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Safety Checks Can Help Record

Douglas County cities will soon be taking part in a state-wide program of voluntary vehicle safety checks.

The purpose is to control one of the more tangible factors in traffic accidents. It is not nearly as important a factor as the human frailties, but it's still an item which can take lives.

Inspections by local civic and service organizations will be conducted throughout the state for the rest of May and through June to locate defective safety equipment and focus attention on the importance of vehicle condition as a factor in traffic safety.

A special representative on loan from the auto industry is traveling around the state now, providing communities and organizations with material and advice on conducting what the state Traffic Safety Division calls "traffic safety check lanes."

This is a voluntary matter for motorists, but it can't be urged strongly enough that they participate. With the safety check lanes, men go over the different operating parts of the car to determine their working condition. Then, if something is amiss, the inspectors point it out.

It is easy to overlook a defective part, and it takes only one failure to lead to injury or even death. A good case in point is an accident which occurred over the weekend in which the auto apparently went out of control near Oakland because of a tire blow out. One death resulted.

Failures of humans to work at top efficiency on the highway are the greatest causes of highway accidents, but the the failure of the machine is also a contributing factor many times.

Safety checks in Douglas County haven't yet been set, but they are expected to be soon. In the meantime, it's worth a mental note to take advantage of them.

The county is riding the crest of a good 1963 traffic death record, since only four have died on county highways so far this year. But the two tragic accidents over the weekend which killed two may portend a sudden change in that record.

The only way to keep that good record going is to practice vigilance in the operation of the car, as well as the alertness of its driver.

Athletes Honored Again

One of the Portland newspapers points out that Coach and Athlete magazine has finally "succumbed to pressure" and printed its list of honorable mention high school All Americans.

Included on that list were two county youths, Doug John of Roseburg High School and Mike Blomberg of Drain. The selections emphasize again that Douglas County ranks high as an athletic stronghold.

It seems like the football season, however, is getting longer every year.

WASHINGTON WINDOW

Goldwater Movement Shows Some Muscle

By LYLE C. WILSON
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More important to Gov Nelson A. Rockefeller's political future than his divorce and re-marriage could be the fireball developments that are beginning to spark the Goldwater for president movement.

The G-for-p movement is showing political muscle. There is a powerhouse of enthusiasm under the hood of the G-for-p bandwagon. Goldwater is a crowd pleaser. He has been and may still be somewhat of an underdog, coming as he does from politically insignificant Arizona. But, however that may be, the senator arouses among his followers a boisterous affection.

Consider some recent political developments:

—State and regional Goldwater-for-president headquarters are popping up at a great rate.

—These are accompanied by enthusiastic draft-Goldwater efforts.

—A Congressional Quarterly poll of delegates to the 1960 Republican national convention found a majority personally favored Goldwater even though a majority also regarded Rockefeller as most likely to be nominated.

—Goldwater was the personal preference of every section of the country in this poll except the East and by a good margin.

The Atlanta (Ga.) Constitution polled Republican Party officials in Southern states and reported:

"Sen. Barry Goldwater is almost the solid choice across the South for the Republican presidential nomination—and some 250 delegate votes are his more than a year ahead of convention time.

"Those votes are almost half enough to give Goldwater the nomination. And the people who hold those (delegate) votes say they could carry every Southern state for Goldwater if he were nominated."

The Constitution poll found some Rockefeller strength in Arkansas, Tennessee and Virginia and a bit in Georgia and Kentucky for Sen. Thruston B. Morton, R-Ky. The evidence of convention strength in the Constitution's poll is a reassurance much needed by Goldwater's friends.

Republican nominating conventions long have been loaded against conservatives. The Republican Party has not nominated a conservative for president since Calvin Coolidge in 1924.

Out-Promise the Democrats

It has seemed to some observers that the convention would be the greatest obstacle between Goldwater and the White House; that it should be less difficult to elect than to nominate him. That is because republican conventions have been dominated by Eastern Republicans whose political strategy increasingly has been to out-promise the democrats instead of out-slugging them.

In publisher John S. Knight's "Editor's Notebook," published May 5 in the Detroit Free Press and other Knight newspapers, this point is made: "Until someone such as Goldwater heads the Republican ticket, the conservative strength in this country never will be tested."

Knight doubts that Goldwater could lick President Kennedy. But he asks a question that Republicans long since should have been asking themselves: Why should the Republicans, basically the conservative party, fear to try it (a test of conservative strength)."

The answer to that seems to be that when the chips are down, the kingmakers of the Republican Party are more interested in victory than in principles. Conservatives have not much representation in either major party. Goldwater could change that although the odds are long against him.

The Almanac

By United Press International

Today is Tuesday, May 14, the 134th day of 1963 with 231 to follow.

The moon is approaching its last quarter.

The morning stars are Venus, Jupiter and Saturn.

The evening star is Mars.

On this day in history:

In 1804, explorers Lewis and Clark set out on their expedition to the Pacific Coast.

In 1935, Filipinos ratified the constitution of the Philippines Republic in a special election.

In 1948, the state of Israel was officially born as Britain ended her 31-year rule in Palestine. (The date is April 29 under the Hebrew calendar.)

In 1962, Moslem gunmen killed 17 Europeans as renewed fighting broke out between Algerian Nationalists and French forces.

A thought for the day—British said: "Biography should be written by an acute enemy."

TRAFFIC HAZARD

WEST LOS ANGELES (UPI)—"Traffic hazard—Donkey walking westbound on Wilshire Boulevard from Beverly Hills," came a radio report recently from Beverly Hills police to West Los Angeles police.

A cab driver first saw the donkey ambling along the street near the exclusive Beverly Hills hotel on Sunset Boulevard. An hour later, the donkey was seen trotting briskly up a hill along Wilshire Boulevard and across the city line into Los Angeles.

The braying donkey was finally corralled by police as he was munching grass on a putting green at the Los Angeles Country Club. Officers tied him to a fence until the animal regulation department arrived.

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Reader Opinions

DST May Help Conquer Cosmos, But Who Cares?

To The Editor:

Daylight Saving Time may save enough time to win the universe, as one correspondent recently said in a letter published in The News-Review. But, after a whole week of getting up earlier, who cares?

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Square Blanket Or No, DST Is For The Birds

To The Editor:

The story in The News-Review May 6 about the square blanket of the sheep herder and the square blanket law in Wyoming reminds me of another story—in fact, two stories.

We moved to a homestead in Wyoming in March 1917. Nearly all of our neighbors moved there the same year.

Wyoming was a pretty desolate place in the winter. Snow everywhere, often as far as a person could see. Little tar paper shanties dotting the landscape.

One neighbor's brother came from Iowa to visit. He asked "what do people live on."

The neighbor said, "beans."

"We have them for breakfast with sugar and cream; for dinner we have them stewed, and for supper we have them fried."

I lived in Wyoming a good many years and never heard of the sheep herder's square blanket or the square blanket law.

My son cooked for a lambing crew on the Bar-X-Bar ranch one spring. He was 18 years of age at the time. I'm sure the blankets he slept in didn't have a seam down one side, or he would have said something about it.

He cooked in a sheep wagon, the men had sheep wagons to sleep in, and my brother slept in the wagon in which he cooked. I think some cattleman must have told that story, as they hated the sheep men.

And how about the slow-witted sheep herder who lost all his sheep during a blizzard one winter? He went to some commission house and mortgaged those lost sheep for money enough to buy another band as large as the one he lost. He made good on them. Today he owns thousands of sheep, hundreds of cattle, a large irrigated ranch and hundreds of acres of range land.

Who but a slow-witted sheep herder would think of doing a thing like that, then have the nerve to do it?

This daylight saving law is for the birds.

I'll inquire around, when I'm in Wyoming this summer, to learn about that square blanket law.

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REPORT HEAVY FIGHTING

MIAMI (UPI) — Cuban exile sources here said this weekend that more than 800 people were killed in Cuba in recent weeks in a pitched battle between anti-Castro guerrillas and government militiamen.

Exile radio commentator Luis Conte Aguero said reports of the fighting in Matanzas Province reached him in Miami through "freedom sentinels."

Opinions From Readers

Abigail Happy Because Her Column Was Omitted

To The Editor:

I'm very happy that you left out my column (Inadvertently of course) one day.

Your readers actually wrote to tell me that they had had a "scare". . .and were feeling cheated when no "Abby" appeared in The News-Review.

Then you made everything right by printing the "missing" column together with the regular column on the following day.

Many thanks. I love you, too!

Abigail (Dear Abby) Van Buren
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Equitable Tax Program Requested By Reader

To The Editor:

Your editorial of April 30, regarding tax load broadening, has just come to my attention.

It has always been a puzzle to me where the press gets its data from which to print such a rosy picture of the tax situation here in Oregon.

In your figures you state that the present tax on an income of $4,000 is about $29. I just recently paid my 1962 taxes on an income of $4,200 and I found them not about $29 but $142. Now there is a vast difference between $29 and $142, taxwise that is.

Going a little further, I find that my combined tax, both federal and state, amounted to $76.40 per month. This is 40 per cent more than I pay for the rent of a sub-standard house, which is the best I can afford under the circumstances. It is 25 per cent more than my average grocery bill, and is still more than the monthly payments on one of the newer compact cars.

In case anyone wonders why my taxes are so much higher than the average, I'll let you in on the secret.

I am an old man. I have one foot in the grave and the other on the proverbial banana peeling. My little dependants have grown up. My wife has become a sacred memory. I am striving desperately to save a little something to augment that glorified dole so commonly referred to as Social Security and upon which I will be expected to exist in the very, very near future.

But somebody must pay for the health, education and welfare of all the people with big families; the ones who demand the best of everything, and get the high wages as well. Surely it wouldn't be fair if they had to pay for what they get themselves.

I would like to call upon the people we send to the Oregon Legislature to quit their contemptible, petty, political bickering and enact a fair and equitable tax program, comparable in quality to the salaries they have so recently voted to themselves.

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Winston Man Thankful For Social Security

To The Editor:

In his letter to the editor of May 10 Mr. Roy Cottrell says that Social Security is a farce and incomprehensible; that it is not insurance but, rather, a welfare program. He says, too, that if the money was left here in the first place, we wouldn't have to pay salaries for bureaucrats out of it.

I will agree with Mr. Cottrell that Social Security is not an insurance policy and that it is a welfare program. If it were ordinary insurance it would have a loan value. It has no cash surrender value and the tax must be paid as long as the person works.

Millions of people pay the tax, and they will never receive a dime in return, unless they live until retirement age. Social Security does not cover the employer, nor does it pay for the bookkeeping connected with it.

However, Social Security is not a farce, nor is it incomprehensible to millions of elderly people who receive their checks each month. It hardly can be called "security" when the average payment in Oregon is about $75 per month. This amount will hardly pay for board and room in a cheap boarding house. However, it does cushion some of the hardships of old age.

If we left the money here in the first place, instead of paying it out to bureaucrats, we would have millions of elderly people living in dire poverty and we would still have to pay a tax to support them on public welfare.

If a man earned $73,000 since 1937, he would have been paid at the rate of around $245 per month. He would have paid $1,218 in tax and his employers would have matched this sum, making a total of $2,436, approximately 1.67 per cent each. At age 65 he will receive about $110 per month, or $1,320 annually. This annual sum is equal to 4 per cent interest on $33,000. How could this man possibly save $33,000 out of $73,000 earnings?

Even those in the lower income brackets, who are receiving only $40 per month, are receiving interest at 4 per cent on $12,000, a sum they could not possibly have accrued.

What is wrong with welfare programs? Conservatives are opposed to everything. What positive proposals do the conservatives advance for the welfare of the elderly? They offer no alternatives.

Thank God for Social Security!

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County Should Put In More Bus Turnarounds

To The Editor:

School District No. 32, of the Yoncalla area, is in a squabble that is splitting families, splitting churches, alienating friends, hurting business and causing general hard feelings in the area.

Basically, I think the plan put forth by the school board is a sound solution to the problem of the best use of the physical plants and would provide the best education for the students, grades one through eight.

One of the most important of existing problems is that of turnarounds for school buses. The board recognizes this problem, but has been unsuccessful in getting county cooperation on road construction.

A bus driver can't be blamed for refusing to turn a 60-passenger bus on a road that isn't as wide as the bus is long, especially on a bad mountain road and with passengers on the bus.

In one place I know of a mother who has to walk nearly two miles in any and all kinds of weather, carrying a baby, while taking a first grader to the school bus, simply because there is no turnaround.

I was asked one day why I didn't use my influence to seek money for improvement of the route north from Drain to the highway. I didn't feel my five cents worth would do any good.

But I'm going to put in my five cents worth on this matter of turnarounds for school buses.

My inquiries would indicate that there's considerable waste in the operation of our county road department. If some of that waste could be stopped, there would be enough money for turnarounds where they are needed.

I've talked with some people who, in my opinion, know what they're talking about. And from what I've learned I believe the county can afford to fix the roads along the routes travelled by our school buses to make the needed turnarounds available.

I hope all school board members, lay committee, citizens and others would cooperate to get the matter before the County Court, with the hope that adequate turnarounds can be provided by the time school starts next fall.

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Reader Says Newspaper Doesn't Tell Everything

To The Editor:

Mr. Adams' letter, printed in The News-Review May 9, shows he is well informed. He did not get that way, in my opinion, by reading the front pages of a newspaper or, for that matter, from reading the entire paper, including the classified advertising department.

Mr. Wilson in his column "Washington Window," to which Mr. Adams referred, made another omission. Despite the statement to the contrary, there was an investigation — rather, an attempted investigation by Congress—into the matter of "blocked" information in the Defense and State Departments. Names were named and the suspects were called for questioning. Secretaries McNamara and Rusk refused to permit these men to be questioned. President Kennedy backed them up.

These men were not "understrappers." They hold key positions. They are still there.

No doubt Mr. Wilson has all this information. But, if all had been written, perhaps his article would not have been "passed."

The administration consistently denies that Russia has submarine bases in Cuba, regardless of all the information to the contrary. I understand that President Kennedy is an avid reader. Perhaps he only reads newspapers.

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Editorial

Gramp's Trick Knee Accurate

It is nice to note that weather is still much on some men's minds.

In Washington, the nongovernmental International Council of Scientific Unions and the World Meteorological Organization of the United Nations would join isobars and iostherms to bring about a truly global and complete weather service, if a proposal of a committee of scientists organized by the Geophysics Research Board of the National Academy of Sciences is heeded.

Of more immediate consolation to the umbrella-and-rubbers set, Dr. Joseph Lee Hollander, a Philadelphia rheumatologist, has reported that symptoms of arthritis patients become worse when barometric pressure is lowered and humidity is increased simultaneously, under scientifically controlled conditions.

Shucks, grandpa doesn't put it quite so scientifically, but his trick knee gives him the word with short, sharp, twinge-type accuracy.

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The Editor's Corner

By Charles V. Stanton

Government Not Insensitive To Complaint Of Individual

"In no other government in the world does the voice of the 'little man' carry as much weight as here in the United States. Our form of government truly is democratic in its relation to the individual."

The above statement came to me a few days ago somewhat as a surprise. The surprise was that it was so unexpected. It came from a source highly qualified to speak. It came from a man employed in one of this country's largest governmental organizations; an organization which daily must unwind miles of red tape and govern itself by voluminous regulations.

Yet, the full power of this organization—which many would call a bureaucracy—was set in motion by a single letter by one individual pertaining to a personal matter, the letter being written by this "little man" to the highest officer of the land, President Kennedy.

Frequently we have urged in this newspaper that people write our senators and representatives in the congress or in the state legislature and express opinions on subjects with which they are concerned. We have printed appeals from our representatives in these great bodies for more communication with their constituents.

Yet few people ever take the time to write and give members of our delegations the benefit of public thinking.

A letter, however, usually gets prompt reply and action. The wheels of investigation are set in motion by any request for service, a voice of complaint, a claim of injustice.

Result Emphasized

The result obtained from such a letter was brought home to me a few days ago when I happened to be in the company of Stuart Currie and Don Madsen, field representatives of the Social Security Administration. They visit Douglas County each week to service claims of the area for the district office in Eugene where they have their headquarters.

While I was with them they received a communication demanding immediate action. "Expedite" was the word.

The letter evoked from Madsen the statement with which this column is prefaced.

Few organizations are more directly controlled by regulations, rules and procedures than is the Social Security Administration. These rules and regulations necessarily must be designed for the whole rather than for specific cases. Every effort, however, is made to help all persons. Yet there are times when a conflict arises over application or interpretation of a rule.

Interpretation Questioned

In this particular case, I was told, the individual concerned, who was not identified, felt that an interpretation was incorrect. A letter was sent directly to President Kennedy. Through channels, and in surprisingly few days, the complaint of this Douglas County individual, addressed to the nation's Chief Executive, came back to the two field representatives with a request for a complete investigation and report.

This one person's complaint, sent to a President deeply involved with world affairs, requires the attention of one of this country's largest governmental organizations. Furthermore, a full report must go back to the President himself.

Where else in the world would a busy government, vitally attentive to such critical subjects as foreign relations, national economy, defense, domestic issues, etc., give any time or attention to the problem of one elderly person seeking to obtain what he believes to be his personal rights?

Democracy Applied

What a perfect lesson in the application of democracy!

Does anyone believe such a thing could happen in a country ruled by communism or under a dictatorship?

Such an experience as this little incident reveals makes us glad that we live in a country such as ours.

TO CHARGE FEES

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) will begin charging from $2 to $100 to anyone applying for a license to operate a radio or television station.

The FCC said recently that the fees, which go into effect Jan. 1, 1964, were set "in fairness to the general taxpayer."

In Days Gone By

Taken from the files of The News-Review

40 YEARS AGO
May 14, 1923

Traffic Officer Thurber reported a busy day Sunday and on his territory between Myrtle Creek and Green he stopped 17 speeders. The majority of those who were exceeding the speed limit of 30 miles per hour were California tourists who were unaware of the Oregon law.

The motor cycle hill climb staged by the Roseburg Motorcycle Club created a great deal of interest in this city yesterday. The time record in climbing Mount Nebo was lowered from 40 seconds to 27 seconds.

25 YEARS AGO
May 14, 1938

Mexico formally severed diplomatic relations with Great Britain today in protest against Britain's brusque demands for payment of past civil war damage claims.

Yoncalla High School won the North Douglas County baseball title by defeating Sutherlin, 13 to 6, in a game Thursday at Sutherlin.

10 YEARS AGO
May 14, 1953

Hod Turner, who is retiring from a 27-year coaching career at Roseburg High and junior high schools, was lauded heartily at a banquet given in his honor at the Fullerton gym.

A front page picture showed a crew of men laying water pipe over Lookingglass Creek on Highway 42 which was the final link in a mile-long project to carry water to the new Douglas High School.

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