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LETTERS to the EDITOR

To the Editor
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Dear Mr. Abernathy:

I read with interest the letter signed "loggers's wife" which appeared in last weeks issue of your paper. Altho realizing that it presented the views of one person, it occurred to me that, perhaps, other members of our community may be laboring under the same misapprehensions concerning the interest shown by the Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce in the highway construction now in progress.

Do they realize that the Valley Chamber is directly responsible for this improvement of our highway? Do they remember the work done by the Chamber last winter when the roads were closed to have them re-opened? Are they aware of the time and effort expended by members of the Illinois Valley Chamber in conjunction with the Chambers of Josephine and Jackson counties to achieve this all-weather highway? Do they appreciate the unselfish cooperation shown us by the citizens of Grants Pass, Medford, Ashland and other points, in sacrificing their own pet highway projects so that the amount of money available for highway construction this year might be spent where the need was greatest? Who directed their attention to the deplorable condition of our highway and impressed upon them the dire effects of the highway closures upon the economic life of our Valley? The Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Since our Chamber is interested in all forms of business in our community: logging, lumber, ranching, farming and tourist enterprises, they were concerned when they noted that the road construction was hurting the tourist trade and promptly they "went to bat" again. All they asked was "that everything possible be done to maintain the normal flow of traffic during the summer," for better warning signs to be posted, for sprinkling to alleviate the dust menace and for adequate lighting of danger spots at night. This can hardly be called "squawking." The construction companies were most amenable and conditions improved rapidly.

Oregon spends thousands of dollars annually to entice the tourist to our lovely state. Among "big business" in the United States, the tourist industry ranks about third. The tourist dollar is worth more than the ordinary dollar culled in trade or industry, for the tourist takes nothing with him. He asks only that he be treated courteously and hospitably and that he be allowed to enjoy our scenery and climate. In return he pours a steady stream of money into our community which benefits all of us. Every load of logs or lumber that leaves our Valley depletes our natural resources and impoverishes our heritage. The scenery and climate are none the worse for wear and will remain to give pleasure to many succeeding crops of tourists in the future.

May I suggest that a few more members of the many industries in our Valley, lumbering, logging, ranching, farming, tourist enterprises, etc., join their Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce and help build a better community for all?

This letter, too, presents the views of one person who still believes that thro' unselfish cooperation and understanding we can build a better world—starting right here—and NOW!

Yours truly,

Valeria E. Rauber
(Mrs. F. D. Rauber)

Capital Parade

BY MURRAY WADE

CRIME RECORDS

Fines assessed on violators of the state motor vehicle laws are averaging more than \$1200 a day according to the monthly report released Monday by the department of state police.

Drunken drivers accounted for \$12,554 of the \$36,835 in fines and 1155 days of the 1625 in sentences.

In the general law enforcement division fines totaling \$9,341 were imposed and sentences totaling 145 days.

Game code violators were fined \$9,126 and commercial fishing violators \$1134. There were 12,312 felonies and misdemeanors investigated in all departments.

CHANCE TO BAKE A CAKE

The nation's top cornhusker likes Oregon. Governor Val Peterson of Nebraska and Mrs. Peterson have informed Governor Douglas McKay they would spend their annual vacation in Oregon starting with the Pendleton round-up, Aug. 26th.

The vacationists will be guests of Governor and Mrs. McKay in their box at Pendleton. Governor Peterson will be introduced by Governor McKay when the former speaks at the annual Multnomah county republican picnic Sunday, the 27th.

Governor Peterson has a speaking engagement in Seattle after which he would like to spend the remainder of his vacation in Oregon if he can find "a remote and scenic spot that isn't too tough on the pocketbook."

ASSAIL REAPPORTIONMENT BILL

A suit to keep the initiative measure for reapportionment of the state legislature off the ballot at the November election, or to revise its form, was filed this week in Marion county circuit court. The law requires that such action must be brought in this court.

The action was brought by District Attorney E. O. Stadter, jr., of Marion county on behalf of Alex G. Barry, state representative of Multnomah county.

Accusations are made of "log rolling" and a "hodge-podge" proposal of "legal insufficiency." If the court should find the petitions to be legally sufficient, it asks that the ballot title be prepared so the voting will be separate on three amendments — increase of the senate from 30 to 36 members, making terms of half the senators to expire every two years, and reapportionment of the legislature.

HONORS TENDERED MacLEAN

State Tax Commissioner Robert D. MacLean this week received a letter urging that he serve as chairman of the property tax section of the National Association of Tax Administrators.

The letter came from W. G. Bonelli, Los Angeles, president of the association which maintains headquarters in Chicago. MacLean said he probably would accept.

NO STATE TAX—NOW

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OUR DEMOCRACY — by Mat

"The USED TOOL IS ALWAYS BRIGHT"

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TO KEEP A TOOL USEFUL, PARTS MUST BE REPAIRED AND REPLACED, AND PROVIDENT PEOPLE SEE TO IT THAT ALL THEIR POSSESSIONS—THEIR INSTRUMENTS OF SECURITY—GET THAT KIND OF CARE. THROUGH SAVINGS AND LIFE INSURANCE, AMERICANS MAKE UP FOR THE WEAR AND TEAR OF DAILY LIVING ON THEIR FINANCES, AND KEEP THESE INSTRUMENTS OF THEIR SECURITY ALWAYS SOUND AND BRIGHT.

LETTERS

The Boys Farm Home of Cave Junction received a wonderful 16mm movie projector with "sound" and a screen, and \$106.12 with which to buy film or rent film for visual education and entertainment. We want to thank the many people attending the dance given for the James school to provide this projector, also the people that sent in donations for it, also the American Legion of Cave Junction, the Eagles and the Elks of Grants Pass, that made the dance possible, and contributed money toward the projector. We want to thank Mr. Jack Wilson of the Redwood Cafe and Mr. "Hap" Lloyd, for the hours and hours of work they contributed toward making this projector and film money possible. Last but not least we wish to thank the people of our community for their loyal support

June 30, 1950, there was still enough receipts to make property taxes unnecessary for state purposes.

The last time Oregon had a property tax for support of state government was in 1930.

However, unless the 1951 legislature finds some new source of tax revenues, a state property tax would be due for the following fiscal year.

PRODUCE SHIPMENTS HEAVY
Oregon broke all previous records during the 1949-1950 year in shipping fresh fruits, vegetables and nuts under the federal-state shipping point inspection service.

There were 34,573 cars of perishable commodities and were certified and 427 cars of brine cherries inspected for shipment by the state department of agriculture.

UNEMPLOYMENT AT LOW EBB
Compensations paid to unemployed workers during the past month are about half of what they were a year ago and new low levels are expected to be reached within a few days.

Unemployment claims have been dropping steadily since last February.

Payrolls for the first six months of 1950 are expected to be greater than the previous high of \$453,118,979 in 1948.

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and the many acts of kindness shown our boys.
We are all sincerely grateful.
Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. James
and Boys of
Boys Farm Home
Cave Junction.

Donald F. Rauber Now Naval Reserve Officer

Donald F. Rauber of Cave Junction, Oregon is one of the 14 students first to receive Ensign commissions in the United States Naval Reserve by attending the Reserve Officer Candidate School (ROCS) here at the U.S. Naval Station in San Diego, California. He will receive his commission today, 19 August, at the final parade and ceremonies closing the school's 1950 summer session.

The Reserve Officer Candidate School program is an activity designed by the Navy to maintain a continuing flow of newly commissioned Reserve Officers in numbers sufficient to keep the Naval Reserve at authorized strength. The schools have been in existence two years. Besides the school here in San Diego, another is located at Newport, R.I. A third component is run for the Waves at Great Lakes, Illinois.

At the Reserve Officer Candidate Schools, candidates are give a six-week course of instruction in navigation, naval weapons, naval orientation, and allied naval sciences for two summers. Upon completion of the two summer courses and graduation from their respective colleges, the candidates are commissioned Ensigns in the U.S. Naval Reserve.

Donald F. Rauber was graduated in June from the College of Liberal Arts of St. Mary's College.

Life Insurance Clause Proves Wise Choice

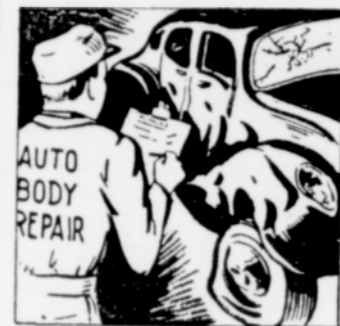
Ted Kelt, of Kelt Chevrolet Co. in Grants Pass, was in the Valley last Tuesday on a mission which he said "brightened up" his day considerably. It was his pleasure to deliver to Mrs. Harry Tresham the title and paid up contract to a Chevrolet pickup which Harry had purchased a short time prior to his recent death.

At the time of the purchase, and in the course of financing the vehicle through GMAC, Harry had prudently elected to include the optional life insurance clause in the contract. Following Harry's untimely death a few weeks ago, this clause paid the contract in full, and title was granted Mrs. Tresham without making another payment.

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