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Cub Scouts of Pack 248 worked long hours distributing the Goodwill bags on Nov. 2. They worked even longer hours last Saturday when they picked up the filled bags and loaded them on the Goodwill truck. Big brother Explorers from the Sandy Sportsman's Club sponsored Post 191 helped with the heavy loading, while Den Mothers Blanche Lundbom and Lois Harding, drove the cubs on their pick-up rounds. (Sandy Post photo)



Rain can make driving more risky than snow, a National Safety Council study has shown. The changes that occur during snow are apparent to most drivers, but the hazards of rain are not generally recognized as dangerous, and many drivers make no allowance for reduced visibility and traction.

Beyond Our Horizon

By Captain L.S. Hartman, former planning officer, staff of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

The Middle East defies any generalities; be they boundaries, racial characteristics, economics, political philosophy, or you name it. The oil fields of the Persian Gulf and the site of Suez Canal are probably the two most valuable pieces of real estate in all the world, yet the inhabitants of these two areas are appallingly poor.

Israel, with one of the poorest pieces of real estate is comparatively wealthy. The social sophistication of Lebanon and Israel contrast markedly with the slave markets deep in the Arabian Peninsula.

Boundary lines within the entire area are drawn on the basis of political interests. They simply make no sense economically. This hodge-podge of political units has been brought about by control and influence of foreign interest through many long centuries.

Among the countries that are currently influencing the pattern of the Middle East, Israel is perhaps the most unusual. Created after World War II to give the Jewish people a homeland, it has never been a self-supporting unit. Without foreign aid and private donations it would most certainly wither like an unwatered house

plant. While basically of the Jewish faith, the culture of its people is heterogeneous to say the least. Compatibility with their neighbors is also not one of the Israeli fortes.

Egypt, or the United Arab Republic, has become the dominant political power in the area. While President Nasser has alienated almost every major power in the world, including the United States, it must be said that he has steered a fairly straight course.

He effectively twisted the lion's tail when he nationalized the Suez Canal. With the help of United States and Russia he was rescued from an attack by the British and Israelis.

When we attached alignment strings to U.S. aid, he turned to the Russians for assistance in building the new Aswan Dam. Yet he has thwarted Russian attempts to impose communistic ideology throughout the Arabic world. That is quite a feat. The Egyptians, plagued by poverty, overpopulation and disease, apparently feel that they have at last a competent helmsman at the wheel.

The Shah of Iran has had so many problems in updating his own social order that he has stayed well clear of the area's political swamp. By obtaining support of the masses he has gradually subdued the vested interests, Mullahs and Landowners, and modernized the social order.

Saudi Arabia is now undergoing a face-lifting due to the restraint of Ibn Saud's political power by his brother. The future of Saudi Arabia will bear close scrutiny.

The one restraining influence within much of the Middle East is the lack of military hardware to wage effective war. Give anyone of them that power and there would surely be fireworks.

The Portland Traffic Safety Commission says failure to yield right of way is one of the leading causes of city traffic accidents. Anytime you can help avoid an accident situation, extend -- don't demand -- the right of way.

According to the Portland Traffic Safety Commission, more than half of the fatal accidents in urban areas last year occurred at speeds under 30 miles per hour. Seat belts could have saved many of the lives that were lost in these collisions.

Holiday Season Employment Up

The Oregon State Employment Service announced this week that orders are now being received for temporary help for the Christmas holiday season. Eldon Cone, director, said that indications at this time are for a record holiday season and that early buying trend is indicated.

Those seeking holiday season work should register with their nearest State Employment Service office. Some of the job openings occurring are for sales clerks, cashiers, gift wrappers and mail handlers.

Employers are urged to place their orders for holiday season workers at the earliest possible date to give the employment service a better opportunity to serve their needs, Cone said.

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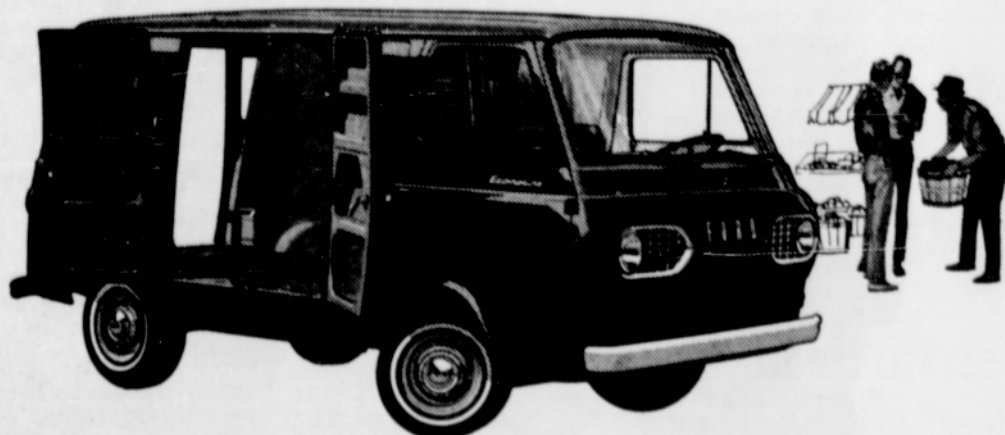
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