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How to Better the Record

Motorists of Klamath county will realize that "it's smart to drive carefully," they can write a marked improvement in 1940 over the unfortunate traffic accident record of 1939.

In the past year, 19 persons died as a result of automobile accidents. This was a 28 per cent increase over 1938 and a mark of shame for Klamath county. These cold statistics tell a story of tragedy and heartbreak that could have been largely averted by the exercise of ordinary common sense and caution.

One of the worst hazards on the highways is the false sense of pride in fast driving which prevails among far too many of our motorists. We get the idea we are really accomplishing something admirable when we roar along at 80 or thereabouts or negotiate a turn at high speed without a mishap.

But when it is realized that all this lightning speed is unnecessary, the driver assumes the status of a dangerous fool. If he were racing on some mission of mercy, if life and death depended on his reaching some destination in as short a time as possible, his speed might be considered clever and admirable. But the vast majority of speeding cars are saving time that need not be saved and will be wasted later.

What is needed is a realization among motorists that it is smart and clever to drive within definite limits of safety; that covering the distance between two points without once running a risk marks a driver as intelligent.

Political Year Ahead

POLITICALLY explosive is the outlook for 1940. Nationally and locally, artillery will be booming on the political front until the last ballot is counted on the night of the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November. The politicians are going afieled for votes, and the pressure will be on the citizenry from this time until the campaigns are over.

This is not such a serious prospect as it may sound. There are indications that the people will be better able to "take it" in 1940 than they have in some of the recent election years. They will be better able to resist the stampeding effects of new and fantastic schemes, of smooth slogans, of windy speech-makers.

They have thrown off the hysteria of the wild 'thirties and are more inclined to examine what is offered them with cool judgment and with practical measuring sticks. The change began in 1938. In that year a whole flock of windy rabble rousers, who had been flourishing on the public psychology of the "emergency" years, were given the gate. Since then a number of wild schemes were thrown out at the polls in certain states.

All of this promises well for the men and the measures of 1940 which are sound, which are offered with thoughtfulness rather than bombast. And it gives the potential office-seekers and measure-supporters of 1940 something they ought to be thinking about.

Food Stamp Plan Will Be Started in Portland Tuesday

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 2 (UP)—Inauguration of the federal surplus commodities corporation food stamp plan in Oregon on January 2 comes after several trials in other parts of the country.

The plan will be started in Portland and later extended to Marion county. The Portland division will be headed by Walter E. Smythe, former member of the FSCC division staff at San Francisco, where the stamp plan has been in operation for some time.

Under the plan, the FSCC supplies free surplus commodities to relief clients by means of stamps bought at agencies set up by the local welfare administration. The money is supplied relief clients under the present system, through WPA work, other government relief work or through outright grants.

The relief client purchases orange colored stamps from these agencies and receives blue stamps to the amount of one-half the total purchase of the orange stamps free of charge. The orange stamps may be used to purchase any foods, while the blue variety will be accepted only for items designed as surplus commodities.

For example, a relief client buying \$10 worth of orange stamps would be issued an additional \$5 worth of the blue stamps. With the \$15 he could buy any staples he needed. Liquor and tobacco would not be purchasable.

With the \$5 in blue stamps he could buy only surplus commodities. The merchant would receive the full face value of both blue and orange stamps when he redeemed them.

The list of commodities designated as surplus now includes rice, butter, raisins, pork lard, corn meal, shell eggs, dried prunes, fresh pears, apples, oranges and grapefruit, hominy grits, dry beans, onions and flour. The list is changed from time to time.

In most states where the plan has been operating the farmers have been in favor of it because

NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2 — The good neighbor policy toward Latin America is developing inner signs of becoming a good banker policy and questions are arising inside as to how good some of it will turn out to be.

Deep in the state department files, too deep to enjoy the light of publication, is a report on the trade-credit situation in Ecuador by an American economist, Prof. Frank W. Potter of Swarthmore. This government wanted to do something for Ecuador, and Mr. Jesse Jones' export-import bank dispatched Prof. Potter to study the financial situation down there with a view to establishing possibly \$15,000,000 of credits.

Prof. Potter's report is pessimistic. While Ecuadorian officials no doubt intend to repay whatever borrowing they obtain, the opinion is widespread there and in some other Latin nations that the U. S. is making these loans for her own trade advantage (not for love), that Sam is not only the big uncle of the north, but a rich one, who could stand to lose a little, better than they; in short, that Washington now is a soft touch. Also Ecuador has suffered several quick changes in administration in recent years, and her chief crop has been blighted by disease.

As a result the agriculture department is sending down some advisers to help, but the credit probably will not be attempted.

HIGH TARIFF

A high tariff official of this government is back from Venezuela with some interesting conversation, along a similar line. While Venezuela is a nation of only a few million people, most of whom are very poor, her tariffs run amazingly high against imports, in some instances to an unbelievable 1500 per cent. Also her president and cabinet officers apparently receive as much as ours.

These matters will be of primary importance shortly when Mr. Roosevelt asks the assembling congress for more funds to finance the bi-American trade acceleration program through the export-import bank.

HEDGING

Republicans were not as mystified as they professed when Mr. Roosevelt sought to turn the democratic party campaign rally for Jackson day into a "partisan" endeavor by inviting them. They well knew it meant the president did not desire to make the resounding political address which the historic auspices of the annual rally demanded.

Only reason that sounded logical for this extraordinary deviation from custom was that the president did not want to commit himself on the third term yet. He could not very well talk about democratic politics without mentioning the subject.

CONFUSING

Democratic senators seem slightly more confused about how the country would regard a third term. When they left, a clear majority believed Roosevelt could not buck the tradition, would not try it. Fresh from home now, they seem to have the idea that opposition to third terms on principle has not permeated all the way down through the electorate; in a close race it would be a decisive point, but not in a lopsided one. They found a surprising number of the local politicians for Roosevelt.

Consensus: Roosevelt will not run unless he is convinced he can win easily and this now seems unlikely.

BOMB-SHELL

Note to assembling legislators: If you see a man carrying a brief case marked T. N. T., run to the nearest exit. It will be Thomas N. Tullien, skilled legislative clerk of the treasury on taxes, who is carrying the treasury's taxation

PINE TREE

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Invitation Extended GOP Aims to Perplex Enemies

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2 (AP)—The democratic invitation to republican congressional leaders to break bread and tradition with them at the Jackson day dinner next Monday is a phase of developing party strategy calculated to perplex administration enemies.

It may be regarded as a new sign of a democratic intent to pull public attention back to foreign affairs and hold it there. Like a bright new ball in a heap of last year's toys, it catches the eye.

Enough mystery surrounds the invitation to make it mind filing. The public debt, taxes, the farm problem and unemployment are passed over in a furor of speculation.

A bit of recent political history throws some light on the underlying motives. Democrats were troubled when congress came in last January. Looking at the angry men who returned from the factional battles of 1938, one astute democrat said: "If things keep going the way they have for the last few months, the democratic presidential nomination in 1940 won't be worth two parboiled adjectives."

DEWEY

Young Tom Dewey who seems to be leading most republican presidential polls, might not get a vote if he sought the White House through election by congress. Those who have canvassed the incoming legislators thoroughly have not been able to find anyone for Dewey.

In nearly the same fix on the democratic side is Paul McNutt. His following in congress apparently consists of Senator Minton.

Souvenir hunters have stripped the name plates from the office doors of Senators Borah and Tom Connally. The electorate must be getting hot for 1940. It never happened before.

Now their leaders are invited to come to a democratic party rally and hear a non-partisan speech by President Roosevelt. The only question in American politics surrounded by a theoretical party neutrality is foreign affairs. The world situation

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THEY DARED NOT TESTIFY!

REAL LOW-DOWN ON HIDDEN HIGHER-UPS

Charles ★ Doris BICKFORD NOLAN

John Lital Paul Guilfoyle

ONE HOUR TO LIVE

COMPANION FEATURES

HIDEOUT IN THE ALPS

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makes that a timely subject. Moreover, it is the one on which democrats probably can come nearest to uniting.

But it puts the invited republicans in a hot spot. Which ever way they jump may be wrong. Popular reaction to their refusal would be hard to figure. Yet they can point out that the invitation came from a party official—not from the president, himself. And it does not say, specifically, that the president is going to talk about foreign affairs.

FARM LEADERS PLAN NEW TAX

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2 (AP)—Administration farm leaders are preparing to do a lot of talking about "industry's protective tariff" in their efforts to win congressional approval of a tax to help finance crop control payments to farmers.

A certificate program is proposed to replace payments out of treasury funds for farmers who comply with the federal agricultural act. It is encountering opposition from some quarters both in and out of congress.

Under such a program, producers of specified crops would receive certificates from the government which processors and other crop purchasers would have to buy. The certificates would be valued at the difference between the "parity" or pre-1914 price of such commodities and the lower market price. As in the case of the invalidated processing taxes, officials said, the cost of the certificate could be passed on to the ultimate consumer.

This program, explains J. B. Hutson, assistant chief of the agricultural adjustment administration, would "place outside of the federal budget a large part of the protection given farm income under government programs, just as the protection afforded other industries by means of import tariffs does not appear as an expenditure of federal funds."

Crop control officials want particularly to obtain adoption of the certificate program at the coming session of congress. It would avoid the necessity of their appealing to each succeeding congress for the money needed to make parity payments. These officials believe it might be more difficult to obtain such appropriations after the 1940 election.

HOME MORTGAGES LISTED FOR STATE

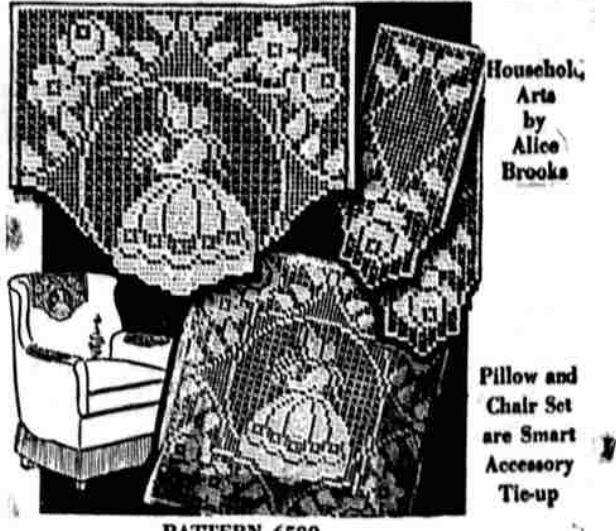
WASHINGTON, Jan. 2 (AP)—The federal home loan bank board reported today that 5227 home mortgages, amounting to \$12,009,000, were recorded during November, 1939, by all types of lenders in the district served by the federal home loan bank of Portland.

The recordings by states:

Idaho, 526 loans, \$1,269,000; Montana, 559 loans, \$1,558,000; Oregon, 1127 loans, \$2,304,000; Utah, 577 loans, \$1,277,000; Washington, 2184 loans, \$4,993,000; Wyoming, 254 loans, \$668,000.

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The Family Doctor

By DR. MORRIS FISHBEN
Editor, Journal of the American Medical Association, and of Hygiene, the Health Magazine

APPARENTLY the campaign for slenderness that began after the World war is beginning to show its effects on American women.

A leading insurance company has found, by comparing the weights of women during 1922-23 with their weights during 1932-34, that there has been a decline in the average weight for each height at every age. The average weights have declined from 3 to 5 pounds. They affect older women as well as younger women. Actually the older women have reduced more because they weighed more in the first place and consequently had more to lose.

In an analysis of the reasons for consistent reduction in weight, a good deal of credit is given to the campaign of education on the dangers of overweight. It is doubtful, however, that this campaign was the most effective cause.

Excess weight after middle age is associated with the chronic degenerative diseases of the heart, kidneys and blood vessels and also with diabetes. However, people who are underweight suffer a higher mortality from tuberculosis and pneumonia.

If any considerable number of women are questioned directly as to why they have reduced their weights, it is not likely that many of them will reply honestly that they reduced to improve their health. It is much more likely that changes in eating habits and in fashions have been the primary factors.

In the first place, the idols of American girls are the movie queens. The movie queens are thin. Indeed, the glamorous girls are gawky. There is a reason for this: fat women do not photograph well—in fact, thin women look bigger than they are. A Hollywood star who wants to look thin on the screen has to be thinner than normal.

Hollywood girls help to create the fashions, and fashion has an irresistible appeal to American women. When the ready-made dresses are prepared to fit a certain form, the vast majority of women fix themselves to fit the forms.

With the increasing knowledge of diet, girls are being trained to choose their foods for essential factors rather than for bulk. Before we knew so much about food, it was necessary to eat large amounts of a wide variety of foods to get the essential factors. Nowadays the proper selection of proteins, mineral salts and vitamins permits a reduction in the total quantity of food.

OLYMPIC DIVING CHAMPIONS WED

YUMA, Ariz., Jan. 2 (UP)—Two Olympic games diving champions, Ruth Jump and Ralph Flanagan, were married here yesterday by Justice Ed Wines following an aerial elopement from Los Angeles.

Miss Jump gave her age as 19 and said she was a model from Los Angeles while Flanagan said he was 23 and listed himself as a student from Austin, Tex.

They were accompanied here by H. T. Kuris and Alfred Delavega who were witnesses at the ceremony.

Flanagan is a native of Miami, Fla., where he first achieved national ranking as a swimmer and diver while still in his teens. Miss Jump, although born in Nodaway, Ia., won her aquatic fame in southern California.

LAST DAY "The Housekeeper's Daughter" JOAN BENNETT ADOLPH MENJOU

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