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REASONABLE SPEEDS

By Charles V. Stanton

The Roseburg city council's proposal to raise speed limits on Harvard Avenue is to be commended, in my opinion. Some people perhaps believe that automobiles should be compelled to go slower, rather than faster, but it is my opinion that many of our speed zones are geared too low and are adding to traffic problems and hazards.

Harvard Avenue has had a maximum 25-mile speed limit. For much of the distance that limit, I believe, is far too low. The average driver, unless he keeps an eye glued to the speedometer, will be breezing along at 30 or 35 miles per hour and thus be subject to arrest and penalty. The driver who obeys the law will become a traffic hazard, as faster drivers slide around.

After passing Fairhaven and the entrance to the Veterans Administration reservation, westbound traffic, in my opinion, can move safely at 35 or 40 miles per hour without causing or encountering hazards, whereas slower movement actually is no safer and causes bottlenecks.

Many of our zoned areas, I believe, could be similarly eased, thus contributing to a better and safer flow of traffic.

Conditions Determine Safe Speed

Too many people associate speed with danger, not taking into consideration the improvement in recent years in motor cars and their braking systems, better road surfaces, etc., all of which make for safer driving conditions. While I haven't made a check of accident reports, it would be my "horseback" guess that more accidents in and near the city happen to cars travelling under the speed limit than to those moving at a reasonable speed. I do not condone excessive speed — and "excessive speed" can be 10 miles an hour if surrounding conditions are such that a car should be moving at less speed.

Safe speed depends entirely upon surrounding conditions and the condition of the equipment. The condition of the driver also must enter into the equation.

The good driver automatically and subconsciously adjusts his speed to the weather, road surface, visibility, volume of traffic and other factors. Traffic in and near cities, because of congestion, naturally must move slower than on the open highway. But urban traffic could move faster than it does, in many cases, if it were not for obsolete and unnecessary speed limits and speed traps. Nor would raising speed limits increase danger, in many instances. The Harvard Avenue situation is one very good example.

The Oregon State Highway Commission likewise made a good decision, I believe, in fixing a 70-mile-an-hour speed limit on the new Baldock Freeway between Salem and Portland. I doubt very much if motorists exceeding that speed will be taken into custody, as long as they are not driving recklessly. But the 70-mile-an-hour limit is high enough to facilitate traffic flow and at the same time give a measure of control over the "squirrel" driver.

Limits Should Be Reasonable

Motorists are far more apt to conform and to cooperate when speed limits are reasonable in comparison with driving conditions.

I believe a blanket speed limit is foolish, particularly when it is too low.

California, for example, posts a maximum speed limit of 55 miles per hour, everywhere in the state. But anyone travelling at 55 miles per hour on one of California's freeways would be booted around like a Rugby football. If your car won't do 80 mph you've got no business on a California freeway, and even then you'd better stay in the slow lane.

Of what use is a blanket speed law which everyone ignores?

The State of Washington has maintained a strong enforcement program based on maximum speed limits blanketing the state. Considerable publicity has been given the campaign and resultant accident reduction. Yet Oregon, with its Basic Rule and posted speed zones, has as favorable a record for traffic safety as has Washington with its impositions on motorists and its expensive enforcement system.

It is my opinion that safety is promoted and driver cooperation best secured when regulations over motor vehicles are reasonable rather than overly restrictive. When regulations are unreasonable, violations increase. Violations lead to accidents.

IN THE DAY'S NEWS

By FRANK JENKINS

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ber clubs to encourage more women to seek public office.

I think it's a splendid idea.

Do you ask WHY? An appropriate flippant answer would be that the men have made a mess of it and women couldn't do any worse. But it goes deeper than that.

The big issues in American politics are coming to be broad and butter issues — such as how shall we get MORE FOR OUR DOLLAR instead of just getting more dollars. When it comes to money, women are realistic. They have to be. Leaving out the fabulous characters in our modern life — such as entertainers who get as much as \$10,000 for a single appearance at a Las Vegas night club — women are apt to be the keepers of the family purse. If they are to get a reasonable measure of the THINGS THEY WANT they must manage the dollars they have to spend so that the family income will "go around."

We need more of that kind of management in government.

There are, of course, women and men — just as there are men and men.

An able young man of my acquaintance came in to see me yesterday. He was fit to be tied, and he needed somebody to unload on.

He had been talking politics with a couple of women friends and in the course of the session he remarked that although he had come near voting for Mr. Stevenson four years ago he couldn't see him now with a telescope because Atili is beating the drum for issues he doesn't believe in.

"Why," one of his women friends said, "he's just doing that to get elected. He's BEING SMART."

The other agreed. They weren't just arguing, he says. They BELIEVED it.

That's why he was fit to be tied. I still think the ladies were just arguing.

I'm reasonably sure that if their children had exhibited to them an example of the twisted moral and ethical thinking involved in the argument that the end in view justifies whatever means are taken to GAIN THE END both would have been shocked — and if the children had been below teen age some spankings would have ensued.

Mothers are like that. That is why, over the centuries, they have been the keepers of the world's morals and the maintainers of the world's most admirable ethical standards.

Anyway, I think we need more women candidates for public office.

Peter Edson

WASHINGTON (NEA) — Behind the latest Federal Bureau of Investigation crime statistics for the six months ending last June 30 are a number of conclusions, alarming even to police officials accustomed to dealing with these things. These findings are not covered in the published crime report.

Total crime increased in all nine geographic divisions of the U.S. The highest of these increases was 24.7 per cent in the Pacific coast states. The lowest increase was in the Middle Atlantic states, up 3.5 per cent over the first six months of 1955.

New England has traditionally had the lowest crime rates in the United States. But in the first half of this year the northeastern states showed a surprising 17.3 per cent increase.

For the United States as a whole, the major crime rate was 14 per cent higher than for the same period last year and nearly 22 per

cent above the five-year average. Based on the half-year report, FBI officials now fear that the United States will have a record of over 2,500,000 major crimes in 1956. Major crimes are listed as murder, negligent manslaughter, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny and auto theft.

Looking for interpretations, causes and possible remedies for the growing U.S. crime wave, police come up with no very convincing answers.

The record increase on the Pacific coast is attributed to two factors. One is that the population of this area is increasing more rapidly. A new population, unsettled in a community, always breeds crime.

The second factor, attributable only to California, is a recent state supreme court ruling which excluded evidence obtained in criminal trials, if it has been secured with tainted Los Angeles police officials declare that criminals who know that conviction will be difficult take chances that they would not risk otherwise.

EVERY CLASSIFICATION of major crime showed an increase on the Pacific Coast. The range was from a low of 11 per cent increase in robberies to a 40 per cent increase in auto thefts.

Only two of the 48 states had decreases in their total crimes. Wyoming showed a drop of nearly 11 per cent and New Hampshire six per cent. No explanations are offered.

Six major crimes are committed in cities for every one crime in rural areas. But for the first half of this year the rural crime increase rate was slightly higher than for urban areas.

The explanation given is that there is less policing in the rural areas and there are fewer community facilities to offer wholesome recreation and diversion for criminally inclined youth.

More automobiles and better roads on which to make getaways are also believed to be a factor. There is no statistical breakdown, however, to show how many of the rural crimes are committed by city criminals.

THE BIGGER the city, the higher its crime rate, as a general rule. FBI reports that 482 cities of over 25,000 population showed that only 101 were able to report any decrease.

The decrease in crime in every case reflected either an increase in the police force or an increase in community action to prevent crime, or both. The community-action programs include the opening of more playgrounds in congested areas or boys' clubs to keep youngsters off the street.

Juvenile crime figures are included in the FBI crime totals but are not reported separately, which is a major deficiency of this series of semi-annual crime reports.

Mr. Charles Long, Route 3, Roseburg, Ore.

Former Glendale Teacher Visits Friends In Area

By MRS. GERALD B. FOX

Miss Ada Porter, former Glendale teacher, arrived Saturday to visit with the Henry La Prath family. She left about the middle of the week. A weekend guest at the La Prath home was their daughter, Mrs. Eleanor Box of Portland.

Word has been received here that Mrs. Lulu Sherrill, who retired last spring after teaching in Glendale for several years, is taking classes at the college in Month this year.

Enters Hospital — Lester (Jack) Kilmer of Glendale entered the Forest Glen Hospital in Canyonville Tuesday with a serious heart condition, it is reported.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gossett moved last week into a trailer which they have parked on the Esties property beside the old CAA airport east of Glendale.

O. N. Edwards of Glendale, who has been hospitalized at the Forest Glen Hospital in Canyonville suffering from a heart attack, was transferred Tuesday to a Roseburg hospital. Mrs. Edwards, who has been staying in Canyonville will

go to the home of a sister in Winston to be nearer her husband.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Moag of Baldwin Park, Calif., returned home this week after spending nearly three weeks visiting with her brother, Jim Croft and family near Astoria.

Bill and Judy La Prath spent a long weekend recently visiting with her brother, Jack La Prath, and family in Turlock, Calif.

Mrs. Nelle Ricker of Grants Pass, a former Glendale resident, visited Sunday with the D. R. Densley family in Glendale.

Mrs. Ruby Gilbreath returned home this week after spending two and a half weeks with her son, Millard Gilbreath, and his wife, in Seattle. She had the privilege of helping to care for her new granddaughter, Carole Ann, who was born there Sept. 26.

Nolan Tanner, a 1956 Glendale High School graduate, has transferred to a Portland business school, having decided to get extra business training before beginning work at one of the state colleges.

Jim and Doris Johns spent a week hunting in Eastern Oregon but had no luck.

John Burkhardt and Charles Brown left Tuesday for Ardmore, Okla., to meet his daughter, Mrs. Beverly Halford, and bring her to the family home here.

Bag Deer — Bob Myers and Jerry Wickman went hunting Sunday morning for a deer, which jumped into the road near the Paul Abel farm and dented the fender of the former's pickup last week. Myers killed the 150 pound deer on Mt. McKinney.

Melrose residents hunting in Eastern Oregon last week included R. D. Manning and Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Sanders.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Young, left Sunday for Sacramento, Calif., to visit their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Young, and their new baby son. They will be gone about ten days and will go on to Claremont to attend Mrs. J. E. Young's brother's wedding.

Recent visitors for a week at the Ed Gross home were Mrs. Gross's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Beck and family, of White Salmon, Wash.

Guests last week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Nickolaus included his brother, G. W. Nickolaus, of Richland, Wash., who stayed several days, and J. J. Fink and Mr. and Mrs. Willis Lightle from Seattle, Fink, who is an uncle of Nickolaus, and the Lightles were en route to North Carolina with their trailer house for a visit.

Mrs. Carl Lanquist of Bakersfield is spending some time here with her sons, Ralph and Bill Schraeder, and their families. She is a former Melrose resident.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Conn attended business Thursday in Eugene.

Editorial Comment

From The Oregon Press

SO ROUND, SO FIRM,
SO STATISTICAL

Albany Democrat-Herald

We have to stop smoking again. We stopped first in 1933. That was when the first American Cancer society report came out. But it was inconclusive and we started again after three days of deep thinking — about the joys of smoking.

We quit again in the spring of 1935. That was when the cancer society published its half-way report. The researchers were half way through, had spent half their money, and were half way convincing. We quit for six days. Our wife made us start again. She couldn't stand the smokeless grouch.

Now the full report is being written after four years of study and the expenditure of half a million dollars.

It's a laugh, if anything dealing with deadly diseases can be. The cancer society has spent all this time and all this money only to learn that heart disease, not cancer disease, is the major result of smoking. The Heart Fund should have put up the money.

In any case, we're through — after just one more fax — because we want to live long enough to enjoy all those other deteriorating habits.

FLIER SAFE

SALEM, Ore. — A Portland, Ore., flier reported overdue between Billings, Mont., and North Oregon landed safely Thursday night at Baker, Ore., the state Board of Aeronautics reported Friday.

Anti-Red Law Convictions Up In High Court

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court begins hearing arguments Monday in new attacks on the Smith Act, the government's chief legal weapon against Communism.

Appeals by 21 persons convicted in various parts of the country are pending before the high tribunal.

Two of the appeals attack the act's membership clause. This provides that membership in the Communist Party by a person knowing it to be a subversive group is illegal.

Claude M. Lightfoot, Chicago Negro and a Communist Party worker for some 20 years, was the first person convicted under the "informed membership" section. Also convicted under that section was Julius L. Sales, Communist Party leader in the Carolinas and Tennessee. Both have appealed. Lightfoot faces five years' imprisonment and Sales six years.

Attorneys for Lightfoot and Sales contend in advance briefs that the section is unconstitutional on its face and represents the first congressional attempt to apply the abhorrent doctrine of guilt by association.

But, say government lawyers, "the crime punished (by the section) is not mere 'association.'"

"The crime consists in the individual's personal participation in a combination aimed at forceful revolution, with knowledge of this end and intent to reach it," government attorneys declare. "The liability is personal, not vicarious. It is for conduct, not mere status."

California's 14 First Up

First on the high court's argument schedule is an appeal by 14 California Communist leaders who were convicted of conspiring to advocate violent overthrow of the government, in violation of another section of the Smith Act.

This group, headed by William Schneiderman, San Francisco, was sentenced in federal court in Los Angeles to five years in prison and fines of \$10,000 each. Schneiderman, onetime California Communist Party chairman, was said by the FBI to be the party's acting national chief when he was arrested in 1951.

The Californians contended, among other things, that the trial court's refusal to rule on the issue of whether there was a "clear and present danger" to the government because of the group's activities resulted in an "unconstitutional application" of the Smith Act.

Government lawyers assert the challenges which the 14 make "are all without merit, and there is no reason to overturn the verdicts against them."

Psychologist Says You Can't Reform Spouse

EUGENE (AP) — The wife who sets out to "reform" her husband after marriage is taking a chance on a marital breakup, psychologist David S. Brody told a group of public health nurses Friday.

And a husband is taking the same chance if he decides to iron out the kinks in his wife's personality, Brody said.

If you want to predict failure in a marriage, you'll find it in one in which one spouse plans to make the other in his own image," Brody said.

Brody, associate professor of psychology at Oregon College of Education, was the principal speaker at a day-long meeting of the public health nursing section of the Oregon state Nurses Assn.

The meeting followed a convention of the full association in Eugene.

Brody said the rules for harmony between husbands and wives also hold true in other social situations.

"The individual approaches his optimum when there is a minimum of domination by others," he said.

Huge Damage Suit Filed For Sportsman's Crash

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A 24-million dollar suit has been filed against the estate of wealthy sportsman Joel W. Thorne, whose light plane crashed into a North Hollywood apartment house last year, killing him and eight others.

The suit was filed by Michael Preston, 31, a night club operator, whose wife Shirley, 23, a professional singer, and a 7-year-old daughter Sherry were killed in the crash Oct. 17, 1955.

Impatient Customer Calls Wrong Move

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — The scene was peaceful. A man sat under the white apron in the barber's chair, his head nodding to the monotonous snip-snip of the scissors.

The action and dialogue, according to police, went about like this: Enter impatient customer, identified as Settle Pearson, 32.

Impatient customer: "I want a haircut and shave."

Barber: "I'm sorry. You'll have to wait. I don't have any empty chairs."

The impatient customer grabs a dozing patron by collar and pulls him from the chair.

Impatient customer: "Well, you have an empty chair now."

The apron falls off formerly dozing patron, revealing off-duty policeman Leroy G. Cumming Jr., complete with uniform, revolver and handcuffs.

Patron turned policeman: "All right, buddy. What's the big idea?"

There is a scuffle and the impatient customer runs from the shop, but is apprehended by policeman after a short chase.

Final scene: Impatient customer booked at police station on disorderly conduct charge and, as the curtain falls, is taken to a cell with the aid of three officers.

Florida Couple Visits In Oakland

By EDITH DUNN

Mr. and Mrs. Carol Palmer of Clearwater, Fla., are spending several weeks visiting Palmer's sister, Mrs. Ruth Shaw. They will spend the coming weekend with Mrs. Shaw's son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hough of Klamath Falls.

Attends Conference — Kenneth Williams, Oakland High School principal, attended a conference of principals in Salem last Monday and Tuesday.

New Arrivals — New arrivals in Oakland include the following: a daughter, Wendy Sue, born Oct. 7 in a Roseburg Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Sisson, nee Robeena Bailey.

A son, Gregory Dye, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Martin Oct. 5 in a Roseburg hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Dodge are the new parents of a son, Rex Nelson, born Sept. 25 at Cottage Grove Hospital.

A daughter, Crystal Faye, was born Sept. 27, to Mr. and Mrs. Murray Hollister in a Roseburg hospital.

RUBIROSA TO MARRY

PARIS (AP) — Dominican playboy-diplomat Porfirio Rubirosa said Friday he will marry 19-year-old French actress Odile Rodin.

The four-times married Rubirosa said the date for the marriage has not been set but it probably will take place in Paris in a month.

This will be the first marriage for the blonde actress.

Vital Statistics

Marriage Licenses
WILLS-BURRIS — Robert Earl Wills, Roseburg, and Mary Kathryn Burriss, Tenuille.

Divorce Decree
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Divorce Decree
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