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By the Editor

There seems to be a bit of confusion in the minds of the young bicycle riders of the city in regard to just what is permissible and what is not. Owing to the fact that it is expected that the city council will adopt a new law at its meeting tonight, it is useless to tell just what the old law did prohibit. However, we want to call attention to the fact that state law declares that bicycles are vehicles in the meaning of the law and as such are subject to the same rules as automobiles. Under the state traffic laws, which apply to city streets just the same as other highways, bicycle riders are required to observe the following rules:

Bicycles must be ridden on the RIGHT HAND SIDE of the traffic lane;

Must travel SINGLE FILE;

Riders must signal when planning to turn either to the right or left;

Bicycles must be equipped with proper lights when ridden after dusk;

No erratic riding or weaving back or forth across the traffic lane is permitted.

Remember, the above are provisions of the STATE law, over which the city has no control. ALL officers a duty bound to see that these rules are observed.

Next week we shall publish the entire new ordinance which has been prepared and which is expected will be passed tonight. This ordinance has been made up from several now in effect in other cities in Oregon and among other things provides for the registration of all bicycles. No bicycle not provided with the proper license plate will be permitted on the streets of the city. Before a boy or girl, can secure such a plate they must pass an examination in their knowledge of just what the law provides.

The writer wishes to make it clear that the city officials have no intention or desire to work a hardship on the boys and girls who ride bicycles up and down our streets. What we are interested in above everything else is the safety of these riders and of the pedestrians, young and old, who walk on the sidewalks of the town. The license fee for registration will be fixed at just enough to cover the actual cost of registration, (probably 25¢ per year.)

And the writer is pleased to observe that a great many children going and coming to school are walking and riding on Third street, where there is almost no automobile travel, which is as it should be. We hope to see the time when every child in the grade school; every high school student who walks to and from school will use that street. The sooner the parents of the school children realize the danger of allowing their children to travel the old highway and cooperate with the school authorities in their effort to get the kids in the habit of going some other way, the safer the children will be.

And also, the city officials are not trying to lay all the blame for our troubles on the kids who ride bicycles. We are fully aware there are a lot of young fellows who seem to think our streets are made for them to cut dodos on with their cars. Many complaints have come to us of the way some of these young fools act behind the wheel of their cars. And one of the things we want to stop is the habit some of the boys have of standing on the running boards of cars going and coming from the high school. Such practice is highly dangerous and is strictly forbidden by state law.

The city marshal has strict instructions to enforce the law in all such cases and no favoritism will be shown. Hereafter anyone caught breaking any of the traffic laws (which are made for the protection of the people of the city and not just for the fun of the thing) will be brought before the judge. And unless we miss our guess, Recorder Tex is going to be mighty hard-boiled with any such young men who have the misfortune to come before him. So unless you want to contribute to that special fire fund, fellows, you had better study your driver's manual and stay out of court.

Work is progressing slowly in the finishing up of the change-over of

SCHOOLS JOIN IN PRESENTING PLAYS MONDAY EVENING

Plans are nearing completion for the program of Inter-School plays next Monday evening February 20, at which time Central Point, Phoenix, and Jacksonville will each present a one-act play.

"The White Phantom" is the mystery comedy farce to be given by Central Point seniors with a cast of four girls and three boys. Those taking part in this play are Marion Strayer, Marjorie Dodson, Wanda Hood, Arlene Scott, Clyde Lees, Arthur Miller, and Keith Copinger. Mrs. Fleischer is play director.

Phoenix students will appear in a farce comedy titled, "Sweet Clean off Her Feet". This play has a cast of the following students: Patty Furry, Marita Furry, Margaret Allen, Lewis Newberry, David Williams, and Bob Wilcox. Mrs. Robert Woods is play director.

Jacksonville students will appear in comedy "Sauce For the Goshings" with a cast of six. They will be as follows: Bill Johnson, Genevieve Kent, Joe Beach, Geraldine Ayres, Alma Ayres and Clifford McGinty. Miss Muriel Alberts is the director. Admission prices are 25 and 15 cents.

This same program of plays will be given in Phoenix on February 21 and in Jacksonville on February 25. These plays are in no sense a contest but are given to promote spirit of friendliness and good will among schools.

Door receipts in Central Point will be used to help finance the 1939 Annual.

County to Be Well Represented On River Trip

Jackson County will be well represented on the Delta Queen when it leaves the River Lines pier in Sacramento this Friday night for the Shasta-Cascade Wonderland Association's chartered cruise to Treasure Island for the World's Fair. Premiere and dedication of the Shasta-Cascade exhibit building. According to information received today from the news bureau of the Association the following residents are among the party of 290 Shasta-Cascadians making the trip:

Jackson County—Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Flynn, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest L. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Karl L. Janouch, Mr. and Mrs. Earl B. Day, Jerry Jerome, G. W. Field, and Larry Schade and son Larry Jr., all of Medford; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Billings of Ashland, and Mr. and Mrs. William Perry of Eagle Point; and Mrs. Mabel Russell Lowther of Ashland.

FLASH!

The great Central Point High basketball team, playing as a perfect machine, steamrolled to a 47 to 29 victory over a game hard fighting Rogue River H.S. By the victory Central Point won the championship of Division II and the right to tangle with St. Mary's Five for the County B Championship which will be held next week.

Matinee for Kids Friday Afternoon

A matinee for school children will be given Friday afternoon at 2:45 in the high school auditorium. At this time a mystery farce comedy "The White Phantom" will be presented by the seniors. The admission price will be five cents.

Mr. Albert Davis of Kamath Falls visited his parent Mr. and Mrs. J. Davis for a couple of days.

The fire equipment to the new truck. It is quite a job to make over all the running boards, aprons, floor boards, etc. and to get the new outfit ready for painting. But the truck is ready for actual service right now and could be used if necessary. But it is the hope of the city that the darned thing will sit right there until it rots before it will be needed. However, you never can tell.

Lincoln Club Hears Interesting Talk at Anniversary Feast

The Jackson County Lincoln club held its annual dinner and election of officers Monday evening in the main dining room of the Hotel Medford. Places were originally laid for 125, but so many late comers dropped in that extra tables were set. In all there were about 150 in attendance.

Herb Grey, vice president, was in charge of the meeting in the absence of President William McAllister, whose legislative duties prevented his coming to the meeting. Harris Edsworth, publisher of the Roseburg News-Review and president of the Oregon Press Conference, was the principal speaker of the evening.

Resolutions of respect for the late Glen Arnsperger were unanimously adopted. Also a resolution commending "our representatives in Congress from the state of Oregon for their general attitude toward their responsibility in national legislation" and encouraging the Republican party "to continue its cooperation with all elements of our citizenry that favor again educating the people to a sense of individual responsibility in governmental and economic affairs."

Letters and telegrams of greeting to the club were read by Gus Newberry. Mrs. C. M. Hurd told of the aims and policies of Pro-America, an organization of Republican women. She urged all women present to join the club and lend their aid to the work. Lincoln's Gettysburg address was given by Burton Daugherty.

Mr. Edsworth, in a speech which was listened to with close attention by the large audience, drew a parallel between the past and the present. He quoted the opening paragraphs of the speech of acceptance given by Abraham Lincoln when he became a candidate for United States Senator against Stephen A. Douglas and said that by changing only six words of the 132 quoted Lincoln's address would be applicable to present day conditions.

Mr. Edsworth pointed out that just as the north was pitted against the south over slavery, so is the country today being divided by the present administration's practice of creating class consciousness, of pitting one element against another, one section against another section.

Continuing, the speaker dwelled upon the question of freedom. "I contend that the freedom of the people of our country is being abridged under the present regime. The trend of the past six years has been toward what is called planned economy and regimentation. The words 'planned economy' and 'regimentation', considered on their ultimate meaning, are words that in the drama of Lincoln's time would have been replaced by the simple and understandable word 'slavery'."

In closing the speaker said, "Though Lincoln was a genius and the outstanding man of his day, it requires no genius to carry out a public trust with integrity. It requires no genius to bottle ceaselessly for the right as we see it and as we know it as Lincoln did."

Community Exchange

This week this paper is starting a community exchange under this column heading. We believe that this Exchange will perform a service to the community. We believe that each community should do every thing that it can to take care of its own unemployed. If you have any article of food, furniture, livestock, produce or whatnot that you would like to exchange for labor let us

know and we will list them under this column.

Also under this head we will try and reserve some space for ideas on how to take care of our unemployed. Lets solve our own problems. Why pass the buck on to Washington? Every hour, day or weeks work that you can provide will help. Do your part and list the things you have to trade in this column. We will make no charge for this service.

So what? -

True courage is to do without witnesses everything that one is capable of doing before the world.—La Rochefoucauld.

Shirley Kincaid asking Mr. Harrison: "If a centipede breaks one of its legs, will it limp?"

You should have seen Miss Gregory, prettier than usual, her eyes sparkling, and beaming over winning at badminton.

And; Bill Abbott playing all over the court and doing NOT BAD! NOT BAD!

As art critics, Ed Vincent and Skipper Smith would make good deep sea divers, according to the opinion of the artist (?)

Mr. Fleischer spent another day off, and doing all the things his wife told him to do, if he found time (after he caught up with his reading).

Life's major tragedies: Bob Webb doing fancy dives in the snow and breaking one of his skis.

Then Skip Smith in an animated discussion of the thrills of skiing and describing the technique of a fall on the face that would put an end to the skiing career of a less rugged individual.

And the fourth period English Class all of a dither because teacher changed their seats, all but a few of the more daring ones, longing for seats in the back of the room away from teacher's eye.

Mrs. Gleason vowing that she could not have lasted another second had the Phoenix-Central Point basketball game not ended when it did.

Mrs. Frisbie beaming over the success of the baby clinic and declaring that "Those are certainly the sweetest babies".

Dick Fry dashing out to determine if a set of chains came with his car when he bought it a year ago, he having just purchased a set.

Mario Glone saying "tsk, tsk," about everything and not meaning a thing by it.

Hal Jewett and Hal Pierce standing on the sidelines and groaning as they watched the feeble efforts of a couple of grown up gals trying to shoot baskets. Neither of the two Hais being on the regular team and the gals not thinking much of them as teachers.

Plump robins are beginning to fill the valley with song at an early hour each day, causing a number of people to wax poetical about their little feathered friends. And others to wish they would choke on the fat worms they are after.

Local citizens envying local fence rails that are going to spend the season at the World's Fair—ALL EXPENSES PAID.

Guy Tex got the scare of his life when he went home Wednesday at noon and found the house full of women, all members of the Past Matron club.

Harold Kilburn asking his mother if he seeded the goose berries in the pie and well as the cherries in the pie before deciding which kind he wanted.

Mr. Minnick insisting he was going to bring home smelt for dinner when the spouse was planning a surprise dinner for him, and she having an awful time trying to keep him from being smelly at that time.

Mr. Bachelder buying valentines at Swen's.

Butcher Al is quite a cut up. Come down and see him cut up a pig Saturday night.

What the heck? If this department grows much longer we will be compelled to enlarge the paper.

Community Dinner Coming Tues. Eve.

Everyone be sure to be out to the big get-together covered dish supper at the grange hall 6:30 Tuesday February 21. The Civic Club will furnish coffee, cream and sugar. Everyone invited in Central Point is invited to come and join them. They plan to make this an annual affair. Anyone who has dishes or silver that they wish to donate to the club could leave it at this time. Any dishes would be appreciated, not necessary to be of same pattern.

School for Officers of O.E.S. Held

Last Saturday afternoon Mrs. Lora E. Stipe, Associate Grand Matron, O.E.S. of Oregon held a school of instruction for the officers of Nevita Chapter No. 93 at the Masonic Hall in Central Point.

Following the school Mrs. Stipe was the honor guest at a Tea held at the Everett Faber home. Mrs. Rose Bishop, of Medford, Past Matron of Rose City Chapter of Portland and a personal friend of Mrs. Stipe, poured with Mrs. Clara Vincent, Junior Past Matron of Nevita Chapter. The tea table was lovely with a centerpiece of spring flowers in yellow and white, surrounded by tall tapers. Assisting Mrs. Faber as co-hostesses were Mrs. Merritt Swing and Mrs. Pearl Bonney. Mrs. Howard Jewett, Mrs. Kenneth Beebe and Mrs. Sam Koehler assisted about the rooms. Small valentine favors were presented each guest. Those invited were: Miss Alice Hanley, who holds the distinction of being a member of Eastern Star for 55 years; Mrs. Bryden Sanderson, a past Grand Officer of Nevita Chapter and the following local officers: Mrs. Marjorie Pena and Mesdames Ivan Skyrman, Hampton T. Pankey, Edward C. Faber, Victor Bursell, Hensley Holt, Leonard Scott, Edwin Andrin, Lloyd Stimpson, Lolita Massie, Frank Freeland and the hostesses Mrs. Merritt Swing, Mrs. Pearl Bonney and Mrs. Everett A. Faber.

Baby Clinic Is Very Successful

A very successful baby and preschool clinic was held at the "Health House" in Central Point on February 10th. A total of twenty-six children were given examinations by the County Physician and the Central Point Nurse.

Both Dr. Merkle and Mrs. Frisbie expressed their gratification at the interest shown and the assistance rendered by the local P.T.A., whose efforts contributed largely to the success of the clinic.

Mrs. M. A. Adams assisted by furnishing transportation for youngsters. Like assistance was also offered by Mrs. Grimes, Mrs. Holt, and Mrs. Robert Fields. Mrs. R. Gande and Mrs. Gleason helped at the health house.

Fourteen children were given Typhoid immunization.

It is hoped that these clinics will become a regular thing in our community and Dr. Merkle, together with Nurse Frisbie have announced that they will hold another clinic some time in April, the exact date to be announced later.

Let us get squarely behind this movement and keep plugging the idea that "Keep Well" is a lot better than, "Get Well."

Surprise Birthday Party Held at Obenchain Home

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Obenchain entertained with a birthday surprise dinner in honor of Mrs. Ethel Campbell's birthday at the Obenchain home.

Those present were Mrs. Erma Hedgpath, Mr. Harry Campbell and little daughters Allison and Harriett, the honor guest Mrs. Harry Campbell and the host and hostess and their little daughter Linda. Mrs. Obenchain prepared a very beautiful and delicious birthday cake. The honor guest received many nice gifts and was very much surprised.

Floods and Hurricanes

Are raging elsewhere
Let us be thankful
That we are safe
Hold fast
Be of good cheer
There is no better place.
FARMERS AND FRUITGROWERS BANK
(Deposits Insured)

LEES BOYS ENJOY TRIP EAST THRU PANAMA CANAL

In letters received from their sons, Jack and Jim, the Lees give us the following information. About January 12 the boys were in Colon which is on the Atlantic end of the Panama Canal. While sailing through the canal the boys saw a couple of crocodiles and numerous sharks. They met many ships coming through the canal it being one of the cross roads of the world. One of the pilots told the men on the bridge that the government charged the empty ships 70 cents per ton and ships with one ton or more of cargo, \$1.00 per ton.

The trip through the canal was very rough, flying fish would take off from the top of a wave and fly over the bridge of the ship. A chief yeoman caught a sword fish and a dolphin. They spent two days in Balboa. Fishing in the bay was very good. They caught red snappers, jacks, skips and barracuda. They took the chief executive out fishing and he caught a 30 lb. barracuda. Jim had to gaff him. The fish had teeth like nails and as sharp as needles and it not only flopped around on deck but tries to bite everyone in sight. Jim wrote that he was nearly scared to death. When the fish was cut open it contained a fish as large as a bass in its stomach. At this place the boys were 3380 miles from San Francisco.

From Balboa they sailed for Garitavana and then to Haiti. While in Cuba the sharks, swordfish and many other fish swam around the ship waiting for some unfortunate to fall overboard. Off the coast of Costa Rica there were many immense turtles as large as wash tubs. Knowing George's fondness for turtles Jim was wishing he could send him one. In one place Jack mentions that Jim was playing ball on the beach.

It is expected the boys will be in Norfolk and Hampton Roads, Virginia in March and will sail for Haiti soon after. They expect to return to Brooklyn, New York in June and will visit their parents Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lees sometime during the summer. This summer will be the end of Jack's second enlistment. The boys will receive mail sent to U.S.S. Artic, care of Postmaster, New York, New York Division.

Evangelist to Speak at Church of Christ

Evangelist Elliott will speak both morning and evening at Church of Christ. He will present pictures of his work and of the Island at 7:30 P.M.

Jamaica Mission is the most successful mission work in the world today.

Don't fail to hear Evangelist Elliott.

Come! Bring your friends!

The Churches

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Clifton A. Phillips, Minister
Bible School 10:00 A.M. Roland Hover, Supt. Miss Lyle Gregory, Primary Supt.

Communion and Preaching 11:00 A.M. Duet Mrs. Ruth Hover and Mrs. Virginia Bohnert. Evangelist Luke D. Elliott of Jamaica Mission will speak.

Christian Endeavor 6:30 P.M. Evangelistic Elliott will present pictures and a lecture sermon on the work in Jamaica at the 7:30 P.M. Service. Don't fail to hear him. Prayer and Bible Study Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Carl Hover, Leader.

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Stanley G. Parish, Pastor.
Bible School—9:45 a. m.
Morning Worship—11:00 a. m.
Christian Endeavor—6:30 p. m.
Evening Service—7:30 p. m.
Ladies' Bible Class—Tuesday at 2:30 p. m.

Prayer Meeting—Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.
Choir Practice — Wednesday at 8:30 p. m.

The Missionary Society will meet at the pastor's home on Thursday at 2:30 P.M. All are welcome and encouraged to attend this interesting meeting.