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Children and Streets

There is an increased traffic hazard on the streets of Salem, particularly so far as children are concerned, and it is time such hazard should be recognized and dealt with so far as is possible.

In at least two recent instances, young folk have been seriously injured. The toll should not be permitted to get worse.

The factors contributing to the condition are varied, but they add up to a very tangible evidence that children should be kept from stepping over the curb unless they are crossing streets at an intersection where the view is unobstructed. Playing in the streets, of course, always has been dangerous, and property owners more than ever should be encouraged to install sidewalks.

The current hazardous situation is due more than anything else to the growth of the city and its traffic. It is due also to beautiful corner hedges and foliage which city officials understandably are reluctant to criticize too severely but which reduce visibility at crossings. In some instances home gardeners could help minimize that sort of hazard themselves if they become cognizant of the dangers entailed.

But the prime factor apparently comprises the city's new one-way streets—for two reasons. One lies in the tendency of some motorists to avoid such streets and thus traverse others which had but little traffic heretofore and on which children seldom had to worry about passing cars. The other lies in the increased speed of traffic, encouraged by the habit-forming 30-mile speed needed to keep up with traffic signals and also by the mechanical improvements of modern automobiles which make it easy to attain a dangerous speed without the driver hardly being aware of it.

Whatever the reasons, there is no denying that Salem streets are not safe places for children and that every precaution on the part of both parents and motorists is essential if tragedy is to be prevented.

Voters Demand Raw Meat

Governor Warren hasn't made much of a splash in the presidential race. He has been altogether too mild for a public that is educated to wrestling matches. Taft has been taunting Eisenhower for not attacking Truman. Now reporters use the verbs "flay" and "lash" in reporting some of Ike's speeches though he has refrained from personal abuse.

Warren hit a true note in an address before the National Press Club in Washington when he said:

"Too little is being said about solving the problems of 155,000,000 people, and too much about personalities."

The California governor isn't afraid of social progress and is sure it can be had without resort to "socialism." His success in governing the second largest state in the Union is recognized, but he fails to attract national attention because he doesn't throw enough verbal bricks. The voters have been conditioned to look for raw meat and even Ike has to dish some of it out.

Senate Rejects Tuna Tariff

Two factors contributed to the defeat in the Senate of the House-passed bill to impose a three-cents-per-pound tariff on imports of tuna, fresh and frozen. One was the objection of big packers like Columbia River Packers Association.

who want to supplement their domestic supplies with tuna from foreign countries to keep their plants going. The other was the strong protest from or in behalf of Japan and Peru which want access to the American market. The State Department, interested to maintain a solvent economy in these countries, supported their position.

In the Senate fight Senator Cordon who rarely participates in floor debating, took a strong stand against the tariff on tuna. Morse also voted against the tariff measure.

American fishermen feel they have been "sold down the bay" by the State Department and the Senate. In a sense they were, for they were denied the protection which other business and producing interests have been able to get and hold. But we have to accept foreign goods if we are going to be able to export ourselves. The tuna fishermen are caught in the net of international trade.

The state traffic division says that the most dangerous drivers are the teen-agers, though they stretch that grouping to 24 years from age 15. This group were involved in 28,532 accidents last year with 126 of them resulting in fatalities. The age group 30-39 years were involved in 30,778 accidents, but only 101 resulted in deaths. The more youthful group probably has quicker nerve-muscle reactions, but they are inclined to take more risks and to drive at higher speeds. The thing to do is to get past age 24 as soon as possible, and then aim for 40.

The FBI must have a red face over its own blunder in the Owen Lattimore case—and the State Department too. On the unverified tip that Lattimore was planning a foreign trip FBI passed the report on to State and the latter, also without checking, notified consulates to withhold a passport from Lattimore. If some one had had the sense to call up Lattimore the fact that no trip was contemplated could have been learned. Fear of Joe McCarthy seems to have made the nerves of even the FBI jump.

Oscar Ewing, Federal Security Administrator, has come up with a plan for federal scholarships in college or university. There has been considerable talk of such assistance to help able but needy high school students to obtain advanced education. Ewing's name is so unpopular, however, that the program seems doomed from the start.

One of the "big three" brands of cigarettes is coming out king-size. That's 80 millimeters against 70 for the regulars. Since so many smokers merely take a few puffs and crumple the rest in the ash tray there ought to be a market for a 60 mm size.

Mrs. Michaud, convicted of her part in the big Redfield robbery in Reno, said her motive was revenge, claiming Redfield had done her wrong. She was putting a reverse on the old saying: The woman pays and pays...

A Portland woodworker who says he is a "part-time geologist" claims that Oregon City sits over a giant oil pool. On no better advice than that OC might as well sleep as sit.

The government now permits the manufacture of colored video—the ban created almost as much furor as colored oleo.

HEH, HEH! THAT'S WHAT THEY THINK!



Comes the Dawn

With the summer-time traffic fatality season upon us some enterprising person could make a killing operating self-service cemeteries. A string of these U-Dig plots could be set up, say, alongside major highways all over the state. Each customer who is sold a grave contract would be handed a new shovel, a flower holder and a sack of weed killer. He would then be permitted to come out to his plot on week-ends and holidays or nights after work and dig his own hole.

A nice touch on the part of the management would be to provide separate lockers for U-Diggers—where they could keep their shovels and work gloves, much like favored customers have special cue racks in poolrooms. A smart manager, of course, would charge more for plots located on softer ground than for those in rocky soil, on slopes or in brushy areas.

An ad for these self-service burial grounds might run like this: "Do you habitually drive over 80? Do you stand in the bath tub while turning on the light? Are you ever a passenger while your wife is driving? Do you ever try to walk across South Commercial Street at Ferry during the 5 p.m. rush period? In short are you in constant danger of losing your life? Remember, the government does not replace lost lives! If you feel the end is inevitable one of these days, then try our new, thrifty, self-service cemetery plan. Use your spare time to dig your own grave in the setting of your own choosing. Single plots or large economy family-sized plots."

Best time to run these ads, probably would be just prior to those three-day holiday weekends—when lots of lives are lost annually through drownings, auto accidents, fires, getting lost, etc. Motorists who constantly court death on the highways might be persuaded to take out U-Dig contracts not only for themselves but for their families and friends. It might be something to fall back on when they all meet at a later date in the Great Beyond. Pedestrians and innocent bystanders could carry their membership cards with them at all times—saves a lot of fuss and bother. A booming business in U-Dig contracts might be promoted at the opening of deer-hunting season—lots of shot hunters could die happy as they fell, clutching their U-Dig cards.

A U-Dig manager, who was on the pall (so to speak) might even open junk yards near his U-Dig cemeteries. Here the smashed-up autos of deceased members could be sold as a sideline. And as U-Dig members are laid away in their last long home perhaps some part of the auto which caused their deaths, like the gas pedal, could be gilded and erected as a monument. Or something like that...

IT SEEMS TO ME

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religious beliefs. This he has summarized in an article in the July Rotarian, "A Time To Use Our Faith."

Instead of regarding science and religion as enemies, he considers them "the two great sister forces which have pulled and are pulling mankind onward and upward." The primary idea of religion centers around the word "ought" which implies one's duty, and it is science or intelligence which determines what is the line of conduct best for society. Millikan says: "To me, a purely materialistic philosophy is the height of unintelligence."

The supreme personal and individual opportunity for every person, in this scientist's view, is to do his utmost to promote the well-being of mankind, even to subordinating one's personal impulses and desires.

Quoting: "This necessarily involves faith in the existence of an ultimate God worth living for or, if need be, sacrificing, one's life for as our boys did in two world wars and are doing today in Korea. To me this attitude is the essence of the teachings of Jesus. This is a view also shared by Al-

fred W. Whitehead, unquestionably the foremost and most penetrating of modern philosophers, who says, 'Religion is world loyalty.'"

There will be many who will consider this statement of faith too narrow—or too broad. The important fact to remember, however, is that this great scientist turns to religion both for his inner support and for his life motivation.

Probably there always will be collisions between the assumptions of religious faiths and the inquiring skepticism of scientists. The goal of both is truth. The conflict lies in their differing approaches. Dr. Millikan offers the example of a most able scientist who has not let his absorption in the mysteries of matter confound him in the development of a working faith.

Coast Highway Crash Fatal

NEWPORT, Ore. (AP)—An automobile skidded off wet pavement south of here Friday and threw one Calif. woman to her death, injuring another.

Mrs. Teta Mettler of Van Nuys was the woman fatally injured. Myrtle Esther Bolick of North Hollywood was seriously hurt. She is in the Toledo Hospital, Sgt. Duke Muirkey of the state police said they tried to pass a lumber truck in the rain, went off the Coast Highway and crashed into an embankment.

U.S. Spending Said Bigger Than It Looks

WASHINGTON (AP)—Investigating Senators reported Saturday the government's spending program in the new fiscal year starting Tuesday could be twice as big as it looks.

The Senate-House committee on reduction of non-essential government expenditures reported federal agencies will start the year with a king sized nest egg of 91 billion, 100 million of unspent balances.

This sum, added to the billions Congress now is appropriating for the next year's operations "will provide total available expenditure authority in fiscal 1953 approaching 175,000 billion," the report said.

President Truman had outlined to Congress plans for a total spending program of 85 billion, 400 millions.

Sen. Byrd (D-Va), chairman of the committee and a vigorous critic of administration financial policies, said a tabulation showed a 91 billion, 300 millions carry-over, including 69 billion, 900 millions already committed for goods and services on order but not yet delivered, and about 21 billion, 300 millions left over from prior years which has not yet been committed and therefore is available for spending without further Congressional review.

The figures, he said, do not include sums in various government trust funds, but do include 4 billion, 325 millions in the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation's fund.

In May, 1952, the planet Mars came within 50 million miles of the earth.

The Safety Valve

ARE WE SATISFIED?

To the Editor:

In this day of rapid news transmission it should shame us who boast of our technical know-how to think of the cumbersome, costly and unsystematic procedures of state conventions and primaries; and the unsatisfactory results should alarm us into corrective attitudes.

Since most of the delegates to the party conventions expect some pecuniary advantages or appointment to some federal office, how can we expect a majority of them to hold the line for high moral purpose and proved efficiency? And how many of them are experts in the jobs they seek? Is it any wonder that costly mistakes in policy and method occur, and that our debts and taxes are endangering our position of world leadership?

If a majority of the electorate are satisfied with the present conglomeration of nominating methods, Uncle Sam's I-Q is dangerously low, and his educational system needs close scrutiny. If, by chance, some of the higher-up nominees have the right attitude toward efficiency and economy, and feel their obligation to forward American prestige, they should endorse the proposal to enact legislation creating national primaries, so that all voters can directly nominate their favorite party candidates.

And if such legislation requires a constitutional amendment, the sooner we have it the better for us and future generations, for communism thrives on the failures of democracies.

Joseph E. Torbet

Stock Market In Full-Grown Bullish Stage

NEW YORK (AP)—The stock market in 1952 suffered from acute economic fears and political misgivings, but at the halfway point the bull market bellowed its loudest in more than 22 years.

Fears arose from the war in Korea, from high taxes to pay for the war, from federal controls growing out of the war, from inflation that ran through the entire economy.

But these and other fears were more than offset by a long list of other factors.

Dividends Ahead

Foremost was the increase in dividend payments. In the final analysis the value of a stock depends on its dividend. In the first five months this year dividend payments were 6 per cent ahead of the comparable 1951 period, the Commerce Department reported. Corporations issuing public reports paid out nearly 2.7 billion dollars.

Profits in the first half weren't so good, but there is a firmly held belief that they will rise in the second half. And dividends are based on profits.

Railroads were the backbone of the advance in the stock market. Take the Associated Press average for a yardstick. The AP average of 60 stocks opened the year at \$98.80, hit a low of \$97.00 in the latter part of February, and Friday the average stood at \$106.80, the highest point it has reached since June 10, 1930.

Railroads Rise

The railroad component of that average advanced nearly \$18.00 in the first half while industrials rose less than \$3.00, and utilities put on only 90 cents.

That wasn't all. The great Williston oil boom in North Dakota and Wyoming sent such stocks as Northern Pacific railroad booming. The road owns or controls more than three million acres in the area.

Defense spending put a major prop under the stock market. First quarter profits showed the inroads of heavy taxes to pay the bill. But by mid-year the government resorted to deficit financing

to pay some of the cost with commercial banks called in to help for the first time since the war.

JOB FILLING

VIENNA (INS)—Czech nationalized hairdressers and barbers were recently ordered to dismiss all male apprentices and to hire only females instead. The dismissed apprentices will be given other jobs "more suitable for men," a government decree said.

GOLD SHINE

NEW YORK (INS)—If some of your gold articles—or gilded knickknacks—have lost their shine, there's a quick way of restoring glitter. Just take an onion and rub the article with onion juice. Let it dry thoroughly. Then polish it with a soft cloth, and it will shine like 14 karat.

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