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EDITORIALS

KILLING OF THE AAA

Once more the Supreme Court of the United States has spoken and has brought to an end another of the principal features of Mr. Roosevelt's New Deal. Although the verdict was not unanimous as was that on the NRA, still it was plenty—6 to 3. And we may safely assume that the other features, such as the Bankhead Cotton Act, the Potato Act, and perhaps others of the numerous alphabetical isms introduced by the administration will suffer the same fate when their time comes.

The question now arises just what effect will the decision have on the farm prospects in the future? In our opinion, the result will be favorable. It is claimed that the object of the act was to bring back parity prices for the farmers of the nation. Be that as it may, we do not believe that the act would have just that effect in the long run. It looks to us as though the object of the act was to bring about government control of the farmer and his affairs. And for that reason we have opposed it from the start. We have a strong antipathy for bureaucracy in all its forms.

The idea of the processing tax to raise money to pay to a certain favored group sounds like a lot of hogleg to us. No one questions the right of Congress to pass excise taxes on farm products if it so wishes. But the processing tax, which was paid by all but only was of benefit to a few, is something else again. And the whole theme of the AAA looked cockeyed to us.

The Medford News walls that the poor working man, the small business man and the farmer are all going to suffer and be forced to go back to the same old slave days they went through B. R. (Before Roosevelt.) Blah! Where did the AAA or the NRA ever help the worker? Was it any help to make him pay more for everything he ate and wore while his wages stood at the same old figure or even less? And it is well known that the only small business man who managed to keep going during the days of the NRA was the one who had the fortitude to ignore the crazy law and stick to his old methods and take a chance on going to jail for it. And as for the farmer, the AAA Santa Claus no doubt has helped some of the big wheat men in some localities. But how about the little fellow who never did raise wheat to any great extent, but who has had to pay that processing tax just the same and to pay more for everything else under the sun as well?

And it sure makes us hot under the collar to note the millions of bushels of grain, the tons of pork, and the rest of the foreign produce coming into this country daily from the Argentine or elsewhere. This country has always had an abundance of these things and has never before had to depend on outside help. And if the dreamers in Washington will let it alone, this country will do it again.

OUR AIR DEFENSE

When the world is uneasy and upset by war clouds hanging over almost every nation, it is heartening to note that our own aviation industry, in spite of many handicaps, has been steadily forging to the front.

The air transport industry of the United States, even though hampered by a reduction in mail payments, has gone ahead, increased its service to the public in speed, comfort and regularity, to a point where it is a daily peace-time necessity and undoubtedly an indispensable, if not the most important single factor in national defense.

Other governments recognize the value of this most modern form of transportation as an important and necessary adjunct of military service. They subsidize the air lines on a mileage basis, to an extent as high as ten times that of our air lines, and yet our lines are faster, more regular and the planes are more comfortable, as is shown by the fact that the Dutch, Swiss and Polish air lines, having the world from which to choose, buy American air liners.

Citizens of this country can be proud of their aviation industry. It is another example of American initiative and enterprise. In the air, it puts us in a position of supremacy that our world famed ships did three generations ago, in sea trade.

This country must maintain its lead as an air-minded nation.

MAKE IT A HAPPY NEW YEAR
 Among the things which distinguished the year 1935 was the tremendous and unprecedented interest manifested in the traffic safety problem.

This awakening to the gravity of the accident evil seized the nation with considerable force during the second half of the year. It has yet scarcely gone beyond the point of rubbing the eyes, but the country seems to be ready for a cold shower of facing the facts, and then to grid for concerted action. As has been consistently maintained, the real hope for achieving automobile safety resides in aroused public opinion.

One way to help end the automobile accident carnage is for each individual to make a sincere New Year's resolution concerning his conduct as a motorist or pedestrian. The resolution might be based on six principles offered by the National Bureau of Casualty and Surety Underwriters:

1. Courtesy—to drive and to walk with consideration for others in mind.
2. Care—to drive and walk with the care that means safety for all.
3. Knowledge—to learn and understand thoroughly the traffic laws and rules of the state and community in which we drive and walk.
4. Skill—to improve our mastery of the skills which make the good driver.
5. Sense—to use common sense in the many situations encountered when driving and walking, that are not covered by laws or copybook maxims.
6. Cooperation—to cooperate, as an individual driver or pedestrian, with the organized efforts to make driving and walking everywhere safe.

Such a resolution rigidly adhered to for a whole year by many persons would produce such salutary benefits, and those benefits would be so apparent, that there would be no question of the resolutions being renewed for more Happy New Years.

THE RICH ARE NOT RICH ENOUGH
 One of the most potent political vote-getters is the "soak the rich" slogan. It seems that a substantial part of the public has an idea that if we levy still higher taxes against persons in the medium and high-income brackets, persons in the lower brackets will receive all the bounty of government for nothing.

Unfortunately, appealing as this is, the figures show that it simply won't work.

The current federal deficit, for example, amounts to \$3,282,000,000—that is the amount of money spent during the last fiscal year in excess of revenue.

Fidelia A. Lane Passes in City
 Fidelia Allen Lane, passed away at her home in Central Point, Ore., early Saturday morning, from infirmities due to age, at the age of 85 years. She was born at St. Joseph, Mo., June 1, 1850, and had been a resident of Medford for nine years.

She was the mother of four children, two of whom survive, Paul C. Howard of Placer Ore., and Geo. L. Howard of Medford and one grandson, Billy George Howard.

Her first marriage was to George L. Howard at Atchison, Kas., in 1870, who passed away October 2, 1899, at Placer, Ore. Mr. Howard was one of the men known as the Green-Russell party, early miners of Colorado, Utah, Nevada, Montana, Idaho and Oregon.

Mrs. Howard was later united in marriage to Lafayette Lane in April, 1906, a nephew of General Joseph Lane, the first governor of Oregon. Mr. Lane passed away several years ago.

Funeral services were conducted from the Perl Funeral Home Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock, with Rev. D. E. Millard officiating. Interment took place in the Siskiyou Memorial park.

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Mr. and Mrs. Walter Grant spent Thursday evening visiting at the Spurlin home near Gold Hill.

Mrs. A. B. Williams and Mr. C. R. Williams were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Saylor of Medford, New Year's Day.

Mrs. Melvin Martin has been recuperating from a recent operation, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Sanderson.

Joe and Dick Rush were Medford visitors Sunday.

Visitors at the William Seegmiller home New Year's Eve were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ellis and Robert Thomas.

Mr. Walker of this district had a slight mishap last Monday—that of getting his car stuck in the mud. He was luckily helped out of the predicament.

Sandersons shopped in Medford Monday.

Williams and Seegmiller recently purchased a registered Jersey bull from Mr. Nichols of Ashland.

Friends of the Sater family, formerly of this district will be sorry to hear that Mr. Sater is in the hospital and Mrs. Sater and Derva Jeanne are ill with the measles.

NOTICE TO SHEEP OWNERS

All owners of sheep or goats killed by dogs must notify the humane society or the Jackson County Clerk within twenty-four hours after the animals have been killed if they wish their claims to be eligible for payment.

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Sams Valley H. S. Prepare to Give Play Friday Eve.

The Sams Valley High School is preparing a three-act comedy to be presented Friday evening, January 10, at 8:00 o'clock. The name of the play is "Plain Sister" and the play itself will give you laughs galore and may perhaps tug at your heart strings a bit too.

The characters are: Rose Murphy, the mother—Ruthie Smith; Jim Murphy, the father—Gerald Fitzgerald; Beth Murphy, the plain sister—Dorothy Strauss; Jewel Murphy, the younger sister—Leona Schultz; Junior Murphy, the younger brother—Richard Rush; Dorothy, Junior's sweetie—Leona Schultz; Nell Armour, a young business man—William Crawford; John Webster, a young admirer of Beth's—Ralph Ellis.

To Launch Free Spanish Classes

Five free Spanish classes were announced today by J. C. Hunter, teacher.

Classes for beginners will be held at the Medford high school Monday and Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30, and for advanced students at the same hours Tuesday.

Classes for CCC men will be held at headquarters detachment, fairgrounds, Wednesday and Friday from 7 to 9.

Beginners were urged by Mr. Hunter to be at the first meeting Monday, as important work that cannot be repeated will be taken up.

Last Summons for Mrs. Zola B. Aker

Funeral services were held at the Jacksonville cemetery last Thursday for Mrs. Zola B. Aker, formerly of Medford, who died of pneumonia in the Roseburg hospital December 31, at the age of 33. Mrs. Aker was for many years employed at Heath's Drug Store in Medford, moving to Myrtle Creek in 1933, when her husband, George Aker was transferred there by the Standard Oil Company.

Active in Southern Oregon for years in the American Legion Auxiliary, Mrs. Aker leaves a host of friends in the valley. She was the former Miss Zola Barnett of Central Point. She is survived by her mother, Mrs. Barnett of Myrtle Creek; her husband, one son, and an aunt, Miss Sidna Bender, of Medford.

Hoover to Talk Portland, Feb. 12

PALO ALTO, Calif., Jan. 14—Former President Herbert Hoover will speak in Portland, Ore., at a Lincoln Day banquet February 12, his secretary, Paul Saxon said today.

The announcement followed a

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meeting yesterday between Mr. Hoover and Chester E. McCarty, Multnomah (Portland) County Republican chairman. McCarty went to Fresno today to attend a Republican meeting.

NOTICE
 The County Court has ordered that dog licenses for the year 1936 be \$1.00 for males and \$1.50 for females and that after March first a penalty will be added to all who have not obtained license prior to that date.
 G. R. CARTER
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