

## LET'S BE SOCIABLE

### I.O.O.F. Officers Installed Tuesday

On Tuesday night, July 8, Vernonia Lodge I.O.O.F. installed their officers for the coming term. Brother William D. Heath, District Deputy Grand Master, and his staff composed of D. D. Grand Marshall Bob Spencer, D. D. Grand Warden Carl Davis, D. D. Grand Secretary Dwight Strong, D. D. Grand Treasurer Mike Willard, D. D. Grand Guardian Tom Turner and D. D. Grand Chaplain Earl Atkins did a very good job of the installation and should be commended for their work.

The elective and appointive officers are Noble Grand, Louis Schroeder; Vice Grand, Homer Gwin; Secretary, Calvin Davis; Treasurer, Rex Hess; Warden, Ivan Hess; Conductor, John Gritdahl; I.G., D. O. Cantwell; O. G. Tom Turner; R.S.N.G., Mike Willard; L.S.N.G., Ralph McKee; R. S.V.G., Carl Davis; L.S.V.G., M. A.



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We extend to the officers best wishes for a prosperous term and extend to all the membership the invitation to attend your lodge and support these men.

Brother J. A. Bramblett of Reedsport and J. H. Page were visitors and refreshments were served at the close of the meeting. Next week the first degree will be conferred on Brothers Cain and Violette.

### Announcement of Engagement Made

Announced this week is the engagement of Delmer Michener, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Michener, to Miss Violet Martin, daughter of Mrs. Welch of Libby, Montana. The couple plans to be married August 3 at Libby, but after the wedding they will make their home here.

### Two Candidates Get Initiatory Degree

On July 1 the in-coming officers of Vernonia Lodge IOOF were presented two candidates to start their term. Clark Cain and Leo Violette being admitted to membership, were taught the mysteries of the Initiatory degree. After the meeting strawberry shortcake and coffee was served to the members. Brothers J. H. Page of Alberta Lodge of Portland and Chas. Hickman of Barnum Lodge of Corvallis were visitors. Both Brother Page and Hickman are employed locally now.

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## Vehicles Average \$71.59 in Taxes

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Motor vehicle taxes paid in Oregon last year totaled \$33,662,045.15. Of this amount, \$18,814,506.81 was paid in state gasoline taxes, \$10,130,000 was paid in federal excise taxes, and \$4,717,538.34 was paid in vehicle and driver fees.

For the nation as a whole, America's 34 million motor vehicles paid \$5,000 a minute in special federal, state and local taxes last year, the motor association reported. Uncle Sam took a heavy share of the country's automotive tax cut with a total of \$796,000,000 in excise levies on purchases of new cars and trucks, gasoline and oil, tires and tubes and parts and accessories.

"The average motorist could buy six months supply of gasoline with the \$70 federal excise tax levied on new automobiles in the low-price class," association officials pointed out. A move for repeal of the federal excise tax on automotive equipment is under way at the present time with virtually all automotive organizations supporting it.

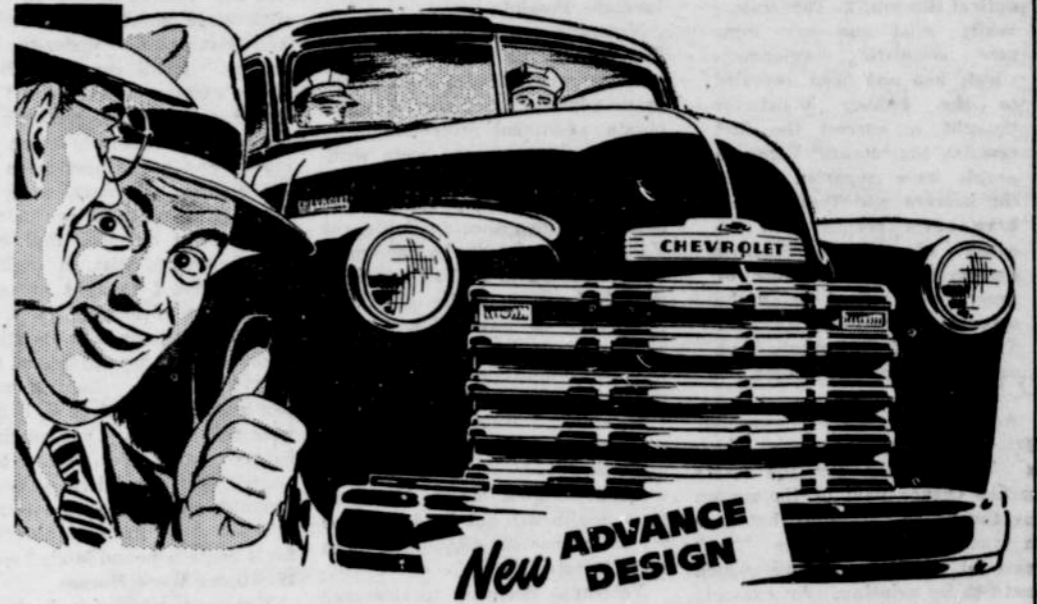
"A study on taxes paid by highway users shows that state receipts from this form of taxes were much higher than those from any other state levies during the year 1946. Gasoline and motor vehicle taxes

brought \$1,333,561 to the states last year. This income outstrips sales tax receipts of \$900,588,000, the next highest revenue raiser.

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