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Just No Stoppin' 'Em



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Is This the Answer?

The death a week ago of five persons and the serious injury of two others in an automobile accident east of Bend has given rise to many questions and has brought forth several suggestions.

The collision seems sure to be the subject of court action — both civil and criminal — for some time to come. This newspaper, therefore, cannot comment on this particular accident. Such comment would be prejudicial to someone's rights.

But there is no reason to withhold comment on the twin evils of excessively fast driving and driving during or after drinking bouts, particularly when these evils are committed by youngsters.

It apparently makes little difference that the law prohibits youngsters from purchasing or possessing alcoholic beverages. It makes little more difference to some vendors that the law also prohibits the sale of alcohol beverages to persons under the legal age. It makes little difference to some, drinking or not, that the law prohibits the operating of a motor vehicle in a manner to cause danger to another.

The necessary laws are on the books. By far the greater majority of youngsters obey them. A few do not. Because a few do not, the uninformed are too often ready to blame all, including those who do.

There are a few who do not obey the laws. They do not obey them because they have no respect for them. They have no respect for them for a number of reasons. Various persons at various times have laid the blame for this disrespect of law and order, of public safety, of the rights of others, on the home, the school, the church, or a combination of them.

Perhaps the blame lies in part on these social institutions. But if these institutions cannot create respect for the law, the law must create its own.

This is not a problem which arises only in connection with fatal automobile accidents. It exists all the time. It is seen in the "squirreling," the near misses, the drinking parties which lead to other problems.

How can the law create its own respect?

Respect can be compounded of many things. It can be a negative thing as well as a positive thing. It can come from an element of fear as well as from an element of regard.

The law, it seems to us, in order to create its own respect, must be tough — tougher than the self - imagined toughness of those few who think they are above it, whether they be young drivers or the suppliers of the alcohol which makes them feel tough.

Toughness calls for strict enforcement of existing laws. It calls for immediate arrest for all offenses, rather than "bawling out" from officers when the offense seems minor. Toughness calls for quick trials for all offenses, not the privilege of forfeiting bail.

Toughness calls for sentences upon conviction which mean something to the offenders. It does not call for suspended sentences for repeated minor offenses or a series of weekends in custody for those more serious.

Toughness calls for sentences upon conviction which possible, even permanently, of the dispensing licenses of those who continue unlawfully to sell alcohol to those who do not have the judgment to use it without endangering others.

This toughness — which as a last resort might create respect for the law — need hold no worries for those who observe it. The law, after all, is nothing more than a set of rules for the conduct of man, regardless of his age, so that his conduct will respect the rights, property and lives of others.

Toughness has not been necessary for the great majority. Its adoption might be effective with those who have felt themselves above society's rules of conduct.

A Small Huzzah

Noticed the proud walk, the happy gleam in the eye of local residents in recent weeks?

That's because, after quite a drought, we have a team that is winning in one of the fields of athletic endeavor.

Our American Legion baseball team, sponsored by Stevens-Chute Post No. 4, American Legion, and Murray Brothers, Inc., has been going great guns.

The nine now holds a season record of nine wins and one loss and seems to improve with every game. High point so far was the 9-6 upset conquest of Albany, Wednesday.

There are some who say that if you talk too much about a good thing, it will go away. Not wishing to jinx the Bend Legion aggregation, we'll limit ourselves to a small, but enthusiastic huzzah, with hopes for continuation of the winning pattern.

A New Sun Blazes

Don't look now, but something terrific has happened in deep outer space where great galaxies of suns whirl in million year orbits.

In the Virgo cluster of remote suns, a new star has suddenly blazed into visibility. Astronomers call it a supernova, possibly the result of the collision of two giant stars.

Brilliance of the new star this past week was 100,000,000 times that of the solar system's sun.

If the supernova were at a distance where the sun would be barely visible to the unaided eye, it would be four times as bright as the moon.

But the star in Virgo is so distant it cannot be seen without telescopic aid. Its present brightness is of the 13th magnitude.

The supernova made news in the astronomical world. But actually the bright star flared up thousands of years ago.

The light of that flareup is just now reaching the earth.

The WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

by DREW PEARSON

WASHINGTON — It's become so difficult to find enough space to test nuclear weapons that the United States is negotiating with Australia for the use of its vast interior desert.

This is the isolated Woomera rocket range where the British exploded two atomic bombs.

The defense department is interested in leasing it because the western hemisphere has just about run out of space for testing long-range guided missiles. We have too many people, too many cities that might get hit or contaminated.

The Australian missile range would be used for testing the ICBM or Intercontinental Ballistic Missile. We are now testing this off the Florida capes, but the missiles are aimed toward South America, and, although we have negotiated treaty arrangements with Latin American countries permitting us to track the missiles, Latin Americans have become increasingly jittery over these tests.

Just recently the Atlas had to be exploded in the air by the ground safety officer because it started to go out of control and he feared it might hit a nearby Florida city. Latin Americans fear the missile would be even harder to control once it gets over the equator and heads in the general direction of Rio de Janeiro, Montevideo or Buenos Aires.

Furthermore, tracking a missile over land is much easier than over water. The United States has set up a chain of islands in the South Atlantic. However, the great uninhabited Australian desert would permit tracking over dry land.

Australia is reported willing to permit use of her missile range in return for the use of modern American atomic weapons. The granting of Australian air routes across the United States is also reported to be tied up with the missile negotiations.

Unpalatable Breakfast
 Congressional guests at the recent White House breakfast found themselves chewing a large Pennsylvania dam mixed up in their ham and eggs.

He was talking about the "Rem veto" plan which would permit him to veto single "pork

barrel" projects out of an appropriation bill without having to veto the entire bill.
 The suggestion was greeted with a horrified silence.
 "Well, now, wait a minute, gentlemen," interposed the President. "I'm only advocating a little economy. I thought you fellows were for economy."
 "It seems," he continued, "that with many members of congress, economy on government spending is good everywhere except in their own states and districts."
 The White House Lobby
 The white house palace guard has done effective wire pulling on Capitol Hill in the past, but seldom has it operated with such backstage intensity as it did to pass the civil rights bill.
 Assistant President Sherman Adams was on the telephone constantly rallying Republican votes. A swarm of White House aides, led by Jack Martin, former aide to the late Senator Taft, was busy button-holing. Vice President Nixon personally talked to every California Republican and several from other states.
 White House lobbyists were careful, however, to work through GOP leader Joe Martin in the House and Bill Knowland in the Senate.
 This miffed Congressman Charlie Halleck of Indiana, who had been the chief contact in the house and didn't like being bypassed.
 "If the White House wants me to help," he grumbled privately, "why don't they come to me?"
 In the end, however, Halleck also joined in lining up Republican votes for civil rights.



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Runaway Pair Back in Capital

WASHINGTON (UP)—The future of the troubled teen-age romance between a Swedish diplomat's daughter and her handsome Capitol page boy began today on the outcome of a mother-and-daughter talk.

Pretty 16-year-old Christina Wernstrom and 18-year-old Huw Williams were back with their mothers again after a two-week Canadian "honeymoon" without benefit of clergy. Police had searched for them in 13 states.

Christina returned from the arms of her sweetheart to the arms of her mother Thursday after the runaway teenagers were arrested on a speeding charge near Williamsport, Pa. Christina carried a huge teddy bear.

Both Christina and Huw wore wedding bands, but finally admitted they were not married. They said a county clerk in Charles Town, W. Va., refused to give them a marriage license because they were too young.

Swedish press attache Hugo Lindgren told newsmen the future of Christina's "relationship with the boy will be left up to Christina and the American authorities after she has talked it all out with her mother."

However, Lindgren said he believed Christina would agree to return to Sweden for the present and continue her romance with Huw by mail. Her father, who strongly opposed her marriage to Huw because of their age, already has returned to Sweden for re-assignment.

PERFUMED SCARECROW
 ATLANTA, Mich. (AP) — Howard Kurtz has figured out a way to keep the deer out of his garden, but Mrs. Kurtz is running out of perfume. Kurtz built a scarecrow that he sprays with perfume which he said is for discouraging deer.



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Letters--

to the Editor

To the Editor:
 Gladys Gore, in this column Thursday, belittled the wise words of Mrs. George Marshall regarding the senseless, fatal accident at the 4 corners, but offered no constructive criticism herself. Fanatic with quotes and irrelevant patter, her humor was ill-timed and macabre. Her facts are fiction. Her imagination jet propelled.
 Mrs. Marshall, in her letter to The Bulletin, claimed no saintly childhood, as erroneously stated by her humorous critic. Gladys Gore's letter suggests youth is old-fashioned or backward if they obey their parents until they reach adulthood.
 Gladys Gore, by her own admission, then states that she doesn't know what to do with a sassy adolescent. And by asking to be "cued in" if anyone else does, admits her own offspring might be uncontrollable. If that condition exists at 1533 West 8th, then I agree with Mrs. Marshall, the parent, Gladys Gore in this case, is responsible. Television and movies are not to blame. Your child is largely what you, the parent, make him.
 I won't carry on breathlessly as Gladys did. But since I happened by the scene of the tragedy 10 minutes after it occurred, and was sickened by the sight of the broken bodies (Gore's letter indicated she didn't see it) I wish to say that Gladys' gory literary was most unwelcome, and to remind her that on this side of the world five totally unnecessary deaths are never taken so lightly.
 Sincerely yours,
 Mrs. Robert Moore
 Route 1,
 Bend, Oregon,
 June 20, 1957

Initial Reading Given Ordinance

The Bend City Commission gave first reading Wednesday to an ordinance vacating portions of Burnside and Clay avenues and Millikan drive after no one appeared at a public hearing to protest the move.

School board officials agreed to submit an amended petition to vacate a part of a block in Marshall avenue for a playground. The new petition will include additionally a part of a block in Lafayette avenue.

Stop signs were authorized for Nashville avenue between Drake road and Harmon boulevard at the request of Police Chief Truett. Stop signs also were authorized on each side of Irving avenue at Sixth street in the interests of greater safety to persons driving to the swimming pool.

Commissioner Mel Rogers informed the commission that the Park Commissioners were fencing Pageant park and installing a gate to the entrance. The fence will be removed during the water pageant.

HOT LUMBER
 SYRACUSE, N. Y. (AP)—A witness told police he laughed when a 27-year-old drinking companion asked him for a book of matches "to burn down a lumber yard." He said he stopped laughing when he saw a nearby lumber yard burn down an hour later in a \$250,000 fire.

Texas produced 960 million pounds of carbon black, valued at \$8 million dollars in 1956.

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