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## TOURIST IMMUNITY

By CHARLES V. STANTON

A lady tourist from California writes *The News-Review* to complain about a traffic fine imposed at Oakland, Ore. The lady writes:

I wish to complain against the treatment by some village police in the little towns north of Roseburg. At Oakland, they arrested us for turning around at the end of the two-block business street. Cost \$5.00. My family tell me they practice fining California and Washington cars for every possible infraction. Yoncalla is another traffic trap, with a woman judge. They are making a good thing out of the highway traffic. I am writing the California papers advising motorists to stay away from Highway 99.

Some Douglas county towns in past years have operated traffic traps as a means of producing municipal revenue. The practice, however, has backfired so viciously and the overall results have been so disastrous that few have attempted it in recent years. Experience has proven that a town loses more than it gains when it uses police powers to swell the municipal treasury.

Looking at the other side of the picture, some out-of-state drivers seem to believe that they should enjoy immunity from local law simply because they are tourists.

We have seen tourist drivers park on the wrong side of streets, make reverse turns in the middle of blocks, drive the wrong way on one-way streets, double-park and otherwise deliberately flout the law, then cry loudly about mistreatment of tourists when arrested and fined.

We are not, of course, accusing our correspondent of any such deliberate infraction of law, but cite rather a tendency on the part of a minority of out-of-state motorists to ignore law and order while travelling in "the sticks."

It is our opinion that if tourist motorists will travel with the same circumspection as in their own communities, they will be no more subject to arrest than in their home towns. We hope our lady correspondent will also write that statement to California papers.

Some of our Douglas county communities have a difficult traffic problem. Canyonville and Yoncalla are outstanding examples. The highway is a straight route through both towns. Motorists, speeding on highways outside of town, often fail to slow down at municipal boundaries, thus endangering life and property while sailing through at high speed.

Other towns, such as Myrtle Creek, Sutherlin, Oakland and Drain, with sharp curves either inside or outside city limits, still have trouble with speeders, but not to the extent Canyonville and Yoncalla are plagued by fast drivers. Roseburg has speed courses at both north and south entrances, but traffic signals slow movement through the main section of town.

Tourists, in our opinion, should have no immunity from penalty for deliberate disregard of established and uniform motor vehicle regulation. On the other hand, no community should impose any penalties upon tourists simply to produce revenue. Experience proves it doesn't pay in the long run, causing much damage to business and reputation.

### Strictly Opinion:

**CONGRATULATIONS** — To the Douglas County Fair board and Umpqua Jockey club for a swell fair and race meet.

**BEST WISHES** — For the R. H. S. Indians, now girding for the season's football schedule.

**ORCHIDS** — To the Umpqua Chiefs, Southern Oregon Baseball league champions.

**DISGRACEFUL** — The condition of railroad crossings in Roseburg.

**REGULATIVE** — The hideous blue paint on the courthouse steps.

**REMEMBER** — Dates of Sept. 4 and 5, Saddle Pals club rodeo at Myrtle Creek.

### World "Hop Center" Now in Late Harvest

The late crop of hops is being picked and will reach its peak in the next two or three weeks, according to the Independence Hop Growers, an organization serving the growers of the Independence district. Picking is good because of a normal crop with very light foliage.

For the first time in several years the local hop yards have had plenty of pickers for the early crop, but more pickers will be needed in the harvest of the later during the month of September. Cabins with lights, stoves, fuel and water are supplied at the yards with no charge to the pickers. Camp stoves and restaurant facilities are available.

Some 10,000 additional people assisting in the hop harvest will enjoy the Independence Hop Festival being held during the evenings of August 31, September 1, 2, and 3.

### Parolee Glad To Return To "Home" In Prison

STILLWATER, Minn., Aug. 31.—(P)—A 63-year-old parolee from the Minnesota State prison was "back home" in his cell today with the comment, "It's nice to be back."

The prisoner, Charles Conley, who had served 33 years of a life term for the slaying of a Minneapolis woman, gave himself to the sheriff at Libby, Mont., after

committing a theft, saying he wanted to go back to prison. "It's tough on the outside," he said.

Conley told the Montana authorities he had been unable to hold jobs since he was paroled in 1946. He was brought back to Stillwater Monday.

### Margaret Truman Wants No More "Missouri Waltz"

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 31.—(P)—Miss Margaret Truman has let it be known she doesn't like the Missouri Waltz, recently adopted as the official Missouri State song.

While changing trains here en route from Independence to New York, she confided to reporters the new state song won't be included in her repertoire for a 25-city concert tour this fall.

"I don't care if I never hear it again," she said. "It was greatly overworked at every whistle stop during the campaign last fall."

### VETS OFFERED AID

Application forms for special dividends from National Service Life Insurance policies are available in the offices of the Douglas County chapter, American Red Cross, armory building, Roseburg.

Veterans who wish to make application for these insurance refunds may call at the Red Cross office any time from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. week days and from 8:30 until 12 noon Saturday.

## The Only Customer



## Scrapes from the MENDING BASKET

By Viahnett S. Martin

There are so many good uses to which the glass gallon mayonnaise jars may be put that it is surprising any ever find their way to the dump. Of course I didn't think of the idea, either, until a friend who owns a restaurant asked me one day if she should save some for me? "Good for pickles and lots of things... We just throw them out."

Yes, indeed, the glass jars are good for storing small woolsens, yarns and other items. No labels—one can see what is in the jar at a glance. Could anything be handier?

When there were babies in our home I always put suds in a gallon jar, dropped in their tiny woolies etc., and shook them gently. Rinsed the same way. Perfect way to wash such things. Fine laces, too, and undies that are not tub-able. Perfect for hose, too; no chance of snagging. The dry weather means lots of dust in hose; a shaking in a jar of suds takes care of that.

Of course the jars make fine storage for pantry items such as corn meal, sugar, etc. They make

cooky jars, too. Seems to me a young housewife would be delighted with a dozen, or even half a dozen; the tin tops could be painted and a decal added. I keep thinking I'll paint the tops of mine one of these days... may do it yet!

Another helpful "invention" for which necessity must take the credit, occurred to me when we had hunted every likely place within fifty miles for a galvanized tub and pail. Remember the days? Not to be had for love or money!

The tricklayers had put slits in the tub (it was all the tub we had, too, for three months, in which to bathe) with shovels or something after assuring me "it would be as good as new" when they finished with it) and I was desperate.

In the materials scattered everywhere I saw some putty... you guessed it. I packed putty in the slit, and also in two smaller holes in a galvanized pail. That pail has been in almost daily use ever since, sometimes with scalding water. Never has leaked.

## Editorial Comment

From The Oregon Press

### WHO'LL BE TOP DOG?

(Pendleton East Oregonian)  
The isolationist viewpoint is well expressed by this comment by an anti-administration paper: "It is a terrible indictment if we again rely upon armament as the chief instrumentality of international relations. It is a repudiation of civilization. It is a death sentence for human beings."

We did not rely upon armament prior to world war II. We tried disarmament. It was wishful thinking, it caused the death of many fine Americans.

The wishful thinking policy is no good and it never has been. The Pilgrims who landed at Plymouth rock arrived more sanely and they survived. When James Buchanan was president he tried wishful thinking and we had four years of needless civil war.

The United States indulged in hopeful thinking after world war I and our good war time navy was scrapped. Thereupon the Japanese and the Hitlerites began to plan for conquest and during the early stages of the big war they made entirely too much headway. They thought they had us licked and could dictate peace at Washington, D. C.

Wishful thinking does not suffice because there are always lawless folk who will growl if they get the chance. The Boston people learned that when they had a police strike.

This is a free country and the isolationists are entitled to have their say but they are crazy when they claim that our resolute foreign policy means a repudiation of civilization.

The very existence of civilized life depends upon protecting peaceful folk against marauders. That story is as old as mankind itself. If law-abiding peaceful folk do not have the upper hand and the means of safeguarding themselves the other folks become top dog. That is the problem we face today and our firm policy is not only just and sensible but it is imperative.

Newspapers should tell the truth. If they are confused and do not know what is all about they should at least refrain from saying things that have a tendency to reduce the sum total of human knowledge.

### CONFUSED THINKING OF A CVA BOOSTER

(Salem Capital Journal)  
C. Girard Davidson has long been telling the people of the Pacific Northwest of the "blessings" of the proposed Columbia Valley Administration.

Davidson, who is assistant secretary of the interior, has also told those same people of this region that it is not for them to decide whether or not a CVA should be established out here. The matter is too big for them. It is up to congress to decide if a CVA is good or bad.

At the same time, however, he bounces into Portland with smiles for the coming hearings on what the people of the region think of a CVA.

His position is rather confusing, isn't it?

In one position, he expresses great faith in the people who will receive the "blessings" of a valley administration. In the next, he says those Pacific Northwesters have no need of voting on a CVA because it is up to the in Washington to decide what is best for them. And then he switches into another pose and declares that a hearing should be held to get views on what residents of the region think about a CVA.

By the time he gives his three different opinions, the people of the region have reason to become more leary of this ardent advocate and his government administration that would be above the states. The CVA would be a "little Washington" for this part of the country. CVA boosters object to the use of the words "super government," to describe their scheme.

And, if anything, whatever Davidson says from time to time seems to confirm the conviction that what he has in mind is a little bureaucratic world out in these parts answerable to the president. Of course, such a bureaucracy would be for the "benefit" of the people—but he doesn't want those people to vote on it. A CVA would be too big a thing for them to decide.

In one respect, Davidson has a point. Congress foots the bill for the huge development projects whether in this part of the

nation or any other part. Thus to say as to what is done with those projects. But, that is congress and not a picked triumvirate of the president ruling a CVA.

This all goes back to the matter of the best way to develop the region under our democratic form of government. And the best way still looks the way it has always looked. That is: Joint leadership of development by the people of the region with federal agencies established by congress. Davidson would still have his bureaucracy, accountable to the president, do the job.

### CURSE OF BIGNESS

(The Oregon Statesman)  
The department of justice has started legal proceedings against the Dupont company. It seeks to force it to sell its holdings of stock in General Motors and the Duponts to sell their holdings of stock in the United States rubber company which they own individually. The offense apparently is that of bigness; the Dupont outfit is too big, so crack it up.

The Dupont organization is large, but it is efficient. It produces goods that people want and are willing to pay for. Its research has introduced many new products (nylon is one) of use to mankind, research which only strong companies could finance.

If we recall correctly Duponts took over a big block of GMC stock when the William C. Durant empire cracked up, and the stock was turned loose. Their purchase stabilized the GMC enterprise to the benefit of other stockholders, and employees of the company. In the case of U. S. Rubber it was having hard going in the depression years, suffering heavy losses in its operations. The entry of Duponts into ownership in the company helped to tide it over and it again became a prosperous enterprise. The Duponts have profited by the investments of course, but so have thousands of others, and the country too.

Speaking of the curse of bigness the greatest offender is the federal government itself which has grown like a beanstalk. It is wasteful and extravagant and sucks out so much in the way of taxes that private economy is jeopardized.

## Annual Increase In Taxes Places Louisiana At Top

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—(P)—The Census Bureau reported Tuesday that state tax collections in the last year amounted to \$8,300,000,000, a rise of 7.1 percent over the previous twelve months. Louisiana led the list in tax increases for the period ending last June 30. Louisiana's state levies jumped 51 percent. Thirty-nine other states showed increased collections.

Louisiana state levies now are the highest per capita in the nation, the census report showed. They amount to \$22 for every man, woman and child.

Nebraska had the lowest per capita tax revenue, \$36. The average for all states is \$57, but the trend of state collections still is rising.

Excluding payroll collections for unemployment compensation, which are not strictly revenues because they are held in trust for payment of benefits later, state taxes yielded a record \$7,400,000,000 in fiscal 1949, or 9.5 percent more than in 1948.

Other states showing a sharp increase in tax collections last year (including unemployment compensation levies) included Oregon, 12.6. State tax collections per capita showed these among the highest: California \$83.41; Colorado \$75.55; Michigan \$73.06; Utah \$69.24; Washington \$90.07; Oregon \$88.45.

## In the Day's News

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start a fight at a moment's notice.

That's the kind of world we are living in.

FOR example: A dispatch from Dogu Bayazit, Turkey, tells us that five Americans are toiling up three-mile high Mount Ararat (about the same height as Mt. Shasta) to see if Noah's ark lies on the summit. There have been interesting reports of late about an object up there resembling a boat.

BUT, the dispatch continues: "The Russians have protested strenuously that the search for the Ark is merely a blind for a SPYING EXPEDITION. Mount Ararat is on the Turkish-Russian border."

IN estimating that statement, I make use of your native gumption.

Suppose you were a spy—and a darned good one. Suppose you stood ready to risk your life—lose it, if need be—to gain information that would aid your country vitally in a contest with an enemy (or prospective enemy) nation.

Do you reckon you'd be wasting your time climbing a 15,000-foot mountain out in the more or less barren desert that separates Turkey from Russia?

### DOUBT IT.

I'm sure that if I were doing the spying I'd pick a more fertile field. If I were risking my life, I'd want to see more things than I could see climbing a practically uninhabited mountain to find out if Noah's ark was up there.

But Russia is jittery. She sees a spy behind every bush. You never can tell what jittery people will do. And you certainly never can tell what a JITTERY WORLD will do.

### THERE is a new ruckus of some sort down in Bolivia.

Bolivia is a land-locked little country lying along the high backbone of the Andes in South America. It is rich in tin—which is one of the vital raw materials of modern industry. It is now-rich in oil—enormous oil fields having just been discovered there.

### BUT IT IS POOR IN HUMAN RELATIONS.

Its smarter, more capable people, who are qualified by education and training to exercise leadership, have never been interested in providing the kind of intelligent leadership that with natural resources such as Bolivia's could make everybody in the country comfortable and prosperous.

As a result, people down there are trigger-happy. Having nothing to lose, they are ready to start shooting at the drop of a hat.

### THE older I get, the more it seems to me that the modern world, richer than Croesus in material resources and becoming richer every day in scientific knowledge which lies at the root of utilization of material resources for the welfare of all the people, is PRACTICALLY BANKRUPT IN HUMAN RELATIONS.

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## Newly-Devised Suit Enables One To Live 2 Minutes In Raging Fire

By HOWARD W. BLAKESLEE Associated Press Science Editor

NEW YORK, Aug. 31.—(P)—You can walk into raging fire, with flames licking your entire body, and live there comfortably for more than two minutes in a new snow-white suit out of the aero medical laboratory.

This suit, the first and only one yet made, was shown to the Aero Medical association here by the laboratory's doctors from Wright Field, Ohio.

The purpose is rescue work in the blazing gasoline of wrecked airplanes. The suit withstands 2,000 degrees Fahrenheit for up to three minutes. Then you come out to cool down, but only the suit needs cooling.

The snowy suit has 18 layers, which pile up to a thickness of about half an inch.

The first two outer layers are fiber-glass, which is white as driven snow, and the whiteness reflects away some of the heat. The third layer down is silver foil. The burnished silver also reflects the heat, and the metal won't melt even at 2,000 degrees. Then follow layers of glass cloth, in zones of three to four each, interspersed with aluminum foil.

Layer number 17 is coal black fiber glass coated with neoprene. Black absorbs heat.

This layer close to the skin ab-

sorbs the heat from your body. The Aero Medical men say a man can remain comfortable in this suit for over two hours during a heat wave in the open. This seems to be a tip for manufacturer of hot-weather clothes. The final inner layer is nylon, not just because of heat resistance, but to make it easy to slide into the suit with fire-regulation speed.

Gov Alexander Spotswood was partially responsible for the construction of the first ironworks in Virginia in 1718.

In early colonial days, when families made nails at home, a good worker could turn out 2,000 small nails a day.

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## FROM THE NEWS OF 31 YEARS AGO

Men Were Employed on the Grounds Today in Remodeling Building and Making Preparations—To Install Boiler Monday.

Work of preparing the Church Hill warehouse to accommodate the new cannery is now in full progress. Carpenters and machinists have been secured and men were employed on the ground today. The boiler for the cannery will arrive here early next week and the boiler will be installed on Monday.

Roseburg Review June 13, 1918.

This news story of 1918 doesn't state, but the cannery must have been used to can prunes and other fruits which were grown so abundantly here in the past.

Loggers and lumbermen now dominate the scene, where orchardists used to reign supreme. Right now is a good time for us to remind loggers that if their equipment isn't insured they're taking 'way too big a risk. Insure your trucks, donkeys, loaders and equipment at Tipton-Permin's.

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