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## REGISTRATION SHOULD BE CONTINUED!

The recurrent question of whether or not Oregon should discontinue out-of-state auto registrations is being mulled by the local daily and the inference is made that we should acquiesce to the wishes of Californians because their state furnishes more than half of our out-of-state registration.

Perhaps some motorists dislike the free formality of having to pause the few minutes required to register their vehicles, but then those same drivers probably are as impatient at stop lights, school zones and busy streets. But the slight inconvenience—if indeed it can be termed an inconvenience at all—is well offset by the unusual opportunity the contact gives this state to greet travelers.

The value of the registration service is not in detection of stolen cars but in the welcoming gesture made possible. Reasonable motorists do not object to the registration when they are treated in a courteous, hospitable manner.

If we are to determine our own tourist policies through an exchange of ameliorative suggestions, perhaps California's border fruit inspection stations might also be open for discussion. Their nuisance value to the tourist is far greater than the simple Oregon registration requirement.

There is no logic to streamlining our reception of tourists to the point where all human contact is lost simply because it requires an application of brakes, a snapped motor switch and perhaps two minutes of time which can be pleasantly spent receiving a gratis greeting from a host state.

## MAN'S BEST FRIEND BEFRIENDED!

Portland newspapers this week carried pictures of a police dog—Pat—with a specially built sulky to transport useless, paralyzed hind legs. The rig was designed and built by a Portland man and enables Pat to get around.

With newspapers weighted with war talk, railroad sabotage, incendiary forest fires and deportation rot it is like a breath of fresh air in a glue factory to see what one man has done on behalf of his canine friend.

To the picture and the dog's benefactor we owe thanks for the reminder that man has some good, fine points. And also the lesson that if such charitable attitudes were applied in our relations with human beings perhaps Pat's picture would not have been hemmed in by news of war, lust and disaster.

## BLAMING THEIR SINS ON THE REDS!

The season's most popular bugaboo is communism, upon whose scarlet shoulders every blame is being visited. Latest and most bizarre instance appeared in news columns this week when the Federal Trade commission filed a complaint charging Good Housekeeping magazine with making false claims and misleading guarantees about products which are advertised in the publication.

The complaint alleges that the Good Housekeeping "seal of approval" has been bestowed on articles which have not been tested and approved by any scientific laboratory. The complaint cited 15 examples of what was described as false advertising in the magazine.

In defense of their magazine's policies, publishers of Good Housekeeping said the charges are untrue and that communistic elements have tried to undermine the institutions of advertising and destroy the independence of the press.

So now, very apparently, the Federal Trade commission will not receive the Good Housekeeping seal of approval, nor will the communist party, behind whose unpopularity G-H publishers are trying to hide.

As country cousins of the large publications, The Miner has always held a suspicion that the magazine's "seal of approval" was more indicative of an advertiser's good credit rating than the quality of his product.

Perhaps Martin Dies and his investigating committee might look into the un-American practices of business blaming its own rascalities onto communism.

## LIFE'S BYWAYS!



## OF ALL THINGS!

By MINER STAFF WRITER

SOME financial finagling that we have heard about and, in case the reader accuses us of trying to stretch his credulity, we will state in advance that we do not believe half of it ourselves:

One of the funniest situations that has come to the notice of this writer was on an occasion when two worthies decided to fight it out but before they could settle matters that way the constable had thrown one of them into the hoosegow, whereupon the other put up \$25 bail to get his opponent out where he could get at him—only to receive a sound thrashing for his pains and have the victor add insult to injury by jumping bail.

Then there is the story going around about the not too bright prizefighter who approached his manager for the loan of \$20. "But you don't gotta gimme the whole 20 now," he cracked. "You just gimme 10 now and you'll owe me 10, I'll owe you 10 too and we'll be even."

Rube Marquard, eccentric left-handed pitcher of a bygone era, was noted for ways in which he could always get hold of a dollar or two remarks his manager, Connie Mack.

Mack relates how the Rube came to him one time in a state of ostensible perturbation and told him of losing a diamond watch charm presented for his work in a world series.

The manager told Marquard to insert an ad in the paper offering a \$10 reward for the return of the jewelry and he would pay it—the big left-hander being broke all the time anyway.

No sooner had the paper containing the notice hit the street than word came from a barkeep that he had the charm and brought it over, collecting the money.

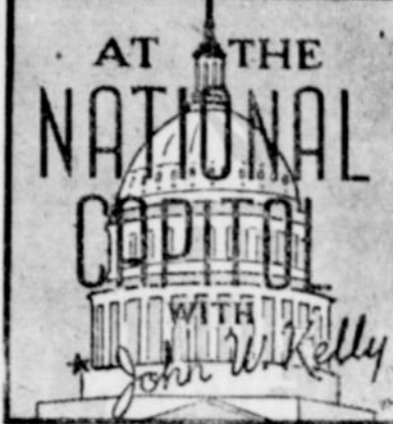
Mack didn't divulge what the cut between the bartender and the ballplayer was.

This one comes from a bridge player who tells about a dispute arising from a minor point in a bridge game. They decided to let Eli Culbertson settle it, which Culbertson did, sending them a bill for \$25.

The bridge players appealed to a lawyer, who said they should pay, which they did. But the first of the month they got a bill from the lawyer for \$10 worth of legal advice.

We get mad every time this one comes up, but perhaps some of you would like to try your hand at it:

A group of travelers engaged hotel accommodations for which they paid \$30. After they had moved in the clerk decided he had made a mistake and sent a bellboy up with a \$5 refund. The bellboy wasn't overlooking any bets and



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the first six months is skyrocketing in August. But for the immediate future, state and local relief agencies have a tough job.

Everyone who has ideas on taxes is invited to present them in person or by letter to John W. Hanes, undersecretary of the treasury. Complete revision of federal taxes is in the making and for the first time Joe Doaks or any other citizen is given an opportunity to have his "say." Heretofore tax legislation was written mysteriously, sent to congress with orders to pass it. If public hearings were held professional lobbyists and representatives of government bureaus were the only witnesses.

New tax legislation is not intended to remove the burden; taxes will not be reduced, but the spread will be different and prime purpose is to raise more money. What the committee making the study desires is for suggestions on new sources of revenue. Someone in the United States may have a bright idea and know of something that can be taxed. Oregon thought of the tax on gasoline, which has been a gold mine to states and federal government.

It appears almost certain that the base for income taxes will be broadened, which means that individuals whose income now is so small that they are not subject to this particular tax will be compelled to contribute. This will cause more argument than adding another cent to the tax on cigarettes—the most heavily taxed article on the schedule. Uncle Sam is in the hole 40 billion dollars and needs money and the only way he can get it is from you, and you, and you and your grandchildren. All the billions spent for WPA.

knocked down \$2, returning only \$3 to the hotel guests. That made the rooms cost them \$27 and the bellhop got \$2—29 bucks in all.

What became of the other dollar?

## \$25.00 REWARD

will be paid for any corn Great Christopher Corn and Callous Remedy cannot remove!

EAST SIDE PHARMACY

## Writer Declares Local Softball Loop Success

By HARRY CHIPMAN  
The 1939 softball season, just concluded in Ashland, was a success as far as can be determined. While Ashland probably did not have the best league in existence, it was far from being the worst.

This writer visited most of July in Alturas, Calif., where they were in their second year of organized softball and the first under lights. Pitchers work on a plan of making every batter a hitter and as a result home runs are frequent occurrences. Errors are present on almost every play and strikeouts are rare. It a team is short-handed it canvasses the audience for players.

Grounds are rough and the outfield grown over with grass which makes it difficult to field balls. There is a two-bit charge for seats and no seats. Automobiles are driven onto the lot and, if a person is a mind to walk a few steps out of his way, he can get in for nothing, since money is collected only at once place and the yard has no fence on three sides. The light poles are set too close to the outfield and, if a player doesn't watch where he is going he might collide with one.

About the only place the Modoc county league and Ashland's loop compare is the crowds' and the players' enthusiasm. After all, the game is for fun and those Alturas ball players seem to have just that.

Mrs. Clarence Homes and daughter Clarice of Ashland spent Tuesday afternoon in Talent.

grants under PWA, etc., must be repaid as it was borrowed money.

Douglas fir, pine and other lumber is needed in Spain for reconstruction but this business must wait until the Spanish government is prepared to consent to importation. Only basic raw material is permitted for the present and all manufactured articles are prohibited. Inquiry by the bureau of foreign commerce discloses that when Spain allows lumber to be imported it will draw the line at plywood products, such as doors. For years Spain held 13th position as market for American lumber. The market is expected to open probably next winter; the far east market when hostilities quiet down. Each country will require billions of feet of lumber from the United States, most originating in the Pacific northwest. A delegation of Japanese business men recently visited the northwest and made tentative plans to purchase a huge amount of Pacific coast products.

Pay of the survivors of the Squalus was cut \$15 a month, dating from May 23 when the submarine failed to come up. Squalus was cut \$15 a month, \$15 a month extra because of the hazardous work and as their ship went out of commission they were automatically cut the \$15.

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