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### "OFFICIAL BUSINESS"

Nearly every mail brings us one or more envelopes containing propaganda of various kinds. The majority of them are from one government bureau or another, prepared and mailed at public expense.

One and all, of course go into what is known in our office as File 100 which is the wastebasket. The other day we stopped long enough to open one of them before filing it away. We have no doubt it is a fair sample of the stuff that is mailed out to every newspaper in the country—at the country's expense.

The envelope bore the usual designation, "official business" on the outside. Inside was a mimeographed paper—United States forest service stationery—breaking the news "U. S. Forest Rangers Return to the Air."

It proceeded to advertise a certain radio program, three radio stations, a well known broadcasting concern and some so-called radio artists, all of whom are in the business for what there is in it.

Here was a government bureau using public money to have this stuff written, mimeographed, mailed and brought along with the rest of the mail.

We daresay that if the cost of promotion schemes like this were to be compiled, it would be found that the government has wasted more money in this manner than it did on the air mail contracts before cancelling them. No wonder we have to pay three cents to have a letter sent through the mails, when things like this have to be financed out of the postoffice department profits. This is probably enough to make the 50 per cent overcharge necessary, even without the various instances of subsidized competition with private business.—Woodburn Independent.

### DRAWN FOR MARCH

Among those drawn from the eastern end of Washington county for the March jury duty are Howard Lindley Garden Home; Ernest Fosner, Ferdinand Langer, Jr., and Eleanor Atrops, Sherwood; Edward Murphy, route 4, Sherwood; Louise Larter, route 5, Portland; Roscoe V. Hopper Warren J. Jones and May Bell Erickson, Beaverton; Christina Brandtner and Jacob Kemmer, route 3, Beaverton.

### SILVER PRECEDED GOLD

Silver was the standard unit of value in America before gold. The Continental Congress adopted as a monetary unit a dollar containing 375.64 grains of pure silver.

Consequently, the present move to monetize silver can't be called an untried experiment. It is simply designed to put an old economic instrument, which did necessary work well, back on the job again. In doing that, it would bring new life into an industry which has been one of our greatest employers, taxpayers and contributors to prosperity—mining.

### PITY THE POOR PEDESTRIAN

Pity the poor pedestrian in the great American traffic tangle. Dodging, skipping coat-tails flying, he continues annually to account for nearly half of all our automobile accident fatalities.

Pity him not only because speeding careless brakeless, light-beating motorists cut him down without mercy, invade his street safety zones, and slaughter him as he steps from street cars and busses—but pity him also because his own stupidity remains his unrestrained enemy. He still crosses streets against traffic signals, walks along the wrong side of rural highways with his back to traffic, plays in the street and is the most flagrant jaywalker in the world. In this last capacity, he crosses between

intersections invites highway murder by coming out from behind parked cars, and makes himself a pot-shot target by crossing diagonally at intersections.

Pity him because last year 13,440 out of 29,900 persons killed in traffic accidents were members of his clan. One in three, or 38 per cent, were jaywalkers. The foot traveler is apparently the product of a horse and buggy age who cannot master the rules of a motorized era. His species, as such, may soon be extinct, for his children, happily are worlds safer. They have learned that playing tag with high-powered cars is a futile game. They cross at designated cross walks, wait for the signal light, and walk on the left-hand side of the road, facing traffic.

Pity the poor pedestrian, but drive reckless killer-type motorists from the road!

### YOUR BREAD AND BUTTER

If you talk to a business man today about problems that are worrying him nine chances out of ten he will bring up the subject of taxation. He knows that government must be supported and is anxious and willing to do his part. But he is beginning to question whether too many things are being done in the name of government, which are outside the functions of governing and in the realms of business.

The tax question is not yet as personal to the employee as it is to the employer because he has not yet seen his position in the picture as clearly as has the employer.

As a matter of fact, the employee has more at stake than the employer. Take the case of a factory employing ten or a thousand persons. The tax burden of the employer, local and national, are reaching a point where his earnings, which he would like to spend for expansion are in many cases absorbed by taxation. Taxes discourage the investor from making improvements that would give employment. Who is the greatest loser here?

If an employer is finally forced to cease operation, he and his family suffer as one unit in community life. But ten employers or one thousand employees will suffer just as much as he does, by loss of their jobs. Therefore, employees really have a greater interest in conditions that create and maintain employment, than has the employer.

That is why employees have a greater interest today in taxation and legislative questions that encourage or discourage business, than ever before—because jobs become harder to get as opportunities are reduced for successful operation of industry.

### THINGS ONE REMEMBERS

By R. M. HOFER

I was feeling particularly depressed after reading the morning paper at breakfast—murders, scandals, the air mail imbroglio, wars threatened, the dollar of uncertain value, stock market, shaky, and the worried citizen facing the greatest taxes and the greatest Federal debt in history—when in came four young people, past voting age.

"Is Bim married this morning?" asked all four.  
"Who in the world is Bim," said I.  
"Benjamin Gump," said they.  
And, lo and behold, the thing they were most interested in was whether Benjamin Gump and his lovely sweetheart of the comic strip were safely wedded. And there I was worrying about the condition of the country.

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I decided that as long as the young people and voters had such a sense of humor, the man-made troubles of our nation would probably be solved in due course and in spite of the politicians, speculators and war promoters. And in line with the foregoing, I ran across the new book by Arthur J. Burks entitled, "Where Are My People?"

Burks was raised in the West and lives in the East. He has written a simple straight forward narrative which is as unmistakably American as doughnuts and apple pie. Through the history of one family—the author's own—we see the virgin land transformed into profitable farms and thriving towns in the "Big Bend" country of Washington.

The book is about real people such as have been responsible for this nation's growth from the beginning. They have carried on through thick through hard times and good times and in spite of every brand of political experiment.

Would-be statesmen and hard-working citizens should read the book to understand the real forces that develop the country and carry on to greater achievements.

It will take the conceit out of politicians to realize the importance of the Gumps.

### FARMERS MAY MAKE LOAN ON EMERGENCY CROP FUND

Farmers may obtain an emergency crop loan from the \$40,000,000 fund recently made available by Congress if they need credit and cannot qualify elsewhere and they are cooperating with the production control program of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, according to a statement made today by S. M. Garwood, Production Credit Commissioner of the Farm Credit Administration.

These loans are entirely separate loans. The Emergency Crop Loan Fund is an emergency relief measure for this year only to aid those who cannot qualify for credit through the regular channels of a production credit association. This year will probably see the last of this type loan.

The fund will be used primarily to make loans not exceeding the cash cost of growing crops during the year 1934, for summer fallowing, and for winter wheat to be planted in 1934 and harvested in 1935. An amount from the fund, not to exceed \$1,000,000 may be used to make loans to purchase feed for livestock in areas designated by the Governor of the Farm Credit Administration as drought and storm-stricken. The fund may not be used to make loans to replace work-stock.

The maximum amount which will be made available to any one farmer this year is \$250 and the minimum \$25 according to the regulations. The interest rate will be 5 1/2 per cent annum. Provisions for taking crop liens have been worked out under Mr. Garwood's direction and detailed regulations will be placed in the hands of local emergency crop loan committees soon. The time and place where these committees will receive applications will be known locally within a short time.

Before any farmer may secure a loan, however, he must first obtain a statement from the County Production Council where one exists, that he does not intend to increase his acreage or production in opposition to the A. A. A. Applications for loans from \$25 to \$150 may be made directly to the emergency crop loan offices provided the applicants do not have sufficient security to obtain loans elsewhere.

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### Oregon Granges - Not "Wall Street" Demanded Oregon's Sales Tax, Declared

Marshfield, Oregon, March 16—The widely publicized statement of State Grange Master Ray Gill that "Big Business" and the "Hidden Hand of Wall Street" secured adoption of Oregon's Sales Tax Law, got a wallop straight between the eyes here today. State Representative J. H. McCloskey of Coos county revealed that he worked for the measure at the last special legislative session on the urgent request of "34 officers and members of the various Coos County Granges," backed up by similar requests from Parent Teachers organizations, School Board members and Chambers of Commerce.

In a statement addressed to the School Relief and Property Tax Reduction League of Oregon, McCloskey wrote: "If Mr. Gill considers the various grange lodges of Coos County, many of which have already passed resolutions favoring the Sales Tax, and our Coos County Tax League, our county court and many other local organizations as 'Tools of Wall Street' then I will have to plead guilty. It was at the request of so many of our leading Coos County grange members and other citizens and taxpayers that I worked for the bill.

Many of our schools in Coos County are suffering. The teachers are unable to dispose of their warrants, and with our taxes over 60% delinquent, I fear many of the schools will have to shorten the term or close entirely if the Sales Tax is defeated in May.

"While I don't believe the sales tax measure is a perfect tax bill, I do think that as an emergency measure it will be a life saver to the property tax-payers of Oregon."

Among the Coos County granges that have taken stands for the Sales Tax and against the recommendations of State Grange Master Gill, who leads the opposition to the School Relief and Property Tax Reduction measure, are included: The Coquille Grange Pomona Grange, Myrtle Point Grange, the Broadbent Grange and Most Western Grange.

### Sales of Fords Shows Decided Increase

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of similar periods for the last three years. Although they may not be numerically as great as eastern deliveries, the western states are doing their share and more, in proportion to the population, in maintaining the upward trend of business which is now so evident in all industries.

These facts were revealed today by H. H. Wilcox, Pacific Northwest branch manager of the Ford Motor company, quoting recently compiled statistics of motor car registrations.

### Third Commemorative Stamp

The third commemorative postage stamp issued by the United States in 1934 served to commemorate the discovery of the Hudson river by Henry Hudson in 1609 and the navigation of the same river by Robert Fulton in 1807. Hudson sailed his little Dutch vessel, the Half Moon, into New York harbor on September 3, 1609, and almost 200 years later Fulton proved the possibilities of his steamboat, Clermont, by a public demonstration on the river.

### Copperheads Not Vicious

Copperheads are not as bad as they have been thought. It is true that they do not warn before they strike, but they are not vicious or aggressive. However, they have very sensitive dispositions and are easily aroused. In captivity they thrive and live long with good handling. They quickly become accustomed to their keeper and will permit him to handle them.

### Shakespeare's Burial Place

At the time of the death of Shakespeare his fame was not sufficiently great to authorize his burial in Westminster abbey, which at that time was reserved largely for the bodies of the rulers and statesmen. It was also his wish to be buried in the parish church, and as a title owner he was entitled to be buried in the chancel.

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My husband insists on singing—and he can't sing.—L. F. H.

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