednesday night on a charge of failing to yield right-of-way, following a Saturday accident.

His car collided with an auto driven by Florence Payne, 19, of Myrtle Creek, about 6:45 p.m. Saturday at the intersection of North 12th and East L Sts.

The collision caused an estimated \$400 damage to the Payne auto and about \$100 damage to Tanton's car.

A few minutes later, another accident at the intersection of North 4th and B Sts. in Springfield caused an estimated \$650 damage to 2 other autos.

Drivers were John Andrew Harrison, 45 of 4020 E. 19th Ave., Eugene, and Charles Aldon Phelps Jr., 46, of 426 W. 2nd St., Springfield.

Phelps told police that Harrison slowed down at the intersection as though he intended to stop or make a turn, then started across the intersection. The cars collided. No citations were issued.



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**HELPING HAND**—Drain Community is pitching in to make its own "doorstep" Heart Fund campaign on behalf of Gary Winslow a success. Gary, 13, has been confined to a wheelchair since birth with leakage of the heart and his friends and neighbors are working hard to raise \$1,500 to help defray costs of a trip to Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., for badly needed remedial surgery.

## Teacher Pay Plans Studied

Discussion of teachers' salaries for the coming school year continued Monday night at a meeting of the Springfield School Board and its 5-member budget committee.

The group examined several sample schedules prepared by Supt. Eugene Silke and compared them with the schedule that has been approved for next year in Eugene. Silke said the proposed Springfield schedules would tend to bring the system's pay scale in line with the Eugene schedule although there would be some individual differences in teachers' salaries.

Purchase of athletic equipment for 8th and 9th grade students in the city's 2 junior high schools was approved by the budget group. Problems of hiring additional teachers for the next school year were also discussed during the meeting.

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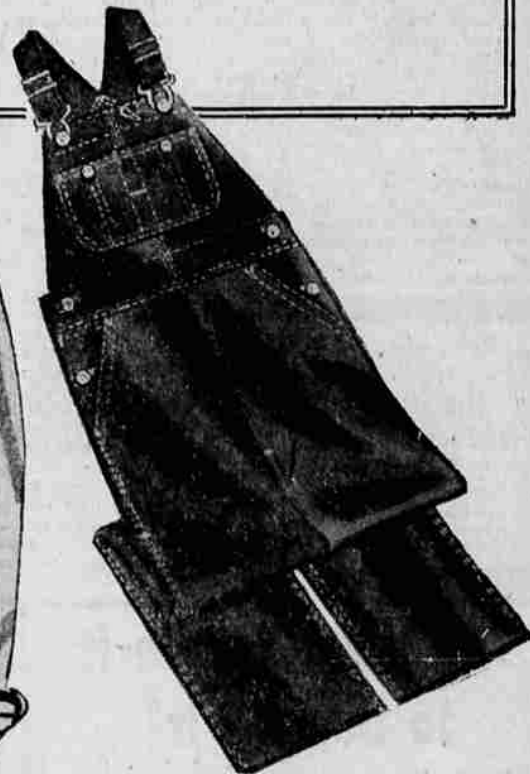
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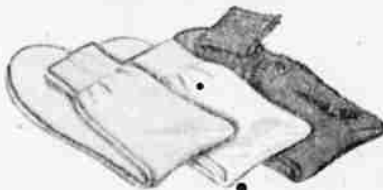
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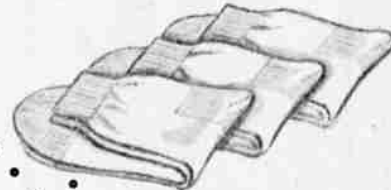
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