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### WHO PAYS FOR ROADS?

Is the Joe who uses his jalopy going to and from his job paying for a big chunk of road damage done by heavy hauling?

That's what the Oregon State Highway Commission would like to know and they are going to considerable trouble and expense to find the answer.

The Commission is cooperating with seven western states in running tests on the relation of truck weights to damage to highways.

"Guinea-pig" highways are being built at the co-state testing grounds at Malad in southern Idaho. The roads are to be subjected to punishment by vehicular travel and engineers will compute the relative damage caused by varying heavy loads.

The Federal Bureau of Public Roads, the petroleum and trucking industries are contributing to the project.

Similar tests made in Maryland recently show that: "Twice as much load does several times twice as much damage."

### SLASH IN TAXES

A writ of mandamus was issued Wednesday by the Oregon Supreme Court directing Multnomah county authorities to reduce assessments \$824,613 on the Reynolds Metal Co., or show cause why they should not.

The State Tax commission had found that the property was appraised out of line with surrounding property.

The high court also reversed a three-judge Multnomah Circuit order that had held the Portland City Council had no right to attach an emergency clause to an ordinance which makes all punch boards illegal.

A suit against the Council contends that the emergency clause made it impossible to attack the ordinance by referendum.

### LIQUOR PRICES STAY

The retail price of liquor in Oregon will not be affected by expected decontrol by the federal Office of Price Stabilization. The only lowering of prices by the Oregon Liquor Control commission said Chairman Robert L. Elstrom, would have to come from a drop in wholesale prices made by distilleries or if congress rescinded a part of the hike they made to a \$10.50-per-gallon tax that went into effect last November. This boost has slowed the commission's business. The tax now is from seven to eight times as much as the cost of making a gallon of liquor. The commission's mark-up is about \$1.35 per "fifth."

### RECENT LEGAL RULINGS

When a judicial office is legally abolished subsequent to election of a candidate therefor, but before qualification and commencement of term, the successful candidate can take no office. Powers and duties of the state board of conciliation are limited to the settlement of duties between employers and employees.

The state department of finance is not required to lease or rent quarters for branch offices of state agencies in the same building with other state agencies—unless the selection is feasible. The law is directory only, and not mandatory.

The board of directors of a school district of the first class is empowered to select and purchase sites for school purposes, without the vote of the people approving, subject to the limitations in the budget law.

### MORE LAWYERS?

At the state bar examination in Salem July 15-17 there will be 174 participants seeking sheepskins that they may practice law in Oregon.

Six of the applicants are attorneys from other states. The remaining 168 are law students. Examinations for the out-of-state attorneys will be held on July 15.

### ACCOLADE FOR JOHN KERRICK

High honor came to John C. Kerrick this week when he was informed that he had been named chairman of a national advisory committee on driver's licenses by the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators.

Kerrick is manager of the Oregon State Driver's License Division and has held, with credit, several other managerial chairs in the division, said Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry.

The committee will conduct an evaluation of driver's licensing operations in the 48 states

### —AND ANOTHER THING

Unemployment totals climbed to 22,772 last week—6,312 more than a year ago. . . . Probably some gay chub in Salem's Mill Creek this week; when 25 gallons of "pruno" was dumped in at the penitentiary above the city. It was convicted made and found sealed in a 12-foot down pipe. . . . Collections of income taxes for the first four months of this year are nearly \$8 million ahead of the same months of 1951. . . . are soft drinks outselling whiskey in Oregon? William Bingham, administrator for the State Liquor Commission will resign to return to his old job with a beverage company.

## Monument News

By Millie Wilson

Mr. and Mrs. Ned Sweek and son of Hepner and Mr. and Mrs. Rex Sweek attended the Spray rodeo last Sunday.

Tom Swank of Seneca visited Saturday with his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Shank and Mr. and Mrs. George Stritt.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Paine and Mary Lou also Dr. Marble of Hermiston were dinner guests last Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. George Stritt and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Shank.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Barnard drove to Bend on Saturday. Mrs. Barnard received medical aid while there. On their return trip they were caught in a very hard

## HOW MANY MORE ?



rain storm. Mr. and Mrs. George Mantis and son, Dickie were attending to matters of business in John Day last Friday.

Pat Brennen of Portland stopped in Monument last Thursday. He is on his way to visit relatives in Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Williams and daughters Joyce and Linda Sue were overnight guests of Mrs. Williams parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chance Wilson of Echo. Mr. and Mrs. Williams attended the dance in Spray.

Lee Slocum, Maynard Hamilton and Chrystale Enright were Pendleton visitors last Friday.

Mrs. Daisy Riley spent Thursday night visiting relatives in Long Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lippert had as their guests this week, Mr. Lippert's parents from Ritter. Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Round and sons, Ronnie and Donnie of Long Creek spent the weekend with Mr. Round's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Round. They attended the Spray Rodeo but the boys stayed with their grandparents.

Mrs. Mamie Ferguson was an overnight guest of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Ferguson of Dayville last week.

Mrs. Iffie Stewart and Ben Hinton of John Day spent the weekend visiting relatives in Monument.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Peterson of John Day brought Mrs. Peterson's mother, Mrs. Louise Scott home from Pendleton on Wednesday. Mrs. Scott, who has been in ill health, has spent the past two weeks in Pendleton where she received medical aid.

Clarence Rickard has leased his ranch to Frank Owens of Spray. Mr. Owens will take possession the first of June.

Thursday May 22 marked the end of another school year, with teachers and pupils all anxious for their summer vacations.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Foss left Wednesday for their home in Boise.

Mrs. Cleve Nolan and Children drove to Hepner last Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Walt Miller left Thursday for Grants Pass to get a truck to move their household goods.

Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Vandetta who have been living in the Mansie since their house was destroyed by fire last December, have moved into their own home north of town.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rickard and children drove to Portland Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Rickard and children remained for a weeks visit. Mr. Rickard returned Friday.

Mrs. Katie Hinton, Alene Hinton and Vernon Peterman of Hamilton were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Barnard last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilman Shaw and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Blackwell and children of Long Creek attended the Spray Rodeo last Sunday; on their return they visited Mr. and Mrs. Chance Wil-

son. Rev. Ralph Dernfield arrived in Monument last Tuesday. He will have charge of the Monument Presbyterian church during the summer months.

The ladies of the Presbyterian Aid worked Wednesday and Thursday getting the Mansie in readiness for the Rev. Dernfield.

### New Bulletin Issued On Sheep Care

It is questionable economy to feed more than 100 pounds of grain annually to a ewe and her offspring, says John H. Landers, Jr. in a new Oregon State college extension bulletin, number 723, "Sheep Management in Oregon."

Copies are available free from the county extension office or directly from Oregon State college. Landers, a county extension agent-at-large, says increased costs which have cut down large sheep operations in eastern Oregon and the increase in small farm flocks has made sheep management a problem on farms not previously concerned.

He discusses buildings and fences, labor, rams, ewes, diseases, lambing, docking and castrating, feeding, pastures, shearing, marketing and para-

sites. Landers explains that labor involved in raising small flocks is small, but dogs frequently become a problem, especially in densely populated areas. Winter feed requirements usually run about 300 pounds of good quality hay per ewe. A main disadvantage to the small flock, he adds, is the cost of the ram per lamb sired.

Leslie Grant, county school superintendent, spent Wednesday and Thursday in Lagrange interviewing teacher applicants.

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## Giant Jacks Will Lift Union Pacific's Columbia River Bridge While Trains Run

The Union Pacific Railroad's half-mile-long Columbia river bridge near the atomic tri-cities—Pasco, Richland, and Kennewick—is going to be raised nearly seven feet higher while trains roll over the span as usual. Lifting the 2,672-foot structure will be accomplished with 250-ton jacks while the approaches are raised accordingly. Two additional spans 75 and 90 feet long will be added to the ends of the bridge. The U. S. Army, Corps of Engineers, have awarded the contract to the Condit Co. and Thomas Rigging Co., Berkeley, Calif., as a portion of the McNary dam project. The Engineers recommend that the raising be handled by making eight 10-inch lifts in 32 stages. Traffic will not be interrupted. The work was necessitated because the McNary reservoir will raise the river level at the site.



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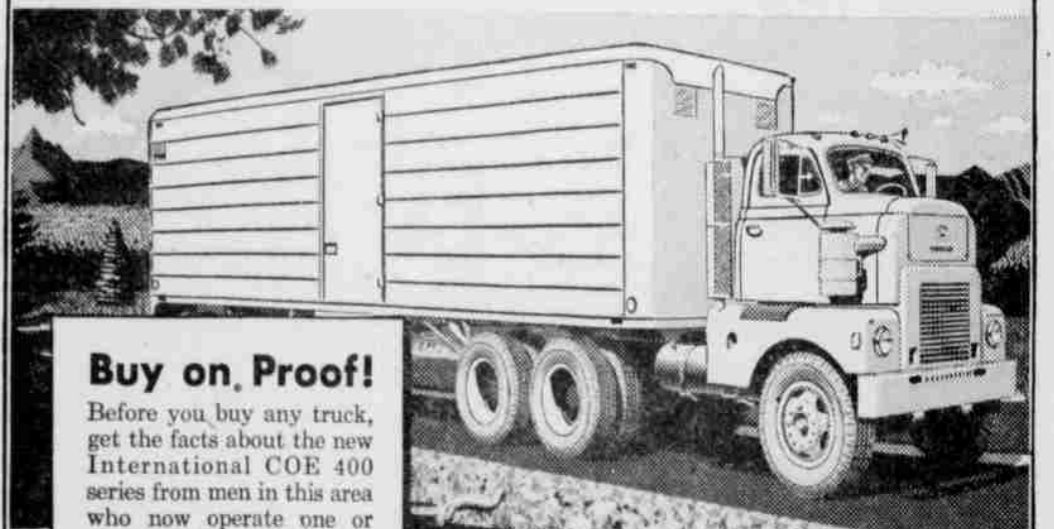
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