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DO THE YOUTH TAKE TOO MANY CHANCES?

Without doubt there are numbers of young drivers who can think faster, drive faster and handle a car better than the average mature adult, yet the fact remains that the youthful drivers have not made a very impressive record in 1946 and we base our observation on the fatal accidents which have occurred in this county. If our memory serves us right, the youthful drivers have been involved in at least sixty-five per cent of the wrecks which have occurred. Of the eighty young people killed in the head-on collision near Junction City Saturday night, the oldest if we may accept the reports was 22. He was the driver.

Another car accident near here was charged up to a youthful driver and too much speed. Perhaps the fault does not always lie with the youthful and probably the inexperienced driver, but the fact that so many are involved makes a bad mark against him.

If traffic accidents grow much worse, an increasing number of car drivers will be involved sooner or later. Where ever the fault lays the fact won't bring back the lives lost nor put together the wrecked cars.

Perhaps in the course of a few years we will be pinning medals on car drivers, who we will say have driven a car for forty years without a serious accident. Their numbers will be so few that they will be classed as a rarity.

ONE OUT OF NINE

Some years back while glancing through some statistics we noted that there was one out of every ten individuals in the United States on the federal pay roll. And recently we noted that the percentage had increased to one out of nine. This count we were told was exclusive of those drawing subsidies or receiving social security benefits, etc. The latter class would count as an occasional benefit and not a regular benefit for if we counted both the occasional and regular, the percentage would be much higher. The average individual isn't particularly interested in these statistics except possibly at income tax paying time, which isn't very long off now.

Perhaps you remember reading or will read that the Spruce corporation, a war baby of the first world war was recently dissolved, although it had not had a function in over twenty-five years, except that there were a few officials on the public pay roll. We still have with us a lot of the depression born alphabetical agencies that are still grinding on. When once a bureau is created it's next to impossible to kill it off, but that's something the bureaucrats soft pedal when they talk about more abundant living as Henry Wallace used to when he was a member of the cabinet.

I AM CONTENT

The longer I live the more my mind dwells upon the beauty and wonder of the world.

I have loved the feel of the grass under my feet, and the sound of the running streams by my side. The hum of the wind in the tree-tops has always been good music to me, and the face of the fields has often comforted me more than the faces of men.

I am in love with this world; by my constitution I have nestled lovingly in it. It has been home. It has been my point of outlook into the universe. I have not bruised myself against it, nor tried to use it ignobly.

I have tilled its soil, I have gathered its harvests, I have waited upon its seasons, and always have I reaped what I have sown.

While I delved I did not lose sight of the sky overhead. While I gathered its bread and meat for my body, I did not neglect to gather its bread and meat for my soul.

I have climbed its mountains, roamed its forests, sailed its waters, crossed its deserts, felt the sting of its frosts, the oppression of its heats, the drench of its rains, the fury of its winds, and always have beauty and joy waited upon my goings and comings. —John Burroughs.

WHOSE TAIL IS BURNING?

The Saturday Evening Post recently ran an article on turkeys. To illustrate the birds' stupidity, the author cites instances where they roosted on lighted flares, thus slowly roasting themselves alive, and apparently didn't know whose tail was burning.

The magnitude of the fire loss in this country makes the American people seem alarmingly like the turkeys. Fire is under and around them—but they don't seem to know it.

Some facts issued by the National Board of Fire Underwriters, which is conducting the most aggressive campaign in its long history to make America conscious of the fire menace, tell part of the story. One out of every hundred homes is destroyed or damaged by fire each year. Every day, on the average, 110 stores burn. Fire strikes in 29,900 factories each year. The daily total of theater, hotel and restaurant fires runs to 78. It all adds up to a total loss which may exceed \$600,000,000 this year. If that doesn't impress you, maybe the fact that fire destroys between ten and eleven thousand lives annually, will.

A turkey could save itself by the simple expedient of hopping off the burning flare. The American people could prevent something like 90 per cent of all fires by almost equally simple expedients. Proper care with smoking materials, plus periodic inspections and repair of heating plants and electrical equipment, would alone effect a gigantic cut in the total loss.

Some people think of the depression as the good old days when there was only a shortage of money.

A woman's promise to be on time carries a lot of wait.—Reader's Digest.

Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year

from

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Bohemians Still Lead Cage League

The Bohemians topped the East Siders to remain at the top of the league while the City Center downed the North End Kids to remain undefeated. Team rosters are going through their final adjustment to even up the teams and some of the top teams are certain to be upset by some of the strengthened lower division teams.

Team standings:

Team	Won	Lost	%
Bohemians	3	0	1000
City Center	3	0	1000
Latham	2	1	667
East Siders	2	1	667
North End Kids	1	2	333
FFA	0	3	000
West Siders	0	3	000
London	0	3	000

BEAR CREEK

Mr. Ed Hemmelgarn, of Wapato, Washington, arrived late today to spend a few days of the holiday season with his brother, W. A. Hemmelgarn, Sr., at Rocky Point Farm on the Bear Creek road.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Goode and family, residents of the Bear Creek district east of Creswell, are planning on selling their farm in the Bear Creek section and moving to South America, where they hope to locate in British Guiana.

THOUGHTLET'S

By Earl B. Balch

Baukhage, the American Broadcasting Company commentator, recently made this remark: "Man moves in nefarious ways his blunders to perform."

It is a healthy sign that in this country, the average citizen is not aware and does not care, that the Duke and Duchess of Windsor are now living in New York City.

At long last, the Foreign Ministers Council has definitely agreed on the peace treaties for the German satellite nations, with the definite date of February 10 as the date for the signing of these treaties. It seems like progress toward permanent peace has been slow and painful, but it has reached one permanent step. However, we feel that the slowness and carefulness of the Big Four proceedings attest to its thoroughness.

The health department of the city of Eugene is doing commendable piece of work in its campaign for the destruction of rats, but the city does not seem to be over-working itself against the depredations of John Barlycorn.

Some acts of human nature are lower than animal nature.

It now develops that disclosures appearing in Senate investigation of Senator Theodore Bilbo, of Mississippi, reveals that the Senator is a greater evildoer than his most ardent enemies ever dreamed he was.

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