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Zoning Speed Upward

Appropos of the agitation for re-establishment of fixed maximum speeds for motor vehicles on Oregon roads and highways on a zone plan graduating legal limits to conform to the design, construction and traffic density of different roads, State Highway Engineer Baldock offers a constructive suggestion.

The zone plan suggested previously, which is already in use in a few states, contemplates the establishment of zones along all highways which would be marked with signs indicating the maximum speed permitted on each stretch of road. Such a plan would involve the signing of some 6000 miles of highway in the state, an expensive and time-consuming procedure.

Baldock proposes that the maximum limit be fixed at 40 miles an hour on all roads, except on such stretches as might be designated by the highway commission as being safe for higher speeds. Limits would be fixed on these selected pieces of modern highway with relation to their traffic capacity, design and construction and posted conspicuously along the roadsides. Thus would motorists be permitted to fully utilize the safety features built into modern, wide, straight, well-surfaced roads at speeds ranging up to 45, 50, 55 and 60 miles an hour.

The engineer estimates that there are not more than 2000 miles of road in Oregon, including the long, straight open stretches east of the Cascades, which can be driven safely at speeds in excess of 40 miles. The work and expense of zoning and signing would, therefore, be lessened under his plan.

Baldock also proposes that the highway commission be authorized to establish zones with maximum speeds of less than 40 miles an hour to cover especially hazardous stretches, and that a uniform state-wide limit be established for all city streets except specially designed main arteries built to speed up the movement of traffic safely. It is his idea to establish an enforceable maximum consistent with safety, but not to tempt drivers to violate the law by restricting them to unreasonable regulations on roads that are obviously safe for faster paces.

The public will respect only such laws as are reasonable, and, he argues, it is unreasonable to limit speeds on 60-mile roads to 40 or 45.

Utilizing the CCC in National Defense

Among proposals for national defense entertained at Washington is one that youths in the CCC camps have military training as part of their education. Another contemplates the permanent creation and maintenance of a large airforce by graduates of the CCC, along lines followed in Germany, where the Reich has trained youths in somewhat similar camps to build planes and care for them on the ground and in the air.

As part of the Hitler youth movement, the Germans established a four year course in air mechanics, teaching boys everything from the blacksmiths trade to skilled tool making and the use of tools to manufactured parts. Then they were assigned to manufacture and maintenance. They are well cared for and receive a little money. The supremacy of Germany in the air, which so frightened the allies, was attained by these means.

Under the plan being considered by the president, the government would set up schools beside the private aircraft plants and man them with members of the CCC who have the aptitude or desire to become aviation mechanics. The youths would be given stiff training for several years and the survivors formally graduated. They would then man the privately operated plants or be employed in the air establishments of government military forces or furnish a necessary reserve.

The plan has many advantages for it provides a useful, well-paid and nationally essential occupation in connection with national defense as well as relieves the tragedy of youth the CCC has done much to avert.

A Welcome Reform

The attempted party purge and the election returns following evidently had their effect, for President Roosevelt is reported to have forbidden administrative departments to draft legislation for submission to congress and adopted a "definite policy" of leaving the jobs of bill drafting up to senate and house committees.

The president's forthcoming message to congress, congressional leaders have been advised, will make merely "affirmative suggestions" for legislation, recommending only broad principles at this session and let congress work out the details.

This is a departure from methods hitherto followed, of having bills drafted by Corcoran, Cohen and other members of the new deal palace janizaries, whose aim is to "remake the government," and presented congress without consultation with leaders with must orders to pass. Those high-handed tactics breed revolt and discord and split the democratic party.

This reform constitutes a return to constitutional government and orthodox procedure and abandonment of dictatorship which will be welcome by the people as well as congress, and will make for party harmony. It will not be complete, however, unless congress reasserts its rights to control public purse strings and allocates expenditures instead of providing lump sums to be spent at whim and caprice of executives, who play politics with public funds.

Missionary Society Groups Study Book

Jefferson—A joint meeting of the two groups of the Missionary society of the Christian church was held in the church parlors with a covered dish luncheon at 1 o'clock. The study topic was taken from the study book, "The American City and Its Church." Mrs. P. R. Campbell and Mrs. Irvine Wright led the discussion.

Present were Mrs. Hugh Bilyeu, Mrs. Ernest Powell, Mrs. Robert Terhune, Mrs. Irvine Wright, Mrs.

P. R. Campbell, Mrs. Guy Aupperle, Mrs. S. A. Fesse, Mrs. Marvin Hutchings, Mrs. Sallie Tandy, Mrs. Charles Hart, Mrs. Ray Bostwick, Mrs. Lee Wells, Gwen Campbell and Mrs. John Calahan.

Pension Club Delegates
Falls City—J. A. Reiber and Dr. E. Davis have been elected delegates to attend a meeting at Month for the Age Retirement club.

Argentina's 1937 exports were 375 per cent higher than the average for the last 10 years.

A Dog's Life

By Beck



"FUNNY I CAN'T FIND ME A MASTER EVERYBODY'S BEEN SO FRIENDLY LATELY... BUT WHEN I FOLLOW 'EM HOME THEY WON'T LET ME IN."

Sips for Supper

By Don Upjohn

The shortest day of the year brought snow, rain, gale, and hail in Pasadena and sunshine to Salem.

Perhaps they'll have to change it over and call it the Snow Bowl game. But the Trojans can't be sure. Remember what Duke did to Pittsburgh in a snow storm?

The whole thing seems to be getting turned around, Iceland enjoying spring weather while folks in England are freezing and the same thing happening between Salem and Pasadena.

While everybody is getting ready for Christmas cheer the town's favorite bachelor, Frank Lynch, announced he's not going to hang up his stockings on Christmas eve. He didn't explain whether this is just a frustration complex from past Christmases or he's decided there isn't any Santa Claus.

The Oregonian the other day showed a picture of children ice skating in a Portland park. On the same page the weather report showed a minimum temperature in Portland for that day of 38 degrees above. That Bull Run water is sure easy to freeze.

Not so alone, but Salem in general, has always been more or less suspicious of some of those temperature reports which emanate from Portland. One leaves here on a balmy day and lands in Portland where the east wind feels like a sneeze off the north pole, yet the papers there report temperature readings all the way from 5 to 10 degrees higher than reported here.

Santa and the Lost Princess

The Story So Far: A one-eyed giant scooped up the queen, her soldiers, and Hulda. He makes the queen wash his dishes to teach her some manners.

Chapter 15

The Queen Learns a Lesson
"Now then," said the one-eyed giant to Hulda as he strode back into the throne room. "Where did you come from, and what is it like there?" He liked stories of other lands because he could never leave his own, since he was the only one in his kingdom who could see.

Hulda swallowed and tried to speak, but she was too frightened. The giant laughed and said, "Oh, I'm sorry. I'll sit farther back and then you won't be so afraid." He did, and Hulda described Toyland and Santa and the fairies and the ermine.

The giant listened, and then he looked around his barren throne room, and then he looked back again, and when he did there was a big tear rolling out of his one eye and right down his nose.

"Why, what's the matter?" said Hulda.
"It's just that Santa's place sounds so fine and we have such few fine things here," said the giant. "Look at this old suit of mine. It's made of sheep skins. But see how rough it is and I'm the King of Giants. I should have something fine to wear, but none of my people can see to sew."

"I can sew!"
"Sew?" said Hulda. "Why, I can sew. I'll make you a suit."
"You will?" said the giant. "But how?"
"Can anyone of your people spin woolen thread from the sheep's wool?" asked Hulda. "I have a magic needle."

"Fine," said the giant. "We have a spinning wheel and I'll set my people to work at once." So he called in several giant women and told them to spin wool thread for a suit for him. They put the big spinning wheel in the center of the floor and spun and spun until there was little hills of woolen thread all over the floor. You see they could spin, when they couldn't sew, because they could guide the spinning wheel with their fingers.

Hulda threaded the woolen thread

into her magic needle and again the needle raced back and forth just as though it knew what it was supposed to do. Pretty soon there were lovely folds of soft woolen cloth lying on the table about her, and then there was so much that it fell to the floor, and finally Hulda cried, "That's enough."

Then at Hulda's direction the giant women cut the cloth so that there was a long jacket for the giant, and a pair of knee breeches. Again Hulda sewed and after a while the suit lay finished.

But then she wrinkled her brow. The whole suit was a soft tan color, but there wasn't a stitch of trimming on it, and Hulda knew that was what the giant wanted. She looked perplexed. Then she had a strange idea. There was a shaft of sunlight falling through a high window right onto the table where she worked. It was a shining golden color with flecks of pink in it. She washed very much that she could use it for thread to weave patterns on the giant's suit. Then she thought, "Why not? It is a magic needle."

So she tried, and sure enough, long threads of sunshine separated themselves and threaded into her needle. She embroidered a rich pattern of oak leaves over the giant's jacket. His one eye glistened as he watched and when she finished he exclaimed, "I'll keep it as long as I live. It's the most beautiful suit I ever saw." He slipped on the jacket and as he turned the pattern of oak leaves sparkled. He looked quite like a King.

By that time the mean Queen and her soldiers had finished the breakfast dishes and they came upstairs dragging their tired feet. But when the Queen saw what had happened and how happy the giant looked she gasped, "Well, I declare."

The giant frowned at her, and then laughed. "Now, your Majesty, you see how this child with her kindness has accomplished more than all your soldiers. She has made me quite happy and in the morning I shall carry you back to where I found you."

The Queen looked at Hulda and then looked down as though she felt a little ashamed.

Tomorrow: Imprisoned again.

NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

Washington, Dec. 21—The Washington connections of those Musicians Coasters will be turned up by a congressional investigation next month. If not before. Anyone who can steal \$18 millions should have had one or more lobbyists, or at least know more than one congressman. In this case, the suspicion is not solely surmise. Insiders have definite information leads involving these names. Connections of two of them seem to be direct. You will be able to recognize these offhand. There may be more.

It has been an old Washington custom for lobbyists to take money from financial trimmers for "personal influence" that is never actually used. That is, some lobbyists get paid for the people they know rather than for services performed. Officials generally would like to see a certain large lobbyist exposed in this case just to break up the practice, if for no other reason.

Garner's Return
You cannot see Mr. Garner these days for the smoke from his "Texas cheroots," a strong gaseous weapon he calls a cigar, reported to be made from gunpowder and tanbark rolled in cowhide. He smokes them incessantly. Three newsmen who have tried to talk to him have been overcome, but were revived after artificial respiration by their comrades.

All they could remember of the conversation was something about two "bobcats" sold by the V. P. to Bascom Timmons, Texas newsman, and the fishing he has done; nothing at all about political shooting or fishing, or his trip to the White House.

Developments may tell more about that situation than either of the parties to it know now.

New Neutrality Act
Text of a new neutrality act which the administration is going to propose at the next session has been completed inside. Word of its completion has seeped to congress. All that is known there is that it gives full discretion to the president for applying trade embargoes. There will be trouble about it. Sen. Gerry Nye will lead the opposition.

Congressional investigators of the Tennessee Valley authority are mulling over a new idea for their coming report to congress. They may advise continuance of the existing setup with the addition of a business man to work under the "three-man board. They figure some in TVA should have some business sense. Presentation of the report will be delayed a month or two, while the investigators continue thinking.

Spending Exposure
Several high hats are going to be blown off by the forthcoming report of Acting Comptroller General Elliott to congress. His annual reports have been soft-pedaled in the past few years. They have not even been printed. This new one will expose systems in most of these spending agencies—and will be printed.

Greenbelt, the government's ideal community near here, is not getting along ideally. Farm security administration runs it, although this particular resettlement's connection with farm security is only rhetorical. FSA did not want to pay county taxes for police, fire protection, school, so it made a deal with the Prince George's county superintendent of Schools (Maryland) to hire 14 school teachers for \$28,000 a year. However, FSA is not paid up, possibly because it is not legally authorized to make such deals. The schools may be closed January 1 if something is not worked out.

FSA also has hired Greenbelt buses upon which its losses are reported to be running \$650 a month, and the comptroller general is in no mood to play Santa Claus for this either. He has turned down a FSA voucher calling for \$8,000 arrears in bus costs.

Odds and Ends
Collectanea—Labor peace is further away than ever, as far as Messrs. Lewis and Green are concerned, but government officials have received some recent evidence of working cooperation between local CIO and AFL groups out in the field. . . . One of Mrs. Perkins' lady braintrustees, Mrs. Otto Beyer, has moved into the compliance division of the wage-hour administration, crowding Deputy Administration Fletcher. . . . Treasury Assistant William H. McReynolds, a Morgenstau man, has the inside track for the permanent comptroller generalship if and when the general accounting office is revised under the new reorganization bill. . . . A Mexican resident in the U. S. has filed his name as a foreign propagandist with the state department, saying his job is to "overthrow the government of Mexico" but his application wisely omitted a return address. . . . Chairman Dies of the committee investigating un-American activities is going to ask for \$150,000 to continue his investigation, and will get no less than \$100,000, if the talk of returning congressmen is indicative



TWO DAYS OF GRACE asked Secretary of Interior Harold Ickes (shown leaving White House) when newspaper men questioned whether he'd enter the Chicago mayoralty race.

German Proposal On Jews Studied

London, Dec. 21 (AP)—George Rublee, American vice-chairman of the international refugee committee, conferred with British, French and Netherlands finance experts Tuesday on a German proposal for emigration of German Jews.

The plan was outlined in talks here by Hjalmar Schacht, president of the German Reichsbank. It met with a cold reception. Schacht's plan involved an international loan to finance the emigration and an increase in American, British and other imports from Germany. Thus, in a sense, foreign nations would pay Germany for permitting them to take care of its Jews.

Schacht's proposal is that Jews leaving Germany should receive coupons on bonds representing the wealth they leave behind. The Jews would be permitted to sell these securities outside Germany by drawing on an international loan floated for the purpose. The loan would be paid off by means of additional German exports to countries interested in the refugee problem. It was said Germany might also give poor Jews some of the money recently seized from them.

Double Trouble
Hartford, Conn.—Mrs. Bessie Mather broke an arm last winter when she fell on an icy sidewalk and she sued the city for damages. The case came up in superior court yesterday but Mrs. Mather was absent.

Her attorney said she tripped over a rug Sunday and fell, breaking the same arm.

Bad With Good
Canon City, Colo.—George E. Bayha had good luck—he won an \$800 car at a lodge drawing. Bayha had bad luck—his name was taken off the Colorado old age pension roll. With the car, his personal property exceeded the \$250 limit permitted pensioners.

Merry Christmas, but—
San Francisco—Michael O'Dea filed the same lawsuit against a bank 38 times. The 39th time, the judge said "five days for contempt."

The 40th time, the judge said "100 days for contempt."

The 41st time—yesterday—the judge said "Merry Christmas."

"But," he added, "you'll have to come back after the holidays"—to answer another contempt charge.

Sundown Stories

By Mary Graham Benson

Reindeer Express Hurries
"Keep well covered up," Willy Nilly told Sweet Face, the lamb. "It's snowing hard."

"Oh, Willy Nilly, you look almost like Santa Claus. Your whiskers are white and you'll have a white beard before you know it!"

The reindeer were hurrying more than ever. Willy Nilly had stopped to do several things before leaving, but the reindeer knew how to make up time. Willy Nilly had given them a good meal of moss before leaving and they felt as though they wanted to race against the snow and the wind.

"I'm not a bit cold, are you, Willy Nilly?" bleated Sweet Face, whose head just peeped up above the heavy robes they had over them.

"Not a bit," shouted Willy Nilly. "You don't think this storm will delay us, do you?" Sweet Face asked.

"Not when we have the Reindeer Express making time! Nothing will delay any of Santa's reindeer."

The reindeer heard what Willy Nilly said, and it seemed as though they passed great forests and meadows and villages and then wide, lonely stretches before Willy Nilly and Sweet Face could even say another word to each other.

"Baa, baa," bleated Sweet Face, "this is thrilling. I like this! I am having adventures without having to plan them for myself. I'm being taken right along."

"The reindeer express does indeed make time," agreed Willy Nilly. They passed Santa Claus on their way but he was in such a hurry getting back to the places he was going to visit that he only had time to wave his right arm and about a cheery greeting, while both teams of reindeer gave an extra jingle to their bells.

Now Sweet Face and Willy Nilly were at Santa's workshop.

Tomorrow—"The Quacko Ducks."

Reclamationists Prepare Measure

Corvallis, Dec. 21 (AP)—The Oregon reclamation congress legislative committee included an enabling act on the formation of soil conservation districts Tuesday in measures it will present at next month's legislature.

Major C. R. Moore of the army engineers reported about two million dollars had been spent for lower Columbia river flood control. The project included erection of about 190 miles of levee, 14 pumping plants and two dozen tide gates.

He predicted the next congress would provide for early work on water storage projects in the Willamette valley.

Approximately 125 farmers and other interested persons attended the two day session to discuss soil surveys, soil management, fertility, reclamation, conservation and related subjects.

The delegates received a complete chemical inventory of western Oregon soils, the first compiled, from W. L. Powers, head of the Oregon State college soils department.

Smiths Both Ill
Jefferson—Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Smith, who have both been ill with severe colds, are improving. Smith is able to be out but Mrs. Smith is still confined to the house.



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