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EDITORIALS

Let's clean up this town. We want more people to come here. The business men of this town are spending money to advertise and to put up signs and are willing to spend more. What are people going to see when they get here? What are they going to think of a community that lets their streets get into the shape Pine street is today?

A lot of people seem to think that it is up to the street department of the city to clean these streets. If we have a street department in this town, (remember we said IF), why don't they clean Pine street? Whose job is it to see that the street is cleaned? If no one is responsible, why isn't someone made responsible?

There is no doubt a street committee on the city council. They are in charge of the streets. We don't believe there is a more important item before them today than to clean Pine street from one end to the other.

Why not set a standard to live to in this town that will make other people interested. Tourists are going to be coming through here by the thousands inside of the next few weeks. We haven't got the best of scenery for them right here in town but at least we should take care of what we have got. There is no more important street work to be done right than to clean Pine street.

—C. W. P.

Pine Street Needles--

By Carroll Powell

Some fast action was taken some where this week. At least the chuck hole at the highway and Pine is gone—Power of the press.

We all ought to be ashamed of the trash on our thoroughfare. Let's get some action on this matter. It won't do a bit of good to go along with your head in the air so you can't see it.

I think we ought to get some action action on these vacant lots in the business district. They should be cleaned up.

Frank Grenbrenner oiling up his gun for some one. I think make it was for solicitors.

Stop and get acquainted with the new girl at the Coffee Cup. Her name is Geraldine Adams. No relation to any of the Adams' around here. Just new from L.A. Tell her your name.

That big roll top desk from the Hatfield store moved down the street to the real estate office. It looked itself and had to be broken into. Repairs are now necessary.

Little Boy

This little boy was not so big, just big enough. He walked out in the country all alone. Maybe he was only 9 years old—maybe he was 15 or he might of been 45. It doesn't matter. His heart is all that counts.

His heart was lonely and he wanted to be alone. So he walked and walked alone.

And then he sat down on a rock and talked to himself and God and this is what he said, "Dear God, You put me here. I didn't ask to come. Why am I unhappy. I ask You, God. Why can't I have the things I want—the one I want—to hold close 'in my arms.' To hold in my arms, close to my heart to still this tortured emptiness that eats away my very life."

And God answered him and this is what He said: "My boy, you are my very own. You cannot get away. I put you in the world. You didn't ask to come. You have to make the journey, from birth to death. You cannot escape.

"Happiness is for you if you'll just put out your hand and touch the world about you with the love that I command. There is not one thing in this world that really belongs to you. I only let you use My world until the day I say you're through.

More Fun Than The Circus!



By MOLLIE MARTIN

When spring comes, can the Circus be far away? Not for youngsters who have found some wonderful new circus toys. Why not take a hint from the children and make their spring party a Circus shindig, with "Big Top" refreshments?

Try decorating the table with a paper-ruffled clown for the centerpiece, and as a souvenir at each place, use one of the movable circus toys which can be found in a well-known red, white, and blue cereal package this month. There are Leo, the trick lion, Twinkletoes, the dancing clown, Zippo, the human cannonball, Klicco, the monkey that actually climbs, and many others. Putting them together without paste or scissors is duck soup for small fry, and after the party, these toys will provide many happy hours.

For refreshments in a truly carnival style, try Zippo Cannon Balls, simple to make and digest, and just the thing for a child's sweet tooth. Served with Grape-Nuts Ice Cream—m-m-m—delicious.

Zippo Cannon Balls

1/2 cup sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon soda
1/2 cup dark corn syrup
1/2 cup milk
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 cup butter or margarine
4 cups corn flakes

Combine sugar, salt, soda, corn syrup, and milk. Bring to a boil, stirring until sugar is dissolved. Then cook, stirring occasionally, to 233° F. or until a small amount of mixture forms a very soft ball in cold water. Remove from heat and cool about 1 minute. Add vanilla and butter and beat until thick. Pour over corn flakes and stir until well mixed. Shape into 1-inch balls, buttering hands lightly to prevent sticking. Makes about 4 dozen balls.

Grape-Nuts Ice Cream

2 teaspoons speed-up gelatin
1 cup milk
1/2 cup sugar
Dash of salt
2 cups light cream
1 teaspoon vanilla
1/2 cup Grape-Nuts
Place speed-up gelatin in bowl; add 1/2 cup milk and mix well. Heat remaining 1/2 cup milk. Add to speed-up gelatin mixture; stir until gelatin is dissolved. Dissolve sugar and salt in hot mixture. Add cream and vanilla. Turn into freezing tray of automatic refrigerator, setting control for coldest freezing temperature. When partially frozen, remove from tray and beat with rotary egg beater until fluffy and smooth. Fold in Grape-Nuts. Return to tray and freeze 30 minutes longer; stir. Then freeze until firm. Freezing time: 3 to 4 hours. Makes 1 quart.

Upward Trend Parity Index Causes Concern

The upward trend of the "parity" index of farm costs is of concern to taxpayers as well as farmers, says L. R. Breithaupt, Oregon State college extension agricultural economist, who points out that the 42-point (27 percent) rise in that index the past 12 months means that the "support price" level is just that much higher than a year ago.

Taxpayers are interested because the government price floor guarantee of 90 percent of parity for the "basic" and "steagall" commodities must be changed up or down under present laws to keep pace with the parity index until the last day of 1948, two years after the end of the war was officially proclaimed. Other commodities may or may not be given price support.

Farmers are also concerned because the parity index is a general indicator of the trend of farm production and living expenses. The 27 percent advance in the index from mid-March 1946 to mid-March 1947 signifies that much increase in the expenses for an average farm. Because some farms use more than others of some of the cost items, expenses of some have increased more and others less, however, Breithaupt explains.

It is especially significant that the parity index rose 16 points during the first quarter of 1947, four times as fast as during the same period of 1946, he adds. The rapidity of the rise was due principally to higher prices being paid by farmers for commodities used in production and family living. The average cost of

production goods at mid-March was 28 percent higher and rural living costs 31 percent higher than a year ago.

Although farm costs for interest, insurance and taxes have not increased as fast as prices for goods, all are higher than a year ago. Farmers are borrowing more and paying slightly higher average rates of interest. Higher replacement costs for buildings have resulted in increased insurance costs for many farms. Tax levies on farm property generally over the nation are 10 to 15 points higher than a year or two ago.

Oregon Traffic Now At All-time High

Oregon's traffic volumes swelled to an all-time record size in 1946, exceeding by almost 25 per cent the previous high for the state. It has been announced by Robert S. Farrell Jr., secretary of state.

"Never have so many cars been going so far so fast," Farrell said. "Last year's measured volumes were 22.5 per cent above the 1941 top record."

Gasoline sales indicate that travel is still increasing. January and February fuel use set new high marks for those respective months. If this

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trend continues, Oregonians will roll up even more than last year's 4,500,000 miles. Even during the winter months this year, when travel is usually relatively light, the state's motorists drove an average of 12,000,000 miles every day.

It's no wonder we need more highway patrol," Farrell said. "This flood of cars needs plenty of attention, and the tax receipts from the gas it uses could easily finance the job."

Farrell successfully sought an additional \$1,000,000 for highway patrol by the state police at the legislature to cover expenses for the next two years. It was pointed out that fuel tax brings the state more than that amount every month.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Adams were dinner guests Saturday evening at the L. J. Bigham home in honor of Mrs. Bigham's birthday.

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