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## JUSTIFIABLE COMPLAINT

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Mr. William Person, resident of Wilbur, and a News-Review reader of 18 years standing, has some complaints about highway conditions—complaints in which we join wholeheartedly.

Mr. Person lists "Gripe No. 1" as follows:  
 Recently a car was crowded into the railing on Winchester bridge. It would be a very great help if the yellow line were to be kept painted. There is seldom a week that some car doesn't hit the railing. Just walk across the bridge and see what a beating those railings take. Try to figure out what damage results to cars. It is very hard to know just how close one may be to the railing when there is no yellow line to act as a guide. Not long ago a produce truck hit the railing and watermelons were scattered from one end of the bridge to the other.

Mr. Person also has another complaint which he lists as "Gripe No. 2." It concerns sawmills and business houses that install unshaded flood lights to shine into the eyes of approaching drivers, blinding them to traffic. He urged that all such lights be shielded on the highway side.

We hear a great deal about traffic accidents. Caution to motorists is voiced by many officials and agencies. Yet many small factors contributing to accidents go untended year after year—such items as the unshielded lights, to which Mr. Person refers; a clump of bushes on a sharp turn, a curve lacking a guard rail, a slick patch of non-skid pavement (how well we know!), a narrow, unmarked culvert, inadequate pedestrian paths and lanes. How many accidents have resulted from such conditions, only to be listed as too much speed, loss of control, etc.?

Each spring highway crews renew the yellow line marking the center of the highway. During the summer, when the line is least important, it is brightly visible. But by the first dreary days of winter that safety line has become so obscured that it is of little value and, during most of the dark, wet, foggy months, we grope along highways unable to find enough of the center line to serve our need.

The State of Oregon has many thousands of miles of highways on which the center line is marked, and it must cost a large sum of money every year to do the necessary painting, but, in our opinion, no one act would serve to lessen highway accidents more than frequent painting of the center guide line.

Along the entire length of the Pacific highway, drivers frequently must face bright, unshielded floodlights at mills, motels, restaurants, and other bright spots. Facing these lights, particularly on a wet night, vision of the roadway is so badly impaired that drivers frequently get into trouble. Many accidents could be avoided by the simple expedient of shielding such lights on the highway side.

Many months ago, through continued harping, we succeeded in getting lights installed on Winchester and North Jackson streets in Roseburg to illuminate the spur tracks, after several cars had been damaged and persons injured in collisions with freight trains. But when the lights were installed, shades were so placed as to direct a cone of light downward. Little illumination falls on the tracks. We have tried time and again to have this matter corrected. A workman with a pair of tin snips to trim away a portion of the shade on the railroad side of each light could increase the safety margin most materially. But to date all we have obtained has been promises. The lights still are inefficient.

As one drives along our highways, and particularly our county roads, he finds spot after spot where trimming a clump of brush would improve visibility. We occasionally find a spot where a road has been widened but a culvert is left narrower than the road, offering an invitation to accident. Dozens of other minor conditions—conditions which could be corrected easily—might be cited.

It is our opinion that each city, county and the state government should have men especially appointed to hunt out and correct these conditions. A man definitely assigned to the task could be looking for traffic hazards while going about regular duties; it would not be necessary to hire extra help.

### READERS AND EDITOR TO GET VACATION

Readers of this column will have a vacation for the next couple of weeks from our views and comments. We have finally succeeded in finding a vacation period. Being too lazy to prepare copy in advance, we will permit this space to be used for other purposes during our absence.

### Senate Postpones Vote On Military Pay Boost

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26.—(AP)—The Senate is scheduled to vote today on a proposed \$300,000,000 military pay boost.

The House approved a similar bill June 15. It would raise the pay of almost every rank from private to major general.

Speaking in support of the measure yesterday, Senator Chapman (DK) told his colleagues that "we still stand in the shadow of war" and therefore must be prepared.

He said there will be a progressive decline in the caliber of the nation's defense forces unless the pay is made more attractive.

The bill is expected to meet only scattered opposition when it comes up for a vote. Other legislation to boost salaries of cabinet members and government workers making over \$5,000 is scheduled for Senate consideration as soon as the military pay bill is out of the

way. Strong opposition to this already has appeared.

### Lightning Bolt Kills Two Children At Play

DU BOIS, Pa., Sept. 26.—(AP)—A bolt of lightning crashed into a group of children playing in a grade school yard during the noon lunch recess. Two were killed and four were stunned by the bolt.

The victims were Jimmy Proke, 11, and John Hillard, 11. Deputy Coroner F. J. Gillung said the lightning went down the school chimney and then traveled out on the wet grass of the playground where the children were playing yesterday.

The bolt struck following a heavy rainstorm.

The original forest area of the United States is estimated at 820,000,000 acres in addition to 100,000,000 acres of non-commercial forest. The present area of forest is estimated at 461,044,000 acres.

## On Your Mark, Get Set . . .



## Scoops from the MENDING BASKET

By Viahnett S. Martin

From Mrs. Algernon Bitwun's point of view their fireplace is incomplete. Not so from Mr. Bitwun's. Maybe that is because Mrs. B remembers fenders and hobs and receptacles for fuel accompanying the fireplaces at which she warmed her feet, or toasted crumpets. Mr. B can see no sense in a fender cluttering up the hearth (so the family hand-me-down of solid brass accumulates corrosion in the woodshed), and neither can he see why a man should order a 42-inch fireplace unit so as to have a good big fire, then fill up that space with a mess of bricks? HOB, huh?

Mr. B doesn't think it is part of a woman's work to lug in wood, so before leaving each morning he always sees to it that there is plenty on hand, neatly stacked up against the right hand half of the bricks, on the cement hearth. Could Mrs. B fail to appreciate this? Of course not!

Once Mrs. B did have a bright idea; she invested in a small green cart which would solve the wood problem. "What wood problem?" asked Mr. B glancing briefly away from the News-Review. The little cart had its use, but solving the wood problem did not prove to be one of them.

Mrs. B yearned for a HOB. On it she envisioned a teakettle cheerily singing its song, and something or other keeping hot. "What's the matter with the electric range?" asked Mr. B in a puzzled way. "Gosh, it only takes a minute to boil the kettle there, and it doesn't get all soot either."

One evening Mrs. B delightedly handed her husband a leaflet received in the mail that day: "Fireplace HOBBS, Their Use and How to Make Them." The picture showed, Mrs. B remarked, the housewife putting the teapot on the hearth to keep it warm, while Friend Husband stood smiling over his cup of tea . . . "I sent to the Standard Insurance Co., Portland, for it."

Mr. B studied the picture. Told Mrs. B if that guy's cup is full of tea, I'll drink it—and heaven knows I hate tea! His cup is EMPTY. She's picking up the teapot. Mr. B counted the four sticks of wood and wondered how long it would be with a fire like that before Mrs. B would freeze slap to death. Next he counted the bricks, computed the amount of space the hobs would take from the 42-inches he had insisted upon having . . . read a part of the detailed directions inside the leaflet.

"H-m-m-m" said Mr. B picking up the News-Review again.

## In the Day's News

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ATOMIC EXPLOSION OCCURRED IN THE U. S. S. R. (Russia).

ALMOST simultaneously there came from London official word that the British government also has evidence of an atomic explosion in Russia.

LET'S keep the picture clear—if we can. I think the President's announcement came as no surprise to most of those to whom he made it. WHATEVER HAPPENED DIDN'T HAPPEN JUST YESTERDAY.

The first evidence must have come in some time ago. It was kept as a hush-hush secret. But by last Thursday evening the proof must have accumulated to the point where the fact was recognized that it could no longer be kept a secret.

THE PEOPLE MUST KNOW. So the cabinet meeting was arranged and the announcement was made. (Please keep in mind that I don't know all this. I'm just assuming it. It's the way such things are usually handled. It's about the only way they can be handled.)

ANYWAY—Only yesterday we were talking about such things as the devaluation of the British pound . . . the harvesting of the 1949 crop . . . the coal strike and the impending steel strike . . . the weather . . . the state of business

and the price of eggs and butter. Today such things are trivialities.

YESTERDAY, so far as we ordinary people knew, WE ALONE had the atom bomb. Everybody knew that we would use it only as a last resort to preserve our national existence. Today we must assume that Russia also has the bomb. THERE ARE FEW WHO DOUBT THAT RUSSIA WILL USE THE BOMB AS AN INSTRUMENT TO ACHIEVE HER GOAL OF A COMMUNIST WORLD.

That is what changes the face of affairs.

I HOPE you will pardon the use of the first personal pronoun in what follows. To each of us these cataclysmic developments are PERSONAL. Three times within the past decade the world has been changed for me. I can tell about it best in personal terms.

THE morning of December 7, 1941, I spent hunting ducks out on the swamp. The ducks were numerous and they flew low. It was wonderful. This was a good old world to live in. We came in, all aglow, just before noon.

THE JAPS HAD BOMBED PEARL HARBOR AND WE WERE AT WAR!

THE night of Hiroshima Day I spent in my quarters in London, sleeping soundly in a city that was still deliriously happy because it knew there was peace in Europe and no enemy bombs would fall that night or any other

night in the foreseeable future.

When I came down to breakfast, the mess was immersed in the morning papers WHOSE HEADLINES FAIRLY SCREAMED THE NEWS OF THE ATOM BOMB.

It was a grim and FRIGHTENED company. We knew the Japs were doomed and peace was in sight. BUT WHAT OF THIS NEW AND GRISLY HORROR THAT HAD JUST COME INTO THE WORLD?

Would life for any of us ever be the same again?

AND now this morning . . . the staggering news that Russia must have the bomb . . . If RUSSIA has the bomb, the likelihood that it will be USED . . . if it IS used, what next?

WELL, about all I can say is this:

After Pearl Harbor Day, after Hiroshima Day, I am still alive and my country is still intact and competent. Life still goes on, much as it did before these epochal events. People age and die in their beds. Babies are born. We faced Pearl Harbor Day and carried on. We faced Atom Bomb Day and carried on. We can face the knowledge that Russia probably has The Bomb and still carry on. We can because we have to.

SOVIET BOOMS DICKENS. MOSCOW.—(AP)—The State Publishing House of Literature has released Charles Dickens' American Notes, "Evening Moscow," reporting this, said Dickens describes how quickly his illusions about the so-called "American paradise" were dispelled.

## Victims Charms Result In Arrest Of Holdup Men

NEW YORK, Sept. 26.—(AP)—Two alleged holdup men were in jail today—because of the charms of their victim and romantic illusions.

Police said the pair invaded the apartment of pretty New York Model Donna Lee Lawrence, 22, and left with several hundred dollars worth of loot and a yen to see their victim again.

In fact, police said, the yen was so strong that the men, one at a time, telephoned Miss Lawrence for dates Friday, and offered to return her property. At the suggestion of the police, she said okay.

She was on hand for the trysts, one in her apartment and the other at a West 48th street bar and grill. Police were on hand and arrested the suspects.

They were identified as Sabato Giannotti, 27, and John Carfagino, 31, both ex-convicts on parole. Both were booked for assault, robbery and illegal possession of weapons. Giannotti also was charged with rape.

A third man, who hadn't yet yielded to his romantic impulses, was being sought. Police said the three entered Miss Lawrence's 64th street apartment Thursday, tied her wrists and stole \$160, a \$500 watch, several rings and a cigarette lighter. Police said Giannotti also raped the brunette Miss Lawrence, a divorcee.

## Roseburg Man Serving In Landing Operations

Hugh M. Bechtold, chief engineer, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Bechtold of 340 West Second avenue N., Roseburg, is serving as a crew member aboard the landing ship USS L138, which is participating this fall in "Operation Miki," a large-scale amphibious exercise in the Pacific.

The maneuvers, scheduled for late September, October and November, involve nearly 40,000 soldiers, sailors and marines, and are designed to dislodge an imaginary "aggressor" force from the Hawaiian Islands. General Mark W. Clark, commanding general of the Sixth Army, is overall commander.

Before entering the Navy in October, 1939, Bechtold attended San Bernardino High School, San Bernardino, Calif.

## Attlee Says Inflation To Wipe Out Benefits

LONDON, Sept. 26.—(AP)—Prime Minister Attlee Saturday told Britons that inflation threatens to wipe out the benefits of cheapening the pound.

"There is no occasion for general price increases," he declared. "It is the duty of every good citizen to cooperate with the government in preventing inflation."

In a speech prepared for a Labor party rally here, the prime minister said his government is more than ever determined to hold down prices, wages and profits.

## Elkton

By PHYLLIS A. SMITH  
 Visitors at the L. L. Holcomb home included a nephew of Mr. Holcomb, Donald Reat, who left this week for the University of Washington where he is in his final year. Other relatives visiting with the Holcombs are Mr. and Mrs. Harold Taylor and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Reat, all of Seattle, Wash., and Mr. and Mrs. Al Keltchell and children of Oakland, Calif.

Miss Shirley Knypstra left Monday to attend the Monmouth normal school. Miss Donna Lee Winterbotham has gone to Ashland to attend the normal school there.

Mrs. L. M. Smith has received word of the death of her stepmother, Mrs. Addie Sprague Henderson, on Sept. 17.

Mrs. Clara Smith Rhinehart has moved to Cottage Grove. Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Slagle visited with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McCullen this week. The Slagles are operating a small restaurant at Gold Hill. Miss Evelyn Hudson spoke at the Coos and Curry Teachers Institute Thursday.

SMALL BOY DROWNS. DARRINGTON, Wash.—(AP)—Jack Ray Adams, three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Carlson of Darrington, drowned in a mill pond here Friday night after having been left in the cab of a truck by his stepfather.

## Daylight Saving Time Will End In Portland

PORTLAND, Sept. 26.—(AP)—Daylight saving ended in Oregon. The fast cities remaining on fast time set clocks back an hour, most following Portland's lead in changing the hands at 1:50 a. m.

PAKISTAN GRADUATES BOOST U. S. KARACHI.—(AP)—Pakistani alumni of American universities here have formed a society for promoting the cultural and educational relations between the two countries.

The society is arranging a series of public lectures on the various aspects of life in the American universities.

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## Now you know!

The answers to everyday insurance problems  
 By KEN BAILEY



QUESTION: We plan to leave on a long vacation motor trip within the next couple of weeks and a friend suggests that we take out a special theft insurance policy on our luggage, jewelry and other valuables which we take with us. Can you tell me whether we can get a short term policy of this kind and whether its cost is low enough so it would pay us to buy it?

ANSWER: Ordinarily, if you already have a Residence Theft policy on your valuables, the simplest and most economical thing for you to do would be to have the "theft away from the premises" clause added to it and to pay the small additional premium. This coverage is usually a good deal broader than that given by a "personal effects" floater policy which you would buy for the duration of your trip. If you don't have a Residence Theft policy, you should consult your insurance agent about it before buying any other form of insurance.

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