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TRAFFIC SAFETY SHOULD APPLY TO US TOO

The death toll from highway accidents continues to grow and most of us agree that something should be done about the situation. But when some one suggests a traffic code and rules and regulations we think they are terrible if they affect us directly. When the highway department constructed a four lane highway leading out from Eugene to the Springfield Junction not long ago there was a rush to locate a business along the highway as if the highway should serve as a main street. When the highway department barricaded the front of one new business establishment, a mighty howl went up. The Portland-Oregon City four lane highway completed several years ago, was obsolete even before it was completed because the highway department gave access to the right of way, and in our own case we are told that the highway will eventually bypass Cottage Grove for the reason that the strip completed here in 1940 will be eventually abandoned for the same reason.

We don't hold any brief for the manner in which the highway department has served this section and perhaps it has been dictatorial in several matters, but if we are to have less accidents we must have safer highways, which means that the highways can't serve as a main street thru any city or town, not even excepting Eugene.

We understand there are petitions out to abolish the one way street recently established on Whitaker avenue from 5th to 9th street. It's an easy matter to get signers to any petition, but why the one way street should be abolished is more than we can see. There were more accidents on this one street than any other street in town and if you don't believe this just do a little investigating at the police station for a few years back. So far as we know there has not been an accident on this street since it was made into a one way. One other solution would be to widen this street by taking out the curbs, but this can't be done as long as a utility maintains its present right of way along the curb on this street. Just why the utility company was permitted a right of way along this street is another mystery we can't solve. We assume that petitions will be in order to do away with the no parking signs on the east side of South Sixth street, notwithstanding there have been several bad accidents on this narrow street, which also serves as a highway.

As long as we buck traffic regulations from a selfish standpoint we can't cut the traffic deaths. Expressions of sympathy won't bring the dead back to life.

WE CAN SHOW BY EXAMPLE

Viewed from the historical perspective, American leadership of the democratic forces of the world has come with unprecedented suddenness. It took England centuries to reach a comparable pinnacle of power and prestige which found its climax in the Victorian era. The same thing was true of France in her great days. Now, only a few years after our established policy of isolation was abandoned, all the Western powers are looking to us as blueprint for the future.

We have assumed this leadership at a time when some of the most difficult and dangerous issues the nations have ever known are coming to a head. And the fate of the world depends to a greater degree than most of us realize on the wisdom of the American people and their government.

Many may still believe that our obligation can be discharged entirely through economic relief, military support, and other purely material factors. That attitude could be a sure road to disaster. Material things will gain nothing unless they are backed up by an example that will help to reestablish ethical and spiritual values in the Western world.

Most of the troubles of the world, from economic depression to war itself, can be traced back to a single cause. That cause is Statism—the idea that the people exist for the government, instead of the government existing for the people. That has been the philosophy of every dictatorship from Mussolini's to Hitler's to Franco's to Stalin's. It has led to the planned terrorization of whole peoples, and to a complete degradation of every ideal of freedom and the dignity of man. It has even made alarming progress in England, where socialism is gradually following the same old course that has led to oppression in a dozen countries, and we are beginning to feel the bite of it in the United States through the continued expansion of government authority.

AT LEAST WE KNOW

One thing that has come out of the agitation for the county management, even though we may not agree with the plan, is the fact that South Lane county has had only four county commissioners since 1892. This fact is brought out by the pro-county management newspaper, the Eugene Register Guard. That fact that we have had no more representation in the county government at Eugene is probably largely our own fault and has been a matter of indifference. A diffident attitude is the worst thing to overcome in trying to arouse public sentiment and it's probably the reason our various forms of government are no more efficient.

The fact that this community, as large as many county seats over the United States, has had little or no voice in the management of county affairs is a prime reason in supporting a man from this section. Voters have that opportunity in the coming primary in supporting O. M. Patten, candidate for county commissioner. If we are to get anywhere we are going to have to place the interest of South Lane county above petty jealousies.

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Letters to the Editor

WHO SAID WHAT?

To the Editor:
The Chinese are given the credit for a proverb which says, in effect, "If defeat is inevitable, relax and enjoy it."

But who can tell when defeat is inevitable? Some of the greatest victories have been achieved when defeat seemed inevitable. Whenever I hear a new philosophy, I like to know the source of it and what effect it has had on the element from which it originated. Take, for instance, the Chinese philosophies. Some of them sound exceedingly plausible; but what effect have the Chinese philosophies had on the Chinese people? Look at China as a nation and answer that one yourself.

By and large, the philosophies which come out of the United States should be the most impressive in the world; for the reason that the United States is undoubtedly the most impressive nation in the world and is a fine example of what a nation should be. Of course there is plenty of room for improvement in the behavior of the United States as a nation, and of its people as individuals. But the good old U.S.A. and its people are putting on the most decent performance of any nation and of any people.

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Glancing Backward

From the files of the twice a week Sentinel, April 12, 1928

Repair of the Cottage Grove-Lorane highway, badly cut up during the winter, has been started under the supervision of Ed Tullar.

Helen Rodolf, featured as a toe dancer in the Capital Stock Co., is a former Cottage Grove girl and appeared here frequently as a dancer during the time this was her home.

Thirty-five members of the Eugene Motorcycle club was here Sunday for a picnic at Sharp's creek.

A recent issue of the official list of open and free pay railroad station includes a supply point at Latham on the O.P.&E. called Amco spur, a contraction of the name of Anderson and Middleton Lumber Co.

Misses Bernice Thorn and Betty Taylor of London had a narrow escape from serious injury last Thursday night when their car collided with a cow. The girls escaped unhurt.

Work has been started by the county on the new Wildwood bridge, near the railroad bridge at that point.

"Millions of Model T Fords are still in active service," from an ad by the Ford Motor Co.

From the Sentinel, April 14, 1938

Irish-McBroom, new owners of the meat department of Irish-Swartz store have announced a formal opening of their remodeled market, Saturday of this week.

The American Red Cross is sponsoring a first aid class, the first session will start Thursday night, April 21st.

Twenty girls from the west side junior high school, music students of James Lewis were guests of the Lions club Thursday noon.

Harold Dugan of San Francisco visited Tuesday at the John Dugan home.

Members of the Rainbow girls held their annual spring formal, Thursday the 7th.

Cecil Beck left for Portland Thursday where he will spend several days at a trade convention of Northwest bakers.

Army engineers urge congress to adopt the Willamette Valley flood control project at an estimated cost of \$62,000,000.

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Questions About City Government

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Ans. The amount of money set aside in the previous budget is entirely inadequate and the city has never purchased any adequate equipment. At the present time plans are being made for new and better equipment.

(4). Why doesn't the fire department know how to handle its equipment?

Ans. There are 12 voluntary fire men who are going through a 78 hour training course in fire prevention and fire fighting sponsored by the State Department of Vocational Education. The city now has two full time firemen and a new well trained and experienced fire chief has just been appointed who will undoubtedly develop a much more efficient department.

(5). Why employ outsiders in city departments?

Ans. Employees are employed in accordance with their qualifications for the work. If it is not possible to obtain a person with the required qualifications within the city it is the city manager's place to obtain outside personnel.

(6). Is the city manager system too costly to the tax payers?

Ans. The former system was so inefficient that it resulted in a general break down in the city government. The city is now in the position of having to operate at a much higher cost in order to correct the defects of the old system that have accumulated in past years.

(7). The public is not well informed on the city manager system.

Ans. The present city administration has published 62 pages of newspaper material informing the public concerning city affairs. The lack of information would seem to be more a lack of interest on the part of the reading public.

(8). Why can't the street lights be fixed?

Ans. Street lights will be furnished as soon as the 1 1/2 inch galvanized steel conduit on order has been received. We can patch them and keep repairing them as in the past and waste thousands of dollars of the taxpayers' money, but we are going to wait until we receive the material so we can do the job right.

(9). Is it true that the Chief of Police is the brother-in-law of Manager Heinz?

Ans. The city manager denies any relationship and invites those who make this charge to prove it.

Sec. 10 of the Charter Amendment creating the council-manager form of government states: "No person related to the Manager by consanguinity or affinity within the third degree shall hold any appointive office or employment with the city."

(10). Is it true that the city manager has a contract with the city so that the city can not fire him?

Ans. Section 8 of the Charter amendment provides that the city manager may be removed with or without cause at any time by the common council.

THOUGHTLETS

By Earl B. Balch

Whether we like it or not, the doctrine of Communism as taught by the Soviet system of government, has never reached such strength throughout the world as today.

An overseas radio commentator recently made this significant statement. "The poor in rationed England are better fed than the poor in any other European country."

It seems to us that the military are working overtime to secure favorable action by congress on universal military training. The department of the armed forces placed before our legislative body a measure that included both selective service and universal military training in one bill. The proper committee in the House of Representatives has wisely separated the two plans.

Regardless of the possible partisan repercussions, the nation owes a vote of thanks to Speaker of the House, Joseph Martin, for causing a speedy termination of the coal strike.

Evidence is piling up that the recent insurrection in Colombia was not the ordinary pinhead Latin American revolution, but a carefully planned effort to discredit the United States at the Bogota conference. But this nation will not be intimidated.

Titled American born peeresses of England do not always talk sensibly. Lady Astor suggests that the British government should grant peerages to rich Americans. This all sounds very silly to the average American.

THE PASSING OF A GOOD NEIGHBOR

It was a shock to learn of the passing of Ernest W. Armes, of 715 Lincoln Street, Eugene, recently. He and his family lived many happy years in Cottage Grove, moving here from Woodburn in 1908. He leaves a wife, Nora, and three sons, Norval of Walla Walla, Lloyd and Cecil of Eugene, and six grandchildren.

Services were at Simon Mortuary with interment in Cottage Grove cemetery family lot. Mrs. Armes' people, the Richmonds, were at one time all residents of Cottage Grove. Mrs. Della Richmond, sister of Nelson Durham, now in California, is a sister-in-law. Mrs. Griswold is now in Eugene and Eva Richmond, the youngest member of the family is now teaching music at a Wooster, Ohio college.

Mr. Armes began work in 1918 with the freight department of the Southern Pacific Depot here, working for many years, was later transferred to Eugene depot. At the time of his death he had just completed 30 years with the railroad and was ready for retirement.—Belle Burkholder.

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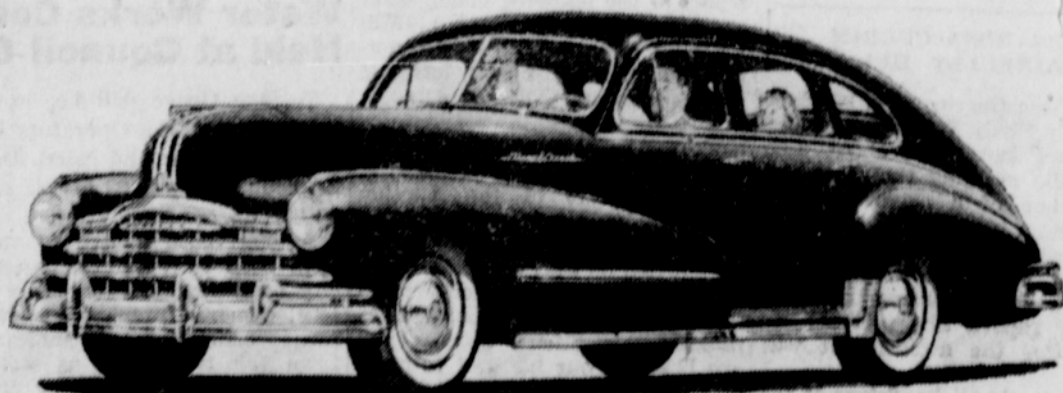
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