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## EDITORIALS

### IF YOUR JOB WAS AS STAKE

The private automobile driver has much to learn, so far as safety is concerned, from the operator of commercial vehicles.

From 1927 to 1934, the number of passenger cars registered increased 7 1/2 per cent—while the number of such cars involved in fatal accidents rose 55 per cent.

In contrast, during the same period the number of trucks in use increased 11 per cent—while the number involved in fatal accidents rose only 5 per cent. Similar favorable records were made by buses and taxicabs.

The private driver is his own boss. He can take chances, get in accidents, and be as reckless and incompetent as he pleases without losing his "job"—unless the authorities step in. The commercial operator has to drive safely—or look for another calling. The reckless and incapable driver lasts about as long with a commercial vehicle concern as does a snowball in Hades—and the accident figures reflect that situation accurately.

If every driver adopted the attitude that his job and his livelihood depended upon his being safe and competent the accident toll would go into a tail spin at once. As a matter of fact, he has something even more vital at stake whenever he takes the wheel—his life, and the lives of others. Thirty-five thousand people died unnecessarily last year because of recklessly or incompetently automobiles. Will that happen again?

### "PREMATURE BIRTH"

In a recent address, F. W. Peck, Cooperative Bank Commissioner, observed that not all farm cooperatives live to a ripe and successful old age.

Some of them suffer from "premature birth"—caused by over-confidence, inadequate capital, failure to fill a real need of producers, poor market connections, lack of understanding of successful business methods, and a weakness for making great promises that cannot be fulfilled. These cooperatives die young.

This simply emphasizes a fact that should be more widely known—that cooperative marketing isn't a form of magic. You can organize a so-called co-op, but unless it rests on a sound basis, you can't make it work to advantage.

The cooperatives which have really done things for farmers have all been organized on sound, realistic business principles. They have had competent executives to run their affairs. They have had sufficient financing. And they have come into being because of a definite need for their services.

Good cooperatives mean eventual prosperity for the farmer—stable and permanent prosperity. Poor cooperatives work against the very ends they espouse.

### THE HOLE IN YOUR POCKET

Press dispatches from Washington state that in the last twelve months \$7,375,000,000 has been spent, which, with the \$7,100,000,000 that was spent the preceding year, makes a total peacetime record spending of \$14,475,000,000 for the past two years. Money has been spent twice as fast as it has been collected from the taxpayers. But all the spendings and all the borrowed money must eventually be extracted from the taxpayers' pockets.

At the end of the new fiscal year, it is estimated the national debt will be approximately \$35,000,000,000 or a per capita debt of \$270 on every man, woman and child in the country.

These figures are so staggering in size that one cannot grasp them. But the individual tax bills of various kinds that will soon be coming due, can be readily understood by every taxpayer whose pockets will be emptied in order to pay them.

Colonel Robinson, of the Yakima, Washington, Republic, in answering a "reactionary" citizen who asserted that taxpayers should have a voice in how their money is spent and that it should be spent as economically as possible, said:

"The idea that tax money should

be spent economically is just as far out of date as the other. If tax money were spent economically, there wouldn't be more than half of it spent, and that fact alone is sufficient to condemn the idea. The prevailing thought is to spend public funds uneconomically, so that more funds can be raised and spent, thus putting more money into circulation and increasing the purchasing power of the people."

Sarcastic as is this paragraph of the Colonel's it states a distressingly plain truth. Its lucidity is positively flawless. Some day the people will wake up to the fact that they pay the bill for all the "political presents" that are given to them.

### A DEPRESSION MEASURE

The constitutional rights of citizens prohibiting the taking of property without due process of law are brushed aside as lightly as though the Constitution did not exist," by the Public Utility Act of 1935 (the Wheeler-Rayburn Bill).

That is the opinion of four United States Senators, all members of the Interstate Commerce Committee. These Senators have issued a minority report opposing the passage of the act in answer to the majority report of the Committee, which favored its passage. The four dissenters are Senators Hasting, Metcalf, White and Davis.

In the minority report the Senators point out that the rights of the states are invaded in an unprecedented manner, and that the provisions of the Tenth Amendment of the Constitution are so completely ignored that one might well conclude the State lines and State governments have been eliminated. Anyone who thinks that is an exaggeration would do well to read the bill. Under its various provisions, the State Regulatory Commissions, which now govern utilities, would be supplanted in every important particular by a federal commission with practically unlimited powers—powers which involve those of management, as well as regulation.

Advocates of the bill argue that strong medicine is necessary if the public is to be protected from the alleged abuses of holding companies particularly in issuing and selling securities. The four senators flatly dispute that, and point to the already operative Security Act and Stock Exchange Act. Both these acts adequately protect the investor in utility as well as all other securities. In the words of Senator Hastings, "There appears to be no good reason why a special act should be passed that applies to one particular class of securities."

It is also claimed that the Act is a "recovery measure"—and here again the four Senators take issue. They point out that threatened anti-trust legislation, plus an aggressive political campaign against them, has depreciated utility common stocks alone to the tune of 3 billion dollars. If that is the way to achieve recovery, the world is mad indeed.

The minority report likewise points out that the utility industry spent an average of \$930,000,000 a year from 1922 to 1927 for new plant facilities, and an average of \$649,000,000 a year for the ensuing five years. Between 1922 and 1934 customers served increased from 583,000 to nearly 25,000,000. The proposed Act would not only nullify these achievements, but would act as a great barrier to future progress within the industry. If the industry were politically controlled and made a plaything of bureaucracy, as the Act provides, what investor would risk his money in it?

The new minority report is simply one more document to add to the wealth of opposition to the Act—opposition which has come from industrialists outside the utilities from state regulatory commissioners

from newspapers of all political affiliations, from public officials and finally, from millions of ordinary citizens. The Public Utility Act of 1935, far from being a recovery measure, is a depression measure.

## Beagle

Miss Elva Adams entertained the Pleasant Hour Club Wednesday afternoon. Sewing, guessing games and stunts were enjoyed. Those present were Mesdames Martin, Blachoff, Grant, Stallings, Williams, Sanderson, Sater, Neighbors, Rush and Keyser, Misses Adams, Florence and Louise Couter, La Wilma Neighbors, May and Joan Edler, Cleo Bischoff, Claudine Stallings and Derva Jeanne Sater. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess. The next meeting will be at Mrs. James Martin's home August 14th. She will be assisted by Mrs. Neighbors.

Miss Elaine Rush has work in Medford for two weeks.

Mr. R. H. Seigmiller and Mr. Elmo Stallings were in Medford Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. McFarland were callers at the home of Mrs. Nora Williams last week.

Mr. Jesse Walker was home for the week end from his work on a gladiolus farm near the Medford airport.

Rev. Clarence Orr, Mrs. Orr and little daughter, Beverly, Golda and Mildred of Ashland were guests at the Antioch Community Sunday School Sunday and dinner guests at the Walter Grant home. Rev. Orr taught the Sunday school lesson and preached a splendid sermon on the last two verses of Romans, and which are—

38. For I am persuaded, that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

39. Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is the Christ Jesus, our Lord. We hope that Rev. Orr will be able to be with us again.

Ralph Ellis and Jim Bankhead are working in the Meadows on a ditch that is to be used to carry water to a hydro-electric plant.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Sanderson and family spent Sunday at Dead Indian Soda Springs.

Mrs. William Bennett's son and family of Klamath Falls and Wm. Bennett spent the last of the week here digging a well for their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Coulter and family have moved to Lakeview for the summer where Mr. Coulter is employed in the logging industry.

Mrs. Daily and Gene and Viola spent Sunday at Butte Falls.

Miss Frances Bennett has returned from a week's visit in Klamath Falls.

Mr. Don Siegmiller and tiny daughter Donna Marie, and Miss Marie Siegmiller were dinner guests of Mrs. Nora Williams Wednesday. Mrs. Walter Grant was elected Sunday to teach the Primary class at Antioch Sunday school and Mrs. C. C. Sater was re-elected as Adult teacher. The Young People's teacher will be elected next Sunday. Ernest Sanderson is spending the

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week with his sister and brother-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Martin of Shady Brook dairy of Medford. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. La Tourrette and sons Jack and Wayne and little daughter Corinne were dinner guests at the C. C. Sater home Sunday eve. Joe Rush went to the mountains Sunday afternoon to look after his cattle.

## Every Day at Fair To Be Special Day

SALEM, Ore., July 17.—Every day will be a special day at the Oregon State Fair this year, August 31-September 7, Director Solon T. White announces.

Governor's Day will again be on Wednesday along with Salem and Marion County Day, and Portland Day will again be held on Thursday.

Other special days are:

Saturday, August 31, Children's Day.

Sunday, September 1, Pioneer Day and 4-H Club Day.

Monday, September 2, Organized Labor's Day, Future Farmers' Day, Kiwanis Day and G. A. R. Day.

Tuesday, September 3, Veterans' Day, Lions Club Day, Women's Club Day and Chamber of Commerce Day.

Wednesday, September 4, Governor's Day, Salem and Marion Day, Southern Oregon Day and Fraternal Day.

Thursday, September 5, Portland and Multnomah County Day, Rotary Day and Willamette Valley Day.

Friday, September 6, Farmers' Union Day, Active Club Day, Eastern Oregon Day and 20 3 Club Day.

Saturday, September 7, Grange Day, Breakfast Club Day and Coast Counties' Day.

## 61 Drivers Lose Licenses in June

SALEM—Sixty-one Oregon motorists had their driving permits revoked or suspended during June, figures released by Secretary of State Snell reveal. Nineteen of these were residents of Multnomah county while 42 were from other sections of the state. Thirty-nine of the 61 offenders were convicted on drunken driving charges. Fifteen drove too recklessly for the safety of other motorists.

## Legal Notices

**NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE**  
BY VIRTUE OF an execution duly issued out of and under the Seal of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, in and for the County of Jackson, to me directed and dated on the 25th day of June, 1935, in a certain action, wherein Mrs. Nellie Wall as plaintiff recovered a judgment against the defendants, John Rose and Minnie B. Rose, husband and wife, for the sum of \$198.21, the further sum of \$10.50 costs and disbursements, and \$1.00 transcript fee, which judgment was enrolled and docketed in the Clerk's office of said Court in said County on the 26th day of April, 1935, I have levied upon the following described property, to-wit:

The south half of the North-east quarter of Section 13, Township 37, Range 4 West of the Willamette Meridian, Jackson County, Oregon; and

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that pursuant to said execution, I will on the 10th day of August, 1935, at 10 o'clock, A. M. at the front door of the Courthouse, in the City of Medford, Jackson County, Oregon, offer for sale and will sell at public auction, for cash to the highest bidder, for the purpose of satisfying said judgment, together with the costs of this sale, all the right, title and interest that the said defendants had on the 25th day of April, 1935, or

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S. Y. L. BROWN,  
Sheriff of Jackson County, Oregon.  
By HOWARD GAULT,  
Deputy.  
July 11-18-25 Aug. 1

## NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR JACKSON COUNTY.

In the matter of the Estate of SAMUEL LEE NUNN, deceased.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned, Dewey Hill, the duly appointed, qualified and acting administrator of the estate of the above named decedent, will on and after the 8th day of August, 1935, offer for sale and will sell to the highest bidder, at private sale, for cash or on such other terms as said court may approve, all or any portion of the following described real property, situated and being in the County of Jackson, State of Oregon, to-wit:

North one-half of Lots one (1) and two (2), Block four (4) and all of Lot three (3) Block four (4), Sunset Park Addition to the City of Medford, Oregon, as shown upon the official and duly recorded plat of said addition.

said property to be sold either as a whole or in separate parcels and sufficient thereof to be sold to pay all outstanding claims against said estate and the costs and expenses of administration.

Said sale will be made pursuant to an order of the said County Court of Jackson County, Oregon made and entered in the above entitled court and cause on the 25th day of June, 1935, licensing me to so sell said real property, or such portion there-

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of as may be necessary for said purpose, and said sale will be made subject to the confirmation of said court. Said sale will be made at the office of G. W. Neilson in the County Courthouse in the City of Medford, Oregon, and any person interested in bidding upon such property or any portion thereof, may file such bid with the undersigned, at Prospect, Oregon, or with said G. W. Neilson. Authority is hereby reserved in the undersigned to reject any or all bids offered.  
Dated at Medford, Oregon, this 3rd day of July, 1935. Date of first publication is July 4th, 1935.  
DEWEY HILL,  
Administrator of the estate of Samuel Lee Nunn, deceased.  
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