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We Need A Solution
To Our Traffic Problems

Enforcement or partial enforcement of the law prohibiting over-time parking on Main street brings the city face to face with a problem that covers several phases of traffic regulation.

Several business people and farmers were caught "flat-footed" when they were cited to appear to pay fines for parking longer than the necessary one hour on Main street. Police had not been in the habit of checking cars for over-time parking. Naturally, some of the motorists were incensed by the action of the police, who were ordered by the city council to issue tickets for over-parking.

However, the over-time parking is only a minor phase of the traffic problem. The double-parking habit that has grown among motorists and is allowed to continue in all sections, including the post office area, is probably the most hazardous phase of the situation. With automobiles parked double on both sides of the apex of the corner, a motorist is taking his life in his hands by driving east on Main street and then turning right onto south First street. Immediately as he enters First street, he is driving directly against the approaching traffic and of course, in the case of an accident, would be responsible for damage or loss of life. Double parking should be absolutely prohibited at the post office and should be restricted in other sections of the city. In addition to the double parking at the post office, motorists are faced at that intersection with the problem of racing traffic through the underpass, blind spots caused by the western railings of the underpass and a blind corner on the north side of Main street.

Some truck drivers, regardless of the size of their machines, park double in all parts of the business section and jam the alleys without regard for the rights or convenience of other persons. No motorist can pass a double-parked truck without driving onto the left side of the street. How Nyssa residents have avoided as many accidents as they have probably will always remain a mystery.

Probably the only means of solving the traffic problem in a growing town, located in a growing community where people are buying more and more automobiles is to change their habits as they pertain to the driving of cars. Probably some business people who drive cars to work do not need them in town and some drivers could park on side streets and lots and walk a block

or two to their places of business. We think nothing of walking a few blocks in a larger town.

This discussion leads to the possibility of establishing free parking lots on side streets. The city could use its equipment in leveling the ground and in cases in which permission was granted could spread some gravel. Civic organizations could probably be prevailed upon to assist in the work. We have to find places other than Main street to park our automobiles and these suggestions should provide means of helping the situation.

This is a good time for the city council to work out a coordinated plan for improving the traffic situation.

Capital Parade

By Murray Wade

Legislature Gets Hot

The Oregon Legislature started on its ninth week Monday morning with the heavy legislation facing it. New bills still are being introduced. A majority of the county salary boosting bills, statute corrections and other routine bills have been cleared up. The real slugging over the heavy measures started this week.

Last week was the most constructive of the session. The senate approved a proposal to allow state employees who fight in the Korean war to keep their retirement privileges; the house voted to retain provisions giving the state a claim against estates of recipients of welfare assistance; the house passed and sent to the senate a bill permitting county clerks to distribute American flags to polling places when furnished by veterans' organizations; the senate voted 23 to 5 to let the highway commission issue \$62,000,000 worth of bonds in the next five years. Senator Elmo Smith, chairman of the senate highway commission said bad roads are costing the state \$100,000,000 a year. Senator Manley Wilson has introduced a bill to class all logging trucks as common carriers and permit the utilities commissioner to fix minimum rates for log hauling.

Emergency Board Illegal

The state of Oregon would like to dispose of a 1913 model emergency board. Unless the supreme court should differ with the opinion of State Attorney General George Neuner, that the 38-year-old emergency board is unconstitutional, the state is snafu as to emergency matters until the constitution is amended at the next election or the legislature creates an emergency board that does not include any of its members. The legislature cannot confer executive powers on its members. The board as is has operated consisted of seven members of the legislature.

Fewer Holidays

State, county, city and judicial employees in Oregon will lose three holidays a year if the vote of the senate follows action taken by the house this week on a bill to eliminate Washington's and Lincoln's birthdays and election days from the list of legal holidays.

Proponents of the bill say it will save the state \$100,000 a year. The bill as passed by the house would keep Columbus day off the holiday list.

Rep. Rudie Wilhelm, Portland, complimented state employees for not bringing pressure against the measure.

Reckoning Due

"No one man or group of men can keep the entire world in turmoil forever," Erie Cooke, Jr., National Commander of the American Legion, told a special joint session of the Oregon Legislature Saturday.

"Eventually even the most peace-minded persons get tired of being constantly bullied and, in righteous wrath, girdle his loins, flexes his muscles and says in effect, 'Okay, pal, you asked for it.'"

"That," the youthful fighting Commander said, "is what is happening in the world today. Russia has acted the part of the bully and gotten away with a bluff because the rest of the world has been weary and content to let the bully exercise his lungs. But between war-weariness and the weariness engendered by listening to blatant outbursts of poltroonage, the world is finding the latter the more tiresome."

"We already are eight months into the third world war. The situation is as ticklish as in 1941 when selective service was passed by only one vote," he claimed.

Commander Cooke is beginning a world tour to study defense problems and inspect armed service training installations for a report to Defense Secretary George Marshall on their adequacy. After giving his Salem address at 10 a. m. Saturday he and his retinue enplaned for Hawaii where he was scheduled for an address at Honolulu Sunday morning.

Gubernatorial Appointments Governor Douglas McKay this week made the following appointments: U. S. Alderman, Dayton, to represent market gardening on the state board of agriculture; Dr. Charles E. Palmer, Ontario, (re-appointed) as a member of the

state board of medical examiners; Mrs. William Chandee, Hillsboro, chairman of the Oregon Mothers committee for 1951 and Clyde Haase, Portland, to the state board of barber examiners.

General Rilea Honored

Announcement was made Saturday by Governor Douglas McKay that he had been advised of the election to the executive council of the Adjutant General's association, at its meeting in Washington, D. C., of Oregon's adjutant general, Maj. Gen. Thomas E. Rilea. He is the first Oregon man to ever be named to the council.

Improvement of
Fair Is Sought

Members of the Malheur county fair board met February 26 with County Judge Sewell Stanton to begin plans for the 1951 Malheur fair, which is to be held August 29-30-31 and September 1.

Foremost among the problems of the fair board is how to expand facilities in view of decreased income. A plan for accommodations for 4-H horses was presented by L. L. Krieger, leader of the Kingman Colony 4-H Saddle Horse club. Because of crowded conditions last year, it was not possible to show these animals except on the day of the judging contest.

Fair board members pointed out the pole pens would adequately contain the animals and at the same time provide an economical solution to the problem. The board hopes a work party of volunteers can be organized when weather permits to begin such a project. E. N. Hoffman, chairman of the fairboard said today.

Better sanitary facilities is another project high on the list of contemplated improvements. These and similar problems could be solved through voluntary work groups and would greatly ease some of the more pressing problems created by an expanded Malheur county fair, Hoffman pointed out.

All of the funds used in putting on the local fair are derived from state funds especially earmarked for fair purposes by the Oregon legislature. However, these funds are insufficient to carry out the desired program of improvement and Malheur county residents could do much in this way towards maintaining a first-class fair. There are already many organizations who yearly assist in getting ready for and putting on the arena show and other events, Hoffman continued, but there is room for even more concerted effort.

Basketball Score
Of 155 Recorded

The Wilson brothers basketball team defeated the M. I. A. second ward by the unusual score of 155 to 48 in a city league game played Monday night. The score at half-time was 69 to 24. The low scorer made 23 points.

On the same basketball bill of fare, Bracken's defeated the Aggies 63 to 23.

The last games of the season will be played next Monday night. Wilson's will meet the Aggies and the M. I. A. second ward will play Bracken's.

Added To Fire Dept.—Gerald Currey and Murle Marcum have been accepted as new members of the fire department. The two additions make a full complement of 25 members.

Warning Is Given
About Kite Flying

Children should be cautioned against flying kites near power wires, according to George Carlson of Vale, field safety representative of the industrial accident commission.

Carlson said "Kites should never be flown in congested areas. Children should never run into a road or street while flying a kite and should always stay in the open spaces or large fields so that the kites will always be clear of obstructions."

"Every year we hear of some youngster being killed or receiving serious injury by falling while trying to extricate his kite from wires. If a child's kite is valuable and it gets caught in power wires he will find the power company willing to co-operate and assist in retrieving it. This will prevent him from climbing a pole or using a stick. "Any means used is dangerous for an experienced person, let alone someone inexperienced. Therefore, do not fly kites near wires or in congested areas. Play safe always."

Temple Excursion Held Friday—The Seventies quorum of the Nyssa stake sponsored a temple excursion to the Idaho Falls temple, with a chartered bus leaving Nyssa Friday evening. Thirty persons were expected to go.

Evangelist Will
Conduct Services

Rev. Earl R. Saladen, pastor of the First Christian Church of Payette, will begin an evangelistic meeting at the First Church of Christ, Fifth and Ennis, Monday night, March 12 at 8 o'clock. Rev. Saladen, according to Rev. Austin J. Hollingsworth, pastor of the local church, "is one of the strong preachers of the Christian church brotherhood. He is a graduate of Cotner college, Lincoln, Nebraska, and has his master's degree from Phillips university of Enid, Oklahoma. He has held pastorates in that state and at Hamilton and Helena, Montana."

Reuben Lofquist, local elder in the Payette church, will be the song leader. Rev. Saladen will also fill the pulpit of the Nyssa Church of Christ next Sunday at the 11 a. m. service. This week Rev. Hollingsworth has been holding evangelistic services each night at the Payette Christian church. The public is invited to attend the meetings held under direction of Rev. Saladen.

Visits At Vale—Milton McPheeters visited his uncle in Vale over the week-end.

Visit In Nampa—Mr. and Mrs. Ken Renstrom spent the week-end in Nampa.

Utah Pioneers To Hold Meetings—The Daughters of Utah Pioneers will hold their monthly meeting March 15 with Mrs. Nelda Schenk and Mrs. Ruth Irving as hostesses.

Home From Hospital—Mrs. Mary E. Bybee, 80 years old, was returned to her home in Nyssa after a three-weeks stay in the local hospital. Mrs. Russell of Nampa, Mrs. B. G. Bybee of Ontario, and Mrs. Leonard Howe of Big Bend district have been staying with her.

Babies Arrive—Three babies were born at the Malheur Memorial hospital during the last week. They are a girl, born to Mr. and Mrs. Homer Brewer, route 2, Nyssa, March 3; girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Maria Ribero, Nyssa, March 1, and boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Brewer, route 2, Nyssa, February 28.



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