two
Editorial Views and Discussions

Establishment of definite top speed limit zones on all Oregon highways will be recommended to the forthcoming session of the Legislature by Secretary of State Earl Snell Convinced after careful study and investigation that such action is essential toward further reduction of traffic deaths and the stantial reduction in accidents and injuries can be secured. Mr. Snell stated that he is now preparing a tentative bill for submission next month that will carry such a provision.
"This is no experiment," Mr. Snell stated. There may be some argument as to what causes accident, but there can be no argument as to what causes fatal accidents. Uncontroll ed speed is present in such a tremendous majority that it is clear that speeds must be lowered. Experience gained in other states hroughout the nation bears out this statement
Under the proposed act all highways in the tate will be zoned and top speed limits established by the state highway commission. The basic rule at present the only provision of the law that limits speed would still be applicable as a regulatory measure in regard to all speeds within the top limit.
"It is true that there has been a substantial reduction in accidents, and a saving in lives during both 1937 and 1938, as compared with previous years," Mr. Snell commented. "But this saving in lives, this reduction of highway traffic toll. is not coming nearly fast enough. It is a life and death matter to the people of Oregon. Education is well under way, engineering is progressing rapidly and any effective program of enforcement must be backed with a suitable speed law
Speaking of the proposed change in the law. John Beakey, traffic engineer of the state highway department, expressed the view that the present law, after several years trial, had not accomplishd the desired results, that speed is a big factor in present traffic fatalities and that he favored some such suggesed amendment.

## TWO ACRES EACH

Citizens of Oregon, whether they realize it or not, own nearly two acres of land each. and each four of the state's approximately

000,000 people own a city lot! Furthermore, this ownership of land is increasing at a rapid rate each year!
However, Mr. John Citizen needn't think he can take possession of his two acres, build a house on it, and start a family garden. The a house on it, and start a famly garden. The
land. for the most part, is covered with land. for the most part, is covered with
stumps, or barren rocky soil of doubtful value even for grazing. Some of it by modern re clamation methods, might be habitable.
Against the tax reverted land stands a total tax debt of $\$ 26.000,0000$, an "account receivable" that will eventually mean a considerable loss, even though the assessed valuation of it and other property that will revert during the next year or two will approach $\$ 75,000.000$. These are facts brought out in the latest state planning board report, Management of Tax Reverted Lands in Oregon." In it planhing board experts give results and findings gleaned from three years of work on a WPA project assisting counties to classify property hat has reverted for taxes. The report was written by Arthur Damschen, special assistant the board in collaboration with V. B Stanbery, board consultan

It seems that iff a commercial and financial way we can regard the year 1939 with a de gree of optimism. The Roosevelt Recession, like the Hoover Depression, was felt in the West several months after things "flopped" in the East. Reliable reports indicate the trend now in the East is for better times. Maybe we can hope, as the negro in the spiritual, that "Hard times come again on more.

After all a millionaire misses a lot of fun. How is a millionaire going to realize the amount of excitement there is in holding out a five-spot on his wife on pay-day?

Maybe we will live to see the day when all highways will be widened so that two cars can start around you and meet two more cars and tangle six at one time.

There are some heavy women in this county who won't do a thing to reduce except shrug their shoulders when they step off the scales.


The
S M A R電T S H O P

HOOD RIVER, OREGON

## Meetings

## 

## CHRONICLE

Official paper of city of Cascade
ocks, Oregon. Orficial publication for American Entered aseond clas matter at he postoffice at Hood River, Orepon, under the Act of Congress of
March 3.1879.
JOHN H. TRAVIS ..... Editor

Published every Friday in the interests of the Bonneville Dam area
by the Sun Publishing Company, Inc. SUBSCRIPTION RATES

BLONDIE
$\qquad$ With great big dark blue eyes, I didn't know she ran around
With all those other guys.
 For how could I surmise But in her memory I live t
With all those other guya?
 Those hours of loving sighs; But in her mem'ry I live too
With all those other


$\qquad$ Strammined unemployment com-
pensation law procedures will be
sought by the oregon Commission at sought by the Oregon Commission a
the coming session of the state legis. Thirty-one states now are paying
unemployment benefits unemployment benefits. Out-of-work
benefits wil become payable in the remaining states by panuable in the
the exception of with
Ilinois and Monthe exception of Mlinois and Mon-
tana, in which benefits will be pay
able after July 1,1938 .

## CLASSIFIED ADS



On nust tram nowe sprem

## 

