

EDITORIAL

Don't Neglect License Renewals

Negligence is causing numerous car drivers to be haled into justice courts where they are assessed moderate fines plus court costs. There seems to be no other word to fit the situation quite so well as negligence as every effort has been made to acquaint car drivers with the new Oregon law which staggers the times at which different permits have to be renewed, avoiding the tremendous jam of license renewal applications which formerly occurred every two years.

Police, at the instance of the state traffic department, have been checking cars in this county and not a few of our citizens have been found wanting in proper licenses. Due notice having been served, there is nothing left but to place the matter in the hands of the police to make a more or less personal canvass of drivers. This is accomplished by setting up temporary checking stations and stopping all cars for the driver license inspection and a checkup on lights, brakes and other possible deficiencies which contribute to unsafe driving. No person is exempt from the checkup and no one has a squawk coming if found lacking the proper license or if the old bus doesn't fulfill the requirements of traffic law.

Traffic officials realize how easy it is to forget—they are human beings, you know—and they know the value of repeating warnings to the driving public relative to regulations affecting highway travel. They also know that it is amazing how little attention a large segment of the driving public pays to the warnings. Hence, it becomes necessary to bear down a little and this is done as politely as possible, although it must be admitted quite firmly at times.

Elsewhere in this issue will be found a statement from the office of Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell relative to invalid and valid license numbers. Check this over and see if you are in good standing or are driving with a voided license.

Why Discriminate?

During the war the railroads carried the greatest volume of passenger and freight traffic in the history of transportation. Service was maintained at the expense of equipment and right-of-way, both of which must be replaced at tremendous expense. Since the burden of war traffic has lessened the rail lines have turned their attention to modernizing their properties, a program that will take ten years and must be carried on if the country is to be given the quality of freight and passenger services it needs.

No one knows what the cost of this program will be, but a fair estimate is \$1,500,000,000 to \$2,000,000,000 per year. The magnitude of those sums can be realized from the fact that the total net income of the railroads was but \$450,493,000 in 1945, and \$288,534,000 in 1946. In other words,

all of the lines' present earnings would make only a small dent in the projected improvement budget.

Borrowed capital, in addition to operating earnings, could be used for railroad betterment. But investors will not put their money in an industry whose profit rate is so low as to be unattractive when compared with other and comparable enterprises. Furthermore, the railroads are faced with the necessity of reducing debt if possible rather than increasing it. Adequate earnings are the only way out.

The public should realize that the rate increases now needed by lines are moderate in the light of the general price and wage increases that have occurred since before the war. Industries or workmen can check their own price or wage advances to prove the need for corresponding rate adjustments. The economic welfare of the country is directly dependent upon the standards of railroad service. These must be kept high, not for the benefit of the railroads, but for the well-being and security of the nation.

But railroad rates, like taxes, need only be mentioned to bring forth a storm of protest from certain classes of people and if the present request of the companies is granted it will more than likely start another round of wage demands from the unions. Regardless of that possibility, or we should say probability, the interstate commerce commission should give the rate boost due consideration.

Not 'Blue' Monday, But 'Wet' Monday

Monday may have been "blue Monday" for the women folk who insist on turning out the family wash on that day, but to the grainraiser and stockman it was just what the doctor (or somebody) ordered. And why? Because more than one and one-half inches of rain fell over this part of Oregon, including all of Morrow county as far as inquiry reveals, and ranchers' faces are wearing a perpetual smile. Not that it has been too bad a fall season for a considerable share of the county, but Monday's rain assured a good start for all grain crops as well as giving the grass a further boost.

Farmers will tell you that they have never had better fall prospects. They can't predict what next spring will bring but they know the fall is good and with any kind of a break late in the spring of 1948 a good crop may be looked for.

See you tomorrow afternoon at the Rodeo field. Arlington Honkers vs. Heppner Mustangs. The Honkers are prepared for some high flying, so Heppner folks had best be on hand to put a figurative cocklebur under the Mustang saddle.

Twenty-two cars of sheep went out from the Heppner yards the first of the week by special train.

Miss Della Marie Cason and Roy Thurston Cochran were married Monday evening at the Federated church.

Ione has largely subscribed her quota of Liberty bonds. One resident took \$30,000 worth, and there were many other individual subscribers.

The O. W. R. & N. Co. has a crew of men at work at the depot grounds this week putting in coal bunkers.

W. H. Padberg disposed of 50 head of mules the past week. The mules will go to fill an army contract.

Very gratifying reports are coming in concerning the registration for food conservation. If the Liberty Loan is over subscribed and the food pledges close to 100 percent are signed it will be a great encouragement to our boys in uniform.

A marriage license was issued to George W. Duncan and Miss Ruana Schriver, both young people of Ione.

SERVICES AT VALEY
Rev. Carl Muhr of Portland will conduct services Sunday morning at the Valby Lutheran church in Gooseberry.



SHOULD LABEL PRODUCTS

Governor Earl Snell recently suggested that the word "Oregon" should be featured in the trade names and advertising of this state's products. He sent letters to several chambers of commerce requesting reaction to the suggestion that the word "Oregon" be included in publicizing their local products, such as "Oregon" Tillamook cheese, "Oregon" Medford pears, and so forth.

"The response has been gratifying," the governor reports. "We must remember," he continued, "that these famous Oregon products along with many others are shipped all over the United States, even to foreign countries, and we are missing out on opportunities for far greater publicity for the products grown and processed within our state."

LEGISLATIVE VACANCIES

Under the provisions of an amendment to the election laws vacancies in the legislature caused by death or resignation will not be filled by appointment unless a special session of the legislature is called prior to the next May primaries. Two seats in the senate and one in the house of representatives now exist. The vacancies in the senate were caused by the death of Senator Lee Patterson of Multnomah county and Senator Merle Chessman of Clatsop. The resignation of Representative Earl Hill of Lane county, following the ruling of the Oregon supreme court that he could not retain his legislative post and also act as a member of the state fish commission, caused a vacancy in the house. Rumor has it that Hill will become a candidate for his seat in the house in which event he necessarily would resign from the fish commission.

TAX REDUCTION NEEDED

When State Tax Commissioner Earl Fisher told the Oregon County Assessors association that Oregon's per capita tax is only \$58 annually compared with Washington's \$73 and California's \$85, he sparked a campaign of tax education. State officials including legislators are planning publicity on Oregon's advantages that will be specifically for home consumption. Politically Oregon has led, with Australian voting system, gas tax and a great number of other progressive movements which have been adopted by other states—some by all.

OCTOBER 27 NAVY DAY

In proclaiming the 27th day of October, 1947, as Navy Day, Governor Earl Snell asked that this day be the second year of peace and the first year of our unified command, he set aside that the people of the State of Oregon may pay tribute to the men and the ships of the United States Navy.

"In all the waters of the globe," the governor points, "the men of our navy stand ready to safeguard freedom and to protect our national independence. Thousands of men and women of this state have served or now are serving with the forces of the navy, coast guard and marine corps. The people of this state wish to express their gratitude and sense of obligation to this distinguished branch of the armed forces."

"It is, I think, noteworthy that Navy Day and the anniversary of the birth of Theodore Roosevelt fall on the same day. In many ways the memory of 'Teddy' Roosevelt is a recollection of the building of the navy to the pre-eminent force it is today."

POLITICAL POT-POURRI

Oregon will gain one representative in the congress and more votes in the electoral college as a result of the 1950 census. "I like Ike" is the slogan appearing on buttons issued by the draft Eisenhower for president league. "Beat Dewey" is the dictum of a combination of the promoters of both Taft and Stassen who have concentrated their criticism on Dewey and Truman. General Eisenhower continues to refer to his six-week-old prescriber that he "neither desires or seeks political office." Thousands of blubs, referring to Henry Wallace's endorsement of former Secretary of State James F. Byrnes' new book, "Speaking Frankly," were never mailed. A week later Wallace reversed his opinion. The former vice-presi-

News From C. A. Office

Farmers who purchased Tillamook County Dairy Herd association dairy calves last winter are proud of the way their calves are developing out and will not have too long a wait for these to be producing cows. At the price of butterfat they are not a bit sorry they purchased these prospective dairy stock.

These calves will again be available when high-producing cows in the Tillamook association begin freshening about November 1. Each calf is from a dam with guaranteed production and is by a purebred registered sire. Jersey, Guernsey and Holstein calves are available. Farmers who are interested in dairy stock would do well to secure these good calves from production-tested dams rather than pick up some common crossbred animals.

Place your orders with H. G. Smith, county agent, Tillamook, or at this office. All calves are \$18.50 f.o.b. Tillamook. All orders must be accompanied with cash in full. Better order your calf now to insure delivery. Many orders could not be filled last season.

Now is the time to spray your cattle herds for lice as they are brought in from pasture and calves weaned. The time to spray is now even though there are no signs of lice as yet. After the lice begin to appear, the control is more difficult and losses in flesh and gain will occur.

There are three ways to follow in lice control, spraying, dusting and dipping. Since there are many pressure sprayers in the county, spraying is the most popular method. Sprayers used for lice control should develop about 350 pounds pressure for a good job. In spraying care should be taken to cover all parts of the body thoroughly. This will require about two gallons of spray per animal. Cattle should not be

OWENS NOW SOLE OWNER OF HARDWARE STORE

Robert Owens and M. L. Case consummated a deal last week in which Owens became sole owner of the Owens Hardware, the Marshall-Wellis store. Under the previous ownership, Owens was the active manager, as Mr. Case had other interests to occupy much of his time.

Miss Jacqueline Tetz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Tetz of Heppner, was one of thirteen girls initiated last Monday into the University of Oregon Amphibians, the women's swimming honorary. She also has been named on the welcoming committee of the Webfoot rally squad at the university. She is a journalism major.

The old adage about not missing the water until the well runs dry is too true when it comes to conserving our soil. Too is now even though there are gully-torn fields, or a dust bowl to bring to our attention the need for conserving our soil. And top often that is too late. Studies made in Iowa showed that around 105 tons of soil per acre were washed away on unprotected slopes plowed up to produce crops. On open tilled corn land, the loss averaged 67 tons.

On the basis of soil analyses, one cubic foot of good black soil contains about 3 1/4 pounds of nitrogen, 3 1/2 pounds of phosphorus and 1 1/2 pounds of potash. At present fertilizer prices, the loss of 67 tons of soil would amount to \$59.15.

All over the country there are farms which have been destroyed or nearly destroyed by the ravage of erosion. But we shouldn't wait until all our land is in this condition before we do something about it. Stripcropping, contouring, seeding of grasses and legumes, erosion-control dams, and similar approved practices under the agricultural conservation program will help prevent these disastrous soil losses. And it's much more economical to check the erosion before it happens than to try to take steps after the soil is gone.

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30 YEARS SA GO

From Heppner Gazette Times Oct. 25, 1917
W. G. Scott, leading business man of Lexington, was in Heppner Saturday.
Charles Vaughn and Lester Doolittle returned from a week's hunting trip in the Ukiah country with a fine deer which Mr. Vaughn killed.
Mrs. Jarne Penland, another Morrow county pioneer, died at Lexington Monday, Oct. 22, following a short illness.

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