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### Onward 1939

**P**RESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S address yesterday on the state of the union had a heartening effect on business. Stocks and bonds rallied shortly afterward. Wheat, wool and livestock all were strong as quoted in the morning press, though wheat is still too low to encourage general selling at country points.

Probably what congress saw in the president's message were concessions to modify legislation that has proved drastic. His assertions about continued government spending to make the United States an 80-billion-dollar nation probably were not so alarming when these were qualified in his assertion that all spending must be guarded to see that no unnecessary expenditures go into unproductive enterprise.

These assertions of the president along with his defiance to dictators and appeal for safeguarding democracy as it is known in this country, point the way for congress to act intelligently. For, while flavored by political sagacity, the president's message had a sound undertone. It bodes well for progress in 1939.

### It's a Boy

**W**HEN the doctor steps from the delivery room and says, "Good gracious, man, wipe that glum look off your face. You haven't anything to feel bad about. You've got a fine boy. Now, let's see you smile." Well, when the doctor says that, Atlas' burden immediately becomes Jupiter's realm, and where a few moments before there is only a vast void of black despair, the sun shines, the birds sing and beautiful flowers bloom in profusion.

The few "ya-a's" feebly emanating through the closed heavy door before the doctor makes his appearance, in themselves are but slight reassurance; but when the medico, sole bulwark of the dad's hopes against dire disaster, brings forth the little fella and also says everything inside is fine, then transformation of the world is complete.

Of course, this is not news to the many papas who have had their first baby, and it is probably far from enlightening to the many more who have yet to go through the experience, but the editor feels it is hardly fair to Gazette Times readers not to let them know what is behind any oversights or other unusual occurrences that may appear in this issue.

For instance, should you start reading something like this: "The John Does plan an extensive trip in the spring on which they will visit the world fairs at San Francisco—didn't that nurse say he was perfect in every respect. Let's see, what was I telling about? Oh yes, the John Does. They're taking a trip. Where to? I got them to San Francisco. They're going to the world fairs at San Francisco and—where is there going to be another world's fair? New York, of course." Well should you start reading something like that in the news columns, please excuse. For, if there's anything more confounding than having a burglar in the basement (we've just read about that), it's having a little stranger in the family with whom so far you have gained acquaintance only through screened glass windows

and such bits of news as bustling nurse or a tickled mother may impart.

No matter how much stoicism a fellow may have his mind made up to, when the stork appears over the horizon he begins to lose his grip. With the mother alone quite calm about it all, an eternity elapses before the hospital is reached. Then, on presenting the reservation slip at one maternity department where the stork's destination is nicely arranged, and then finding that the long-legged bird is scheduled to land in another department, the grip fast slackens. The transfer is made, with the bird fluttering close, and by the time the doctor arrives after a couple more eternities, there is about as little stoicism left in a fellow as might be found in a scraggly tomcat at a convention of bulldogs.

But now if you hear anything pop when you come into the editor's sanctum, you may be forewarned. It is just one of the buttons from the chest of his vest hitting against the wall several feet away. Of course we think the presidency will be too small a job for the young fella when he grows up, but we'll be satisfied if he turns out to be the kind of an editor we would like to be.

### IRRIGON NEWS

#### Brother of Irrigon Man Dies in East

By MRS. W. C. ISOM

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Phelps left the last of the week for Colorado in response to a message that his brother was severely injured by a circular saw. A later message announced his death.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Musgrave of Monument visited Mrs. Musgrave's sister, Mrs. W. C. Isom, and family from Thursday until Sunday.

A fellowship meeting will be held Friday at the Pentecostal church for the Hermiston, Stanfield and local members.

George Kendler returned to his home at Grand Coulee Tuesday.

Lawrence Markham accompanied Mr. Phelps to Colorado last week.

Front-wheel "shimmy" was said by by a nine-year-old girl to have been responsible for an automobile accident in which her father was killed and three members of the family injured near Klamath Falls recently. The mother, who was driving, lost control of the car, which overturned shortly before the family reached home from a Christmas buying trip.

Christmas week-end fatalities in Oregon totaled only three in 1938, compared with 11 the previous year, according to Secretary of State Earl Snell. This figure brought the total for the six major holiday periods of 1938 to 19 traffic deaths, compared with 29 for the corresponding periods in 1937.

### SAFETY SONNETS



GOOD PASSING IN FOOTBALL  
BRINGS VICTORY FASTER



BAD PASSING IN TRAFFIC  
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—National Safety Council

While passing is one of the most important driving maneuvers from the standpoint of safety, it is probably done sloppily or improperly as often as any other single movement.

The prevalence of improper passing is evidenced by the fact that it was reported as a factor in 1,376 accidents in Oregon last year, according to statistics compiled by Secretary of State Earl Snell.

The dangers of passing on hill-crests and curves are apparent to nearly every driver, yet there are those who insist on taking the risk when they would never think of passing with inadequate clearance on the straightaway. There are others who habitually embarrass the drivers they are passing by cutting in when their bumpers are scarcely clear; there are still others who try to pass long strings of cars in a single mad dash, courting disaster in the form of a head-on collision, the cause of many fatal accidents.

If a driver has not yet learned to gauge his margin of safety accurately when passing, he is urged to err on the side of too great a margin rather than too little. As he gains experience, he can judge his passing with greater nicety, but he will never place himself or other drivers in jeopardy by playing safe at all times.

### PINE CITY NEWS

#### Pine City Holiday Visitors Return Home

By BERNICE WATTENBURGER

Mr. and Mrs. Truman Sethers and daughter Phoebe returned to Tacoma Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Brewster and son Bill left Friday for Berkeley, Calif.

O. F. Bartholomew returned to Salt Lake City Saturday evening by the United Air lines.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Finch and family and Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Ayers and family enjoyed an oyster supper at the E. B. Wattenburger home Sunday.

Lowell Young returned home from

Jerome, Idaho, where he has been working. He came home to see his father who is in St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton. Mr. Young's condition is about the same.

School started again, after the Christmas vacation, on the 3rd, with all the teachers present. Miss Robbins spent her vacation at Halfway, Mrs. Lois Kent at Rainier, Miss Margaret Weaver in Portland, and Mr. and Mrs. Barton Clark spent their vacation in Portland, and also visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wright, on Rhea creek.

James O'Brien returned to Salem Monday to finish his school term.

August Rauch returned to O. S. C. to finish his second year at college.

Pete Brooks is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Meyers.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Ayers spent Saturday evening in Pendleton.

Miss Mary Daly spent last week in Pendleton visiting her aunt, Mrs. Sarah Doherty, and family.

The Misses Cecelia and Helen Healy spent New Years in Heppner.

Sweet Home high school recently held a traffic safety contest, in which posters, stories, themes and poems were entered. Winners will be taken to Salem by the high school principal and escorted through the new capitol building by Secretary of State Earl Snell.

Mid-Season Sale — Coats, Suits, Hats and Dresses at greatly reduced prices. Curran's Ready-to-Wear.

Joe Simon, elderly man of Boardman, was brought to Heppner the first of the week by Sheriff Bauman and placed in the hospital for treatment for a partially paralyzed throat.

The Dr. A. B. Gray family departed this morning for Bend on the way home to Dorris, Cal., after a two-weeks visit here at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Burkenbine.

Leta Jordan is spending the holidays with her sister, Mrs. Clark, at Pendleton. She expects to accept a position there on the 7th, reports Mrs. Lillian Cochran.



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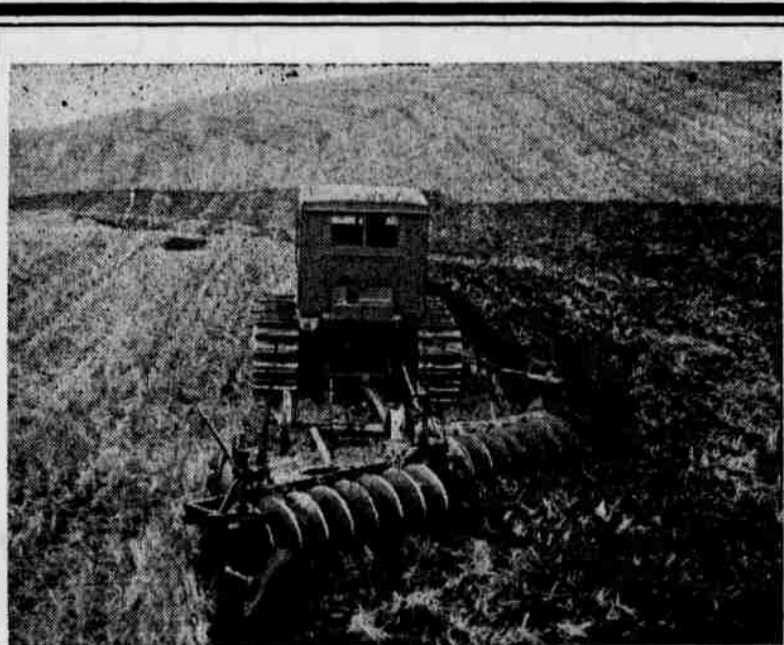
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