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Opened Bottle A Legal Hazard

It is probably trite and useless to utter the reminder that "you can't drive and drink." A great many will continue to do so until the jail doors suddenly open. But there is another hazard which is less obvious and little understood:

If you happen to have an opened liquor bottle in your car at the time of an accident or traffic violation it is PRIMARY EVIDENCE for a charge of drunken driving, even though you might be stone sober.

Several times in recent months we have known cases which turned on this point. In one case the partly used bottle of whiskey had lain untouched in the glove compartment for many days. But the driver had to accept "the burden of proof" that he was not drunk at the time of the accident and it took an able lawyer and a great deal of persuasion to convince the jury that the accused told the truth.

"Suppose you had a wreck while merely transporting liquor home from the liquor store?"

So long as the seals on the bottles were not broken (and if the driver could pass the sobriety tests) there would be no possibility of a drunken driving charge. Bottles might be smashed and liquor running all over the place, but intact seals would be a defense. If even one seal were broken, the driver would be in a bad mess.

We know a pretty level-headed citizen who vows he'll "punch the head off anybody who opens a bottle" while a passenger in his car. That's a rather wise precaution. Sometimes the driver is convicted by the company he happens to be keeping.

Sometimes even a teetotaler goes into an incoherent daze from the shock of a wreck. Any policeman will tell you it is difficult to distinguish between a shock victim and a drunk.

The risks for the car driver are great enough without taking on the unnecessary risk of the open bottle. The open bottle is a well stuff for a vigorous prosecutor on a criminal charge or for the plaintiff's attorney in a damage suit.

We sit at a sort of "crossroads" where we hear all the sad stories, and we have always had one rule:

"If it's on the official records we have to publish it no matter who it is, and whether it's an item in Court Records or a front page spread depends on the circumstances of the case, how much damage was done and whether anybody was killed or badly hurt."

Comes first the story of arrest and charges and later the story of trial and conviction or acquittal, and very often the acquittal does not offset the impressions of the arrest. There is nothing we can do except to repeat from time to time such warnings as we are printing now. The smart driver will never take an unnecessary chance on grief.

Doll, Freckle Contests Set

Eugene's Bureau of Parks and Recreation will end its summer playground program Friday, but not before it gives local kids a chance to win prizes in a doll show and a freckle contest.

The doll show is set for Wednesday, Aug. 18, at 11 a. m. at the Nineteenth and Lawrence St. playground. The bureau did not announce the nature of the prizes it will offer for the most unique collection of dolls.

The freckle contest will be at 2:30 p. m. Thursday at the same playground. All supervised play in city playgrounds will end Friday.

Girl Gets Treatment For Traffic Injuries

Joyce Robertson, 17, of 1325 Oak Drive, was treated for head and knee injuries Monday afternoon following a traffic accident at Broadway and Washington Sts. City police said Miss Robertson was a passenger in a car driven by Forrest LaVerne Robertson of the same address. Robertson's car had an estimated \$300 damage, while

Even the congressional committee can't be sure who's a Red and who "ain't" but a lot of high gov't officials are certainly red-faced.

Adrian Fuddle is still enduring Crystal's "meat strike," and his only hope now is that Santa Claus will bring him a piece of steak.

Truman predicts a US Treasury deficit of 2 billion by next June, but that won't discourage Mr. Dewey from wanting to be president.

OUT OF THE WOODS

By JIM STEVENS

Mill Yard . . .

Lumber drying in the sun
Has a fragrance that is won
Out of earth and rain and tree—
Out of wheel and industry . . .
Muscle, sweat and oath are there,
Pungent in the golden air.
Steel and brawn and clever mind
Help to pile up kind on kind.
Machinery and nature, vying
Breathe of strength in lumber drying.
—Helen Marling.

Writer's Cruise . . .

There were 200 writers who trooped ashore from the Virginia V for a noon feed at the famous old Port Gamble Hotel. Helen Marling, whose poems have been printed in the best publications everywhere, was one. The sky was a vivid blue that crystalline air gives to the eye without grain of dust or wisp of smoke—a blue that dyed the waters of Port Gamble Bay. There was drowsing floss on the horizon. Up yonder the lines of New England in the hotel's walls of cool yellow, the great green lawn, the spreading trees, and then the sawmill and acres of sweet-smelling and gold-glowing lumber piles, with the smoke from the tall stack a pretty plume.

"A prophet," said Granville Hicks of New York and Harvard to me, the old pinetop. "A prophet come to judgment. From now on I'll believe everything you say."

Six days before I'd looked him in the eye and said:

"Sure, it's a cold, wet summer. It is due to rain for a month, and maybe more. But for Saturday, when the writers cruise, there'll be sun. You plan on that, you can bet on it. I have Paul Bunyan's promise. You can bank on me."

I repeated the assurance to Allen Seager, the famous fiction writer from the University of Michigan, to Dr. William Carlos Williams, one who properly occupies one of the highest peaks of fame in American poetry, and to John van Druten, whose "Voice of the Turtle," "I Remember Mama," and a dozen other plays have made his name great on Broadway and in Hollywood. To a hundred more I vowed that Old Paul would take care of all the inklingers, come Saturday. They knew what was what about Paul and me, but Hicks, Seager and Williams stayed with me, anyhow, with many others. It was no lie. The weather turned out to be perfect. In it Helen Marling found poetry shining even from the lumber piles.

Telling Writers of Tree Farms . . .
To quit bragging and get down to earth, this annual Pacific Northwest Writers Conference is doing much to make our region better known elsewhere. The Saturday cruise that ended the week of conference activities—lectures, luncheons and seminars on all phases of the art of writing, at the University of Washington—was an opportunity to present a story out of the nation-wide Tree Farms movement. And so a little publication sketching the 60,000-acre project of Pope & Talbot, the Hood Canal Tree Farm, was distributed to the conference.

It is yet amazing news to Easterners, this story of forest management and tree growing by the lumber industry. Most of them are far behind in information. Even a Bernard DeVoto, Western born, states with not a tremor of doubt, in the current Harper's that "fifty per cent more sawtimber is cut each year than is grown to replace it"—an error that forces me, for one, to doubt some other bald statements in his article.

The writers conference was started four years ago at the University of Washington and it has grown into an institution. It pays its own way, too. I've learned a lot about writing from the visiting lecturers. And they have learned a good deal from me about industrial forestry.

No cruising party ever enjoyed finer hospitality than the writers did at old Port Gamble. A great day.

Large War Dead Group Expected at New York

NEW YORK — (AP) — The bodies of 5864 American war dead, including many who fell in the bitter fighting for St. Lo, are scheduled to arrive at the Brooklyn Army Base Thursday aboard the U. S. Army transport Lawrence Victory.

The dead are the largest single group to be returned since the arrival of the first war dead vessel in October, 1947, the New York Port of Embarkation said. Most of them were originally interred in military cemeteries at Limey and Marigny, France.

"MONKEY BUSINESS"

LOS ANGELES — (AP) — "Monkey business" put Clarence Warren, 49-year-old garbage collector, in jail Tuesday.

Warren told police who arrested him on suspicion of stealing candy from a drugstore that his pet Japanese monkey "just had to have that candy."

The second car involved in the crash had an estimated \$150 damage. The second driver was Muriel G. Trude of Springfield.

Superfort Upsets Old Cargo Record

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The strategic Air Command announced Monday that a B-29 carrying a simulated bomb load of more than 10,000 pounds set a new record by flying 5792 miles non-stop from Florida to the West Coast and back.

The long-range bomber, piloted by Maj. Ralph B. Taylor, used what were described as special "cruise control" procedures for the flight, which required 23 hours and 30 minutes last weekend.

Leaving MacDill Air Force Base at Tampa, Fla., the B-29 flew to the West Coast, dropped its "bombs" in the Pacific and returned to its base with 317 gallons of gasoline left in its tanks—enough for about another hour of flying.

The plane and crew are from the U. S. Eighth Air Force 509th Bomb Group, stationed at Walker Air Base, Roswell, N.M.

While the flight set a new B-29 record, it has been topped by one of the bigger B-36 superbombers which several weeks ago carried a similar "bomb load" 8100 miles non-stop.

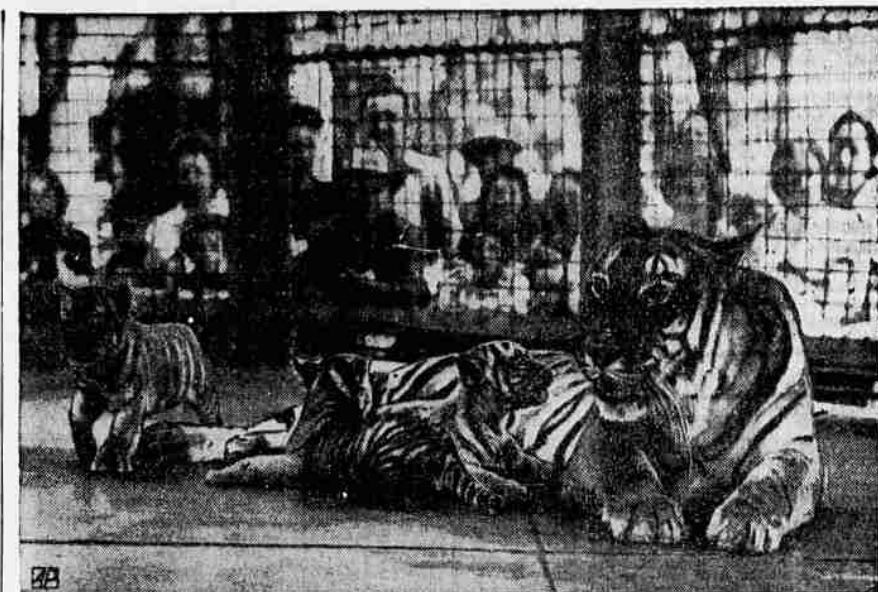
In Malaysia, orchids range in size from a species that grows 10 feet tall, to tiny ones with almost microscopic flowers.

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CUBS FACE THE WORLD—Prince, Princess and Duke, 2-month-old tiger cubs, take their first public airing at the Bronx, N. Y., zoo with their mother, Dacca.

Educator Discusses Shortage Of Funds, Teachers in US

In a Monday night lecture on the University of Oregon campus, Dr. Robert S. Gilchrist, associate superintendent of schools at Minneapolis, Minn., told a small audience the facts in front of the teacher shortage.

"We're gradually slipping into mass production," Gilchrist said, "of inadequately trained students; unless we can lick the teacher shortage between now and 1950, the idea of individual attention will be crowded out of the classroom by incoming youngsters."

By 1950 Gilchrist says 1950 as the year when the present increase in population will hit American schools hardest.

Oregon, he said, will have double its present 225,000 school children in 1950. By 1955 the nation will have a 25 percent increase, 32 millions instead of the present 25 millions.

Less Teachers
"On the other hand, the number of teachers who completed training in 1947," said Gilchrist, "was 23 percent less than those who graduated in 1941."

"So, unless we get more teachers, we will have instead of the ideal 25 students to a classroom, 50 students or more, and there is no way to give that many students the individual attention they deserve."

Not Complete
Gilchrist went on to point out that only seven out of every ten U. S. children go to high school, only four out of ten graduate from high school, and that the nation has ten million illiterates at present.

"From 10 to 30 percent of the children in the U.S. (varying between those two figures in the different states) are not going to any school," Gilchrist added.

CAA Seeks Bachelors For Duty in Alaska

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Civil Aeronautics Administration is looking for bachelors with a yearning to go to Alaska.

Successful applicants will man the 45 airways communications stations in Alaska. They must be able to transmit and receive Morse code at a minimum of 30 words a minute and to type 35 words a minute. They should have 18 months aeronautical communications experience or the equivalent in education and experience.

Non-veterans must be between 18 and 40. Veterans may be older than 40. Starting salary is \$3718-a-year and the employee can work up to \$6540.

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Thomas Sees Victory For GOP in November
LOS ANGELES — (AP) — Norman Thomas says it will be "close to a miracle" if Gov. Thomas E. Dewey and Gov. Earl Warren aren't elected as Republican president and vice-president.
The Socialist candidate president told reporters he believes the Republicans are going to have a hard time holding the houses of Congress, however, that the Dixiecrats are likely to hold the balance of power.

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