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Early indications point to a bumper crop of candidates for the harvesting when the May primaries roll around. While only five candidates have definitely declared their intentions to run so far a number of others have publicly announced themselves as aspirants for one office or another and many more are being "promoted" in various ways.

Those who have filed formal declarations of their candidacies to date include J. W. Morton, of Hood River, who seeks the republican nomination for governor; Nicklas J. Zilstra, of Perrydale, who would like to be the democratic nominee for congress from the first district; Victor Haseen, Portland republican, who aspires to a seat in the state senate; Bayard T. Merrill, Juntura, candidate for the republican nomination for congress from the second district, and Wade Crawford, Klamath Falls democrat, who will contest Walter Pierce for his party's nomination for the congressional post.

Interest in the gubernatorial race was revived this week by apparently authentic reports that Sam Brown, the Gervais farmer, would again seek the republican nomination for governor. The same rumor, verified by Zimmerman himself, has it that if Brown does enter the race Peter Zimmerman, once an independent candidate for governor, will take the stump in Brown's behalf. Brown, it will be remembered ran second in a field of five candidates for the republican nomination for this office in 1934, his defeat at that time being largely attributable to an eleven-hour drive by party leaders in behalf of Joe Dunne in their determination to be out ahead in the race at the time.

Secretary of State Snell and State Treasurer Holman are both still among those being "prominently mentioned" as contenders in the republican gubernatorial contest but so far both have refused to commit themselves. Friends of the two, however, have indicated that they are in a receptive mood and await only a little more encouragement before making the plunge.

Day by day in every way it becomes more apparent that Governor Martin will seek another term. He is not to escape a contest in the primaries, however, if he does file. Anti-Martin democrats are determined to stop him if they can. Just who will be chosen to oppose him for the nomination has not yet developed but it is a pretty safe bet that it will be either Howard Latourette of Portland, or Dr. J. F. Hoesch, of Bend. Latourette, who is now democratic national committeeman, is understood to be willing to step aside in favor of Hoesch if the Bend legislator will agree to run. In any event an effort will be made to persuade O. Henry Oleen of Columbia county, who has already announced himself as a candidate, to withdraw from the race in order to give the left-wing candidate, who ever he may be, a clear field.

Unemployment compensation payments will not start to flow out of the Salem office before the first week in February, according to D. A. Bulmore, administrator for the unemployment compensation commission. Bulmore explained that the first two weeks waiting period would not end until January 15. Investigation of the claimant's employment record and determination of his compensation will be expedited as rapidly as possible but the extraordinary deluge of claims pouring in at the outset of the commission's experience has swamped the organization set up to administer the new insurance fund.

Governor Martin has discontinued his investigation into charges that representatives of the National Labor

Relations board unduly influenced employees of the Inman-Poulsen mill in order to swing the recent election to the CIO. Persons making the charges were unable to produce any substantiating evidence, the governor explained.

A great deal of valuable light was shed on the state school land blocking problem by F.R. Carpenter, federal grazing director, who met with the State Land board this week. A large number of educators interested in protecting the irreducible school fund and a number of eastern Oregon stockmen also attended the meeting.

The federal government, according to Carpenter, is ready and anxious to co-operate with the state in any program that the Land Board may decide upon. He recommended an experimental test of the blocking program through a year's exchange of land use before any exchange of title is made. This would give the board a chance to study the effect of such a program upon the stockmen as well as upon the school fund before any definite steps are taken.

Carpenter also called attention to the fact that Uncle Sam still owns a number of isolated tracts of 40 and 80 acres each, in various parts of the state which can be acquired by the state through exchange of its grazing lands on an acre-for-acre basis. These tracts, according to Carpenter, are much more valuable than are the grazing lands which comprise most of the state's holdings and an exchange on this basis would prove highly advantageous to the irreducible school fund.

In order to prevent "chiseling" by beneficiaries of either fund all relief rolls as well as all unemployment compensation rolls will be cleared through the state employment service, it has been announced by members of the Unemployment Compensation Commission. Any duplications found on the two rolls will be carefully investigated to prevent duplication in benefit payments.

Oregon school districts have reduced their debt load by \$4,438,313 in the past seven years, according to a report compiled by Rex Putnam, state superintendent of public instruction. At the peak in 1928-29 these school districts had \$20,495,088 in bonds outstanding. Highest point in outstanding school warrants was reached in 1936-37 when this form of indebtedness aggregated \$1,463,612. Payment of delinquent taxes has contributed largely toward reduction of the debt load. Salaries paid to teachers in the public schools of this state were \$2,500,842 less for 1936-37 than for 1929-30 but there has been a gradual increase in teachers' salaries during the past two years. Oregon teachers, however, are still receiving approximately 25 per cent less than they were in 1929-30.

Attorneys for the bank night corporation this week withdrew their suit to restrain Marion county officials from interfering with this popular theatre attraction and assured Assistant Attorney General Moody that they would advise their client to discontinue bank nights in all other Oregon counties.

Oregon patrons of horse and dog races wagered \$3,735,213 on the dogs and ponies during 1937, the lucky holders of the winning tickets drawing down an aggregate of \$3,277,502 in return. The difference of \$467,901 represents the ten per cent withheld by the promoters of the races and the 2 1/2 per cent "cut" claimed by the state for permitting the races. Bets on the Portland dog races alone amounted to \$3,582,512 while only \$93,776 was wagered on the horses at the State Fair.

The Board of Control gave its approval to plans for the new state library building this week, opening the way for the call for bids on the structure, cost of which is estimated at approximately \$739,000.

### Many Enlistments in 1937

According to the annual report of Major H. D. Bagnall, army recruiting officer for the Portland district, 323 New Post Office Building, Portland, a total of 1340 men were enlisted in the United States Army, through the Portland district recruiting offices during the calendar year 1937. The district comprises the entire state of Oregon, five southwest counties in Washington, and three northern counties in California.

The Major's report also stated that a total of \$41,183.80 was spent in the district during this time, all of which was expended within the geographic limits of the district. This figure, according to the Major, included each and every item, such as the pay of the recruiting personnel, their living allowances, mileage paid them for the use of their own cars while on recruiting duty, transportation of applicants, gasoline, oil, and other incidental expenses.

The report further states that dur-

ing the year men were sent to practically every army post on the west coast as well as to Alaska, Hawaii, Panama, the Philippine Islands, and China. Hawaii claimed the largest number. Men were accepted from many western states, however the major part of the acceptances were from the state of Oregon.

The number of rejections during the period, for various causes, ran into the hundreds, while the acceptances were of unusually fine calibre.

### Cash Dividends for Safe Driving

The careful motorist is to be financially rewarded for safe driving, according to an announcement from the National Bureau of Casualty and Surety Underwriters.

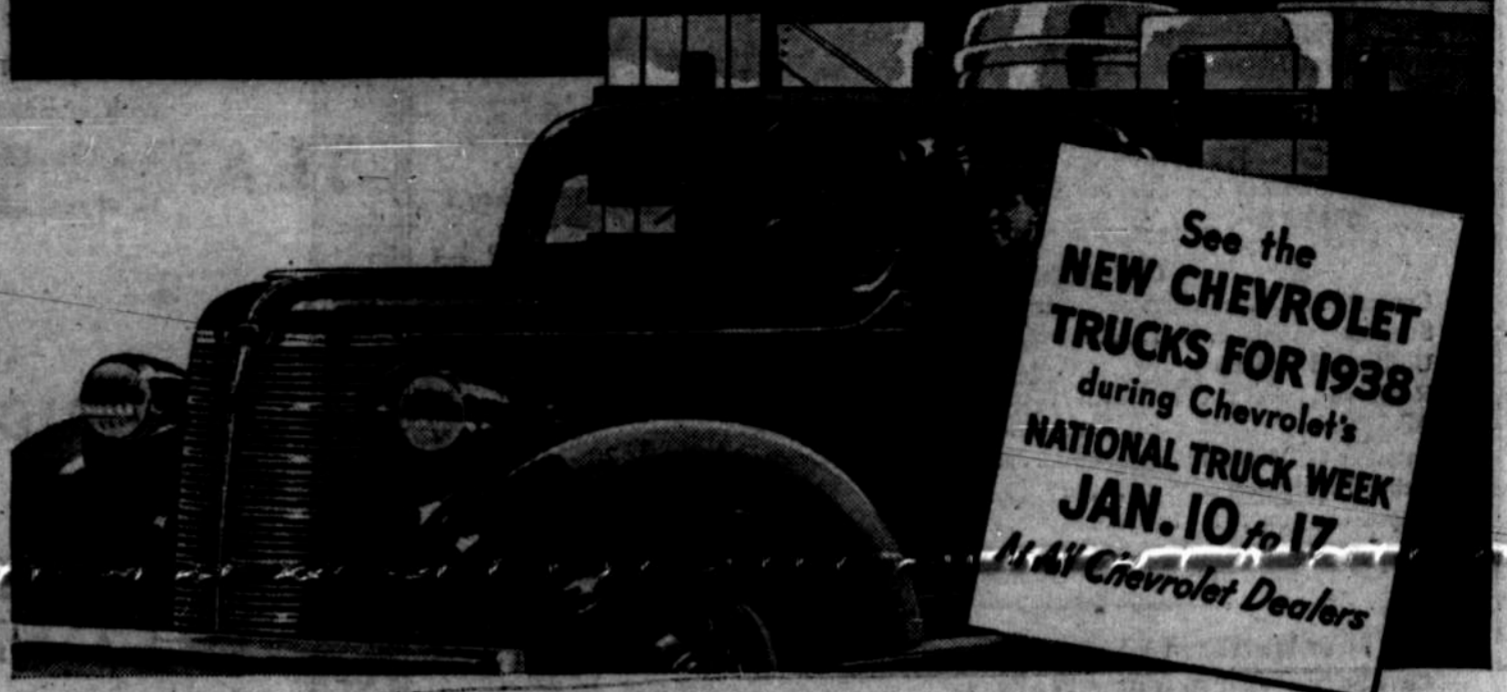
In the past, motorists have paid the same price, based upon the accident experience in the localities where they live and the type of car they drive, for Automobile Bodily Injury and Property Damage Liability Insurance. This has penalized the careful motorist—though he might operate his car year after year without a mishap, his insurance cost him as much as it did the driver who was periodically involved in accidents. Now member companies of the National Bureau have decided to write insurance on an entirely new basis.

The new basis is the "safe driver reward plan," which guarantees to automobile policy-holders a 15 per cent return of their annual premium provided no claims are brought under policies during the 12 months after the effective date of the plan. The reward will be payable thirty days after the expiration of the policy year through the agent or broker. All private automobiles covered with bodily injury and property damage insurance by the member companies will be eligible, with the exception of those which are subject to the automobile fleet plan, the experience rating plan, or some other special plan.

It will be highly interesting to watch the effects of this new plan on the accident rate. Under it, to drive safely means that you are directly putting hard cash dollars in your pocket, as well as preventing accidents.

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### MYRTLE POINT ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Quick, of Port Orford, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. D. Guerin.

Mrs. Glenn Zeller and Mrs. Cora Mulkey went to Roseburg on Wednesday, taking Mrs. Cora Zeller to her home there after a two weeks' visit with relatives in this vicinity.

Mrs. E. C. Barker visited in Coquille for a few days this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McKarrow are moving to Coos River soon, where Mr. McKarrow has employment.

Mrs. Francis Haines, oracle-elect of Pride of Oregon camp, Marshfield, accompanied Mrs. Montgomery Monday evening when the latter acted as installing officer for the local camp of Royal Neighbors.

Word has been received by friends that a brother of Mrs. L. A. LaFlamme had passed away at his home in Eureka, Calif., and that her father is in a serious condition. Mrs. LaFlamme has been in the south for some time, called there by the serious illness of her father.

The Good Cheer Circle of the Church of Christ met Wednesday for the weekly potluck dinner and quilting.

Mayor E. C. Barker underwent a minor operation at a Coquille hospital last Thursday. Mr. Barker, who received an injury to the end of his spine in a fall some time ago, is getting along nicely and was removed to his home on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Baker were business callers in Salem the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. N. G. W. Perkins called on Mr. and Mrs. George P. Topping while in Bandon on Sunday.

Wm. Jacobson, of Lakeside, and Miss Priscilla Deyoe, of Shutter's Landing, spent Saturday night at the W. W. Deyoe home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Henry and daughter, of Powers, transacted business in Myrtle Point on Thursday.

Miss Geraldine Guerin, of River-ton, was a Saturday night guest of Miss Josephine Deyoe. Her father, A. H. Guerin, came for her Sunday night.

Word has been received by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Burgess, that Jerene Burgess, who is in the tuberculosis hospital at Salem, is im-

proving very satisfactorily and will not have to submit to the usual gas treatment.

Word has been received from Mrs. F. L. Moon in a Coquille hospital that she is still very ill.

Mrs. Frank Spencer, of Reedsport, is staying a few weeks with her mother, Mrs. Katherine Arnold, who has been suffering with bronchitis.

Norman Hartley and Lela and Wayne, of Fort Jones, California, are visiting Mrs. Hartley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Nelson. Mrs. Hartley, who was not able to make the trip, spent the time with her brother, Arthur Nelson, at Sisson, Calif.

At the annual meeting of the Presbyterian Ladies Aid held at the church Wednesday afternoon, Lucy Barker was elected president, Laura Schroeder, vice president; Ada Lemmon, secretary, and Della Belloni, treasurer. After the business session refreshments were served by the hostesses, Mrs. Thos. Guerin, and Mrs. Henry Hermann.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McLaughlin, of Aberdeen, South Dakota, visited at the Frank Freeman home for several days last week.

Miss Alice Dement returned to her duties as teacher at the U. S. C. Junior College, after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Dement.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hoffman and son, Frank, returned the last of the week from San Francisco. Mrs. Paul Davis and son met them there and returned with them.

Mrs. Mary Culbertson, of Gravel Ford, called on Mrs. Hansen and Mrs. Rossow on Monday.

Waldemar Gurney has purchased the house formerly owned by P. O. Lund and is having it remodeled.

Mr. and Mrs. K. H. Hansen and Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Rossow were Sunday visitors at the Culbertson place in Gravel Ford.

F. M. Kenyon was in town from Morrison's camp on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clint Carmen, John Carmen, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Lattrell and Warren Deyoe attended the fox breeders' picnic at River-ton on Sunday.

Word has been received by Mrs. Culbertson that her grand daughter, Miss Florence Mullen, of Honolulu, Hawaii, was married on December 11 to Brenden Moyolan, a flying cadet

of that place. Postmaster Elton Schroeder announces that due to the increase in receipts of the local postoffice it will be raised from a third to a second class office.

Mrs. Elwood Boatwright and two sons, of Susanville, Calif., are visiting at the home of Mrs. Lorin Guerin.

The Thimble club met at the home of Mrs. Constance Hoffman on Thursday. Those enjoying the afternoon were Mesdames Rouw, T. Stone, R. Epperson, L. Guerin, F. Hoffman, C. Hoffman, S. Warner, Wylie, D. Drulliner, Bell, Perkins, and Boatright. The meeting was in honor of Mrs. Perkins who is moving soon to Bandon.

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