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BEARING DOWN ON SPEEDERS.

UNCOMFORTABLE as the new war on speeders in Eugene may be to those who like to "step on it," the police will have the public with them in their campaign. The recent Estes case has been a reminder that tragedy can come in a flash. If an "ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," it certainly is in traffic accidents. Those who are "flogged down by the cops"—if guilty—should be the last to resent it. The prime cause of carelessness is thoughtlessness. Seconds saved are never worth the risk.

There will be public support also for the city council's plan to tighten up and clarify regulations on driving in the city. Traffic is an ever-changing problem. It requires continuous study and thought. Rules and methods need constant revision to meet changing circumstances.

As soon as possible, an additional traffic officer should be added to the Eugene police force. The traffic hazard is a twenty-four hour proposition. The present force is scarcely adequate for the routine patrolling which must be done at night. Additional help, particularly on the day side, can materially lessen the risks.

Though it will be difficult for the council to fix on any speed as "safe," it is possible to determine what speed is "reasonably safe"—for the average driver, with the average car and average brakes and safety equipment. It is possible to kill people even within these limits, but there is a point beyond which nobody is safe, no matter how good the driver may be or think he is. The traffic drive should be aimed at those who "take the chance."

Employment of civilian "plain clothes" deputies to aid the police in their crusade against speeding has some merit, but it also has some serious drawbacks. People resent any form of "secret police." If through the American Legion or any other agency volunteers can be found who are willing to cooperate in such work, the list of deputies should be published. Then there will be less danger of outcry against "snoops" and injustice. It should be possible to find plenty of level-headed, fair-minded persons who will be proud to assist in such work. They should be given detailed and carefully planned instructions and there should be definite limits on the scope of their work.

Eugene can be made safe! There is no sense in the common attitude of helplessness about traffic. Drivers require and should be given repeated warnings about risks. It requires a continuous campaign to offset the tendency to forget. Beyond that the remedy lies in relentless and impartial punishment of those who take a chance. The public attitude which transmits itself quickly to judges and juries and enforcement officers is the biggest factor in cutting down risks.

Let it be established that Eugene "bears down" on speeders and drunken drivers and smart alecks and safety habits will replace risk.

FAITH IN DEMOCRACY.

INSPIRING to all who heard it was the address of Oswald Garrison Villard to the graduating class at the University of Oregon. Mr. Villard has given his life to democracy. As the editor of The Nation for many years, he has been on the firing line in the fight to preserve liberal ideals. He has taken his full share of abuse and criticism. No man knows better than Mr. Villard the tantalizing indifference of the public, its fickleness, its follies, its tendency to forget ideals. Yet at the end of his long career, Mr. Villard has his faith.

Not less democracy but more of it, is his appeal to the recruits going out to the battles of the world. Not any form of dictatorship whatever its promises of comfort or prosperity, but intelligent, responsible citizenship is his idea of hope for the future. The citizen must be proud to be a citizen, willing to dare and to sacrifice for his ideals.

We do share Mr. Villard's great faith in some of the modern machinery of democracy. We question the unlimited extension of such devices as the initiative, the referendum and the recall because it is not always possible for people to vote intelligently on issues remote and involved. There is fundamental strength in the original American idea of the republic, government through representatives, trusted men. Where people fail in choosing men, they will fail in passing on issues. Not more voting but less voting might in many cases protect the democratic ideal.

But there can be no quarrel with Mr. Villard as to what is the American ideal. If the people forfeit control, either through direct voting or their elected men, democracy as we know it comes to an end. There is no "twilight zone" for government control of the people, by the people and for the people. This is the greatest issue of the day. Mr. Villard has often been blasted as a radical; he should be called a conservative. The only real radicals are those who have lost that faith in people which this staunch old warrior holds.

STABILITY IN EUGENE SCHOOLS

DEFECTION of Gilbert D. MacLaren and election of Mrs. W. S. Love (replacing Mrs. Warren D. Smith) to the Eugene school board means stability and measured progress in the schools here. There was no real contest this year, though Fred E. Smith, well known attorney, also offered his name to the voters. It was a friendly balloting on the names of good citizens and Mr. MacLaren and Mrs. Love got "the call."

In view of the financial burdens, which will hamper District No. 4 till the last of the bonds are paid off, in 1944, the schools are making as rapid strides as can be expected. Little can be done in the way of showy new buildings, but much is being done in the strengthening of teaching staff, improvement of school and home relations, adapting the work to the needs of all children and the community. Mr. MacLaren and Mrs. Love are ideal persons for school board service, calm, fair, genuinely interested in school problems.

The progress which has been made in Eugene school affairs under good leadership is not only gratifying but indicative of what we may expect

when new leadership takes up the complex problems in higher education.

Radio will be the controlling factor in the next war, says an expert. See if we weep if they march all the announcers straight to the front.

Pearl Buck's husband's former wife was on hand at Reno to wish 'em luck. That's what you call being civilized. We'll catch up with the savages yet.

Perhaps Congress could be induced to adjourn in the interests of a Safe and Sane Fourth.

WHAT OTHER EDITORS THINK

SHOWING DECEPTIVE

(Albany Democrat Herald)

ON the surface the favorable financial report of the Eugene public utility looks like a strong case for municipal ownership of power systems. But the report showing a profit in the face of reputedly low rates cannot be considered alone. In connection with it must be taken the fact that the Eugene utility serves only the city of Eugene.

The city has but one transmission line to maintain—the line between the town and the power plant at Leaburg, only 20 miles away. It has no intermediary trunk lines to build or keep up.

With a comparatively small investment in transmission line the Eugene utility serves a relatively large number of customers, all concentrated in a small area. Moreover, the utility pays no taxes. That the Eugene utility pays a dividend is nothing to wonder at.

It is a generally acknowledged fact that the chief cost of power to the consumer is represented in distribution costs. The manufacturing cost of power, ranging between two and eight mills per kilowatt, is relatively insignificant to the individual power user. If the cost of distribution could be eliminated entirely a rate of one cent per kilowatt would still leave a profit for the utility.

It is the high cost of distributing power over a sparsely settled area which runs power rates up. The people who live in towns served by an extensively spread utility pay the bills of the rural residents who are also served, for if they were compelled to pay their proportionate share of the cost of delivery the charge would be prohibitive.

Just suppose the Eugene utility were compelled to add to its investment the cost of a transmission line to Albany and Independence on the north and Medford to the south, deriving its return from the intervening territory. The result would be a far higher rate schedule than that which now prevails at Eugene, or the utility's ledger would tell a different story.

This is not to say that privately operated public utilities leave no room for improvement, but it means that the public should consider thoroughly any plan that would put it into the power business.

WASHINGTON LETTER

By RODNEY DUTCHER

Register-Guard Washington Correspondent
 WASHINGTON, June 18.—The oomph-oomph of a dozen bands sounded in the ears of an expiring NRA.

Two years ago the Blue Eagle was being hatched in the huge Commerce building. Corridors were teeming. Men and women fished for jobs with the new agency rubbed shoulders with industrialists anxious to find out what it was all about.

Newspapermen were getting acquainted with General Johnson and "Robbie" and digesting the principles of this "holy crusade."

Don Rieberg was starting out toward the precipice of fame and power from which he is now being pushed. Recalling that wild period, a correspondent pushed his way across Pennsylvania avenue, with its gaudy bunting, grandstands, marching band speakers, hot dog pavilions, and crowds of befuddled gentlemen here for the convention of the Mystic Shrine.

Whole corridors were empty and most of the offices along them were also empty. Most employees were off frantically seeking jobs elsewhere in the New Deal. A few remained, bedeviled by fear that Congress might yet chop off the Blue Eagle's head abruptly June 16 and by the incessant oomph-oomph without.

LAST SORROWFUL ACTS
 Economist Leon Henderson was working on a plan through which observers could study effects of code abandonment throughout the country. Chief Counsel "Blackie" Smith was mapping a program requiring labor standards for government contracts.

Rieberg had been called to Capitol Hill to help on the last draft for continuing the defunct NRA. Dr. Hill Thompson was putting finishing touches on a possibly final report from the Advisory Council.

Emily Newell Hale of Consumers' Advisory Board was preparing a twelfth, some statement to the effect that if more attention had been paid to consumers, NRA might still be a going concern.

Sidney Hillman of the administrative board had popped in for but two hours since the Schechter decision, gathered his personal mail and departed in disgust at the failure to maintain codes.

All doors were wide open now. Nobody sat outside waiting for interviews. Through the windows came the oomph-oomph and through the doors came any this correspondent.

ALL THEY ASKED WAS FUN
 The Shriners, who turned the capital upside down, what with parades, a taxi strike in their honor, and a ban on downtown parking, were unique in that they came here asking only a good time.

Congress had voted \$100,000 for their entertainment. But any group which comes here these days requesting no more than \$100,000 becomes automatically eligible for a medal from the Economy League.

AN EDITORIAL ON HEALTH

By DR. MORRIS FISHER

Editor, Journal of the American Medical Association.
 And of Hygiene, the Health Magazine

WE human beings are peculiar in that we can actually delude ourselves into the belief that we are sick.

In other words, our minds play so significant a part in our activities that, by wrong use of our imaginations, we can actually do ourselves immense harm.

More than 50 years ago, a leading British physician said there was not a single actual disease of the body with symptoms which could not be reproduced by the mind. Medical records lend force to his contention.

These disturbances sometimes result from emotional reactions. Or they may be a "hangover" from a previous condition. Sometimes they are caused by worry and anxiety. And, in still other cases, they may result from a combination of all these factors.

When the symptoms appear, they attract so much attention that they continue to exist merely because the "patient" likes the attention.

There are some very interesting examples. A 45-year-old woman had been troubled with the feeling that there was a lump in her throat. Investigation revealed this impression had developed at a time when there was some doubt whether she had a tumor of the breast.

When she was convinced that no actual change in the throat had occurred, the woman's mental symptoms disappeared.

As unusual number of these "mental illnesses" have to do with the stomach and the gastro-intestinal tract, perhaps because eating occupies such an important part in all our lives.

Many are the cases for instance, in which these self-deluded people find it impossible to keep food in the stomach. Vomiting follows promptly after every meal.

Somehow, reducing people to such a low state of nutrition that they fall a ready prey to any passing infectious disease, even though the cause of the vomiting is wholly mental.

In fact, many of these "sufferers" develop physical conditions which may be overlooked for a long period of time simply because of the emphasis placed on a disturbance wholly in the mind.

Most interesting of late are the so-called neuroses of the heart. In times of depression and financial strain, people suffer greatly from worry and anxiety, and are inclined to have palpitations of the heart. Many even develop a rapid heart beat.

When the financial worries and strain disappear, however, they usually take with them these physical symptoms.

SIDE GLANCES



"I had a nice, soft job here until you came along."

Aged Junction City Woman Is Honored

JUNCTION CITY, June 18.—(Special.)—Rev. Graveyard, a Lutheran minister from the middle west, was a visitor in Junction over the week-end and preached at the Lutheran church, Sunday morning.

In the afternoon the congregation and friends gathered at their hall, honoring "Grandma" Jacobson on the anniversary of her 90th birthday. The afternoon was spent in visiting and talks were made, Danish folk songs sung and refreshments were served. Seated at the table with the honor guest were her daughter, Mrs. Peter Bodtker, and Mr. Bodtker; her grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. Jon Bodtker, Mr. and Mrs. Ova Bodtker, Mr. and Mrs. Hans Rasmussen, Mr. and Mrs. Winther Bodtker; and three great-grandchildren, Duane Bodtker, Gerald Rasmussen and Jo Ann Bodtker. All these live in this community.

One sister, Mrs. Hans Bodtker, is in very poor health and couldn't be present. Other guests at this table were the local pastor and wife Mr. and Mrs. Pedersen, and the visiting minister Mr. and Mrs. Graveyard. About 150 friends and neighbors of Grandma Jacobson were present for this happy occasion. In the evening Rev. Graveyard gave a most interesting lecture at the church, and a social time followed in the hall with cake and coffee served.

Mrs. Ted Povey and two children and Miss Elizabeth Hansen, all of Bend, and Bill Carlson of Portland, visited at the home of Mrs. Jennie Gribkov Thursday and Friday. They were returning to their home after spending ten days in Portland visiting friends and the rose show. Russell Gribkov went to Bend with them to spend some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Taylor spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. McCutcheon of the North Side market. Other Sunday guests were Mr. and Mrs. Holland of Havre, Mont. They were on their way to San Diego, Cal., to visit the fair. Victor R. Groves, assistant in the states at torney's office at Salem, also visited his friends, Mr. and Mrs. McCutcheon on Sunday.

Master George Wright and sister, Mary, of Portland, are visiting their grandmother, Mrs. Louise Olcott.

Mrs. Sallie Sampson has been taken to the Pacific hospital and is reported as being very ill.

Bill Blackwell, Shell oil employee, is quite ill at his home on Tenth and Laurel streets.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Johnson were here Saturday and Sunday looking after their home place. The Johnsons have been on the coast for a year and he is now working at North Bend on the construction of a new pulp mill. They expect to spend some time down there.

Vacation Bible school opened Monday morning with an enrollment of 47. Harry Chapin is conducting the school which is being sponsored by the Christian and Methodist churches. It will run for two weeks. Teachers are Mrs. Olive Miller, Mrs. Vivian Hansen, Mrs. Walter Nelson, Mrs. Mae Washburn, Mrs. Ruth Ray and Mrs. Beatrice Ledinsky.

News of Marcola

MARCOLA, June 18.—(Special.)—The women's council of the Church of Christ held a silver tea at the home of Mrs. Earl Mills Wednesday afternoon. Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served to the following: Mrs. Pearl Serogin, Mrs. Lena Wiley, Mrs. A. D. Pease, Mrs. Laura Munkel, Mrs. Laura Eastham, Mrs. Edgar Tribble and Mrs. Landers.

Mrs. Galea Spicer spent several days visiting in Cottage Grove at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Williams.

Earl Marks is driving the lumber carrier in the absence of Harley Williams.

Ida Ryan left Friday for Pueblo, Colo., where she will be with her mother.

Mrs. Minnie Fischer entertained the Marcola Sewing club at her home on Thursday afternoon. The occasion was a farewell and handkerchief shower for Mrs. Albert Smith and Mrs. Gladys Lee who are leaving here. Visitors for the afternoon were Mrs. Bertha Smith of Portland, Mrs. Stevenson of Silkeborg, Mrs. Edgar Trib-

Hardware Company Sponsors Contests

Mrs. P. G. Bradway of Eugene won the Mixmaster beater valued at \$21.75 in a cake recipe contest conducted by the Eugene Hardware company recently. The company as a member of the National Hardware Stores, is sponsoring a series of contests. In the next one, a letter writing contest, six pressure cookers will be given away.

The tundra is called a "living fossil" by scientists, since it is the sole representative of an ancient group of reptiles which lived back in the new red sandstone age.

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WEDNESDAY IS BUSY SOCIALLY

P. E. O. Meetings, Golf Day On Calendar

By MARIAN LOWRY

AN interesting variety of events is scheduled for the Wednesday social calendar.

Two chapters of the P. E. O. Sisterhood are to meet. Chapter AM is to meet at twelve-thirty o'clock for a potluck luncheon at the home of Mrs. A. J. Ingalls, College Crest. Chapter AY will meet with Mrs. Earl M. Pallett at one o'clock.

Weekly golf day for the women of the Country club comes, Wednesday, play to start at nine o'clock, luncheon to be served at noon.

The Eugene club, Daughters of the Nile, will hold its monthly meeting, Wednesday, members to assemble for breakfast at nine-thirty o'clock at the home of Mrs. Frank Nombalsis.

GO TO WASHINGTON
 Mr. and Mrs. Lance Hart left Monday afternoon for Washington to spend the summer in the Grays Harbor vicinity, returning to the university in the fall.

GO TO SOUTH
 Mr. and Mrs. R. U. Moore and daughter, Anna Louise, left Tuesday for Palo Alto to be gone during the Stanford university summer session.

LODGE TO MEET
 The Rebekah lodge is to hold its meeting, Wednesday evening, the group to hold joint memorial services with members of the I. O. O. F. for those who have passed away the past year.

CLUB TO MEET
 The College Crest Neighborhood club will meet for an one o'clock covered dish luncheon, Wednesday, at the home of Mrs. A. B. Brown.

AUXILIARY MEETING
 Members of the Typographical Union auxiliary will hold their monthly meeting, Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. H. McKenzie.

CLUB MEETING
 The Homesteaders club will meet for a potluck supper and evening of cards, Wednesday, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Wald.

IOWA CLUB
 The Iowa club met the past week at the home of Mrs. Lola Bockman. One of James Whitcomb Riley's poems was read and discussed during the social hour. Mrs. C. P. Devereaux and Mrs. Ella Kirkwood were guests. Miss Margaret Bean and Mrs. Beatrice Vorpal assisted the hostess in serving. The next meeting will be the picnic to be held in Skinner Butte park, July 10.

CIRCLE TO MEET
 The Mary circle of the United Lutheran church is to meet Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock at the home of Mrs. Albert Hostick.

CLUB TO MEET
 The Builders club of the Bethesda Lutheran church will meet at the home of Mrs. J. O. Olsen, Wednesday afternoon, at two o'clock.

GO TO MEETING
 Mrs. Raymond Walsh and Mrs. Helen Addison Everett have gone to Portland to represent Eugene alumnae at the district meeting of Delta Delta Delta sorority which opens Tuesday at Congress hotel, Portland, for three days.

Garden Club Plans Tea Wednesday
 The Eugene Garden club members are to meet Wednesday afternoon at the home of Dr. and Mrs. A. H. Norton, 2176 Charnelton street, for a garden tea.

The affair will be at three-thirty o'clock. No program is planned, the members to view the many roses in bloom now in the Norton garden. There are more than seventy-five varieties represented.

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Calendar

6:30 p. m.—American Legion auxiliary picnic in Skinner Butte park.

6:30 p. m.—Pythian Sisters supper and meeting, Knights of Pythias hall.

7:15 p. m.—Cars leave First Baptist church for meeting of Imo Ruyle circle at home of Mrs. Miner McIntyre.

8 p. m.—Women of Moose meeting, Moose hall.

9 a. m.—Women's weekly golf day at Country club.

9:30 a. m.—Eugene club, Daughters of the Nile, meeting for breakfast at home of Mrs. Frank Nombalsis.

1 p. m.—Covered dish luncheon and meeting for College Crest Neighborhood club at the home of Mrs. A. B. Brown.

1 p. m.—Meeting of Chapter AY of P. E. O. Sisterhood at the home of Mrs. Earl M. Pallett.

2 p. m.—Meeting of Typographical Union auxiliary at the home of Mrs. W. H. McKenzie.

3:30 p. m.—Garden tea for Eugene Garden club, home of Dr. and Mrs. A. H. Norton.

2:30-4:30 p. m.—Silver tea for Imo Ruyle circle of First Baptist church at the home of Mrs. George H. McMorran.

4:30-6:30 p. m.—Benefit tea and musicale for Imo Ruyle circle of First Baptist church at the home of Mrs. George H. McMorran.

8 p. m.—Rebekah lodge memorial services with I. O. O. F. lodge, I. O. O. F. temple.

Two Lodges Will Sponsor Picnic In Park

Members of the McKean River lodge, number 185, A. F. and A. M., and of the Blue River chapter, Order of Eastern Star, are jointly sponsoring a picnic supper Thursday evening for all members and families of both orders. The supper will be at six-thirty o'clock in the Skinner Butte park as a covered dish event. Coffee, sugar, cream, and ice cream are to be furnished by the lodges. The supper takes the place of the monthly potluck supper held by the groups at the Craftsmen clubhouse.

A baseball game will be held before the supper and there will be other games and entertainment after the supper.

On the committees for the event are: Mrs. F. A. Habel, Mrs. R. L. Collins, Mrs. F. R. Dunlap, and Mrs. Lyman C. Palmer from Blue River chapter; Mrs. Frank Price, E. E. Cook, Orville Lowrey, Dr. R. E. McIntyre, Herbert T. Whitlatch, and A. R. Chaffee from McKean River lodge.

Circle Benefit To Be Wednesday

The Imo Ruyle circle of the First Baptist church is sponsoring a benefit tea and musicale Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. George H. McMorran.

Hours will be from two-thirty until four-thirty o'clock. The event is for all members and friends of the circle and church. A varied musical program is arranged for the event.

Sewing Group

The 38 Inner circle, sewing club of the United Spanish American War Veterans auxiliary, held its meeting Monday afternoon with twelve members present. The meeting was at the armory. The monthly meeting for July will be postponed because of the department convention being held at Roseburg at that time. The business for the August meeting will be Mrs. Horace Burnett and Mrs. Fred Wentworth. The auxiliary is to hold its regular business meeting next Monday evening at seven-thirty o'clock in its armory.

Spinsters Club

Spinsters club held its meeting on Monday evening at the home of Miss Ernestine Gilstrap. The group made plans for a picnic for its next meeting, the event to be given Tuesday, July 2, Miss Marjory Schaefer and Miss Susan Huley are to have charge of arrangements.

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