STATE NEWS

- Unfair Proposal
- Rations Reflection
- Payroll Boost

By A. L. LINDBECK

Salem.-A state school fund apportioned on either a teacher or days' attendance basis would work a serious hardship on the sparsely settled counties of central and eastern Oregon, according to opponents of this plan. While the unfairness of such an equalization plan would not be so evident as long as it was financed out of income tax revenues it would become immediately evident upon a return to a levy against property for support of such a fund, it is pointed out.

For example a state levy against property would take nearly four times as much money out of Sherman county as that county would receive back on the basis of actual days attendance. Gilliam and Jefferson counties would contribute approximately three times as much to such a fund, if financed by a property levy as they would receive back in the form of an equalization subsidy on the basis of actual days' attendance. Other counties which would stand to lose money under such a plan include Douglas, Grant, Harney, Lake, Morrow, Multnomah, Tillamook, Umatilla, Wallowa and Wasco.

On the other hand the proposed equalization plan would work to the advantage of the more populous and more prosperous counties of the Willamette valley, the lower Columbia river section and southern Oregon, most of which would take out of the propsed state fund substantially more than they would put into it through a levy against property.

Automobile and tire rationing is beginning to be reflected in the registration figures Secretary of State

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Oregon during the first half of this year than for the same period in 1941. Registration of trucks, however, shows an increase of approximately 800, accounting for a substantial increase in the grand total of motor vehicle registration fees. Gasoline consumption also shows a sharp decline, dropping from 134,-524,451 gallons for the first six months of 1941 to 127,257,071 gallons in the corresponding period of this year, a decline of 5.4 percent for the six month period with June consumption figures nine percent under those for June, 1941.

The war boom has boosted Oregon's industrial payroll for the first six months of the current year approximately 50 percent above the figures for the corresponding period in 1941, according to figures compiled by the state industrial accident commission. While Oregon industries paid out \$96,398,292 in wages during the first six months of 1941 six months of this year totalled \$145,-153,523, an increase of \$49,355,221. Multnomah county, the center of the state's industrial activity, accounts for \$42,821,044 of this payroll in-

More married women teachers will be moving back into the school rooms this fall, according to Rex Putnam, state superintendent of public instruction. The shortage of teachers has made it necessary for week end in Irrigon. school boards to hire anyone qualified to teach, Putnam said.

Oregon residents turned in a total of 10,221 tons of rubber in the recent scrap drive, an average of 18.75 pounds per capita, ranking second highest in the nation, according to information received at the office of Wayne joins the armed forces and the state salvage committee in Sa-

Stop signs will be installed at 32 "mainline" grade crossings in Oregon just as fast as possible, R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer, are in place all motorists will be required to come to a full stop before crossing the railroad tracks. Snell reports that there were 6,300 The new regulation was ordered by fewer passenger cars registered in the highway commission acting up-

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IRRIGON ITEMS

By MRS. J. A. SHOUN

Past Master Forrest (Pat) Huntting of the Irrigon grange was honored by the Irrigon members with a farewell party on Sunday evening. The time was spent visiting. Delicious refreshments were served. Mr. and Mrs. William Kik of Umatilla were out of town members present.

Mr. and Mrs. Walt Caldwell of The Dalles spent Sunday in Umatilla and back to the C. W. Grimm home for the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. William Potts and Grandma Caldwell spent Sunday afternoon with the C. W. Grimms.

Francis Gau spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gau. He is with a surveying crew in Ida-

The Rands and Warners, also the Tates had a dinner and outing on the river bank Sunday.

The Roy Bediwells and Cecil the industrial payroll for the first Goodmans spent the day above Echo on the river Sunday.

> Mr. and Mrs. Schneider of Pasco have moved to Irrigon to work at the ordnance depot. He is part of the crew of Don Louis'.

Mrs. Herbert Lily and baby of Couer d'Alene, Idaho, spent the week end with the Hazelrigs.

Mrs. Duus went to Hermistor Monday on the bus.

Mrs. Wisdom was also an outgoing passenger after spending the

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Caldwell and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Caldwell and niece, Clair Louise, of Portland spent the week end with their parents. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Caldwell. Vernon's went on to Chicago to bring back several hundred trailers. Wayne's went back to Portland where Clair Louise will spend a few weeks with her grandparents.

Mrs. Stella Doll and daughter spent Monday night with her daughter, Mrs. Glen Aldrich. She came from the Pendleton hospital and was taken to Wallowa lake by Glen said this week. As soon as the signs Paulson. She is planning to spend a month there for her health.

Gerald White, the mail carrier enlisted in the army a few days ago. Mrs. White now carries the mail.

Mr. and Mrs. Emery Bediwell spent the week end in Spray with their son Ernest. He is the pastor of the Pentecostal church there.

Leroy Minnick, Billy Acock, Bob Larson and Bob Waters were home from Dayton, Wash., Monday. The peas were too green, so they had two days off.

Milford Terry of Port Orford, Cal., spent a few days with the Earl Terry's and brother Harold of Irrigon, and Parks of Hermiston. He has a two weeks' furlough and has been spending it in Yakima with his parents there.

Mrs. Jack Browning has taken over the 4-H sewing club work since Mrs. Burnell left.

Mrs. C. D. Whitney had a birthday dinner for three generations of her family with the same birth date Sunday. They had a good dinner and a nice crowd. Clyde Caldwell the father, Jack the son, and little George Whitney, two years old, were honored.

Curtis Stephens spent the week end with his mother and family. He works in a garage in Portland.

Chester Wilson made a business trip to Enterprise Saturday. He returned Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Winston Burnell left for Portland Thursday. Mr. Burnell was band leader and a member of the school faculty. He will be missed. He has been called to the army.

UNDEROES OPERATION

Mrs. Hilma Anderson was expected to undergo a major operation at a Portland hospital today. Her son, Frank Anderson, and Mr. and Mrs. B. O. Anderson went to the city Tuesday to be with her.

on a petition filed by the railroads as an additional precaution against crossing accidents that might result in loss of vital war materials or serious delay in delivery of these shipments.

Forest protection crews are ready throughout western Oregon to cope with any emergency, according to Governor Sprague who spent three days last week touring the forested areas of the state in company with State Forester Nels Rogers.

PINE CITY NEWS

By BERNICE WATTENBURGER

Tony Vey's tractor caught fire while in the hay field and burned up. What was left of it was taken back to the Braden-Bell work shop.

Anyone wanting any trap; ing for coyotes done just call on Mrs. Marion Finch. She has lost ten of her spring lambs, with coyotes killing them, so she finally fixed a trap just right and caught Mr. Coyote, She hopes now not to lose any more

Believe it or not, Clayton Ayers has coyotes coming into his back vard after his sheep also, and killing them. He went on a hunting trip and found a den of five pups not far away. They say the pups weren't over four or five weeks oldfirst they ever heard of in the summer time.

Miss Lucille Wattenburger is spending a week in Portland with Mrs. Alvin Strain.

Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Myers took a truck load of folks to Hidaway springs Sunday for a picnic and swim. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Ayers and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Wattenburger and family, Elroy Moore, Miss Betty Finch, Mr. and Mrs. Myers and family, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Finch and Patty and Frances, Miss Katherine O'Brien and Johnny Harrison. All reported a good time even though they got a few sun burns.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Bartholomew left Sunday for Soap Lake and Spokane, Wash. Mr. Bartholomew expected to ship his sheep east while there.

Vehicle Use Stamps **Available at Portland**

According to information received from J. W. Maloney, collector of internal revenue, Portland, all persons who have their automobiles, trucks or motorcycles in use on the public highway in July are required to buy the federal motor vehicle use tax stamp, costing \$5.00 for the year beginning July 1st.

He stated that these stamps would be on sale at the post offices thruout the state during July, but called the attention of all motorists to the fact that the July tax stamp would be withdrawn from sale by the post office after the close of the month, and could be purchased only at the collector's office in Portland.

Mr. Maloney stated that preliminary reports of sales of these auto tax stamps was encouraging. However, it is apparent that many motor vehicle owners had not purchased their stamps. The deputies of his office are "tagging" all automobiles and trucks found without the stamp properly posted in the upper left hand corner of teh windshield, as required by law, and all persons who have not already secured their \$5.00 stamp for July should get it at once from their local post office. The names of all delinquents are being rechecked, and if the tax stamp has not been secured, the tax will be assessed and collected from the car owner through the usual internal revenue facilities.

Collector Maloney stated that advice from the bureau of internal revenue at Washington is to the effect that all deliberate violations of the law that are discovered, where the owner of the motor vehicle has failed to purchase the tax stamp, or to post it as required by law in his car, will be prosecuted vigorously. and the penalties provided by law are to be imposed in case of con-

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