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## The Suicide Brigade

There seem to be a good many people in this country who don't care much for living but who would be the first to be aghast if you accused them of it. For no reason at all they are constantly and cheerfully risking their necks—and yours.

This group of citizens—who total hundreds of thousands—constitute our reckless, ignorant and irresponsible motorists. Consciously or unconsciously possessed of the idea that their abilities are not second to those of the dardevils of the race tracks, they make a practice of driving faster than the law allows, even though they are going nowhere in particular and have all the time in the world to get there. They weave in and out of traffic—if they waited until the roadway was clear for passing, they'd lose a precious second or so. They drive on the wrong side of the road. They have a contempt for traffic lights and signals, which were obviously created for less gifted mortals. They laugh at the rumored perils of hills and curves, and take extreme pleasure in passing on them. When their brakes go bad and their steering and lighting systems failer they put off repairs until some distant tomorrow—they'll certainly be able to get by until then without a mishap. And so it goes, down the entire list of acts of commission and omission that cause our toll of 35,000 automobile deaths per year.

The rest of us wouldn't have any kick coming if the suicide brigade risked their own lives only—that, after all, would be their prerogative. But they menace us as well—menace everyone and everything which uses the streets and highways. The innocent suffer along with the guilty—and, unless these drivers are curbed each of us runs an excellent chance of being eventually numbered among the victims of the suicide brigade.

## A Fair Break for All

Throughout the country, groups of consumers are rising in protest against high prices, notably those charged for milk, meat and other agricultural products.

In many cases, these protests are doubtless justified—but there is danger that a misunderstanding of actual conditions may cause people to become inimical toward the farmer's desire to obtain a fair selling price for his goods. That desire is the underlying principle in the work of all of our great agricultural cooperatives.

High prices charged at retail don't necessarily mean that the actual producer gets even a profitable price. Giving the farmer fair prices doesn't mean that the consumer is going to be stung. In the case of most commodities, the final selling price is many times the price paid at the farm. The rest of the cost represents profits and charges occurring along the distribution line.

Many authorities believe that distributors and the middlemen get too much of the selling cost of products—while the farmer gets too little. The purpose of the co-ops is to equalize this—to see that everyone gets a fair deal and that none makes an excessive profit. Once that is achieved, farmers will make money—and the consumer will get stable, quality products for a fair and reasonable price. That is in the interest of the entire nation, which in normal times, is largely dependent on farm purchasing power for the money that keeps factories going, provides jobs in our cities, and maintains pay rolls.

## Confidence Lacking

In a recent article, able publicist Walter Lippman pointed to a strange anomaly. He said that business is getting better, almost all lines are up. Cash registers tinkle, but industrial leaders still refuse to show much optimism.

The reason for that, according to Mr. Lippman is two-fold. First, the New Deal program is running in circles, and no one knows what is going to happen next. Business men are afraid of new and strange legislation, that will wipe out the gains made. Second, the Administration is deliberately incurring the largest government deficit in history, without showing how or when it will be met. That creates a fear of excessive taxes that will make business progress and profit impossible.

Mr. Lippman, who is certainly not an enemy of the New Deal, and is the first to praise its achievements, thinks that the Administration should immediately settle the doubts as to the future of legislation and deficit. Business says a fervent "Amen" to that.

## Capital Punishment

Capital punishment has been restored in Kansas as the result of a law passed at the late session of the state legislature. Kansas will find out as eventually every state will find out that it is not the severity of the punishment so much as the surety of punishment that is the most potent force with which to combat the activities of the criminal element. What most of the states need to do rather than look about for means of increasing the severity of punishment is to institute reforms in criminal procedure in keeping with the times. The present criminal code which was handed down from an old archaic English system very distinctly favors the criminal element in this country. The many loop-holes, delays and cum-

bersome and antiquated rules of procedure make the average criminal case a contest of lawyers rather than an earnest effort to arrive at the facts and administer justice. This is obviously then the point at which reforms should begin.

A local expert tells us that birth control is now possible in the case of the dandelion. This expert tells us that ice pick dipped in sulphuric acid and thrust into the crown of the plant will do the work.

With the coming of spring elections in many localities comes the matter of electing members of the school board. The patrons of a school cannot be too careful in the selection of school board members. Qualifications are involved here that do not enter into other offices. It is important that a school board member not only have good judgment in business matters but in addition to this he should also have the proper concept of what the schools are trying to do and the right sort of attitude toward the problems of the school.

After the final summons comes to a man and he lies stretched out on his back in a nice padded satin lined coffin with his hands folded in his breast and his friends come for a last look upon his face, if he could at such a time speak it would perhaps be to say: "Well at last I do not have to pay any more taxes."

In spite of the opposition to the move, the government is gradually getting into business. The move is inspired by the faults that occur in privately managed business. Unfortunately the taking over of business by the government does not solve the problem. It merely presents a new set of problems, which, while different than the problems that exist in privately conducted business, are nevertheless just as real. Many do not mind the government getting into business as long as it isn't their business. The danger lies in the difficulty in putting the brake on the movement once it gets started.

We note a good many of our exchanges are opposed to this country entering the war should one break out in Europe as a result of the latest flare up. We would suggest in this connection that if any American banker were caught loaning money to a warring nation that he be shot at sunrise. These big banks are too slick for the rest of us. They loan their money at a high rate of interest and when it looks as though their creditor was getting the worst of it use their influence to get this nation into the scrap to secure their chattel.

## State House Gossip

BY ERNEST L. GRAY  
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been causing plenty of work for those guarding the structure.

The inevitable session of the state legislature may not be called until September it was understood, after some definite proposals for the new capitol building can be presented and upon what terms through federal aid such a building could be financed. But there will be a session some time this year, of that one may be certain.

The makeup of the new session likewise will be an interesting one. There will be new faces and possibly new leaders. The attorney general, at the time of this writing has not yet handed down his opinion concerning the eligibility of those who have accepted other state and federal jobs, but his opinion will state, it has been learned that those accepting such jobs now are ineligible. That throws out four house members and two senators, all democrats, including the speaker.

Those without seats therefore, will be Speaker John Cooter, Representatives Wallace and Johnson of Multnomah, and Henry Semon of Klamath, and Senators Ashby Dickson of Multnomah, and Walter Fisher of Roseburg. Will they be permitted to retain their positions on that board? That too must be decided.

And with this ruling there will be a battle for the post of speaker in this important extraordinary session. A fine chance for some legislator to make a record. The battle appears to be between Moore Hamilton, a young member from Medford but one who proved his worth at the regular session, and William Graham of Portland. Graham is an older head but the speakership may still be fought out on geographic lines, which would mean the first district representatives would be named.

Democrats will still retain control of the house even if republicans

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are chosen, if there are no other vacancies. If all were republicans chosen by county courts to fill the seats the democrats would have a 34 to 28 majority. The senate will remain in control of the republicans.

The problems before the special session after a location can be found for holding an assembly, will be important. Not only does it have to provide means of building the capitol, it must determine what type, where it will be constructed in Salem, and many other matters. There has been no support, other than the cry of Victor "E-wee" Nelson of Multnomah, to move the capitol to Portland. That issue appears very unpopular, and rightly so. The capitol has been located at Salem by vote. This is no time to change the constitution in that respect.

The governor appears to be enjoying the voluntary capitol fund started with a dollar bill sent by a Denver, Colo. resident. The fund was growing slowly, Governor Martin says he wishes the fund to mount high to demonstrate that Oregonians can give and get their minds off the view of "gimme." The money will be used for some special phase of the new building. We suggest a fine press room.

The report of the committee named by the governor to investigate the administration of federal and state relief funds, has completed its report and submitted it to the Governor, it was learned. It may be released sometime this week, but to date nothing has been officially announced relative to it.

The governor is anxious for the press of the state to use the entire report, understood to be 30 page long rather than summarize it. Therefore it was expected printed copies of the report will be obtained before the announcement is made public. It was understood no serious irregularities will be listed, and that generally the administration of the funds will be given a clean slate.

The state supreme court this week held its term in Pendleton. Chief Justice J. U. Campbell was still in the east and was not expected back before June 1. The Supreme Court building now houses the board of control, Governor's office and state treasurer.

The finest friends which a newspaper has are those who call up and suggest news items or ideas for their own observation. Such suggestions are productive of everything from items for a column to editorial and front-page matter. — Oklahoma Daily Citizen.

## BORN WITHOUT A GULLET



Robert Earl Linsig was born in New York without an esophagus, the narrow tube through which food passes from the mouth to the stomach. Robert has an even chance in his battle for life, but cannot be operated on for seven or eight years.

**Gates of St. Peter's**  
The original gates of St. Peter's, Rome, were made of cypress wood, says Tit-Bits Magazine, and when Pope Eugenius IV ordered them to be replaced by brass ones, it was found that the timber was as fresh as the day the gates were built—1,100 years before.

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## Backyard Activities



## Finds Gold Vein Hidden Under His Own Kitchen

There was only a small cellar under the Merle Kessey home at Victor, Colo., not big enough to be of much use, and Mrs. Kessey wanted a full-sized basement.

Kessey wanted to please his wife and started blasting out the solid rock that had to be removed. And that's why the Kesseys now have a gold mine—under their home. Almost directly under the kitchen stove, Kessey, theater owner and deputy county treasurer, blasted into a vein of gold ore, worth all the way from \$5 to \$20 a ton.

He removed all the ore he could find under the kitchen and moved the workings under the bathroom. Indications were that he would be under the bedroom shortly.

What will happen to the house when and if he continues his operations remains to be seen. If it doesn't fall into the excavation, Kessey may have to move his family out and convert it into a mine office. Thus far Kessey has removed more than 20 tons of ore, most of which is piled beside the house, and he intends to start shipments to the mill shortly. He has leased adjoining property, even obtaining control of mineral rights under the street, on which his home is situated.

Largest results are obtained by a small classified ad.

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