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Copco Pays Large State and County Tax

The 1940 Oregon state and county taxes amounting to \$387,205.63 have just been paid by The California Oregon Power Company, according to an announcement by Hance H. Cleland, President of the Company. This sum takes into consideration the 3 per cent discount for prompt

payment, amounting to \$11,946.51. Of this substantial state and county tax bill, \$131,369.01 went to Jackson county, it was announced. The total amount of the Copco taxes in this state show an increase of 6.72 per cent over the amount of the 1939 taxes paid last year, officials said.

Including Federal and all types of taxes, The California Oregon Power Company is paying this year a sum in excess of three quarters of a million dollars.

Copco's construction program for 1940, with budgeted expenditures of \$1,014,000, is now well underway and of this sum \$68,000 will be expended in this county, resulting in improved facilities for serving the Company's customers in this area. The 1940 program will effect the entire territory served by The California Oregon Power Company, extending 275 miles in length and 100 miles in width. This territory embraces 54 cities and communities, whose economic trend will be stimulated by the sizeable expenditures this year.

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sculpture. It is the intention of the museum to present a complete cross section of the work of artists of this state with a view not only of informing itself of the status and calibre of Oregon's artists, but also of giving the general public a comprehensive idea of what is going on in the fine arts here.

All serious Oregon artists are being invited to participate in this exhibition, and the museum is guaranteeing to hang at least one work by every artist submitting work. Painting in all mediums and sculpture are eligible, and artists may send three works in any one medium or a total of five works in several mediums. There will be no jury, but the Director of the museum, Robert Tyler Davis, has assumed sole responsibility for deciding which one, or more works by any artist will form part of the exhibition.

Another important and experimental aspect of this show is that no prizes are being offered. The false emphasis placed on works by the awarding of prizes will be avoided. Instead, the museum is guaranteeing that at least ten works from the exhibition will be sold, and has undertaken to find at least ten civic minded persons who will pledge themselves, before the works of art arrive at the museum, to buy at least one work from the final show. In this way it is hoped to instill in the general public a realization that works of art contemporaries are purchasable commodities, and make it easier for the artists of Oregon to get into contact with their potential buying public.

It is planned to open the exhibition on May 22 and show it through June. Artists' entries are due by May 15 and entry cards and sheets of conditions are available at the museum.

In announcing this new type of exhibition Mr. Davis said: "The artists as well as the public of the northwest need to get over the idea that everything good in the arts is produced east of the Rockies. We hope to reveal some first rate talent by means of this comprehensive exhibition, and to make the art loving people of this state realize that work is being produced here that ought to be in their homes."

State Motor Association Holds Annual Meeting

Means of better serving Oregon motorists during 1940 will be the prime topic for discussion when members of the Oregon State Motor Association gather in Portland on Wednesday, March 20, for the association's annual meeting, according to Dr. E. B. McDaniel, president of the association. The meeting will be held at 8:30 p.m. at the Multnomah Hotel.

"President Roosevelt has proclaimed 1940 as 'Travel America' year, and all indications are that it will be America's greatest travel year. Many resorts in the West have received their greatest advance reservations in history. The Oregon State Motor Association directors are determined to give their members the best touring service possible and we will complete plans for the year at the annual meeting," Dr. McDaniel said.

The association has just completed its most successful year in its history. Members of the association will elect new directors for those whose terms expire in 1940. The nominating committee has placed the names of E. B. McDaniel, C. E. Francis, and W. R. McDonald, all of Portland, Douglas McKay, Salem; Walter Chiene, Marshfield; Clyde McKay, Bend; and W. C. Perkins of LaGrande, on the ballot.

Most Vehicle - Pedestrian Accidents In Cities

While 72 per cent of February's traffic fatalities involving only motor vehicles occurred on rural highways, 80 per cent of the vehicle-pedestrian fatalities occurred in cities, figures compiled by Earl Snell, secretary of state showed.

Out of 11 vehicle accidents which resulted in 14 deaths during the month, only four were within city areas, the rest occurring on highways and county roads outside metropolitan areas. Three of the vehicle accidents took two lives each, two of these occurring within city limits.

There were 15 pedestrians killed in vehicle-pedestrian accidents, all but three of these crashes occurring in cities. The pedestrian fatalities amounted to 53 per cent of the total traffic fatalities for the entire month.

Only one of the pedestrian accidents occurred during daylight, Snell's figures revealed. Forty per cent occurred between 6 and 7 p.m. while 60 per cent occurred between 6 and 8 p.m. The one daylight fatality occurred at 2 p.m. There were five fatal pedestrian accident between 6 and 6:30 p.m.

"In the majority of these pedestrian accidents, the persons on foot were wearing dark clothing and were struck by cars whose drivers did not see them till an instant before the impact," Snell pointed out. "If these people had been wearing or carrying something white or displaying a lighted flashlight, the drivers might have seen them in time to avoid the accidents."

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The comfort of His presence
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On the way?

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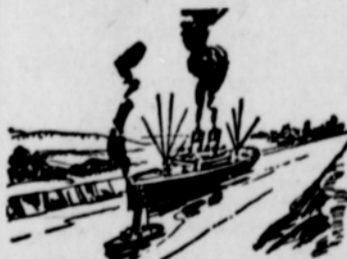
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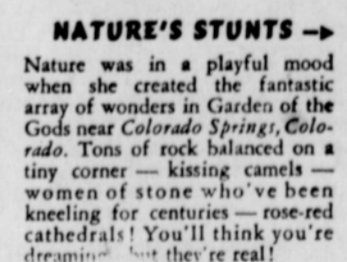
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