

Let us so live that when the time comes to die, even the undertaker will be sorry.—Mark Twain.

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SECRETARY OF STATE FAVORS THREE DOLLAR AUTO LICENSE FEE

HAS PLAN TO MAINTAIN OREGON HIGHWAY PROGRAM.

Hoss Declares Duty of All Public Officials Is To Ease Tax Burden Of People.

A flat \$3 license fee for passenger automobiles and light trucks with no increase in the gas tax, is favored by Hal E. Hoss, secretary of state.

The secretary, in an address before the annual convention of Oregon county judges and commissioners in Portland late Monday, declared that Oregon can reduce the license fee to \$3, and at the same time maintain its highway indebtedness.

A ten-fold plan which he said he prepared from his experience as administrator of the motor vehicle registration act and the gasoline tax laws, was explained by Hoss. It is:

1. Registration fee on private passenger cars and small private trucks, of \$3 each, with no half-year discount.
2. No increase in gas tax.
3. License of trucks on weight basis.
4. Adjustment of additional fees now charged to common carriers, contract haulers and commercial carriers.
5. Counties to raise their share of income by property tax on cars.
6. Equalization of tax on distillate and gasoline, all motor vehicle fuel to be taxed 4 cents a gallon.
7. Repeal of refund provision of fuel tax law, abolishing department handling that work, or enact strict regulations increasing appropriation for investigation and field work.
8. Discontinuation of registration of tourists, abolishing department handling that work.
9. Putting into effect automatically savings in administration of registration and police departments.
10. Change of registration year from July 1 back to Jan. 1, making the first registration period from July 1, 1933 to Jan. 1, 1935, for which motorists would pay \$4.50, and thereafter \$3 a calendar year.

Such a plan, Hoss believes, would keep 10,000 Oregon motorists from buying their licenses in Washington and California. The average automobile would yield a property tax, he believes, of \$7.33, with which the counties would pay the road money in lieu of their present one-third of the motor vehicle license fund.

Hoss estimated the plan would produce more than \$9,100,000 which the highway commission has declared is necessary. This is made up as follows: Total registration fees \$1,799,109 on the basis of this year's registration; motor transport fees \$394,414; gasoline taxes \$5,966,030, for a total net revenue of \$7,480,292. Hoss said additional revenue through saving and income would amount to \$2,087,000, making the total income of \$9,567,292.

Earlier in the day Leslie M. Scott chairman of the highway commission, had warned against drastic cutting of license fees, declaring it would wreck the highway program. But, he said, "the first duty of all of us is to ease, as best we can, the terrific tax burden of the people whose servants we are. New projects we shall have to defer until taxpayers are better able to pay for them. Maintenance we shall have to continue under the best makeshifts of economy."

Charles V. Galloway, chairman of the state tax commission, discussed the tax situation in Oregon in the absence of Governor Meier who had been scheduled to speak.—East Oregonian.

Eastern Star Elects.
The local order of Eastern Star elected the following officers Tuesday night: Edith Clarke, worthy matron; Frank Sloan, worthy patron; Hattie Hamm, associate matron; Claud McCall, associate patron; Catherine Garner, secretary; Winifred Norton, treasurer; Alva Berry, conductress; and Rena Waterman, associate conductress.

George Clark of Little Rock, Ark., who saw the advertisement of the Clark Lumber Company in Sheldon, Ia., visited the office and found his brother, whom he had not seen for 25 years.

DEATH CALLS MOTHER OF ENOS MARTIN AT RUPERT, IDAHO.

Mr. and Mrs. Enos Martin returned Sunday from Rupert, Idaho, after attending the funeral of Mr. Martin's mother, Mrs. Homer Martin, who passed away Monday Dec. 5. Mr. Martin reached his mother's side before she passed away.

The following account of Mrs. Martin's death was printed in the Minidoka County News, at Rupert, Idaho:

Mrs. Homer Martin.
With the passing of Mrs. Homer Martin Monday, one more early pioneer and settler on the Minidoka project has entered the great beyond, leaving sorrowing relatives and friends as the last chapter of her useful and beautiful life's work is closed.

Mrs. Martin's last illness was of short duration, she having been confined to her bed only five days. Since Mr. Martin's death in August, 1928, she has made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Effie Cunningham, but made extended visits to homes of her sons in Nebraska and Oregon, and her daughter in Washington.

Returning here to her old home, November 2, Mrs. Martin enjoyed her daughter's care and her friends' visits for the past month. She has enjoyed her association with the P. E. O. chapter greatly and with the members of her Sunday school class. For forty-five years Mrs. Martin has been a faithful member of the Methodist church.

Her maiden name was Lida Hayes and she was born April 13, 1854, at Celina, Kansas, her age being 78 years, 7 months, and 22 days.

With her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Enos Hayes, she went to Norborne, Carroll county, Missouri, in 1869. She taught school for five years in Missouri and while a teacher in Corning, Missouri, met Homer Martin, to whom she was married July 21, 1874. Here two children were born.

They lived in Corning until March 1880, when they moved to Bloomington, Kansas. Four of their children were born at Bloomington. They left Kansas in 1889 to make their home at Stella, Neb. It was here an infant daughter was born but lived only a few days. Gertrude, another daughter, died many years ago.

In 1900 Mr. and Mrs. Martin moved to Abilene, Kansas, and seven years later in 1907, came west going to Seattle, Wash. In the same year they came to Minidoka project settling in Minidoka county and this has been home for twenty-five years.

As a mother she merited the love and obedience of her children and has lived these many years in the consciousness of their affection and their allegiance. This was her greatest joy. She left this earth for a better country with firm faith in the abundant life secured for her by her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at the Methodist church with Rev. Victor Phillips in charge, who delivered the funeral address. His text was taken from the eleventh

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SCHOOL NOTES

The first basketball game of the season for the Hermiston high will be played Wednesday, Dec. 21, at Echo, with Echo. The game scheduled with Umatilla for Friday was postponed because of illness.

An assembly program will be put on by the Freshman class Friday, Dec. 23. There will be no regular classes that afternoon as it is the beginning of the Christmas holidays. Other programs will be given by grade students.

Teddy Leavitt, state evangelist who is speaking at the Hermiston Union church, and his assistant Miss Glenna Stephens, visited school Wednesday. Mr. Leavitt talked to the students and Miss Stephens made a chalk drawing, illustrating Mt. Hood.

Dr. A. E. Marble will be one of the main speakers at the P. T. A. meeting Wednesday, December 21. He will speak on the subject of "Health and Physique of School Children."

The Christmas holidays will start December 24 and school will not be resumed until Tuesday, Jan. 3, according to Supt. McAtee. Many of the teachers will spend the holidays with their parents.

SEASON'S MARKET TURKEYS AVERAGE 186,987 POUNDS

LARGEST SHIPMENT KNOWN IN HISTORY OF PROJECT.

Association Ships 80 Per Cent Prime Birds; Overflow From Cars Shipped by Freight.

The largest amount of marketing turkeys ever shipped from Hermiston has moved during December through individual buyers, and association pools. The Eastern Oregon Turkey Growers' association pool on December 7-8 shipped 92,538 lbs., and on December 13, 31,897 lbs. were shipped, making a total of 114,435 lbs. which filled five big refrigerator cars to capacity. This does not include the poundage purchased by the Hermiston Produce Co., which has bought 19,000 lbs. this marketing season.

A discussion of disease control and a vaccination demonstration were given in the afternoon by H. E. Cosby, extension poultry specialist, at a meeting for turkey raisers arranged by the fair management. Final figures compiled by J. C. Leedy, manager, showed a total of 873 entries in the live and dressed divisions of the show which closed late Wednesday.

TASTY CHRISTMAS COOKIES DESCRIBED IN NEW LEAFLET.

Christmas rolls, brown sugar Christmas cookies, Christmas crisps, Christmas orange cookies, Christmas ginger nuts, Christmas English gingerbread, and Bavarian Christmas cookies are only seven of the 20 different cookie recipes contained in a revised mimeographed leaflet announced by Miss Claribel Nye, state leader of home economics extension, Corvallis.

The three types of cookies—rolled, ice-box and drop cookies—are described and the three methods of mixing cookies are explained in this leaflet.

Colored sugar, nuts, whole or chopped raisins, dates, prunes, goose berry jam, caraway seed, candy covered coconut, little candies, frosting, or chocolate may be used to decorate cookies, points out this bulletin. The gingerbreadman with raisin eyes delights children. Dip the cutter in flour and cut the shapes close together to avoid an unnecessary amount of trimmings. Cookies made from the trimmings will differ in texture from the others because of the additional flour that must be added.

Toy Shower Friday.
The American Legion Auxiliary will hold a toy shower and pot luck dinner Friday night in the Odd Fellows hall, starting at 7:00 p. m. These toys will be used for Christmas gifts which will be put in boxes and distributed locally by the organization. Each member is asked to bring cup, plate, and silver. A short program has been planned.

Weather Report.

Date	Max.	Min.
December 8	18	-6
December 9	17	-10
December 10	18	-10
December 11	17	-14
December 12	22	-4
December 13	23	-8
December 14	24	-7

LOCAL DRESSED BIRDS PLACE AT OAKLAND TURKEY SHOW

Out of 24 dressed turkeys entered at the Northwestern Turkey Show at Oakland, Or., by the Eastern Oregon Turkey Growers' association, 18 placed. A total of 372 dressed birds were exhibited at the show, and 601 live birds, according to J. Jendrzewski, president of the local association, who returned Thursday morning after exhibiting the dressed birds at the largest turkey show in the world. He was accompanied by Mrs. Jendrzewski and C. A. Keller.

Birds that placed are as follows: Merl Potter, Y.T. 3rd, out of 60 entries, and Chas. Dillon, 7th, in the same class. W. H. Beard, Y.H. 2nd, and J. Jendrzewski, 11th, out of 120 entries. Merl Potter, 6YH, 13th, 14th, 16th, 19th, 24th, and 25th. Logan Todd, 17T, 21st, and 1 O.H. 25th. Umatilla Experiment Farm, 3 YH, 20th, 29th, and 34th. S. A. Anderson, YH, 22nd. Fred Davis Y.T. 35th. W. A. Sanders, YH, 62nd.

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LEGHORN MAKES RECORD.

A White Leghorn hen, one of those being trapped at the "Vigorbill" hatchery, layed 26 eggs in November, and so far in December has not missed a day. N. J. Vanskike opened the local hatchery a year ago and has turned out some fine stock.

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FORMER UMATILLA RESIDENT DIES IN PORTLAND.

UMATILLA, Ore., Dec. 14 (Special)—Josephine Fern Stephens passed away Wednesday, December 7, at the home of her parents in Portland, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Stephens. She had been ill only a short while. Mrs. Stephens was born in Pendleton, June 5, 1903, and leaves her parents, and a small 5-year-old son, Alva.

UMATILLA PROJECT FARM BUREAU HOLDS MEETING SAT.

A small group attended the Umatilla Project Farm Bureau meeting Saturday night in the Methodist church, at which Roy Penney discussed the movement against cooperatives, both state and federal. Joe Hawkins of Adams, who was to appear before the meeting, was unable to be present.

ALONG THE CONCRETE

Life has its ups and downs. This week Ed Briggs is up, and Harold Pace is down, in spirits. Edmond is anticipating the Christmas holiday when students are home from college, and Harold remorsefully watched the stage pull out of town Tuesday, headed west.

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HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS PRESENT ROLLICKING MINSTREL FRIDAY

CHOCOLATE COLORED CHARACTERS FURNISH COMEDY.

Maneuvers of End Men Create Much Merriment; Four Dark Knights Give Harmonious Numbers.

The "Tombigee Minstrels" presented by the Hermiston high school students and townspeople last Friday night furnished two hours of rollicking entertainment for all those who filled the high school auditorium. More than 32 persons took part in the presentation, including the orchestra, band, glee club, and chorus, and the Four Dark Knights quartet.

The curtain rose on a stage filled with chocolate colored, smiling dark town chorus folk singing a southern medley. Music and comedy were furnished throughout the program by the end men, ladies, and chorus. Comedy was made at the expense of many local people; the doctors seemed to furnish considerable material.

"Rastus" Melvin Follett, one of the end men described his sweetheart to the interlocutor, Clarence Henning, and when he had finished it appeared that this said sweetheart (Bruce Follett attired as a girl) had been in the audience and appeared to be coming toward the stage. Rastus was overjoyed and received her with open arms. Their maneuvers created much merriment.

Other end men and women included Jones Arnott, Alexander Evans, Rufus Serrell, Liza Attebury, and Mandy Shutter. Each kept the fun of the minstrel at its high pitch.

During the intermission, a reading entitled, "Nathaniel at de Football Game" was given by "Liza Ann" (Mrs. W.) Dyer, which was well-received and typical of the first impression of a freshman at a football game.

Tap dancing numbers enlivened the performance and brought down the house in applause. The artists were Mrs. Bobby Brown and Clarence E. Henning.

The Four Dark Knights and minstrel chorus brought the entertainment to a close by giving several harmonious numbers. The Dark Knights consisted of Ben Gerking, Al Quiring, Elwin Knapp, and Melvin Follett. Mr. Gerking made the quartet music possible by coming to Hermiston for the performance from his home in Pendleton. Appreciation of his assistance was expressed by Mr. Knapp, director, at the close of the performance. Other persons were mentioned by Mr. Knapp as having helped make the minstrel a success.



CO-OP GAS MEETING ADJOURNED TO DECEMBER 30th.

The special meeting called by the Farm Bureau Co-operative for December 13th for the purpose of amending the by-laws permitting the establishment of a gas and oil station was adjourned to Friday, December 30th, at 1:30 P. M., in the Methodist church. Lack of sufficient members present to constitute a quorum made it necessary for the president of the board of directors, P. P. Sullivan, to ask for an adjournment.

The proposed amendment provides for the establishment of a gas and oil station, to be operated on a patronage refund basis instead of the present cost plus two per cent system, which would be abolished.

Special stress was laid by the secretary on the importance of the meeting, and all members are urged to be present whether in good standing or otherwise, as each and every member should have an opportunity to join in the discussions to be held. There will be discussions for and against the patronage refund method of operation and also concerning the two per cent revolving fund.

AUTO DRIVERS LICENSE EXAMINATION SCHEDULE SET.

Martin Redding of Salem, will visit Hermiston once a month during January, February and March, to give examinations for operators and chauffeurs licenses, filling the vacancy left in this territory by the death of Al. J. Rousseau, who died suddenly of heart failure, shortly after his last visit here.

Mr. Redding will visit Hermiston Tuesday, January 10, February 7, and March 7, as outlined in the new schedule for the state put out recently by the state department. These examinations will be given to all applicants at the city library between the hours of 10:00 a. m. and 5:00 p. m. on the dates mentioned above. Books from which the examinations are given may be obtained free at the Herald office.

O'KELLEY-STEPHENS.

Marie A. Stephens and Floyd C. O'Kelley were united in marriage Tuesday, December 6, by the Justice of the Peace in Pendleton at 3:30 in the afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pearson witnessed the ceremony.

Mrs. O'Kelley, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Wright, has lived in Hermiston for many years and has a host of friends here who wish her much happiness. She has been employed at the Hermiston Hotel until recently.

Mr. O'Kelley has been a resident of Hermiston for the past eight months and is now employed in the MacMarr store. He is the son of Mrs. Josephine Dougherty, who is now in Lewiston, Idaho.

Mr. and Mrs. O'Kelley will make their home in Hermiston for the present.

YULE EXCURSIONS TO AID TRAVELERS.

Plans for the greatest offering of holiday transportation in the history of its famous Dollar Day excursions have been announced by the Southern Pacific company.

With fares cut to approximately one cent a mile, Christmas excursions are to be operated December 22 to 26, closely followed by the New Year sale, December 29 to Jan. 2, according to the announcement. The return limit will be January 4.

All points served by Southern Pacific in six western states will be covered by the excursion program, it was stated.

HEARD IN HUNTER'S CAVE.

Customer: "What kind of pie have you?"
Waitress: "Apple, cream, custard, and prune."
Customer: "The prune ought to be good."
Waitress: "It is, I had some yesterday."