

# 'MOTOR POOL' BANS NIGHTLY USE OF AUTOS

OLYMPIA, Oct. 13 (AP)—State officials announced today that the new motor pool plan, now in operation at the capitol, will be carried out soon on a state-wide basis, pending word from Attorney General Smith Troy on whether all aspects of the scheme are legal.

Under the proposed change, most of the state's 600 or more autos would be parked in state garages except when being used specifically for state official business. The plan would apply to all state departments except those headed by elective officials, the latter being given their choice as to whether they wish to participate.

Except in a few isolated instances, and in the case of the 180 vehicles operated by the Washington state patrol, all autos would be parked in state garages overnight.

The garages used would be those maintained throughout the state by the highway department under the department's revolving fund.

At present, various departments "own" and control the use of state cars individually. In many instances, department employees are allowed to take the autos home overnight, and in some cases, the department pays for garage rental.

Under the new setup, various departments' funds would be credited with the "blue book" price for each auto thrown into the motor pool.

Departments would then be charged "rental" for the use of autos from the pool. Accounts for gas, oil, repairs and other expenses would be kept by the highway department. Departments would be charged a certain amount per mile for use of the vehicles. It is estimated the expense will be less than three cents a mile.

The new system would enable state officials to know where all cars are at all times. Before taking an auto out of the garage, the user would be required to fill out a form telling how the auto is to be used. This form would have to be signed by the department head before the vehicle was released.

In returning the auto, the user would be required to sign an oath, stating the car had only been used for official business. Falsification of the oath would be considered grounds for dismissal of the state employee.

Since the plan has been in operation here, only between 30 and 50 per cent of the autos in the pool have been in use at any one time, half or more of the 100 vehicles lying idle all of the time.

## Our Home Town

### The Housewife

By EARL WHITLOCK

The most exacting profession in the world is hers. To feed her family well on an income that is, somehow, never quite adequate, to keep peace among the active and quarrelsome youngsters, to aid and comfort and, when necessary, prod her husband—these require tact, financial ability, buying genius, judgment and love in unlimited quantities.

What brought this to mind was reading of a baseball player, a man in the pink of condition who, one day, just for fun, tried keeping up with his husky five-year-old son. Daddy started out strong and lasted pretty well until noon. But by then he was all in, though the youngster was ready for another six hours of play and couldn't understand why papa wouldn't play leap frog for a while and then go fishing.

The housewife who has young children not only has to keep up with them; she must keep a couple of jumps ahead of them—and this as a side-line to the job of running the household efficiently.

Make no mistake, my readers. It is not our productive genius that makes America great, nor our wonderful geographical location, nor our soil nor climate nor potential kilowatts of water power. It is our American housewives!

Next Monday Mr. Whitlock of the Earl Whitlock Funeral Home will comment on "The Army's Morale."

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## How To Entertain People: Cater To Guests' Whims

By RUTH MILLETT

Lesson number one for hostesses is: "You can't be a good hostess if you cater to your own whims instead of those of your guests."

It seems as if any woman should be able to figure that out for herself, but there are lots of women who want to be good hostesses who violate that simple rule. Then they wonder why guests seem to have a better time at other houses than at their own.

There is the woman, for example, who likes a particular

type of table service and clings to it when she has so many guests she can't possibly see that they get their food while it is still hot. But she likes the service, and she doesn't worry that half of her guests have to eat cold food that is supposed to be hot.

Then there is the woman who prides herself on her fried chicken and will serve it to a guest who, she knows, would take a steak every time if given a choice. But she takes pride in the way she cooks chicken and, since she enjoys serving and eating it, she does not consider whether or not the guest enjoys eating it, too.

### ARRANGING TO HAVE GOOD TIME HERSELF

There is also the woman who knows when she arranges the furniture in her living room that she is going to entertain a lot. Yet she arranges it in a way she thinks looks attractive without bothering at all to see that the chairs are grouped together for conversation. She doesn't seem to care whether tables holding lamps and ash trays are close to every chair, or whether chairs are upholstered in durable enough material so that a guest isn't uneasy all evening for fear he might drop an ash on a cream-colored satin chair.

### PLAYING HOSTESS IS 'ONLY A GAME'

Then, too, there is the hostess who prides herself on playing whatever game "they" are playing, or entertaining in whatever way is fashionable at the moment. Even if her friends are the kind of people who would rather sit in the living room and talk than learn a new game or be dragged to the basement to pitch horseshoes—they do what their hostess has planned for them to do.

None of these women has the knack of making guests comfortable and happy. But all these women think they are good hostesses, since they give exactly the kind of parties they want to give.

A really good hostess is one who offers the kind of food and entertainment that appeals to each individual guest, instead of entertaining just to please herself.

## U. S. Air Chief Leaves Cairo

CAIRO, Egypt, Oct. 13 (AP)—Maj. Gen. George H. Brett, chief of the U. S. army air corps, has left Cairo after a four-week study of British aviation in the middle east.

He planned several recommendations as to how American aid to middle eastern forces can be effectively increased, especially in maintenance of aircraft.

### NEW PUBLISHER

WALDPART, Oct. 13 (AP)—Leroy Inman, 30-year-old Springfield newspaperman, became editor and publisher of the Waldport Tribune last week. He purchased the weekly from M. I. Brown, who will remain as printer. Inman is a graduate of the University of Oregon journalism school.

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## LABOR, INDUSTRY SURVEY PLANNED

SALEM, Oct. 13 (AP)—The Oregon State Employment Service plans soon to undertake a survey of labor and industry to assist the federal office of production management in its program of ameliorating unemployment and business stoppages threatened by invoking of defense priorities. Silas Gaiser, administrator for the unemployment compensation commission reported today.

"By means of questionnaires we hope to find out just what effect defense industry has had in this area and what equipment

and labor are available, with the possibility in mind of getting additional government contracts or sub-contracts," Gaiser explained.

L. C. Stoll, employment service director, warned that the survey should not "give the impression that every industry which has in any way suffered through priorities will immediately be awarded a government contract."

The impending survey is the outgrowth of a defense priorities conference in Washington, D. C., from which Gaiser and Stoll returned a few days ago.

### FROM PLANTS TO COAL

Under pressure, peat turns to coal since plant matter compresses successively into peat, lignite, bituminous coal and anthracite.

## BOOM-DAYS FARM PRICES REPORTED

SEATTLE, Oct. 13 (AP)—H. C. R. Stewart, federal senior agricultural statistician here, reported Saturday that farm market prices made their most spectacular and important gains during the month ended September 15—unequaled since the so-called boom days of 1928-29.

But, he added: "Most of the farmers understand that if farm prices get too high (like the 'inflation' of 22 or 23 years ago) the 'deflation' which follows will spell ruin for most of them.

"Consequently, there is a

strong sentiment for 'fair prices' (or 'parity prices') and for full cooperation with the government's farm defense program for 1942—which calls, generally, for increased production."

Stewart, attempting to answer queries on "why higher prices for farm production?" recited that:

"American agriculture is being called upon to furnish food and fiber far in excess of last year's anticipation. Lately, there has been a general demand for more and better quality food items.

"The 1941 farm production for most commodities would have been very satisfactory for the nation's needs under ordinary circumstances. But with larger and larger quantities of food being purchased by our

consumers, and the immediate need to provide food for Britain, a changed supply situation was brought to light.

"To date, farm price movements during world war II have followed almost the same pattern as they did during world war I. But 75 to 80 per cent of the nation's farmers have been working on adjustment programs during recent years.

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