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Transportation

By FLORENCE JENKINS

The cost of owning an automobile in 1959 is estimated at \$2.19 a day by the Automobile Association of America.

On top of that, the Triple A says it costs almost four cents a mile to drive it.

These figures are arrived at using one of the lower-priced eight-cylinder American cars driven not in excess of 18,000 miles a year.

The per day cost of ownership is based on the national average cost of insurance, license and registration and depreciation.

The cost of ownership was estimated, on the national average, at \$1.55 a day in 1956, at \$1.64 a day in 1957, and \$1.74 a day in 1958. The per mile use cost was steadily creeping up during those years, too.

Even if it costs more to drive these days, there is a little satisfaction in knowing there is a slight reduction in your insurance when you drive two cars; that is, it is slightly less than twice the insurance on the first car.

Also, there are all sorts of innovations coming along. Families now can have hot dogs while enjoying a Sunday drive. A hot dog cooker has been developed that plugs into the car's cigarette lighter socket. It works on the same principle, no doubt, as the portable dictating machine or electric razor.

There are new automobile gas pumps for self-service operations. You deposit your coins (like in an ice vending machine) and the pump dispenses one, two, three, four or five dollars' worth of gasoline and shuts itself off.

There is a report of a California automobile supply dealer who is cutting out the cost of operating a fleet of messenger cars. Each morning, his son drops off part of his flock of 17 homing pigeons at the customers' shops. During the day, the customers attach orders to the birds' legs and release them to deliver the orders back to the dealer.

There are lots of ways to get around the cost of operating automobiles. Use them for dining and charge part of the cost off to food or housing, for example.

Of course, the obvious solution—walking—is entirely unacceptable to Americans.

low in cost. For this type of coverage it would be negligible.

Many states give a tax exemption to veterans. A tax exemption to landowners—as a help to the state—would not be illegal.

The business of hunting and fishing, especially supplying equipment, is big business. While at first glance it might seem to shift the tax burden slightly the end result of the small tax exemption would be of no consequence.

On the positive side, vastly improved hunting and fishing is what all of us want.

I am a farmer and land owner, also a fellow that likes to hunt and fish on the other fellow's farm, so I can see the matter from all angles.

Answer?

By FRED B. ROBINSON

The sale of more, more, and ever more hunting licenses by the state of Oregon, in the face of ever shrinking hunting space amounts to little more than taking money under false pretenses. It is high time this farce ended. Prompt, decisive action to increase the hunting area is an immediate must.

The following is submitted as a program that will do the two things needed:

1. Increase many times over the acreage and areas available to hunters and fishermen.
 2. Win the cooperation of farmers and land owners to a point where they will allow hunting and fishing on properties now posted.
- There are two steps to be taken. The first step is a tax exemption of three or five per cent to any and all property owners (of over a certain minimum) who will tear down their no hunting no trespassing signs and agree to permit hunting and/or fishing upon individual requests made in person.

The second step is a group insurance requirement for all hunters and fishermen.

Enlarging on the matter of group insurance: a policy bearing a serial number can be issued right along with the hunting and fishing license, same to indemnify the property owner in event a sportsman did cause some damage.

In practice it would operate this way. Farmer John Doe is willing to permit hunting on a part of his farm during 1960, although he must, in order to protect some crops and his livestock prohibit entry on certain portions. He therefore files with the county assessor a request for this three or five per cent exemption in taxes on that portion where he will permit hunting, and posts it accordingly.

Next, with the opening of the hunting season a group of hunters, noting the sign "Hunting Permitted Upon Request" contact Farmer John Doe. He makes a note of the insurance serial number—and names—of the hunters points out the allowable area and gives his permission. Thus protected he has nothing to lose.

Should any damage be done the farmer reports to the authorities, whereupon adjustment and reimbursement would follow the usual pattern.

Obviously, the farmer could close any or all of his property on certain years, open any or all of it on others.

Most farmers would reason the matter out like this. "Actually, I haven't had too much damage from hunters. Even if I do suffer some harm their insurance will pay for it. Since I may not even have any damage at all, and stand to get paid if I do, this tax savings is worthwhile, also sure."

From the standpoint of the decent, considerate sportsman this plan will tend to weed out the irresponsible few who now make most of the trouble. Repeated claims against the same party could result in the insurance company denying coverage. And unless the hunter could produce a valid insurance policy the farmer would certainly be justified in refusing hunting permission.

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Tanked On Water

By SAUL PETT

NEW YORK (AP)—At first the news seemed reassuring to some of us. We even felt a little smug. But as we thought about it the whole thing became very disturbing.

The news came from London. Two doctors there reported that some people can get plastered, stoned, bombed, potted, crooked, embalmed, stiff, inebriated, drunk, and awful silly on just plain water.

There were nine case histories of people who began with some emotional distress and found themselves reacting to water the way the rest of us react to too much liquor. Tanked up with water, their speech slurred, eyelids drooped, minds became giddy. They got hangovers the next day.

For us old-fashioned whisky drinkers, the news was strangely pleasing at first. All along, we suspected water drinkers as being too self-righteous; behind all that rampant white virtue there had to lurk some dark vice. Now we knew.

Still, it's unsettling to think about the water addict—the Aquaholic, the potential member of Aquaholics Anonymous. The bad water drinker could become more of a social problem than the alcoholic. There's so much of the stuff around.

How would you get a guy off this cheap sauce? Where would you hide him?

Every swimming pool would be suspect. So would every bath and shower and no Aquaholic could be allowed to take either alone. The worst possible way to begin a marriage with one would be a honeymoon to Niagara Falls.

The office water cooler would take on pathological overtones. The phrase, "Ice water in his veins," would take on a dark meaning and TVA, Grand Coulee Dam and every irrigation project from Arizona to the Negev would suddenly acquire new fanatical supporters.

The problems don't end there. Which wagon would the Aquaholic go on after he makes his New Year's resolution? Certainly not the water wagon.

How would you bring him back to life on the morning after? Black coffee would be verboten; it has water in it. Likewise tomato juice. Even 100-proof whisky would be out because it has 50 per cent water. Liquid mercury would be safe except it would kill him.

Oil and water, you say, don't mix. Right! Give him cod liver oil, castor oil, or just crankcase oil. That would sober him up but in the process you'd be getting the water addict well-oiled.

Traffic Lights

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP)—Things a columnist might never know if he didn't open his mail:

One reason the average motorist sees red: He spends 30 hours a year merely waiting for traffic lights to change.

If you plan to visit Mars this year, take along your own jug. All the water vapor on that dry planet equals no more than could be found in a box of earthly air two feet wide, two feet long and 10 feet deep.

Only one man in every seven and one woman in five have read the Bible all the way through.

A news item mentions that jujitsu classes are now open to children, too. "Of course, you can go to the movies tonight, junior—if you'll just let daddy out of this headlock!"

In Greenwich Village now a beard is known as "a Castro cut."

Survival hint to bridegrooms: You can make charred pieces of toast at least partially more edible by rubbing them together briskly—when your bride isn't looking.

Our quotable notables: "Traditions are like lamp posts," said Viscount Halifax. "wise men use them to guide their paths. Drunkards use them to support their instability."

America's best seller is still the comic book.

The U.S. Defense Department is one of the world's wealthiest landowners. It now controls real estate valued at 25 billion dollars.

Living in the past: "Remember when," asks comic George De Witt. "it cost more to run an automobile than to park it?"

California is famous for its movie star divorces, but there's a brighter side. It leads the other states in marriages.

If there is a difference between the figures and the written amount on a check, the written amount is the one recognized by the bank.

Karl Wilhelm, a German statesman, composed a 100-line poem in honor of his wife every day for 44 years.

It was Eugene O'Neill who observed, "Our lives are merely strange dark interludes in the electrical display of God the Father!"

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They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



JUDY POHL, center, who will be graduated this year from Klamath Union High School, recently received a \$100 Roosevelt Parent Teacher Association scholarship from Gerald Clemens, left, and Mrs. Arthur Farr, outgoing president of the PTA unit. Miss Pohl plans to attend Southern Oregon College.

Scholarship Given KU Girl

Judy Pohl, a senior at Klamath Union High School, has been named recipient this year of one of two \$100 scholarships awarded annually by the Roosevelt School Parent-Teacher Association.

The other will go to Joanne Geiss, a student at Oregon College of Education at Monmouth. She received the award last year. Awards are renewable for four years if receiving students maintain high scholastic standing.

Recipients are selected by executive and scholarship committees and members of the Roosevelt PTA. The scholarship committee is composed of Mrs. Paul Deller, Mrs. Neil Black and Gerald Clemens.

Miss Pohl attended the May 19 Roosevelt PTA meeting and was introduced by Mrs. Arthur Farr. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Pohl who live on Weyerhaeuser Road. She plans to major in elementary education at Southern Oregon College next fall.

Miss Geiss will be a sophomore majoring in education at OCE next fall. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Almon Geiss of Oregon Technical Institute.

Both girls have maintained high scholastic averages and have participated in numerous church, school and community activities.

RETAINED IN OFFICE

DORRIS—Richard Fenwick was retained in office as Dorris Elementary School trustee with 29 votes in last week's annual school election. Election officials were Mrs. Irene Todorovic, inspector, and Mrs. Ray McIntyre and Mrs. J. M. Sundkvist, judges. Local citizens cast only 35 votes in the election.



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LLOYD E. HARPER

Tar Leaves For Base

Navy Seaman Lloyd E. Harper of Klamath Falls left for the Navy's Great Lakes Training Center near Chicago recently after spending two weeks' leave at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Harper of Route 3, Klamath Falls.

He was graduated, just before receiving his leave, from the Navy's basic training center at San Diego. He will receive 10 weeks of training in boilerman techniques at the Great Lakes Center.

Harper, 20, was graduated from Klamath Union High School in June, 1958. He enlisted for a four-year term in the Navy February 18.

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