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"THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE"

NOW THAT IT'S BEEN MENTIONED—!

Some dispute has arisen in Ashland during the last few days involving the sawmill of Arthur L. Coggins on lower East Main street at the railroad tracks.

A neighbor who lives alongside the property, where lumber is piled, has complained to the city council that fire hazard is great, and that sanitary conditions are not what they should be. The council appointed a committee to "investigate" the charges and report back. What the committee will say is yet to be learned.

However, since the mill has been brought to public attention, some comment might be in order. Regardless of whether Coggins has been the city's best employer and business man, and regardless of whether his mill is or is not one of the most tidy in southern Oregon, there are some things which might be said in its favor.

During the last 11 years Coggins' payroll has totaled \$174,857.33. He paid out \$280,570.62 for logs, and taxes paid were \$10,839.06. Although his mill is a small outfit, and more or less of an unpainted lean-to affair, he has been a factor of some importance in Ashland.

With too few payrolls now, and with few enough sources for bringing outside money into this community, the East Main street mill has been a benefit. Every tree that is felled on a nearby mountainside, hauled to Coggins' pond, sawed and shipped brings just that much money to southern Oregon that otherwise would not have come.

There may be some foundation for complaint against the mill, as claimed. But when considering these complaints, the value of a payroll—any kind of a payroll—to Ashland should be remembered.

True, the man who unfortunately lives near the railroad tracks and beside the mill's drying yard suffers an increased insurance rate thereby. Any lumber yard is a fire menace. But when placed alongside the nearly half a million dollars turnover at the mill in 11 years, the few dollars in additional insurance rates is dwarfed by comparison.

And as for the neighbor being stuck with a lumber yard next to his property, Coggins is stuck with the residence alongside his lumber yard. Which of the two is the greater firetrap would be a subject for debate.

As for sanitary conditions, that might be something else. The council's committee can well decide that point and if necessary do something about it. But for the most part, the wrangle which was taken to the city council last week is largely the outgrowth of an old neighborhood quarrel in which both sides are at fault.

We should thank our stars we're lucky enough to have any kind of a payroll down in that end of town. We need a lot more of 'em, nuisance or no nuisance!

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INTERNATIONAL GUTS NEEDED!

Lofty and worthy as are world aims at peace through diplomacy and conference, such tactics apparently are the manna upon which the world's woes are feeding.

Few can doubt the intention of nations which hedge and withdraw and turn first one cheek and then the other, but measured by results, such anaemic gestures contribute to the military activity of the world and add to the confusion of human souls.

With wholesale murder the rule, and with civilian bombings making streets run red with blood of non-combatants, it is high time somebody somewhere took an aggressive stand for what is right and humane.

War is hell, as Sherman sagely pointed out. But that is no reason why those who insist on waging war can't be given a little hell themselves. The present treatment of hopeful indifference and cautious waiting instead of definite, courageous action is remindful of the cancerous patient who was afraid to undergo treatment until too late.

Nations the world over, although shocked and disturbed by the acts of Italy, Germany and Japan in

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Spain and China, stand by while victims are bombed and gassed. They would help, sure, except that no telling when the aggressors might turn on them.

There are two stands civilized people can take. Either they can cowardly hide behind "it's none of our business" or they can take a firm stand for what all people believe is right and fair, and back up their stand with guts and shellfire if they must.

But that is just what Hitler, Mussolini, Franco and Hirohito are banking on—the spineless tolerance of other nations. And because other world powers do permit such atrocities to go without retaliation, they contribute greatly to the slaughter now rotting Europe.

If an individual sees one man butcher another without making some effort to prevent the crime, he is guilty of abetting the act. Likewise, when a nation stands aside while another murders without conscience, that nation also is an accessory to the crime.



By EARL SNELL
Secretary of State

HOW MANY LICENSED DRIVERS ARE THERE IN OREGON?

Up to the middle of June, 426,476 persons had received Oregon operators' permits since the current renewal period began in June, 1937. This means that nearly half of the entire population of the state is licensed, and that far more than half of those who are old enough have obtained licenses.

With this vast number of persons of all ages and degrees of experience driving automobiles—more than at any other time in the state's history—it is important that all drivers understand the rules of the road thoroughly, and that they are aware of their obligations as well as of their rights and privileges. This information is all contained in the Operator's Manual, which is distributed free

of charge by the secretary of state.

MAY I PAY TRUCK REGISTRATION ON A QUARTERLY BASIS?

While no provision is made for licensing trucks and certain other types of vehicles on a separate quarterly basis, these vehicles may be licensed for the last half of any semi-annual period upon payment of one-half the semi-annual fee, or one-fourth of the annual fee, plus \$1. In this way a truck used during January, February and March must be licensed for the full period from Jan. 1 to June 30, but a vehicle used only during April, May and June may be licensed for that three-month period only. The same ruling applies to the last six months of the year.

The reason for this is that regular semi-annual licenses may be issued in all cases, but if they were issued during the first three months of a given period there would be nothing to prevent their use for the entire period.

● Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Lininger are enjoying a vacation on the Oregon coast.

Going To Town!

Hey, Kids! Come here, hurry up, run!
Pa and Ma are going to town.
To town, gee, won't we uns have fun,
Red candy and all day suckers, by gum.

Hush up! Pa says hitch up old Ned and Prince to the red wagon New harness and all
While I fill the box with clean straw.

Ma is going to wear her new calico,
Me, my new print, blue ribbon too.
I saw! Hope my shoes don't squeak
Don't care if they do hurt my feet.

Boy! Aint this outfit swell!
But say, we better be still.
You know about Pa. He says we aint so dumb.
We ought to know how to act in town.

Here's Ma's eggs and butter.
Look out Rube, where you set down.
That's no way to act when you go to town.
Sakes alive, aint you had no bring-in' up?

Hey, fellers! Look under the wagon.
See what I found with his tail waggin' up and down.
Rover, how did you know we're

going to town?
You good-for-nothing flea-bitten houn'.

Hush up, you young 'uns. Here comes Pa.
Johnnie! Quit wiping your nose on your sleeve.
Quit acting up; you aint heathens, by gum.
Act dignified when we get to town.

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LETTERS to the Editor

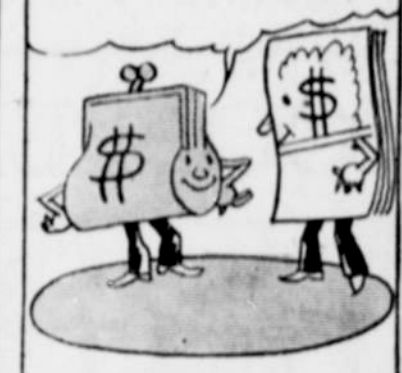
COMBUSTIBLE

To the Editor:
Sorry to learn of your fire. Good thing it wasn't your competitor. That outfit would burn up before you could turn the faucet, it's so darn dry. Well good luck and if you see Bill Grenbemer give him my very best insults.

FLOYD BILYEU.
(Portland, Ore.)

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