

Number of Registered Cars In 1940 Nears 400,000 Mark

Oregon fell just 187 short of reg-

istering 400,000 motor vehicles during the year 1940, it was revealed today by Earl Snell, secretary of state, when he announced that motor vehicle registration for the year totaled 399,813 vehicles. This was the first time in history, however, that automobile registration in this state came so near the 400,000 mark.

The 1940 registration is an increase of 24,575 vehicles, or 6.54 per cent over the total of 1939.

Fees for the 1940 totaled \$2,961,636.83, compared to \$2,738,036.33 in 1939.

There were 326,992 passenger cars registered in the state at the end of 1940, or one passenger car for every 3.3 persons living in Oregon. Only two states top Oregon in the ratio of passenger cars per person. California with a rate of 2.7, topped the nation, with Nevada second with 3.1 and Oregon third with 3.3. Lowest on the list was Arkansas with a ratio of 11.3. The ratio of all registered motor vehicles embracing passenger cars

and commercial vehicles is one vehicle for every 2.7 persons living in Oregon, one of the highest ratios in the United States. The ratio for the nation as a whole in 1939 was one vehicle for every four persons.

Registration of light delivery trucks for 1940 totaled 31,547 vehicles an increase of 8.28 per cent over 1939 while trucks totaled 38,749, an increase of 5.41 per cent.

Corresponding with the total motor vehicle registration increase of 6.54 per cent in 1940, was the increase in gasoline consumption in this state, Snell's figures disclosed. There was an increase of 7.4 per cent in the amount of gasoline consumed in the state, the gallonage for 1940 amounting to 260,121,736 compared to 241,169,975 in 1939.

In the face of this increase in vehicles and their use on the highways and streets of the state, the traffic death rate, as expressed in persons killed per 100,000,000 miles of travel, dropped from 12.3 in 1939 to 11.9 in 1940.

Britain Asks Closer Control of Medical Aid

Chairman Norman H. Davis announced that the British Ministry of Health has notified the American Red Cross that in the future all British requests for doctors, nurses, hospital supplies and surgical equipment would be referred to the American Red Cross through the British Red Cross.

The British statement was made, Mr. Davis said, in an effort to co-ordinate the relief activities and to conserve vital shipping space and priorities for the types of medical supplies most needed in Great Britain. The letter from the British Ministry of Health, submitted through the American Red Cross Committee in London, follows:

"We fully realize that the Amer-

ican Red Cross holds a predominant position in all matters affecting doctors, nurses, hospitals and medical supplies, both because of the Conventions under which it was established and because of its very widespread organization. For these reasons the Ministry proposes, in the future, to send all requests for medical and nursing personnel, hospitals and hospital equipment and medical and surgical equipment and supplies through the British Red Cross to the American Red Cross. Consequently, from this date, no requests for these kinds of aid shall be forwarded to any other American organization. Furthermore, offers of American aid which fall within the above defined limits will be referred by the Ministry through the British Red Cross to the American Red Cross for consideration and approval.

"You will, of course, appreciate that there exist current and previously accepted commitments between the Ministry and other American organizations which cannot be withdrawn. It is our intention to complete our existing commitments with these organizations insofar as they do not conflict with the above stated position.

"I am anxious further to emphasize that no request will be put forward by the Ministry that is not a request to meet a real need and to make up deficiencies whether of personnel or material which either cannot be met at all or where, as is the case of surgical instruments, production is extremely slow.

"I trust the procedure I have outlined is one that will meet with the concurrence of the American Red Cross, but I am anxious to say that a clear and simple procedure should be adopted, it would not be right that I should close this letter without expressing our most sincere and warm appreciation to the American Red Cross for the generous assistance it has afforded us in the past and for its equally generous offer to continue to help."

Mr. Davis pointed out that it has been the policy of the American Red Cross from the day war was declared to ship only those medical and surgical supplies which have been specifically requested or cleared in advance with the British Red Cross through the American Red Cross Committee in London. All such supplies have been new articles. The same applies to civilian clothing and other relief supplies for civilian victims, which the American Red Cross distributes through the Women's Voluntary Service of Great Britain.

Willamette Students Favor Aid To Great Britain

Results of the poll taken recently by the Collegian, official student publication, showed that Willamette students are in favor of conscription and in amending the Johnson act to allow loans to England, it was revealed this week. The 222 men and women who answered the poll's questions gave a variety of answers on the question of where the Republican party's weakness lies.

The poll found 42 per cent of the students in favor of the existing conscription act, while 31 per cent wished to have the act amended to require one year compulsory military training upon finishing high school. A bare 12 per cent were op-

posed to military training.

Upon the question of amending the Johnson act to grant funds to England, over half voted to amend; a third were opposed.

Regarding the question of the Republican party's weakness, an equal number of students gave "lack of touch with the common people" and "no co-ordinated program" as reasons. Nearly half held divided leadership responsible.

Many students attributed the Republican failure in the recent election to Roosevelt's control over the WPA and people of little or no income. Democratic political machines were also blamed.

Will care for sick and elderly people in my home, Clara Bartch, 251 Beatty St., Medford, Oregon.

GASOLINE STRAINER

If your car is not equipped with a gasoline strainer, it is a good plan to have one installed, according to the Emergency Road Service of the Oregon State Motor association. Numerous older models, and some of the newer low priced cars, are not equipped with a fuel strainer. This unit is inexpensive and may be

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCHES

"SPIRIT" was the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, February 9.

The Golden Text was, "If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit" (Gal. 5:25).

Among the citations which comprised the Lesson-Sermon was the following from the Bible: "God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth" (John 4:24).

The Lesson-Sermon also included the following correlative passages from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy: "Spirit being God, there is but one Spirit, for there can be but one infinite and therefore one God. There are neither spirits many nor gods many. There is no evil in Spirit, because God is Spirit. The theory, that Spirit is distinct from matter but must pass through it, or into it, to be individualized, would reduce God to dependency on matter, and establish a basis for pantheism" (p. 334).

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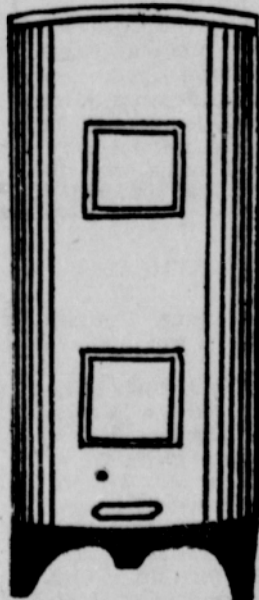
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