

Timely Topics

(By Representative R. T. Moore)

The people of Oregon will shortly be faced with a further reduction in gasoline rationing caused by serious shortage of transportation necessary to get gasoline from southern California to the Pacific northwest.

All pleasure driving will be practically out for the duration. Highway patrols will check on use of ration cards and will report back to the ration board so that violators will be penalized.

This condition will obtain until the synthetic rubber program gets into full operation. A good guess would be that relief would not come until mid-winter.

This situation should be anticipated by Coos county residents in the planning of daily living for the next few months. Vacation and picnic trips by auto should be minimized or eliminated entirely.

There appears to be a strong sentiment throughout the country for the elimination of the manufacture of alcoholic drinks for the duration. Congress has taken note of this trend and a couple of measures have been prepared, but not introduced.

The well known contractor, Wm. McLeod, tells this one on himself. He was crossing the Riverton ferry the other day with one of his aides and had pulled up behind a peculiar-looking army jeep which was on the ferry ahead of him.

A copy of the Congressional Record of June 4 last, was placed in my hands this week. I was interested in discussion by Senator McKellar of Tennessee regarding his bill to compel approval by the Senate of all Federal salaries in excess of \$4500 per annum.

An amusing passage in Senator McKellar's speech has regard to the Alley Dwelling Authority. The Senate, not seeing any possible use for this Bureau during the war, had thought it done away with by reducing its appropriation from the millions down to a mere twelve thousand.

The Senator was therefore astounded to find that while receiving only the \$12,000.00 the Alley Dwelling Authority was, nevertheless, able to pay eight of its employees more than \$4500.00 each per annum and the remaining 234 the normal wages and salaries being paid under Civil Service regulations.

et of the long-suffering taxpayers. To this latter we must all agree. The moral of this story is that once a Bureau is established it can never be eliminated even though its usefulness has long since departed.

It was my privilege to read a brief report from Postmaster General Walker on activities of his department during the past ten months.

It is a pleasure to note that we have one department or bureau in the government that is being run on a business-like basis. Mr. Walker has succeeded in turning a \$40 million deficit into a \$10 million surplus during his administration.

Too much credit cannot be given to this department for a mighty fine piece of work. It should serve as an example to other less efficient departments.

One of the first victims of any inflation forced by increasing food prices and increased wages will be the national Social Security program.

A major reason for the strong administrative effort to stem the inflation tide is to protect this Social Security program. The very people whom the program is designed to benefit are the ones now exerting the greatest pressure for its destruction by inflation.

An explosion in the State of Iowa is caused by the discovery that taxpayers' money was being used by the U. S. Department of Agriculture to promote the use of oleomargarine instead of butter.

But it is said that Henry Wallace is pretty good at throwing a boomerang. This one came back and hit him in the ear. It is hard to understand how such an incredible blunder was permitted to happen.

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STATE OF OREGON
County of Coos: ss.
I, L. W. Oddy, County Clerk of Coos County, Oregon, Ex-officio Clerk of the County Court of said County and State do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct statement of the amount of bills allowed on the various funds of the County as audited by the County Court of said County at the regular June, 1943, term thereof, as the same appears on the exhibits of claims and warrants in my office and custody.

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