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RACKETEER HAS NO PLACE IN PROGRAM OF NATIONAL DEFENSE!

A poll was recently taken in Portland by the Oregonian on the subject of strikes in defense industries. Ninety percent of the people queried said that the federal government should take steps to prevent such strikes. Only 10 per cent said no.

Of the union members queried, 83 percent favored federal action, as against 17 percent which opposed it. A large number said they always had believed in labor's right to strike, but now thought the emergency justified temporary limitations of this right. National defense, they observed, overshadows all other considerations.

The poll also asked how strikes should be prevented. Seventy-nine percent of those answering favored compulsory arbitration by the government.

This poll undoubtedly represents the collective opinion of practically all the people of this country, including thoughtful workmen. It is a bitter commentary that when the government is conscripting tens of thousands of young men and paying them a dollar a day, and offering their lives to the country, a radical segment of labor that is being paid the highest wages in history, and working the shortest hours, forces strikes for more.

Most significant fact produced by this poll is the attitude of union workmen. They, no less than the public at large, are overwhelmingly opposed to strikes in defense industries. This bears out the opinion that the majority of working men are sincerely patriotic, and want to work for their country's defense—and that the recent strikes simply have been forced on them by a small number of racketeers and malcontents. The labor leader who falls into that category—and there seems to be too many of them these days—is the worst enemy the honest worker has.

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TRAFFIC EDUCATION SHOULD INCLUDE COURTESY TO OUT-OF-STATE VISITORS

Oregon's efficient secretary of state has accomplished beneficial results in his ceaseless campaign to reduce highway accidents. Long after Earl Snell has relinquished his post the program he has inaugurated will continue, for he has made motorists traffic conscious and in so doing has doubtless saved the lives of countless persons.

Snell has worked on the theory that car drivers take more kindly to suggestion than to law enforcement. There are laws aplenty on the statute books governing the operation of motor vehicles and these laws, like those governing other functions of our daily lives, are looked upon by not a few car owners as something to be violated—if they can get away with it. At times these infractions result in serious accidents and the law steps in to mete out punishment.

Carelessness and insufficient knowledge of car handling and traffic regulations also contribute a full share to the accident record. These factors have claimed attention of traffic officials and in recent years much has been accomplished in the direction of safety on the highways.

In general, motoring on Oregon highways is an orderly, safe and pleasurable pursuit. There is an occasional blot on the landscape in the nature of a "smarty" driver, who labors under the impression that the highway is all his as long as he is using it and such a driver is apt to convey to tourists the idea that motorists in this part of the world are as wild and woolly as the old west. Such is not the case, for Oregonians are as cultured and refined as the people of the rest of the Union, but an occasional "bad apple" shows up which may confuse the stranger within the gates and cause him to brand all of us as bad mannered.

An incident of this nature occurred last fall which illustrates the point. A party of Ashland people were returning from the coast. As they were approaching Sexton mountain they overtook a car bearing a New York license. Because of the winding road no effort was made to pass and soon there were several cars following. Among these was a car driven by a man who apparently was trying to make it to San Francisco for dinner (it was then about 4:30 p. m.). After following the procession peacefully for a time he began to honk his horn, keeping it up over a distance of two or three miles. This nuisance did not disturb drivers ahead of him except the car in the lead. It was plain to be seen that the New York driver was not accustomed to the type of road he found himself on and finally when a wide shoulder was spotted he drove off the pavement and allowed the other cars to pass. The smart aleck went by tooting his horn raucously and giving all whom he passed what might be termed the

OUR DEMOCRACY — by Mat

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Occupants of the New York car were five elderly people. From their appearance they were cultured and probably belonged to the affluent class. It was plainly evident that they were worried about what was ahead of them on the highway and deeply embarrassed by the treatment accorded them by the highway hoodlum. There was a feeling among the Ashlanders that a good sock on the jaw would have been a lesson to the offender, but he was out ahead and it was a closed incident as far as he was concerned.

The statutes take care of the traffic violator but it will require an intensified educational program to eliminate the "wise guys" from the highways.

TALENT MILL TO SAW US TIMBER

Forest headquarters announced Tuesday that the Talent Saw Mills Inc. will receive the contract for the purchase of 1,000,000 board feet of Douglas fir in the Union creek district of the Rogue River National forest.

The winning bid was 75 cents per 1,000 board feet. However, an additional 50 cents must be paid by the buyer for slash removal and timber stand improvement, making the total cost \$1.25 per thousand feet.

- Ladies of the Methodist church and Sunday school gave Mrs. Frank Holdrige a pleasant surprise Sunday afternoon, it being her birthday. Those participating included Mesdames E. E. Foss, W. Balderstone, Lera Walty, Genevieve Holdrige, C. W. Holdrige, Mary Higgins, Agnes Hackler, Margaret Mathes, Anna Hamilton, Nell Fenton, I. C. Williams, S. J. Welburn, Parthena Terrill, Nell Young and F. L. Holdrige.
- Mr. and Mrs. Charles Trefethern and family moved to Kerby last week.
- Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Bradley moved from the campground into the property recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Trefethern.
- Mr. and Mrs. Don Maynard left last week for Seattle where Mr. Maynard is employed.
- Mr. and Mrs. Al Sherard spent Sunday in Grants Pass visiting their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. Whitsett.
- Will Thatcher of Coletin is calling on friends in Talent this week. Mr. Thatcher is a former resident.
- Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sloper and daughter Loretta of Prospect were week-end guests of Mrs. Sloper's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Logan.
- Walter Wolford of Valleyview is employed at the Bates service station during Mr. Bates' illness.
- The Talent Study club met with the Community club at the city hall Wednesday afternoon.
- Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Lewis who have resided south of town for the past year moved to Los Angeles this week.
- Mrs. Bill Hotchkiss and mother, Mrs. Guy Hamilton, spent Wednesday in Klamath Falls.
- Mrs. Dora Smith and son Al who have a large supply of gladiolus bulbs in the G. S. Butler concrete building are busy with the help of 10 to 12 persons getting the bulbs in readiness for market.
- Lyle Tame returned home Saturday from Fort Smith, Ark., where he was called by the death

- of his mother, Mrs. Frances Tame.
- H. Sweigart of Malin was a caller in Talent Sunday.
- Mrs. Joe Spitzer and baby son returned home Thursday from the Community hospital in Ashland.
- Mrs. Martha Norris of Jacksonville visited her son Alfred and family over the week-end.
- Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Cowdrey and children spent Sunday visiting relatives near Central Point.
- Mr. and Mrs. Neal Tripp visited Saturday and Sunday at Glendale. Their daughters, Lynn and Sally, who spent the holidays with

their grandparents there returned home with them.

- Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith of Ashland called on relatives here Monday.
- Harvey Thayer re-enrolled in the CCC for another six months.
- Mrs. Ray Garland was shopping in Ashland Monday.
- Harry Hendrickson, night watchman at the McKean sawmill, is able to be out after a spell of flu.
- Mrs. Roy Estes returned home Wednesday from Eugene where she spent the past week visiting her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Cochran.
- An auxiliary pump is being installed on the village fire truck. With the new equipment the local truck will be able to combat fires wherever water is available. Many of those living outside the city limits are high in their praise of this addition to the fire equipment as they feel that it will prove a wonderful help to them in case of fire.
- Mrs. Bertha Hungate and mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Palmer, were business callers in Ashland Saturday.
- Dale O'Harra of Ashland and Olive Hill visited in Glendale Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Hill.

Medford Museum Has Minerals on Display

An interesting display of Oregon gem stones and minerals is found at the Santo Agate Shop and Museum in Medford. This collection should do much to make the public conscious of the rare stones and minerals of this section as well as attracting the attention of tourists to this little known resource.

Santo, a collector for many years, reports that there are 30 gem stones and over 100 minerals to be found in Oregon, several of which are common only to this section. The stones are displayed both in the rough and after polishing and cutting have revealed their beauty. Other items to be found in the museum are arrowheads, many specimens of petrified woods, fossil bones, leaf fossils and other things of geological interest, and gems from other countries.

Visitors are welcome to the museum at all times and will find Mr. Santo ready to discuss any questions they might have in regard to gem stones or problems in stone cutting and polishing.

ASHLAND STUDENTS ON HONOR ROLL AT UNIVERSITY

Among the 160 students at the University of Oregon to make the fall term honor roll with a grade point average of 3.5 or better were Marilyn Christlieb and Lolita Pierson, both of Ashland.

Grades are computed on the basis of grades for each hour. In this computation, a grade of "A" is listed as 4, a grade of "B" as 3, "C" as 2, and "D" as 1.

Miss Christlieb, a graduate of Ashland high school, is a senior majoring in physical education at the university. She was a member of Amphibian, swimming honorary, and was president of the Hockey club. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Christlieb.

Miss Pierson, a junior majoring in music at the university, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Pierson.

JOB PLACEMENTS GAIN

An increase of more than 4 percent in job-filling activities over the best previous year was registered by the state employment service during 1940, according to the annual report of Director L. C. Stoll. Placements were 170,69, compared with 117,019 for the previous year, and 70,102 in 1938.

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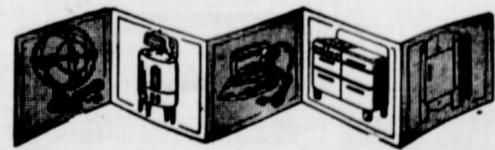


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