

# AUTO TAGS COST LESS NEXT YEAR

Twenty-Five Per Cent Reduction in License Fee Applies January 1—Use Weight Basis—Half-Year Stickers Will Be Used to Break Registration Year.

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 4.—(Sp.)—Reductions of approximately 25 per cent will greet the automobile owner when he makes application for license for his motor vehicle the first of the year. This is in addition to a change in the beginning of the registration year, which will permit motorists to obtain licenses for a half year only at a time. Changes made by the 1929 legislature put the licensing of all motor vehicles on a weight basis. Provision has been made for the three-quarter and one-fourth year license in addition to the annual and half-year applications now possible. The retention of the 1929 metal number plate after the first of the year has been provided to do away with the issuance of two sets of metal plates in one year. A windshield sticker will serve for the first six months, to be used as an identification of the vehicle, just as the plates will also serve that purpose. Then on July 1 the law becomes effective, providing July 1 instead of January 1 as the date for buying new licenses.

### Fees and Weight.

Annual fees for the registration of motor vehicles equipped with pneumatic tires will be as follows after January 1:  
Weighing 1700 pounds or less, \$10.  
Weighing over 1700 and not over 3000 pounds, 50 cents per 100 pounds or fraction thereof.  
Weighing over 3000 pounds and not over 4500 pounds, \$1 per 100 pounds or fraction thereof.  
Weighing over 4500 pounds, \$1.19 per 100 pounds or fraction thereof.  
Motor trucks, trailers or semi-trailers with one or more solid tires, will pay 50 per cent additional over the regular fee. Additional license fees and charges are imposed by law upon motor carriers, contract haulers and certain commercial carriers operating for compensation or profit.

### Half Year Fee.

Applications January 1 will be accompanied by remittances for one-half the annual license fee, which will bring the owner a license to operate his car for the period ending June 30. Secretary of State Hoos yesterday sent out six tons of mail, or 300 large sacks full, all of it being license application blanks going to vehicle owners. There were 275,000 pieces of mail, each warning some owner that the time is nearly at hand when he must get his new license.

The postage bill on the big mail shipment is \$27,000, most of the mislives going for one cent by special permit. Portland will get 64 sacks, the southern part of the state 87, and points north and east 125, while 25 sacks will be redistributed at the Salem postoffice for points near the capital.

### ANDERSON CREEK

ANDERSON CREEK, Ore., Dec. 4.—(Special)—Mrs. Ruby Auton of Klamath Falls is spending a few weeks with her niece, Mrs. James Mays.  
Clair Clark and family of Central Point spent Thanksgiving with James Moe Dowell.  
The dinner guests at the Mays home Thanksgiving were Mrs. Ruby Auton, F. M. Centers, E. J. Centers and Mr. and Mrs. McNally.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Hale were out to Medford Tuesday.  
John Schuetts visited James Mays on business Monday.  
George Young spent Thursday in Medford.

Mrs. Pierce is home from the hospital and is improving rapidly. Mr. and Mrs. Green were out to Ashland Friday.

Mrs. Black of Ashland called on Mrs. James Mays Monday.

Corvallis.—Remodeling work completed on American Legion building.

# DRIEST AUTUMN FOR SIXTY YEARS IN JACKSONVILLE

JACKSONVILLE, Ore., Dec. 4.—(Special)—Emil Britt, local weather observer, submits the following report for the month of November: Mean maximum, 54.7; mean minimum, 39.7; mean, 42.1; maximum 69, date 3; minimum 22, date 21; greatest daily range, 33. Precipitation, total .04 inches; greatest in 24 hours, .03, date 9. Number of days with .01 inch or more precipitation 2; clear 27; partly cloudy 1; cloudy 2. Precipitation since September 1, 1.14 inches. Precipitation for same period last year 4.99 in. This is the driest summer and fall on record in southern Oregon, as shown by 48 years' official records at this station, also unofficial records dating back to 1869. From June 16 to October 6th, not a trace of rain fell. In October .94 inch. In this period there were 156 clear, 9 cloudy and 12 partly cloudy days.

### THIMBLE CLUB MEETING IN PHOENIX ON FRIDAY

PHOENIX, Ore., Dec. 4.—(Sp.)—The Thimble club, which is an organization in connection with the Oak Circle, will meet at the home of Mrs. Miller on Friday afternoon. Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Geo. Drake are hostesses. All members are urged to attend.

# VALLEY RANCHES CHANGING HANDS

Three real estate deals, involving approximately \$50,000, were reported yesterday by the Gainer & Shelley Realty agency at Central Point.  
The Ben Stevens dairy ranch in the Little Applegate country was sold last week to Everett Smith of southern California for a cash consideration. The property includes 80 acres, 35 head of cattle, hogs, sheep, chickens and complete farm equipment. Mr. and Mrs. Smith had spent several weeks looking over the entire Pacific coast for a suitable place to make their home, and found nothing as promising as their new property.

The W. T. Boone dairy ranch in the same section was sold to Ben Stevens, and includes 60 acres of river bottom land and a good sized herd of cattle. The sale was made on a cash consideration. Mr. Stevens has owned ranches in various parts of the valley and declares he has found each to be profitable, making him realize that the Rogue River valley is the ideal farming and dairy country.  
A small three-acre tract near Central Point was also sold by the agency to a retired Kansas farmer.

### ENJOY PARTY AT FRINK HOME IN SAMS VALLEY

SAMS VALLEY, Ore., Dec. 4.—(Sp.)—A very pleasant social event of the season was the party given Saturday night by Misses Eva and Ruth Frink at their home to about 20 friends of the community. After enjoying several hours in amusing games, all joined in partaking of delicious refreshments served by the hostesses.

# ELEVEN LOST IN SEA DISASTER 21 MAROONED

Rescue Ships Face Treacherous Reefs in Attempt to Rescue Crew of British Freighter From South Seas Island.

PAGO PAGO, Samoa, Dec. 4.—(Sp.)—Rescue ships which reported the loss of eleven men and the saving of three others in the wreck of the British freighter Norwich City at Gardner Island, 700 miles north of here, again faced the dangers of heavy seas and treacherous coral reefs in their effort to take 21 others from the island, upon which they are marooned.

First word of the fate of the 35 men aboard the Norwich City when she struck a coral reef last Saturday was received here last night in a terse message from the steamer Tronigate.  
The message said that the Tronigate had taken aboard three of the survivors, including the wireless operator and second engineer of the Norwich City. Eleven members of the crew drowned, said the message, when the Norwich City struck the reef. The 24 others evidently managed to make shore.  
The three rescued by the Tronigate apparently had been among the 24 to reach the island.

# PHOENIX SCHOOL PLAYS SATURDAY

Three one-act plays "The Wonder Hat," "The Beau of Bath" and "The Silent System" will be presented by the junior class of Phoenix high school, Friday, December sixth, at the Phoenix gym.

The "Wonder Hat" is a most delightful fantasy with Harlequin and Columbine in the cast.  
The Beau of Bath is staged in 1750 on a Christmas eve in an old manor house.  
The silent system is an argument between a wife and husband, during which the wife presents her grievances so fast that the husband is unable to say a word.

The students, under the direction of Miss Gannaway have been working hard on the plays for the past six weeks.  
This promises to be one of the best school entertainments of the season.  
Home made candy will be sold during the evening by the sophomore and junior classes.

### AVAILABLE HAY IN SAMS VALLEY SOLD

SAMS VALLEY, Ore., Dec. 4.—(Special)—It is reported that about all of the available hay for sale has been sold out of this district and from all reports it is going to be a very scarce article in the valley.



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