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EDITORIALS

hought up new, attractive innovaons of their own. The result is hat in recent years the independents ave tended to increase and progress and last year they did more of the total retail business-a little less

than 80 per cent-than they did two years before. Consumer cooperatives, which are built primarily on the theory of eliminating all profit, will destroy both the independent and the chain -if the law makes it impossible for established merchandisers to serve the public with maximum economy. And consumer cooperation is coming soon if the legislative trend of "soaking" the consumer continues.

THINGS ONE REMEMBERS

by R. M. Hofer In these days when practically every town, city, state and millions of individuals have their hands out for public funds, it has become real news to read of any public project that is financed without expense to

Silverton, Oregon, recently celebrated such an event when it dedia person of eighteen or younger has cated a new community hospital without the aid of public funds. The hospital was made possible by the legacy of Jerome Morley, a pioneer resident, plus donations of other

> In the dedicatory address, Governor Charles H. Martin (democrat)

"Mr. Morley represents that fine type of American citizen who made not expect to live off the government. It is refreshing in this day er a man of such spirit.

"Today the most appalling thing t citizens in distress to turn to the government for aid."

Governor Martin took occasion to

an upstanding American community valley. supplying its need with good oldfashioned American initiative and energy, rather than with paternalis- here.

tic pap. And it was still more refreshing to see a courageous public Three states, California, Indiana and official compliment the community with remarks that were not honeycoated bait to attract votes. We need more of it.

Expected Despite Backward Season

No marked change in consumer a little. girls were taught to drive in a course demand for farm products is ex-

CENTRAL POINT AMERICAN CENTRAL POINT, OREGON

Snow Queen Statue Wins College Cup



Florence Allen, of Birmingham, Ala., Queen of the Snows, presents a cup to Joseph Fogarty, of Newburg, N. Y., representing Delta Tau Delta fraternity, which made the best snow statue, picked by judges at the annual winter carnival here. The statue shows the founder of Dartmouth greeting the carnival queen.

Everett E. Eads, 52 Dies in Medford

months. He was 52 years old. ago. He was a member of the Med-

Yes, it was refreshing t read of velopment of Medford and the Rogue

Mr. Eads was w.ell known in Central Point and has many friends



Recently a seven years old school boy on the way home from school on his bicycle was hit by an automobile driven by what seems to be one of the public's greatest enemies these day; a man who just simply ran off without stopping to see the damages he had done.

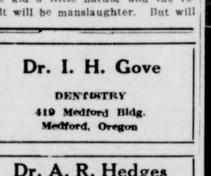
Luckily the boy escaped injuries although the bicycle was damaged

And also a while ago a young boy

stant danger nowadays. We do not think that the accidents are direct



So it is the drivers who are inane-



Physician tology X-Ray the law catch him. We fear not, for thrashing of his life for the law is he will invariably run off like a yel- tremenduously weak and the driver low dog with no witnesses to prove always could find excuses to "blame it on the kid" his guilt.

A sound thrashing may do him a The only remedy we can think of is that if we ever see a car run into little good beside serving any term a bicycle and run off, we should en- the law deemed it necessary for the deavor to stop the car if we possibly safety of the kid bicyclers. SUBSCRIBER. can and give the driver a soundest



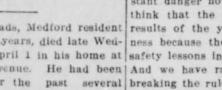
TEACH THEM HOW The most dangerous group of dri-

vers, according to statistics, is the the taxpayer. group which ought to be the safest: The so-called "teen-age" class. When an accident it is almost always a serious one. It is 42 per cent more likely to be fatal than if an older driver were involved.

In the opinion of authorities, the citizens. chief difficulty is that young people who drive cars lack both training and judgment. They have had no of Oregon, said: formal instruction behind the wheel. Usually they learn to drive by watching older persons or a young companion. In this way they learn bad practices along with good ones, and, being young, they are apt to exaggerate the bad and minimize the good. As one bad apple contaminates a barrel, one poor driver can create dozens of worse ones if he attempts the role of teacher.

Fortunately, the high schools of to the safety education division of the National Bureau of Casualty and doctors. Surety Underwriters, some five thousand high schools in more than half the states are now giving instruction in the principles of traffc safety. Some schools are actually teaching their students how to drive by giving real road training in real cars. North Carolina, have made such instruction compulsory; while state departments of education in 28 states have issued model courses of study in traffic safety. The subject of good driving has become the Crop Increase fastest growing movement in the

history of American education. Already there are significant results. In Rhode Island, more than a thousand high school boys and sponsored by the Motor Vehicle De- pected in the near future, although came home crying and covered with partment of that state. Their drivfile for a period of three years. In says a review of the agricultural all that time not one of the young- situation just released by the OSC children how to do better, the things ward spring season. they may expect to do in life. Certainly, teaching them how to drive followed by heavy rainfall in April, motor cars so as not to kill them- delayed land preparation and spring definition.



FLANK ATTACK ON INDEPENDENTS

benefited, are day zerous boomervoice in support of that view.

rather than, as was intended, a re- per cent during the past year. naissance of independent retail merchandising."

dent. It is true that the chain store ago. revolutionized retailing, especially in

sters was involved in a reportable agricultural extension service. With accident and not one was convicted some exceptions, however, the preof a traffic violation. Oustanding sent prospect appears to indicate an educators say there is no greater increase in crop production in the function for education than teaching country as a whole, despite a back-

The cold, wet weather in March, selves or others, fits neatly into that seeding operations. Farmers found it necessary to feed more hay and grain than expected, owing to poor early pasture growth. Farm supplies of feed grains have consequently

Many a commentator has pointed been reduced to a point similar to out that laws which fix prices or sup- two years ago, following the drought press free competition in the mer- of 1934, but soil moisture conditions chandising field, on the hopeful have been materially improved for theory that small merchants will be later growth of crops and pastures. With respect to farm prices and angs. Now, writing in Current costs, the report indicates the cur-History, Rexford Tugwell adds his rent Oregon farm price level at a

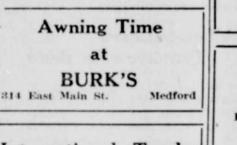
point slightly lower than the mid-. . . Despite handicaps," says March index figure of 92 per cent of Mr. Tugwell, "the consumer coopera- the 1926-30 average. This repretive movement is growing. This sents a tremendous gain compared movement is being stimulated to a with March, 1936, when the Oregon large extent by the very forces that index stood at 70. For the first are opposed to it in principle. If time in many years, farm prices in legislatures persist in suppressing Oregon average out approximately chain stores, and Congress sticks to up to "parity" in exchange value for the theory of the Robinson-Patman the commodities usually bought by Act, the result is apt to be a great farmers, despite an upward trend in growth of consumer coopertives farm costs of around seven or eight Commercial hatchery records con-

tinue to reflect a considerable de-Mr. Tugwell also points out that crease in the demand for turkey in the past consumer cooperation poults, compared with a year ago, acnever got far in this country simply cording to the report. This situabecause the public was cheaply and tion suggests that the market outefficiently served by competitive look for Oregon turkeys of the 1937 merchandisers-chain and indepen- crop is more favorable than a year

the food field-but it is not true that Mr. Joe Collins who own the Colthis led to the death of the indepen- lins' Dairy recently purchased 120 dent. Instead, independents invi- acres of pasture in the Lake Creek gorated themselves, adopted chain county. He will pasture his young methods in some instances, and cattle there.



there have been indications of some ing records were kept in a special slackening in the rate of increase, one of those damn fool drivers who dirt all over. It came as a result o



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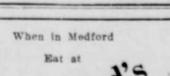
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