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MONEY HELPS, BUT LOOK AT CORRIGAN!

Somehow or other, red-blooded Americans dislike the colossal. They may be attracted by it, but their real enthusiasm is reserved for pure, simple action.

Howard Hughes, in his history-making flight around the world, attracted the fancy of his countrymen. But Douglas Corrigan, by his unheralded trans-Atlantic hop in an old plane, stirred their admiration.

Hughes represented the calculated ability of money and the world's finest equipment. His flight was largely a laboratory experiment with the best that science has to offer. Corrigan's non-stop hop was the result of one man's confidence in himself and his ability to make an old "crate" fly. His was a personal, individual feat.

That is the way of life, especially here in America. While mostly it is those favored with material advantages who climb the fastest, frequently a nobody with nothing at his disposal ups and shows 'em a thing or two.

Corrigan is a common man—one of the rank and file. And the rest of us will love him for proving to the world what one from our modest station in life can do.

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NEVER KNOWS WHEN IT'S LICKED!

That sales tax pest will be with Oregon voters again this fall, this time as a tail for the old-age pension kite.

Before it was the public schools that were going to close if we didn't submit to a penny-nuisance taxation of our daily purchases.

Certainly, there are logical arguments that a sales tax is a just form of tithe-collecting. But all arguments in its favor overlook or sidestep the real fault with the levy—that it will be another tax, an added burden on a too-heavily bled people.

Perhaps some day a sales tax will be introduced not as an additional levy, but as a more equitable tax to replace less impartial measures. When a sales tax carries with it a rider which cancels other levies, then Oregon might well adopt the newer form of collection.

Until that time, however, we should regard with suspicion and listen with distrust to any and all claims made for benefits from a sales tax.

Voters might wisely enough exchange antiquated property tax burdens for the more streamlined sales tax method, but the present proposal would be an addition to our load, not an adjustment of it.

Legislators have an annoying habit of spending up to tax collections rather than scaling expenditures down to the ability of the people to pay.

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AN ARMY TO BE PROUD OF!

Several times this week a constructive kind of army has been passing through Ashland bound for a war of preservation.

A number of truckloads of them have paused here briefly while hurrying to the front, and all of them cheerful, well equipped young warriors ready for the job that lay ahead—the controlling and quenching of forest fires now raging throughout the state.

The fire-fighters—for that is their summertime occupation—come from Civilian Conservation corps camps. The CCC's are a peace-time army fighting a war against fire, pitting their strength and their spirit against destruction of our greatest natural resources.

It should be a matter of satisfaction and pride to we of the northwest to know that several hundred thousand young men have been recruited for self-help and national welfare and to realize that here is one government relief project that most certainly is paying handsome dividends not only to its direct beneficiaries, but also in dollars and cents saved for the timbered portions of America.

The 3-C's have proven themselves a most practical benefit in our social well-being, as well as a moral safeguard for themselves.

LIFE'S BYWAYS!



AH, BUT THAT WAS DIFFERENT—!

John D. M. Hamilton, republican national chairman, has asked his party to "place squarely on the shoulders of President Roosevelt the blame for the nation's economic ills."

Well, it's about time they came around. Folks have had time to forget how the GOP's denied that Herby Hoover could possibly have had any responsibility for the depression of '29-32.

Not that this loyal democratic newspaper denies that a president might have some influence over national affairs and the public welfare. Most certainly not. But as we recall it, there is considerable difference between the "economic ills" of today and the "business disturbance" of the Hoover regime:

The difference between eating and not eating; banks being sound and banks folding up; the difference between democracy being safe and our form of government tottering on the brink of despair, both physical and mental.

If President Roosevelt can justly be blamed for today's business imperfections, then most certainly Hoover was to blame for the depression which occurred during his term in the White House.

Of the two recessions, Roosevelt's is by far the lesser. And Roosevelt, unlike his predecessor, is doing something about it.

HINDSIGHT ON SPORTS

By I TOLD YOU SO

ACCORDING to Billy Hulen in a Medford paper, the Craters will kick Glendale's Loggers out of the Southern Oregon league if they don't forfeit last Sunday's game and pungle up a \$25 guarantee. Medford players base their claim on their fruitless trip to Glendale over the week-end while Glendale was traveling to Medford.

Manager Wally Rickert, according to Hulen, claims it was Glendale who was at fault in traveling, that the schedule called for Medford traveling.

The Grants Pass Courier declares that according to the schedule sent it by League Secretary Austin Frazier early in the season, Glendale went to Medford. A perusal of Miner files revealed the same situation—that Frazier's official schedule calls for Glendale playing at Medford July 17.

So it looks like Rickert's claim that "We'll kick you guys out of the league" is in exceedingly poor taste. Even if Medford were not the mistaken party, such talk still would be foolish, for Medford is not running the whole league show, whether they think so or not. There are five other outfits in the league that might not agree with the trouble-making Craters.

Best thing Medford could do would be to blush becomingly, fork over the \$25 themselves to Glendale, and bow out with a forfeit.

Ashland's athletic Warren family is into everything but mischief. In softball, the current eventide relaxation now, they're sprinkled liberally through three teams.

Battery B mustered the largest representation from the family, perhaps because elder brother Dean is manager of the soldiers' team. With him are Leonard and Charlie, while Ardis Warren is one of the best hustlers on the Groceteria outfit. Smaller, but by no means less conspicuous, Don is bat boy for the Miners, where he has enjoyed the enviable position of being on the team that whips the rest of the family.

And don't ever think Don doesn't take advantage of his position. If you hear some young fellow chiding opponents in general and any member of the Warren family in

particular, you can bet your season ticket it will be green-capped Don pouring it on.

"Yaah, you're just a bunch of bushers, you clowns," challenges the younger Warren. And the four older brothers take it—at least on the playing field. What happens after they get home is an unrecorded family affair.

Last Sunday Second-Baseman

FACTS FOR DRIVERS

By EARL SNELL
Secretary of State

WHAT MUST BE DONE BEFORE A CAR IS WRECKED OR DISMANTLED?

Since the wrecking or dismantling of a motor vehicle means that the vehicle ceases to exist in its capacity to operate on the streets and highways, the license plates and certificate of title must be

Darrell Leavens, besides playing a steady game, displayed an affinity for fives. At bat five times, he blasted out five basehits. It was earlier in the season, and against the same team, that Leavens first flirted with freak figures when he accepted five walks in five appearances at the plate.

It was more than affinity for Lysle Reeder, however, when he stepped up to the plate in that Grants Pass game here last week-end with two men on base, two outs and the score knotted 7-7. Playing his third game and going hitless the while, Reeder glued his batting eye onto one of Steve Crippen's fast ones, rocked back on his feet and swung from his hip pocket to pole out the longest-hit baseball ever seen in the Ashland park. Enroute over the fence in home-run territory, his winged message was as high as the field lights—70 feet—and still going. About half an hour later, footsore and triumphant, a ball shagger returned with the wind-polished pellet.

That put Ashland ahead, after overcoming a seven-run handicap, 10-7, and it also established Reeder as one of the outfit's up-and-coming recruits. Although many home runs have been driven out of the Ashland park, Reeder's was the most spectacular and was a surprising thrill which made fans go wild.

Ashland's Lithians, although dropping their first two games in the second half of the Southern Oregon league schedule, have made it known to two of the top teams that they'll have to be licked before they yield victory. Both losses were by one run, 2-1 at Crescent City and 11-10 here against Grants Pass. Both opponents were rated as league tops, and both were thanking their stars when the games ended in their favor.

They knew they'd been through something, and it will be Mister Ashland to them from now on. Other league teams are regarding the Lithians with a new respect, tinged with apprehension.

Giant killers they are, even though they only scared their first two opponents within an inch of their lives. But just watch the local boys unwind against Medford here next Sunday.

They really are pointing for their Pear City rivals, and don't ever think the Lithians won't be hard to beat! All they ask is that Lowell Brown, Medford's south-paw formerly from this city, starts on the mound. They clouted him out in five innings at Medford last half, and they plan to send him to the showers ever, more sudden-like on the home field.

It'll be a show folks: Be there!

taken up so that they may not be used for another vehicle. Before wrecking or dismantling a motor vehicle, one must give notice of his intention to do so to the chief of police or marshal, if the work is to be done within a town, otherwise to the county sheriff. Forms are provided by the secretary of state for this notification.

WHAT IS MEANT BY "REACTION DISTANCE"?

"Reaction distance" is the distance traveled by an automobile during the time required by the driver to notice danger ahead and to apply his foot to the brake. This distance varies according to the speed of the car and the driver's quickness.

Paul Horne of Weed, Calif., visited here with his family over the week-end.

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