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A SEASON PREPARES AN EXIT!

Although you yet may not have noticed it, the season is here when summer attains its most pungent beauty. Late summer—with warm breezes, early darkness, crisp sunrises and languid afternoons—a time for deep pleasures and a keen appreciation of the lavish gestures of Nature.

A time, too, when we begin to feel that another year is fast slipping away from us—departing quietly, rapidly. Forever. A time when realization that we are growing older gives us a comfortable, secure feeling that all is right with the world, at that.

Late summer. Pregnant with expectancy of autumn activities and pleasures that soon will burst upon us with a wholesome vehemence. Time for late vacations, preparations for school, for deep draughts of the exotic beauty of a mature outdoors.

Like those occasions when we awaken before the alarm clock to doze a few more luxurious moments are late summer pauses to enjoy Nature at her best.

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FATHER DIVINE'S 'GOOD HEAVEN CONGRESS' FLOPS!

Gullibility, although not a desirable trait, is a universal one. Father Divine's Harlem followers are latest victims of the human willingness to believe sensational and emotional appeals.

Sounds silly, now, when we read that members of Father Divine's "heavens" paid thousands of dollars for "everlasting life" and that Divine himself, after a series of lawsuits, threatens to "evaporate" for 1900 years.

Well, yes, it does sound almost unbelievable. "Only colored people would fall for such stuff, though," you hear folks say in superior attitude as they tsk others' foolishnesses.

But we residents of Jackson county, for example, have seen our own crops of "suckers" for fine talk and impossible promises of one thing and another. First it was the now returned Earl Fehl and his cell-mates who, under the guise of "good government," gave us the county's worst in many a year. And then later came the false economists who told those who wanted to believe that, by passing a simple little law, they all would instantly become a leisure class with free money to spend every month.

Well, it just happens to be our turn to laugh at the silly antics and fripperies of Harlemites. But we in Jackson county are hardly in a position to laugh too loudly at others for being fooled by false prophets!

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BONEHEADS SPLINTER MOST OF THE BONES!

Highway safety is our most perplexing problem. As Secretary of State Earl Snell says, there seem to be as many solutions to the difficulty as there are persons thinking on the subject.

With violent deaths and serious injuries on the increase in Oregon, it behooves all of us to give more than passing thought to the subject, for we never know when automotive bloodshed will stain our lives and the lives of those close to us.

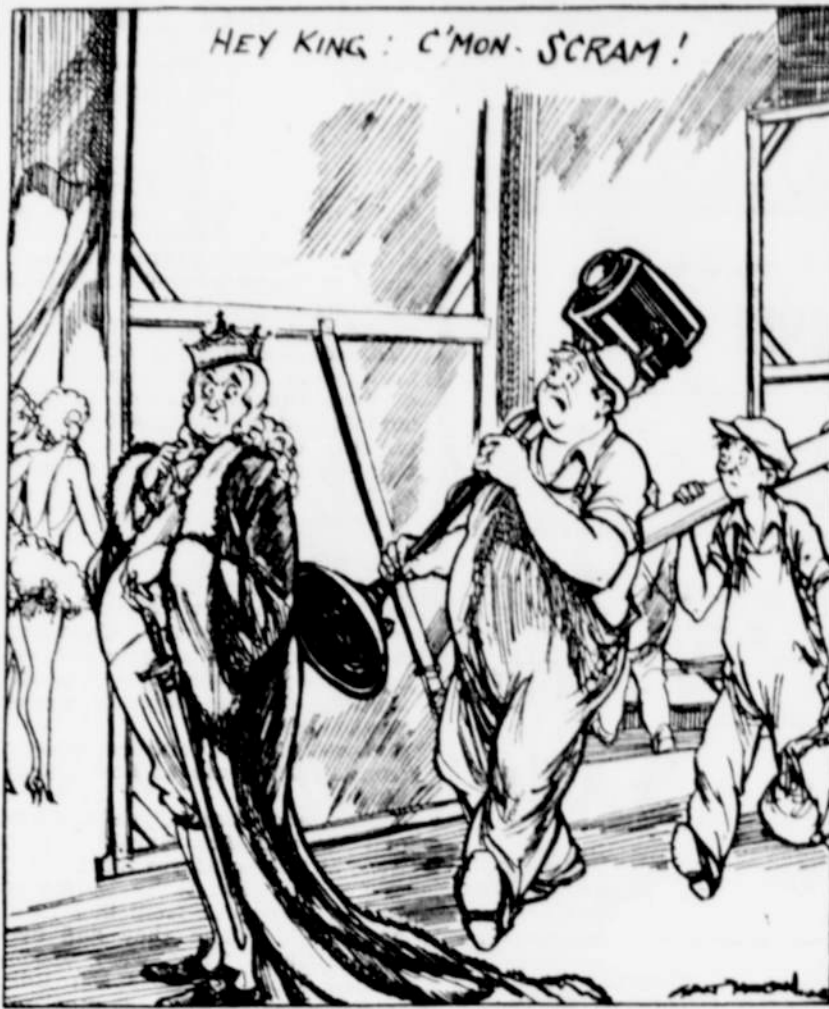
Happy, well relatives and friends one moment, another and they easily—and often through no fault of their own—are butchered into tangled, bleeding heaps gasping for their last breaths by highway speed, carelessness and coincidence.

The highway problem is our problem—each and all of us, whether we drive, ride or walk. Although traffic regulations and rigid enforcement will do much toward lessening the awful consequences of automobile accidents, still it remains for the individual to interest himself in the problem before much noticeable progress can be made.

This newspaper believes that the answer lies not so much in regulating speed by installation of governors on motors, but in awakening the mental con-

LIFE'S BYWAYS!

HEY KING! C'MON- SCRAM!



sciousness of drivers and pedestrians. It is their appreciation of the horrible possibilities of carelessness and hurry that will, in the end, make them careful, safe drivers and pedestrians.

Physical hazards and old-fashioned highway engineering furnish many of the traps that take a costly toll each year, but until mental-hazard drivers either are enlightened or eliminated there always will be traffic problems regardless of whether country lanes are transformed into super highways or whether motor cars are slowed down to a walk.

Most people who view first-hand the gruesome details of a highway accident respond by a burst of caution and restraint which, as time goes on, wears off to some extent. Our greatest problem is in getting all motorists and pedestrians to keep in mind these possibilities at all times as a deterrent to the foolish risks they ordinarily take and think nothing of—until

misfortune catches up with them in a rending, crashing catastrophe.

We've all got to think safely and form safe habits. It is an objective that can best be reached by a public awareness of the traffic problem rather than by devising more laws to clutter up already voluminous highway codes.

Oregon's Traffic Toll

A Series of Weekly Articles on the Problem of Highway Safety by EARN SNELL, Secretary of State

DO YOU believe in signs? You don't have to be superstitious to believe in the ones placed by the highway department for your guidance and the promotion of safety on the highways. This belief in signs requires only common sense.

No one "knows the road" so well that he can afford to ignore the warnings scientifically located along our highways. Each location chosen for these signs is given careful study. Each sign is there for a definite purpose and that purpose is the safety of the motoring public.

All square signs mean caution. They cover men at work, cross roads, school zone and side road. All diamond shaped are slow signs for various types of curves, loose gravel, tunnels, narrow bridges, etc. Stop signs are octagonal in shape, and all signs at railroad crossings are round.

Many thousands of dollars are spent annually in the placing of these signs. They cannot be ignored with impunity. The sensible driver will take full advantage of the assistance they offer in safer driving.

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KNOT HOLE NEWS

By KEN WEIL

HOWDY, FOLKS:

A professor in Italy claims a new process that turns milk into wool. Probably the first step in making flannel cakes.

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Lots of nice pine block wood coming now, just at the right time of the year. We have made arrangements for a car a week from now till then. Place your orders for delivery from cars and save that 50 cents a load.

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Fear time again and who can say that one that begins: "If Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled pears, etc." Remember?

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Ashland Scouts Get Honor Court Awards

Third camp court of honor was held Sunday at Boy Scout Camp McLoughlin, Lake o' the Woods, with Don R. Newbury, Medford district court of honor chairman, presiding.

Among the awards made to scouts of 12 troops were the following Ashland youths:

Tenderfoot: Fritz Buehling, troop 13. Second class merit badge: Robert Dooms, troop 12, pathfinding, firemanship: Dale Kaegi, troop 13, cooking.

Sunday opened the fourth and last session of camp, with approximately 50 scouts and leaders attending. The camp will close next Sunday after a successful season, there having been a large registration for the four weeks. A number of scouts from different sections of the council remained in camp for the full four sessions.

A court of honor will be held Sunday for those scouts in camp and any who wish to go to the lake to appear for awards. Visitors will be welcome.



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