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KEEP YOUR MIND ON THE ROAD—

Now comes a woman judge to take some of the joy out of life by declaring that "looking at a pretty girl" is one of the innumerable causes of distractions from the business of driving an automobile which she contends are responsible for 75 percent of all automobile accidents. Strangely, the woman judge doesn't comment on whether or not a woman driver giving a second look at a handsome man along the street might also be one of the causes of such distractions.

Seriously, there is plenty of sagacity in the observations of Geraldine F. Macelwane, municipal court judge in Toledo, Ohio. She hears from 80 to 120 traffic violation cases per day. She heard a total of 7,300 traffic cases in 1953, which certainly qualifies her as an expert on behind the steering wheel behavior of the average American automobile driver.

Window shopping, settling squabbles among children in the back seat, head-swiveling conversation with passengers and lighting a cigarette are a few of the other principal types of distractions which Judge Macelwane says contribute to the great number of motor vehicle accidents each day.

The point, of course, is that each driver must learn to overcome or prevent distracting influences while driving. It may be difficult, but a man can overcome the habit of ogling a pretty girl (or a woman that of giving a flirtatious glance to a handsome man), and one can learn to light a cigarette without taking eyes off the road or mind off the driving. One can carry on a conversation and still give attention to the business of driving. It may be necessary—and certainly wise—to stop the car to discipline the youngsters in the back seat. Chances are a better and more convincing job of disciplining will be done, too. And when it comes to window shopping, who can read the price tags from a car in motion down the middle of the street, and what fun is there in window shopping if you can't find out what the items cost?

The person behind the wheel of an automobile has one first responsibility to himself, his passengers and his fellow citizens. That is to keep his eyes on the road and his mind on his driving. To all other things he must be deaf, dumb and blind. It's a rugged assignment, but statistics encouragingly indicate that more and more drivers are learning to accomplish it every day.

BIGGER—OR BETTER?

Few are the communities so fortunately situated that they do not have to spend so much of their time and energy on figuring out ways and means to increase their size that they have little, if any, resources left with which to make effective efforts for the betterment of the community. Such improvements as may be made come along out of sheer necessity, rather than from the inspired zeal of groups and individuals concerned with making their home community a better place in which to live.

Happily, ours is one of those which is destined to grow. It has grown amazingly in the last decade and every study, every survey, every trend, every statistic available points to continued steady growth to come for as many years as anyone is willing to attempt to forecast.

That should leave plenty of time for all of us to devote to study of life and living in our community, of what it has to make life good and what it lacks to make living better, pleasanter, happier. It should leave time and energy, too to do something about the findings of these studies.

Up at Castle Rock, Washington, a city of only 1,200 population, some amazing things have been done and are being done as a result of a community aroused by self-study to its own improvement. That study was carried on at weekly meetings for a period of 9 months. Seems beyond belief, but an average of 112 persons attended each of those sessions and more than 500, nearly 50 percent of the total population, participated in at least part of them and worked at making surveys and compiling reports.

Some of the accomplishments were not momentous in nature, but they were important to the betterment of that community. Some of them were of major importance and had a highly salutary effect not only upon the quality of life in the community

but on retail sales and the general economic health of the city.

Since our community is destined to grow, whether we like it or not, doesn't it seem advisable that we inaugurate some program that has for its purpose the betterment of our community, the integration of its increased population to the best possible advantage. We think it does.

More than that, we are convinced that if we build a better, finer community in all areas of living, our growth and our economic welfare will be enhanced automatically.

NEW FILBERT MEASURES—

Filbert nuts growers of the Northwest have been fighting an uphill battle for several years to find sufficient markets for their product plus the large volume of filberts imported into this country each year. There are a number of filbert growers in our own area who have been adversely affected by the tough conditions so it will be good news to them and to others to know that recent research by Oregon State College in the peeling of filberts appears to have developed a process which will open up new markets of considerable importance to these growers.

The new peeling process removes the skins by a chemical process using an alkaline solution, acid treatment and water spray. Tests have shown that it will give as high as 90 percent whole peeled filberts as compared to previous mechanical peeling methods 50 percent. The chemical process has another advantage in that the nuts do not have to be roasted before peeling as is the case in the mechanical process. This feature gives greater flexibility to the uses to which the nuts can be put and thus further expands the markets in which they may be sold.

Tests have proved that chemical peeling has no adverse effects on appearance or taste of the nuts. Further tests are under way to determine keeping qualities of chemically peeled filberts for various lengths of time.

Far greater use of filberts in ice cream, glazing, candy, cheese spreads and as a "butter" similar to peanut butter is envisioned as the new process is perfected for commercial use. Development of these markets will be one of the greatest boons to the filbert growing segment of our agriculture which it has enjoyed in many years. It will also be another demonstration of the fact that continuing research pays dividends in all types of endeavors, that it has as important a place in agriculture as it does in industry and distribution of products.

NATURAL GAS COMING—

The federal power commission has granted a certificate of convenience and necessity for construction and operation of a pipeline to bring natural gas from New Mexico to the Pacific Northwest. The decision may be appealed because it was opposed by a number of other groups which proposed to bring in natural gas from Canada. Whether it is appealed or not, the decision is important in the fact that it recognizes the need of this region for the heat and energy resources of natural gas to supplement our vast hydro-electric power potential.

More than usual importance may be attached to the decision since it was a unanimous one made by the commission over the recommendation of its examiners that all applications should be denied and that the need of the region did not warrant piping the gas in from great distances.

The outcome of the struggle for the right to provide the Northwest with natural gas is far from clear at this moment, although the Pacific Northwest Pipeline corporation is sitting in the golden chair for the present at least. If last week's decision is not upset through an appeal, that organization expects to start construction work in the very near future with a hope of delivering gas by the latter part of next year.

If, on the other hand, the decision should be upset or final disposal of the matter delayed, there is no getting around the fact that the commission has clearly and, we think, irrevocably recognized the need for natural gas in the Northwest and that it is bound to follow that it will be flowing to this area within a reasonable length of time. That should be a signal for development of numerous industrial plants that have been held in abeyance until a decision on need was made. That decision has been made. Natural gas is coming to the Pacific Northwest. The matter of how soon now is the only ponderable to be answered with finality.

Summer arrived officially on June 28, but we think we'll wait until the end of the week to be sure before we go to all the trouble of getting the backyard picnic table out of storage. We were fooled into getting out the lawn swing and chairs for a hot, sunny weekend early in May—and we haven't been able to sit in the things comfortably yet, so we're not going to let the weather trick us again. 'Course we aren't kicking. Especially when we read of temperatures in the 90s in New York, Washington, Chicago, Los Angeles and way points.

Parents Warned of Increased Traffic Hazards in Summer

More children are seriously injured in pedestrian mishaps during the summer than at any other time, Roger W. Budlong, safety director of the Oregon State Motor Association reminded parents of children of all ages this week. This is especially true between the hours of 4 and 8 P.M. during July and August, after safety habits learned in school are forgotten in the excitement of play.

Children are exposed during summer months to heavier traffic for longer periods of time than in the winter when they were in school for many hours or indoors on dark winter evenings, Mr. Budlong pointed out.

During the fall and winter children have the excellent protection of police, school safety patrols and adult crossing guards on their way to and from school, but in summer these youngsters are pretty much on their own, Mr. Budlong added.

The motor club safety director listed the following suggestions for parents which will help guard the children not only during the summer but all times of the year.

1. If you have a garage, use it. Don't park in front of your home. Children darting from behind parked cars on the street constitute a major cause of injury and even child fatalities.

2. You may be proud of your flowers, but encourage children to play in your yard. Their lives are more important than your choicest roses.

3. If there is a park or playground near you, teach your child the safest way to get there. If necessary, accompany him both ways.

4. If there is no playground, get together with other parents and devise a way to provide a communal play area. . . a vacant lot, perhaps. Often the city will cooperate with you.

5. Running errands is a popular but dangerous chore for small tots if they must cross busy thoroughfares to get there, especially for that pound of butter you need a half hour before dinner time—homecoming traffic is at its peak then.

6. The real tiny fellow inclined to wander, who does not respond to NO or even an old-fashioned spanking, is only safe when either watched constantly or when fenced in.

7. Always look behind your car before backing out of your driveway, even if you think the little ones are safely in the house. Many toddlers have been run over by their own parents who thought them safely out of the way.

Mr. Budlong says the police, in most communities, provide the same protection around play grounds in the summer that is provided around schools when they are open, but cautions parents not to rely too heavily on such protection unless city officials and police agree to it before-hand. Police should warn parents when their children are seen playing in the streets and parents should take steps to see that such dangerous form of play does not recur.

City officials and police want safe communities. They will often initiate playground projects and parents should encourage them.

Playgrounds at all times should be fenced in, Mr. Budlong said. No matter how large, it does not serve its purpose if children—who are unpredictable—dart into the street.

Miss Bertha Adkins to Be Speaker at County Republicans Meeting

Clackamas County Republicans will be host on Thurs., July 1, to Miss Bertha S. Adkins, assistant to the chairman of the Republican national committee and director of the women's activity program, Mrs. J. V. Robertson, county Republican central committee chairman, announced.

Now on a tour of western states, Miss Adkins will speak at a smorgasbord at the Clackamas county fair grounds pavilion in Canby at 7 p.m., July 1, after a brief stop in Oswego where party workers will greet her. Accompanying her to Clackamas county will be Mrs. Marshall Cornett of Klamath Falls, national committee woman for Oregon.

State officials, Republican nominees for national, state, and county offices, and Republican leaders from counties adjoining Clackamas are being invited to the dinner.

Winston Bradshaw, Clackamas county district attorney and president of the Clackamas county chapter, Oregon Republican club, will direct the ticket sale for the Canby event in Miss Adkins' honor.

Tickets may be obtained in Sandy from P. T. Shelley, Jay Miller, or Tom Seales.

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Boring Resident Dies At Son's Home June 24

Mrs. Mary E. Scott died June 24 at the home of her son at route 1, box 27A, Boring.

Mary Treadwell was born July 13, 1869 at Una, Arkansas. She married William Scott, who preceded her in death. She had lived in Russellville, Ark., until three years ago when she came to Boring to make her home with her son.

Remains were forwarded by Bateman Funeral Chapel to Russellville, Ark., for funeral services and interment.

She is survived by six sons: Robert of Boring; Isaac, McKinley, and John in Arkansas; Dallas and Sam of Pomeroy, Mo. A brother and a sister also survive in Arkansas.

Lighting Trouble Halts Scheduled Double-Header

Gresham and Sandy softball fans left the Gresham high school field in a disgruntled manner Monday night, but not because their teams had lost.

Play was halted during the first game of a scheduled double-header when the lights failed to turn on. Trouble had developed late last week, but Gresham high school officials failed to notify the league of the outage, and the lack of illumination came as a complete surprise to fans, players and league officials alike.

So one of the largest crowds in 2 years was disappointed on the best softball night of the year. League officials expressed regret at the inconvenience caused players and spectators, but promised an exciting double-header to night, Thursday. Sandy Oil meets Gil's Mobil in the opener, and Lewis Packing tests Redeemer Lutheran in the nightcap. Summit Lumber draws a bye for the night.

Monday, July 5, the league takes a holiday, but resumes play Thursday, July 8, with Lewis Packing vs. Sandy Oil and Gil's Mobil vs. Summit Lumber.

Lewis Packing, Gil's Mobil Tie for First Place

In games last Thursday, June 24, Lewis Packing downed Summit Lumber 10-6, while Sandy Oil dumped Redeemer Lutheran 20-4 in the 2nd tilt. This puts Gil's Mobil and Lewis Packing in a first-place tie with one victory each. Summit Lumber and Sandy Oil are tied for 3rd place with 1-1 records, and Redeemer Lutheran brings up the rear with 2 losses.

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