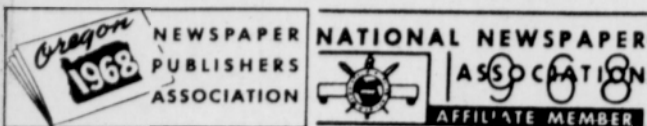


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Why Do They 'Fail TO Obey'

His car is in good shape. He is not a "road hog", a "squirrel", a speeder. He is not a drunk. He is one of the "good guys". . . like you and me. But his thoughts must be running like this:

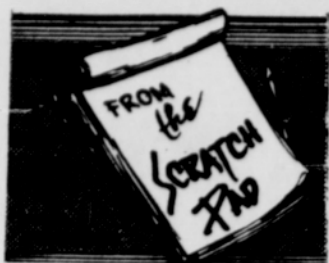
"Driving conditions that night were ideal. . . no rain or fog, visibility good. As I drove along the county road approaching the state highway intersection, I saw the blinking red light that called for a stop. My speed was moderate; the road surface dry. I know I could stop. . . knew I SHOULD stop. But I DIDN'T STOP. . . just slowed down! I asked myself, 'Why didn't I stop? And I tell myself, 'I suppose I'll never really know. I almost stopped. I DON'T KNOW why I just slowed down. I DO know that one young man is dead and his kid brother is in a hospital with a broken leg. It happened because I DID NOT STOP!"

Bad dream? No, a real happening. . . on a typical road on a typical night in a typical county in Oregon.

With you, staff members of the Oregon Traffic Safety Commission heard the radio reports and read the newspaper accounts of the accident. . . motorcycle carrying two youths struck a car at a rural intersection. . . both cyclists wearing protective headgear. . . driver of the car charged by deputies with failure to stop at a stop sign."

With you, the Commission is wondering what can be done about this kind of carnage. Highway engineers are receiving well-earned awards for building safer roads and freeways; auto manufacturers have spent millions on safety research with commendable result; motorists are buckling up their seat belts and shoulder harnesses and attending Defensive Driving classes. . . to mention only a few of the active traffic safety measures. We have stiff penalties for drunken drivers.

The laws of the land deal harshly, and often effectively, with the "bad guys" on our highways. What in the world are we going to do about the "good guys" who "fail to obey?"



Last Saturday bride and I and the young'uns joined the nature-lovers and hit for the tall timber for a week of camping and commuting from Butler Bar. . . about 19 miles up the Elk River. And needless to say, that's far enough up-river to insure plenty of heat and very little wind. . . which is why we chose the spot.

In case you've never camped at Butler, let me assure you that, despite the drive, the facilities make camping pretty comfortable. . . things like well-cared for restrooms, piped water, tables and fireplaces. In fact, the only thing we've found to complain about are the evening visits by the mosquitoes. . . and they're not even too bad.

I figure that by the time we break camp. . . if we don't decide to stay longer. . . we'll have driven more than 400 miles just to enjoy a week of camping—without leaving northern Curry county.

And because of the commuting. . . and what not. . . I'm going to pull a sneaky and conclude "the Pad" with a message from FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover which contains some food for thought.

"America is NOT a sick society. Let us stop condemning our whole populace for the sins of a few. Let us stop this nonsense of self-reproach and self-ridicule and throw off the guilt complex which threatens to envelop our country. When we face adversities and tragedies, let us do so with resolute confidence, avoid panic, and reserve judgment until all the facts are known."

"Historically, Americans are doers, not worriers. No country has ever done, or is doing, more for its own underprivileged cit-

izens and for the unfortunate people of the world than the United States. Our record speaks for itself. We have no reason to be ashamed; indeed, we have much to be proud of. This is not to say that our society is infallible and has no problems. We do make mistakes, and we do have many great problems. But they are not insurmountable if we do not despair.

"Some of our difficulty today arises from the fact that too much attention is given to various dissident elements which have a lot of noisy energy but little purpose. Many of them are complaining about conditions which they helped to create. Now, they want our whole society to plead guilty to mass ineptness. This is ridiculous."

"A noted columnist, commenting recently on the guilt complex sweeping our country, said, 'I am tired of the hangdog American. . . a guy who lives in the greatest country on earth and feels he has to apologize for his own existence. . . The hangdog American is in danger of losing the fierce independence and self-pride of his pioneering ancestors. He is not only capitulating to his carping critics—he is becoming his own worst critic by doubting or distrusting his own obvious virtues: courage, ingenuity, loyalty, generosity, idealism. That is the worst thing that can happen to any man—to lose faith in himself.'"

"To me, this makes sense. Courage, ability, and pride are hallmarks of success in any endeavor. A defeatist attitude is seldom associated with a winner or a leader. America is a world leader in the cause of justice, liberty, and the dignity of man. We have no reason to act or think as losers or second-rate

citizens. "It is time for Americans to shed their apologetic demeanor and stop belittling themselves. The hard-working, tax-paying, law-abiding people of this country are responsible for its growth and development. They provide the strength and resources which move our country forward. They aspire to the goals, principles, and ideals which are meaningful to all people. It is wrong to malign and accuse this vast group every time a crisis develops."

"No, our society is NOT sick. But, I suggest we check the pulse of the self-styled diagnosticians who see a social malady from every soapbox."

Group Seek Litter Curb

Governor McCall's Committee for a Livable Oregon has called for Oregonians to help prevent littering of recreation and scenic areas, rivers and highways of the state during the months of increasing outdoor activity. It also urged a permanently, privately-financed organization be formed to undertake programs attacking problems of public conduct in the use of the outdoors. The committee chairman, J. Herbert Stone, reported the committee commended the Izak Walton League and the federal Bureau of Land Management for anti-littering programs and also commended other public groups and private citizens for similar efforts. "Parents were urged to in-

struct their youngsters of the criminal status of vandalism in the public domain, which has become a critical situation in heavily-used areas, and to stop throwing away soft drink containers and plastic and metallic materials that resist disintegration when exposed to the elements," Stone added.

"Littering of our scenic areas is a deplorable abuse of our natural environment and the livability of Oregon," the committee's resolution stated.

Sustance May Not Be Glass

If you find a substance in your canned seafood that has a glass-like appearance don't discard the seafood until you have checked it carefully, for it probably is not glass. There is strong possibility it is

a substance called struvite, which to the chemist is known as crystalline magnesium ammonium phosphate, says Kenneth Carl, chief of the dairy and consumer services division of the Oregon Department of Agriculture.

Carl explained the presence of this material in some canned seafoods after receiving a complaint from a consumer that she had found glass in a can of shrimp.

Struvite on occasion forms in seafood from normally present constituents in the seafood but does not affect the safety of the contents of the can, Carl said. He further noted that most seafood packers now use a chemical additive that prevents this substance from forming.

There is a simple test any housewife can use to determine whether it is glass or struvite she has found in her seafood. It is done by merely dropping the material into warm vinegar

where it will dissolve if it is struvite.

Leon Trotsky's real name was Lev Davidovich Bronstein.

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Rest Home Ground Breaking Ceremony Set

Ground breaking ceremonies for Brookings new \$382,500 rest home will be held Sunday, Aug. 11, at 2 p.m. at the site located above and in back of the U.S. National bank, officials announced last week.

Members of the Good Samaritan Society of Sioux Falls, S.D., met with Brookings banking officials to work out the financial details.

Ray Brown, president of

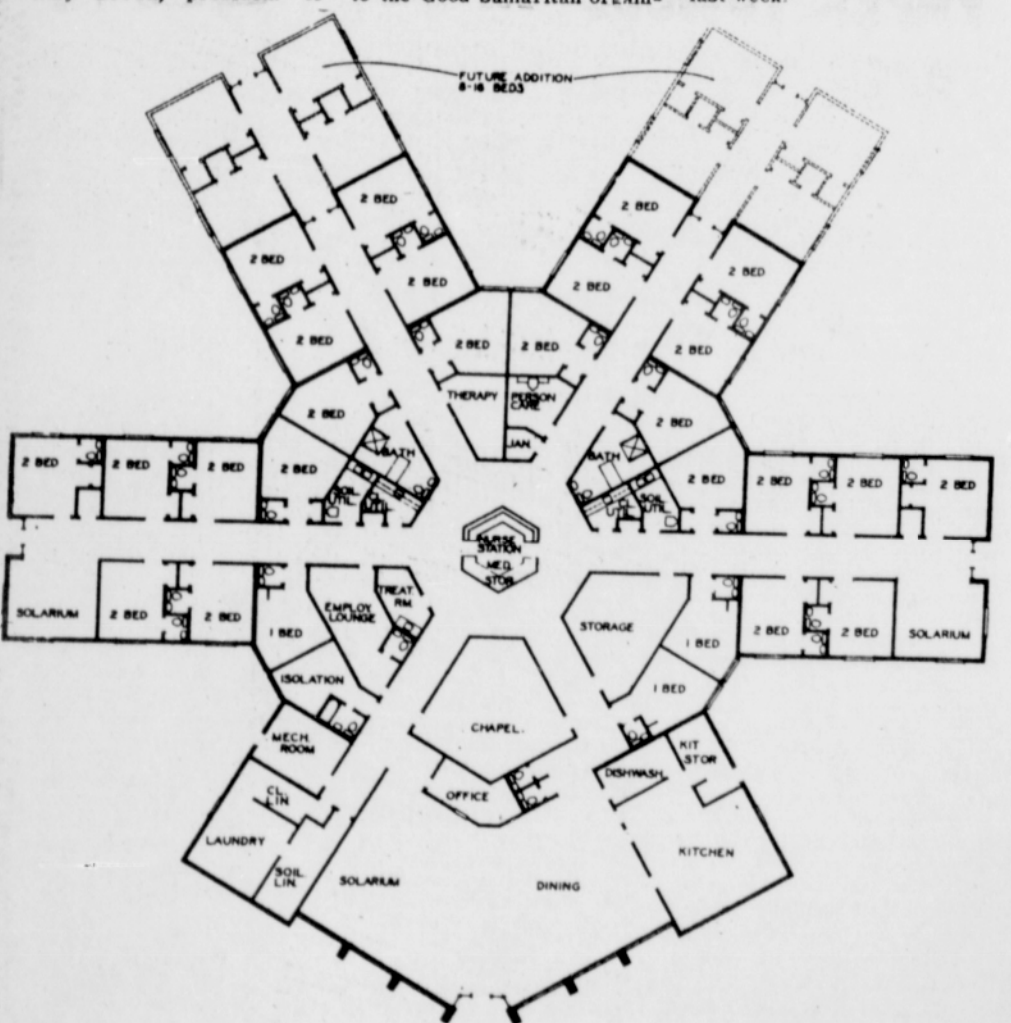
Nursing Home Builders; Les Kleebe, rest home design engineer; and Ray Conlon, regional director for Good Samaritan, talked for more than an hour with Brookings businessmen responsible for spearheading the drive to raise \$90,000 to assure the Society's participation in the venture.

The 68-bed unit, which will be built on a five-acre site given to the Good Samaritan organi-

zation by Elmer Bankus, will be operated by the society at no expense to the taxpayers.

Brown, who will supervise the construction of the rest home, said local contractors will be given an opportunity to bid on the structure "within a week or 10 days" after the ground breaking ceremonies.

The final grading work on the site was being completed last week.



New plan, a slight revision from one submitted earlier, shows general outline of new Brookings Rest home. Plan has provisions for 16 additional beds. Formal dedication of new rest home facilities is scheduled for Aug. 11.

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