



**SPEED DID THIS!**—Richard St. Jean, 21, of Valley Stream, N. Y. lies on the ground seemingly ignored by the bystanders milling around the wreckage of the auto in which he and two friends were injured. The car rolled over six times before coming to a halt. Richard and his two companions, who were already in an ambulance when this photo was made, were reported in serious condition.

## State Representative Discusses Tax Cutting, Capitol Punishment

Robert Duncan, state representative from Medford, urged active citizen participation in tax cutting, and elimination of capital punishment while speaking before the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce round-table Monday noon.

This was third and final talk in a series of round-table speeches presented by state legislators on the recent state legislative session.

Taxes may not be acutely decreased but the rate of increase can be slowed. Citizens should decide what state governmental services they want, how much they want to pay for them, then act, Duncan said. Too often the state legislator gets a letter from a constituent demanding certain services. Final paragraph of the same letter will rant at tax increases which his demands and those of others are helping to bring about, Duncan remarked.

**No Saving**

People should realize also by shifting services to higher levels tax money is not being saved. Recent basic school support appropriation is an example. This provides for 54 per cent of the state general fund for education. This may save on local taxes but is merely shifting the money from one pocket to another.

This, he pointed out, is the first time that a state legislative session has directly provided for contribution to basic school support. Similar measures came through initiatives or direct public vote.

**Study Needed**

"The key to the whole thing is a careful study of budgetary requests made by state department heads," Duncan emphasized, waving a 330-page paper bound volume.

Both big and little state government expenditures should be carefully analyzed, he stated. For instance, Duncan said, he learned through research that out-of-state travel expenses listed by legislators total 1/2 million dollars. Through the work of his committee (ways and means) this total expenditure was cut and a substantial saving resulted.

Dr. Harold M. Erickson, State Board of Health Administrator, requested an appropriation similar to the schools' basic fund to provide more extensive health departments in the poorer counties of eastern Oregon. This was turned down, but will probably be put through in the future sessions, Duncan said.

Duncan added that later he was sorry he voted against the proposal. Appropriations were passed for much less critical needs. Funds granted for two more National Guard armories and provision for one more in Salem and Portland is a good example, he said. The state now has more armories than National Guardsmen, he commented.

**Not Good Idea**

To provide funds for these services, taxes which are too easily collected are not a good idea, either, Duncan said. If the state legislature has large sums of money readily available they will react to pressure groups and spend that money. Oregon, he said, has a good income tax program. The sales tax probably would have become effective this year if the emergency clause measure had gone through. Increase in the corporate excise tax should not keep industry out of Oregon, he said. According to letters re-

ceived from various industry officials they were happy they were not hurt more seriously.

**Capital Punishment**

Switching rapidly to capital punishment, Duncan argued that two wrongs do not make a right. Taking a man's life for murder does not restore his victim's life. Also, existing cases prove that jury mistakes have sent many innocent people to their deaths.

By referendum in 1958 the people will vote on abolishing capital punishment. If the people remove the death penalty provision in the state constitution for first degree murder, a law passed in the recent state legislative session will become effective.

This, in effect, strengthens parole laws, Duncan said. No parole would be granted a man convicted of first degree murder until a written notice has been sent the county in which the prisoner was convicted, and a public hearing held. Furthermore a man so convicted is never released from parole. He is under constant scrutiny of his parole officer. Fifteen years must be served first.

The same law provides that a man convicted of second degree murder be paroled after serving one-third of his sentence. Presently penalty is life imprisonment with clemency if judge see fit.

Capital punishment is not a deterrent against crime, he stated, adding the best deterrent is a swift trial and swift penalty.

### Douglas Aircraft Reports Earnings

Santa Monica, Calif. — Douglas Aircraft Co. today reported net earnings of \$17,994,289, equal to \$4.86 a share of capital stock outstanding, for the first six months of the fiscal year ended May 31.

The company said the net income was reduced to \$16,674,223 or \$4.50 a share by a special charge of \$1,320,066 paid under protest by the firm as a renegotiation refund for the 1953 fiscal year. Earnings for the same period last year were \$12,820,637.

Basel, Switzerland, though 500 miles from the sea, handles some four million tons of ship cargo each year, the National Geographic Magazine says.

### Thomas Dewey, Family, Visiting in Denmark

Copenhagen, Denmark — Thomas E. Dewey, former governor of New York and two-time Republican presidential candidate, began a visit here today with his wife and son. They planned to stay a few days and then continue on to Norway for a vacation.

### CP Police Chief Gets Citation for Service in Korea

Wallace P. Bowen, Central Point police chief and member of the local Navy reserve unit, has been awarded the presidential unit commendation and citation from Charles E. Thomas, secretary of the Navy.

The presentation was made Monday night by Lt. Cmdr. Richard Knight at a regular reserve meeting.

The presidential citation was awarded Bowen for meritorious service during hazardous operations against the enemy aggressor forces in Korea from Oct. 15, 1950 to Nov. 25, 1952.

### Demolition Team

Bowen was a member of the underwater demolition team attached to the USS Essex, which inflicted extensive damage and destruction upon enemy lines of communication, installations, facilities, transportation facilities and troop concentrations.

Bowen holds several distinguished Navy medals, ribbons and citations from World War II. Among them are the Philippine Republic presidential unit citation and Navy unit commendation. In 1947 Bowen received a certificate of merit from Dwight L. Green, governor of Illinois, for distinguished service in the Navy in World War II.

### Portlander To Manage Cattle and Horse Show

Boise, Idaho — Walter A. Holt, Portland, Ore., Monday was named manager of the Northwest Beef Cattle and Horse Show, set for Nov. 23-27 at the Boise Fairgrounds. Holt has been manager of the Pacific International Livestock Show at Portland for the past 11 years.

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