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Sidewalks Are Not Speedways!

For some time Ashland has had a very commendable system of licensing bicycles and riders under the supervision of the police department and has been very lucky in not having any accidents involving bicycles. However, recent complaints of thoughtless riders using the sidewalks of Main street as a speedway seem to indicate that we are perhaps stretching luck a little too far and are no longer "on our toes" in safety observance.

With the opening of school comes heavier pedestrian traffic as well as more bicycles; so it seems an opportune time to consider the laxness into which our safety record has lulled us. The main complaint thus far has been that of speeding cyclists on the sidewalks which creates a definite hazard and could result in a serious accident. Further lack of courtesy is shown by riders who practically block the entrances to business establishments with their parked machines.

These practices are not only dangerous, but are violations of city rules. As future citizens and drivers of cars, it seems that now is a good time for these youths to learn to consider the other fellow and to respect and observe traffic regulations, which in reality are rules of courtesy helping to keep traffic orderly.

Police action may become necessary unless these violations are stopped. Police Chief C. P. Talent has issued a warning that if there are further complaints, the police will have to "crack down" and penalize the offenders by taking away their bikes or licenses.

Let's Be Forewarned!

The current revival of cantonment enthusiasm should occasion further study and thought on the problems that will be ours along with the economic benefits when the "go ahead" signal arrives.

As the Oregon Journal stated in a recent editorial, "... you can't have your defense prosperity and eat it, too."

In speaking of the cantonment sites in the state, the Journal continued, "You can't plunk two \$15,000,000 cantonments and 56,000 troops down in two relatively small communities and dodge the social, sanitation, housing, health, educational, public service and recreational responsibilities that go with them. It's like superimposing two cities the size of Salem upon cities half or one fourth that size, suddenly, without warning, and expecting to escape trouble. Without careful planning and detailed preparation, it means explosive problems, like those being wrestled at Hermiston, but magnified. Just one of the headaches is what to do with the 400 families dispossessed by these two cantonments."

So let's be forewarned, and if the cantonment does come, be prepared to shoulder our social responsibilities rather than feverishly trying to cash in on possible defense prosperity.

What has an individual gained by losing his own self-respect? Or what has he lost when, retaining his own, he loses the homage of fools or the pretentious praise of hypocrites false to themselves as to others?—Mary Baker Eddy.

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WHAT WE WORK FOR

It's a common question to ask of every fifteen-year-old boy you meet, "Bill, what are you going to be when you grow up?"



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And the answer? Bills certainly have a variety of answers ready to give us. They cover the whole range of human activity—from flying two miles above the earth to mining a mile underground.

One of the great advantages of our American way of life is that we encourage our young folks to set their own sights. And even if most of them never hit the mark, they are better men and women for trying.

There is one bit of homely advice this column would like to give to any young boy or girl who is getting ready to start living his own life. And that is, "Don't be fooled by the amount of money that passes through your hands. That is not a true measure of success in life."

A good many thousands of young men from farms are now being attracted by factory jobs in the industrial centers. Certainly, working in a factory that is busy with defense orders is a patriotic thing to do right now. But not always is it the best start in life. The returns are not always as great as they promise to be.

Consider the case of a young man working on a farm for a dollar a day and a half a day and found. He eats well and regularly. He can save most of his money, for his only out-of-pocket expenses are clothes and amusements.

Now move that same man to a city, and pay him five dollars a day. Out of that five, he has to pay room rent and board and laundry. He lives a different kind of life—spends more money for passing entertainment, and more for clothes. He has more opportunities to spend money—not always in the most wholesome way.

Of course, the city worker has more money passing through his hands. Maybe he gets a kick out of that. But the real measure of success is how much of that moving stream of money sticks. How much does he have left at the end of a year, or perhaps at the end of a lifetime?

City work wears men out. It seldom replaces energy like farm work does. It is not so healthy—either the working conditions or the living conditions. The greater a man's progress in industry, the more pressure is put on him. Finally there may come a day when somebody says, "Sorry, Jim, but you are too old to stand the pace."

When that sad day comes, only a very small percentage of city workers can retire and live the rest of their lives in decent comfort on their own savings.

But chances are, the same number of years and the same amount of energy spent on a good farm will net a good, comfortable home, and reasonable security, for old age.

On the farm, there may have been less money passed through a man's hands, but there are rewards in life that are far more important than cold dollars, especially if you can't keep very many of the dollars.

Did you ever stop to think why we have unemployment insurance and old age pensions, both financed in part by government agencies? It is because city work so seldom provides any great degree of security.

Yet you seldom hear of any farmer who has been reasonably industrious and reasonably thrifty spending his last years in the poorhouse, or living with his relations as a dependent.

There is a lot to be said in favor of a man's spending his life on a family farm in America. There is no better life, when you weigh everything.

Why argue with the other driver? He's always bigger than you are when he stands up.

TALENT NEWS

Couple Honored On 20th Anniversary

Friends and neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Young gathered at their home last Thursday evening and gave them a pleasant surprise, it being their 20th wedding anniversary. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Wolters, Jim and Edward Wolters, Mr. and Mrs. Jason Ottinger, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. William Davidson, Mr. and Mrs. John Malone and daughters Beverly and Marilyn, Mr. and Mrs. William Eton, Frank Riddle, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Broce and Gary Broce, Mrs. Davidson baked a beautiful cake.

W. G. Barricks, while unloading wood at the Lincoln school on the Greensprings, had a large stick of wood fall on his foot, breaking a bone in the ankle. He is confined at his home.

Mateleine Maxwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Maxwell, returned home last week from Texas, where she spent the summer vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hill who have been living on the Lindsey place on Dead Indian for the past two years, moved near Talent in order that the children may attend the local school.

Talent grange met Thursday night when Carl Groos was added as a new member to the organization. R. M. Kent, manager of the Talent Irrigation district, gave an interesting report on the water situation for the season and told that the district had used less water than any other previous and that there would be a large hold-over of water at the end of the irrigation season. The program opened with a bean guessing contest, also a white elephant sale. James Wolters won the closest to the bean contest and was awarded a bag of beans. Frank Reed was second in the contest. Mrs. Myrtle Babbs won the nail-driving contest and was presented a vase as prize. The YGA will meet Sept. 17 in Talent. The HEC met at the home of Mrs. L. O. Rush Tuesday. The hospitality committee for next meeting will be Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Borg and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Wolters.

Mrs. Tullie Balstad left Sunday for Eugene where she will be employed at nursing.

Mrs. Mollie Garrett of Bly has been visiting relatives in the valley the past two weeks.

Mrs. Jota Miller and daughter Faye of Fresno, Calif. who have been visiting relatives and friends in Ashland and Talent the last week, returned to their home Friday. They are former residents of Talent.

Joe Rapp, employed at the Boeing plant in Seattle, arrived home by plane Friday evening to spend the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rapp. He returned to Seattle Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Tame were transacting business in Talent Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. George Holt of Crescent, Ore. visited Mrs. Holt's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Coffman, last week. Mrs. Holt was Esther Cochran before her marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Inman of Vellejo were business callers here last week, having sold their property on the Pleasant View road to Willard Sargeant, who took immediate possession.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Kilmer of Oakville, Wash. who have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Barricks, returned to their home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Milburn of Thompson creek were in the Talent neighborhood Tuesday buying fruit and vegetables.

Mrs. Sue Clayton, known as "Grandma" Clayton, will celebrate her 90th birthday Sept. 11. Mrs. Clayton was a nurse in the Civil war.

All 1940-41 Grads Of SOCE Are Placed

All the 1940-41 graduates of the Southern Oregon College of Education have been placed in teaching positions, according to the teacher placement bureau at the college. This is a total of 42 students.

The placement bureau has been more active this year than at any other time in the history of the college. This is evidenced by the fact that approximately 30 in-service teachers have been placed in new positions through the college placement bureau.

There is a definite shortage of teachers this year, especially in the specialized fields such as music and art.

BELLEVUE NEWS

School Opens With Enrollment of 38

Bellview school opened Monday with 38 pupils enrolled. Mrs. Pendleton has 17 in the primary and Mrs. Dews 21 in the intermediate, the seventh and eighth grades are being transferred to the junior high in Ashland.

Lt. and Mrs. Leslie Kincaid returned to Tacoma, Wash., Sunday after spending last week with Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Kincaid. Leslie is stationed at Fort Lewis.

Walter Seitz who is with the engineering department of the US army stationed at Portland arrived Saturday on a 13-day furlough and will visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Seitz and his brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Seitz of Hornbrook.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren E. Siebert were in Klamath Falls Saturday where Warren received medical treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Snell of Oakland, Calif. are spending this week with Mrs. Snell's mother, Mrs. J. W. Morris.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Kincaid and Lt. and Mrs. Leslie Kincaid and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stenrud attended the Josephine county fair at Grants Pass Friday and Sunday. The Kincaids, with Miss Marie Walker and Mrs. Ella True and Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Pankey, attended the grange dinner at Eagle Point.

Mrs. Melvin Crow returned to her home in Modesto, Calif. Thursday after spending a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Deadmond and her sister, Mrs. Dora Williams and family.

Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Deadmond were visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Black at the Modoc orchards near Medford Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Black are former residents of Bellview.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Farmer and children from Dorris, Calif. spent the week-end here with relatives.

Mrs. George King returned to her home in Prospect after spending several weeks with Mrs. Malinda King.

Auntie McCoy of Ashland is spending the week with Mrs. King.

Mrs. Dora Williams has returned to her work at "Wimpy's" after having a week's vacation.

Mrs. Abbie Moore returned to her home in San Diego after spending a week here with her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Moore.

Mrs. Kate Neil, Mrs. Clarice Anderson and Dale and Mrs. Mary Hushower were visitors to Crater Lake Sunday and Mrs. Hushower returned to her home in Santa Rosa, Calif., Tuesday after spending the summer with Mrs. Anderson and Dale.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Owens of Eugene and John Owens of Medford, uncles of Mrs. Mark True, were visiting at the True home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Jones of Creswell, Ore. have been recent visitors at the Walter Hask home. Mr. Jones is an uncle of Mrs. Hask.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rosenbaum and infant son of Klamath Falls spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hask.

MARY VIRGINIA MATHES

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at the Methodist church of Ashland for Mary Virginia Mathes, 72, who passed away Monday at the home of her son, Clarence Mathes, near Talent. Rev. George W. Bruce officiated, and interment was in the Phoenix cemetery. She is survived by one son, Clarence Mathes, a granddaughter, Mrs. B. A. Weltman of Talent, a grandson, Clarence Mathes Jr., of Vancouver, three brothers and sisters, Miss Jessie Mills, Mrs. George Carey and John Mills of Ashland; Mrs. Joe Frizell of Snoqualmie Falls, Wash.; T. C. Mills, Beaver, Calif., and W. A. Mills of Jacksonville.

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