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### Oregon Has "Speed Traps"

Nobody should object to being arrested and punished for speeding or any other dangerous practice on the open highway or in the cities. No driver deserves any sympathy when caught and punished. Nevertheless a good many of the smaller cities in Oregon are operating "speed traps" as a source of municipal revenue, and that together with the high handed practices of some of the justices of peace and municipal courts builds up to an abuse of authority.

We print today a reader editorial from a citizen of Eugene who alleges that he and the state police were both put to unnecessary trouble and expense by a justice in a city many miles away. Notice he does not claim he should not have been arrested and fined. We know of other and more flagrant instances:

A woman, alone in her car, a shiny Buick, was arrested while following an ancient "heap" through a town in the Salem area. Charge was "40 miles an hour". She claimed 15. She was taken to city hall, given the alternative of paying \$10, or posting bail and returning for trial. She was told: "Sorry, lady, but this is the way we make money for the city, and we pick people that can pay".

Similar cases with many variations are related by people who have no reason to exaggerate and they are found in all parts of the state. Usually there is no question that the driver has exceeded the 25 mile limit in some degree. One man testifies:

"While I was making out my check, a dozen cars and trucks pelted by at terrific speed but nothing was done. You can't blame the officers for picking the 'easy ones'. Why should they chase the bad ones when the day's collections are the standard of efficiency?"

It is never good business to "get mad" at the officers. You can't win. They can take you to the court. There the impatient traveller may wait two or three hours waiting to be heard. It is "bad business" to talk back to the local judge. He has all the weapons.

In our opinion, the situation has reached the point where the AAA should make an inquiry. No individual can afford the time or money for a prolonged test case. The Oregon Bar Association might bestir itself to improve the JP system.

Of course, the situation goes back to the desperate need of most of the smaller cities in Oregon for revenue.

It is necessary to have rigorous enforcement of speed and safety laws. No city has enough police to do a sufficient job of enforcement. But the "speed trap" operated to milk the passing public is a vicious thing. It is being done brazenly in too many towns. It isn't as bad as it was some years ago in New York state where only out-of-state "suckers" were molested in some towns, but it isn't doing Oregon any good.

### Communism Catches 'Em Young

It is distressing to read the story of Elizabeth T. Bentley, graduate of Vassar, active agent for the Communist party from 1935 when she was graduated from college until well along in the war—when apparently she "grew up" and declined to have any further part in espionage against her own country.

"How could an intelligent, well educated young woman be drawn into such a mess?" It is a mistake to assume that any very large proportion of our young people ever have been or ever will be seduced by this barbaric "religion," just as it is a mistake to assume that our schools and colleges are "infested with Reds" (although there are some).

Over the last 35 years we have seen many similar cases. The young are deeply emotional and often emotionally unstable and experience and judgment are something no school can give—and the Communists are very clever. They know how to build on the perfectly natural sympathy for the oppressed; they cater to the frustrated ego; they shape prejudices born of unhappy personal experience. They reaped a big harvest in the period between World War I and World War II because there were so many things obviously wrong with this country and so many achievements of Soviet Russia which (with a little gilding) could make Communism with its stern disciplines seem the hope of the world. And—we were doing such a poor job of teaching our own history and the meaning and practical application of those things which we call RIGHTS and LIBERTY.

However, we believe that most of the bloom has been rubbed off of that Communistic peach in these last few years. The young will still be emotional and susceptible and unstable and inexperienced, but the shocking brutalities of Communism are coming to light in Czechoslovakia, Hungary and wherever Russia has gained a foothold. Their methods are as bad as those of the Nazis. (Even the Nazis won a few crackpots in this country). Communism has little to attract the seeker for the ideal.

"How can we checkmate the recruiting to Communism?"  
It cannot be done by pretending that we

have achieved perfection, but by telling the story of democracy as unending challenge and struggle. Freedom of speech cannot be made real by denying it even to William Z. Foster, but by understanding Thomas Jefferson and Abraham Lincoln; freedom of press cannot be upheld by condoning a yellow press but by understanding Peter Zenger, Samuel Adams, William Lloyd Garrison; freedom of religion requires an understanding of the Pilgrims, Roger Williams, William Penn., the Catholics who followed Lord Baltimore to Maryland, the flight of the Mormons and many other struggles on down to recent times and the many instances of courageous resistance to the Klan. We need to appreciate what "due process of law" and trial by jury really mean.

Admitting that our justice has often failed, we must make justice our aim. Democracy has brought us so many blessings that we have often forgotten to present it as challenge and struggle. We have been letting Communism make the heroic appeals to the susceptible young.

### Reader Editorial

EUGENE — To the Editor — I have recently been the victim of a system which the State of Oregon uses to make you and me law-abiding citizens. I believe it to be definitely against the best interests of all concerned to allow the system to continue unchecked.

The system referred to is that means by which the Justice of the Peace brings his victims to time.

I was cited for passing another vehicle with insufficient clearance, by a state police officer and notation was made on the citation that I was to appear before the local Justice of the Peace within 5 days. The officer noted that my home address was 75 miles from the city where the J. P. held court and said to write the J. P. enclosing the citation and the matter would be handled by mail. I immediately wrote the J. P. stating the case and indicating that I was waiting his pleasure. The next thing I heard of the case was a telephone call from the local State Police stating they had a WARRANT FOR MY ARREST, and that if I wished to stay out of jail, it would be necessary for me to come over immediately and post bail in local District Court. This I did just as you would do.

Now the point is that by failure to show the courtesy of an answer and allowing me to voluntarily post bail, or pay a fine or stand on my head, whatever the judgment of his "onion" might be, the State Police were required to make two trips to my home and one trip to my office searching me out like a felon. The end result being that they contacted me by phone and I went over under my own power.

I learned that the particular Justice of the Peace in this case is a half-time Justice with no clerical help and that he prides himself on ruling with an iron hand. This is the case in many small communities, that the J. P. is a part-time man and must seek other means to make a livable income. There must be an easier way to handle minor infractions of the law.

Very truly yours,  
Ray Brogdon  
For your information the J. P. in this case is Elmer Cook of West Salem.

### WASHINGTON LETTER BY PETER EDSON NEA Washington Correspondent

#### House Gobbles About Pigeons

WASHINGTON — (NEA) — The principal issue before the special session of Congress is going to be pigeons. That's the impression after listening to the first meeting of the House of Representatives, anyway.

No less a statesman than Rep. George H. Bender, Ohio Republican, brought up the pigeon issue. He brought down the House with it, too.

The pigeons Congressman Bender talked about were forty and eight white doves released from a huge floral Liberty Bell by Mrs. Emma Guffey Miller at the closing session of the Democratic Convention in Philadelphia. Congressman Bender wasn't there, but he knew all about it.

Weighing a neat 140 by Republican (conservative) scales, Mrs. Miller had stood on the platform, the personification of a buxom fairy queen, though without wand or wings. When she waved her lily white hand — Bingo! — a trap door in the bell opened and out flew four dozen of the scarcest pigeons you ever saw. They had been cooped up in that bell for several hours. Their bloodshot eyes popped out and their feathers were bedraggled by the humid 100-degree heat of the convention hall.

Some of the sturdier birds made for the high roof, but the feeble birds fluttered to the first perch they could light on — chairman Sam Rayburn's rostrum and the big electric fans that blew breezes over the speakers' platform. Everybody laughed. Then everybody ducked, or threw their arms over their heads. Then everybody hollered or screamed.

Pigeons En Masse, Alas, Alas  
The event caused one hard to dash off a quatrain:

Sing a song of Democrats, listen to them yell!  
Eight and forty pigeons, parboiled in a bell.  
When the bell was opened, the birds began to fly.  
Wasn't that an awful thing to hit you in the eye?

Anyway, these were the pigeons that Representative Bender orated about on the opening day of the special session of Congress. Bender himself had had no mean role at the GOP Convention, earlier. He had been cheerleader for candidate Hobart Taft, Bender sang "Four Leaf Clover" and "Onward Christian Soldiers" in an off-key baritone that was almost on a par with Glen Taylor's tenor rendering of "Sweet Sixteen" at the Prospect Heights shindig.

Bender lost his voice in that endeavor. He whispered later that it was because he had given his heart to Bob Taft. But Bender fully recovered his voice for the opening session of Congress, and here he was, striding up and down in the well of the House floor, waving his arms and shouting about Democratic pigeons.

"When they turned those pigeons loose," yelled Bender, "they lit on the fans and they blew that stuff all over the place."

The congressmen — there were about 100 on the floor at the time — all laughed. Even the Democrats joined in.

"That's the stuff the Democrats have been blowing around here for 16 years," said Bender.

Pigeons Lead To Squabble  
The high prices and the housing shortage were all a result of what the Democrats had done at Potsdam and Yalta, Bender orated. And now the country was paying the price for it.

After Bender sat down, Rep. John Rooney of Brooklyn, N. Y., a Democrat, asked Bender what the GOP had done about housing and high prices in the two years it had been in control?

"Why didn't you do something about your foreign policy?" Bender shot back at him.

"You're not answering my question by asking me another question," said Rooney. "I tried to ask you that question while you had the floor, but you were more interested in talking about pigeons."

Bender never did answer the question. Earlier in the opening session, Democratic whip John W. McCormack of Massachusetts had said that the Congress could pass the Taft-Ellender-Wagner housing bill in two hours if it wanted to, since the Democratic and Republican platforms now called for slum clearance and aid for low-rent public housing.

## SOCIETY, WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

By ANN CONNELL

### Harrisburg Woman Feted By Friends

HARRISBURG — Mrs. A. B. Ryals was hostess at a bridal shower recently in honor of Miss Beverly Abbott, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Abbott, pastor of the Methodist Church.

The group played games, and one of interest was guessing the age of a wedding dress. Mrs. Laura Spurlin wore the dress for the occasion. Mrs. John Owen was awarded the prize for giving the exact age of the dress.

Mrs. W. A. Elliott was the bride who had worn the dress, and twenty-five years later, her daughter, Mrs. Clara Detering, used it for her wedding gown.

Present were Mrs. Rosa Cook, Mrs. Rhoda Bond, Mrs. Maggie Cook, Mrs. Zona Rexford, Mrs. Florence Sommerville, Mrs. Alex Elliott, Mrs. Clara Detering, Mrs. John Owen, Mrs. Mark Smith, Mrs. Emma Anderson, Mrs. Laura Spurlin, Mrs. Roy Rowland, Mrs. Ina Kirschman, Mrs. Kenneth Abbott, Miss Sandra Owen, and Mrs. Clarence Olds.

The hostess was assisted in serving refreshments by Mrs. Laura Spurlin, Mrs. Detering, and Miss Owen.

### MRS. HOWARD BEISNER OF MONTANA VISITS PARENTS IN EUGENE

Visiting at the home of her parents is Mrs. Howard Beisner and children of Missoula, Mont. The former Vardette Curtis, she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Curtis of Seventh Avenue West. Mrs. Beisner plans to be in Eugene about a month.

### LUTHERAN LADIES TO PICNIC AT SKINNER BUTTE PARK THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Emmaus Lutheran Ladies Aid will have its picnic at Skinner Butte Park at two o'clock Thursday afternoon.

Members of the picnic committee are Miss Elsie Elgaard, Mrs. A. Hammerickson, Mrs. Carl Nielsen, Mrs. Bart Hansen and Mrs. A. Winther.

### Recipes

#### HAM AND PEA WHIRLIGIG

Part One

2 tablespoons butter or margarine  
2 tablespoons flour  
1 No. 2 can peas  
Milk  
2 tablespoons chopped pimento  
¼ teaspoon salt

Put butter or margarine in saucepan and melt over low heat; blend in flour and remove from heat. Drain liquid from peas; add enough milk to make 1½ cups. Add to blended flour and butter gradually, stirring until smooth after each addition. Return to heat and cook over moderate heat, stirring constantly until thickened. Add peas, pimento and salt; keep over very low heat until vegetables are heated. Turn into 2-quart casserole and top with the following biscuits:

Part Two

1½ cups sifted flour  
2¼ teaspoons baking powder  
½ teaspoon salt  
3 tablespoons fat  
½ cup milk

2 small cans deviled ham  
Sift flour, baking powder and salt together. Cut in fat with a pastry blender or two knives until the mixture resembles coarse meal. Add the milk, mixing to a soft dough; place on lightly floured board and knead for thirty seconds. Roll into a rectangle approximately 12 x 8 inches. Spread with the deviled ham. Beginning at the longer side, roll as tightly as possible. Cut in approximately 1-inch pieces, place on top of hot creamed vegetables in casserole. Bake in a hot (450 degree F.) oven for 25 mins. 6 servings.

An emergency shelf that will yield quick inexpensive main dishes seems to me even more important in summer than in winter — because in fine weather there are more unexpected guests! Here is a dish that's easily put together. Vary it if you like — cold ham will substitute for the luncheon meat; and maple syrup or maple-flavored syrup is good to taste the sweet potatoes with instead of brown sugar.

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### Kitchen Shower Honors Bride-Elect

Miss Patricia Colerick, bride-elect of James Balfour, was honored with a kitchen shower on the evening of July 22. Mrs. William Huey, Mrs. Johnnie Plerron, and Mrs. Arnold Sulker were joint hostesses for the occasion at the home of Mrs. Sulker.

Little white wedding bells and silver hearts were used in carrying out the theme for the party. Games were played during the evening and prizes won by Mrs. William Huey, Mrs. Clair Smith and Mrs. Woodie Hindman. After the gifts were opened, refreshments were served by the hostesses.

Guests included Miss Colerick, Mrs. Kathleen Balfour, Mrs. Jim Colerick, Mrs. E. J. Iddings, Mrs. Ed Davis, Mrs. Woodie Hindman, Mrs. William Huey, Mrs. Joe Gory, and Mrs. Clair Smith.

### VISITORS RETURN TO CALIFORNIA

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell B. Gibson returned to their home in Los Angeles, Calif., after spending three weeks vacation visiting friends and relatives in Portland and Eugene.

While in Eugene they visited at the home of Mrs. Gibson's mother, Mrs. Almira Anderson, 281 High Street.

### THIMBLE CLUB TO MEET

Neighbors of Woodcraft Thimble Club will meet Monday evening at eight o'clock, in the home of Mrs. L. P. Inman, 531 Eleventh Avenue West.

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### Mrs. Wetzell Honor Guest at Shower

The home of Mrs. Robert Wetzell, 1465 Elway Drive, was the scene of a pink and blue shower for Mrs. Delmas Glaspey recently.

Hostesses serving refreshments were Mrs. Wetzell, Mrs. Dean Bailor, Mrs. Charles Pfifer, and Miss Barbara Pfifer.

Attending were Mrs. Floyd Church, Mrs. Alfred Herdendean, Mrs. J. W. Bailor, Mrs. Maud Glaspey, Mrs. Frank Baltimore, Mrs. Charles Bell, Mrs. Walter Pfifer, Mrs. Owen Fields, Mrs. Floyd Foster, Mrs. Hazel Glaspey, Mrs. Fred Dow, Mrs. George Armitage, Mrs. Bud Wells, and Mrs. A. H. McDonald.

### MAJOR HEWITT VISITS PARENTS

After spending a ten-day leave at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Hewitt, Major and Mrs. R. R. Hewitt have returned to their home at Corana Del Mar, Calif. Major Hewitt is stationed at the El Toro maine air base near Santa Ana.

### POTLUCK DINNER SET BY JUANITA REBEKAHS

Potluck dinner at noon is scheduled for Past Noble Grand, Juanita Rebekah Lodge, Tuesday. It will be at the home of Mrs. Lotie Fisher, 407 South Fourth Street, Springfield. Each woman attending is to bring a covered-dish and her own table service.

### DAUGHTER BORN

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Burnett, Jr. are the parents of a daughter, Roberta Jayne, born July 26 at Portland, according to word received here.

Mr. and Mrs. Burnett formerly lived in Springfield.

### POSITIONS OPEN IMMEDIATELY . . .

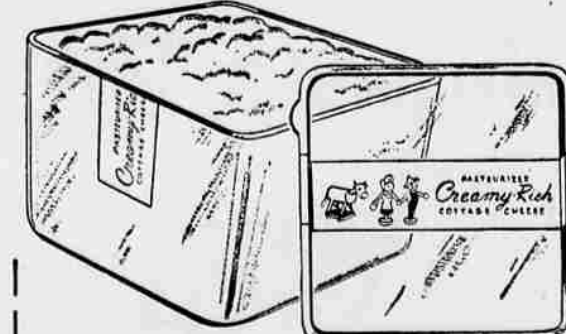
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