

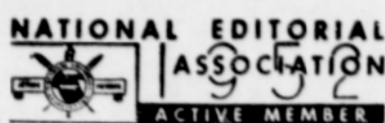
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"Even OPINION is of force enough to make itself to be espoused at the expense of life." —Montaigne

Common Sense Saves Lives

This newspaper today begins the publication of a series of six cartoon panels illustrating simple, common sense rules of water safety.

For the most part, these rules are things people should know without being told. But the many people who drown needlessly each year attest to the fact that the rules are ignored.

That is probably because everyone thinks he is an exception. What happens to the other fellow can't possibly happen to you. So you go ahead and take chances, foolish chances, silly chances, childish chances. Then you find out you aren't an exception. But maybe then it is too late.

The rules we are publishing were developed by the Y.M.C.A. from its 67 years of experience in swimming and water safety. You can memorize these rules about as quickly as you can read them. But they won't do you any good unless you, and your family and your friends obey them.

How to Be Safe in the Water

Y.M.C.A. Rules for Water Safety



Capital Parade...

By Murray Wade

WHO PAYS FOR ROADS?

Is the Joe who uses his jalopy going to and from his job paying for a big chunk of road damage done by heavy hauling?

That's what the Oregon State Highway Commission would like to know and they are going to considerable trouble and expense to find the answer.

The commission is cooperating with seven western states in running tests on the relation of truck weights to damage to highways.

"Guinea-pig" highways are being built at the co-state testing grounds at Malad in southern Idaho. The roads are to be subjected to punishment by vehicular travel and engineers will compute the relative damage caused by varying heavy loads.

The Federal Bureau of Public Roads, the petroleum and trucking industries are contributing to the project.

Similar tests made in Maryland recently show that "Twice as much load does several times as much damage."

SLASH IN TAXES

A writ of mandamus was issued Wednesday by the Oregon Supreme Court directing Multnomah county authorities to reduce assessments \$824,613 on the Reynolds Metal Co., or show cause why they should not.

The State Tax commission had found that the property was appraised out of line with surrounding property.

The high court also reversed a three-judge Multnomah Circuit order that had held the Portland City Council had no right to attach an emergency clause to an ordinance which makes all punch boards illegal.

A suit against the Council contended that the emergency clause made it impossible to attack the ordinance by referendum.

LIQUOR PRICES STAY

The retail price of liquor in Oregon will not be affected by expected decontrol by the federal Office of Price Stabilization. The only lowering of prices by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission, said Chairman Robert L. Elfstrom, would have to come from a drop in wholesale prices made by distilleries or if congress rescinded a part of the hike they made to a \$10.50-per-gallon tax that went into effect last November. This boost has slowed the commission's business. The tax now is from seven to eight times as much as the cost of making a gallon of liquor. The commission's mark-up is about \$1.35 per "fifth."

RECENT LEGAL RULINGS

When a judicial office is legally abolished subsequent to election of a candidate therefor, but before qualification and commencement of term, the successful candidate can take no office.

Powers and duties of the state board of conciliation are limited to the settlement of duties between employers and employees.

The state department of finance is not required to lease or rent quarters for branch offices of state agencies in the same building with other state agencies — unless the selection is feasible. The law is directory only, and not mandatory.

The board of directors of a school district of the first class is empowered to select and purchase sites for school purposes, without the vote of the people approving, subject to the limitations in the budget law.

MORE LAWYERS?

At the state bar examination in Salem July 15-17 there will be 174 participants seeking sheepskins that they may practice law in Oregon. Six of the applicants are attorneys from other states. The remaining 168 are law students. Examinations for the out-of-state attorneys will be held on July 15.

ACCOLADE FOR JOHN KERRICK

High honor came to John C. Kerrick this week when he was informed that he had been named chairman of a national advisory committee on driver's licenses by the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators.

Kerrick is manager of the Oregon State Driver's License Division, and has held, with credit, several other managerial chairs in the division, said Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry. The committee will conduct an evaluation of driver's licensing operations in the 48 states.

—AND ANOTHER THING

Unemployment totals climbed to 22,772 last week—6,312 more than a year ago. Probably some gay chub in Salem's Mill Creek this week; when 25 gallons of "pruno" was dumped in at the penitentiary above the city. It was convicted made and found sealed in a 12-foot down pipe. Collections of income taxes for the first four months of this year are nearly \$8 million ahead of the same months of 1951. Are soft drinks out-selling whiskey in Oregon? William Bingham, administrator for the State Liquor Commission, will resign to return to his old job with a beverage company.

One reason why women can't keep secrets is because they tell them to their husbands.

Buying at home, whenever possible, is one of the ways to make Ashland successful.

One of the troubles with modern civilization is the men and women who think they know it all.

The lion and the lamb may lie down together some day, but Democrats and Republicans are different.

People who do not mind their own business are rarely equipped to take care of other people's problems.

One of the troubles with this old world is that it is packed with people telling other people what to do.

How many citizens of Jackson County have any idea of what subjects their children study in school!

Our Town

LUCIUS BEEBE, EX-MAN-ABOUT-TOWN IN NEW YORK CITY

and now number one promoter of Virginia City, Nevada, launched one of his most exciting enterprises on May 2. With a group of friends, he resurrected Nevada's first newspaper and one of the most famous in the West, the Territorial Enterprise.

Beebe, who once bombarded a friend's yachting party in Long Island Sound from an airplane with toilet tissue as very effective ammunition, has lived in Virginia City for a number of years. His exploits there have often been newsworthy, but it isn't Beebe himself that we want to remark upon now, but rather his new center of attention.

ON THE STAFF of the revitalized paper are a number whose names are familiar the country over. Other than Beebe himself and his writing partner, Charles Clegg, there are Bernard DeVoto, Pulitzer prize-winning novelist ("Year of Decision"), "Beyond the Wide Missouri", magazine writer, and scholar; Walter Van Tilburg Clark ("Track of the Cat," "The Oxbow Incident"); Roger Butterfield, former editor of Life magazine and freelance writer; Joseph Henry Jackson, book editor of the San Francisco Chronicle; Stewart Holbrook, well-known Oregon author; and Dr. Duncan Emrich, assistant to the Librarian of Congress. All in all, an impressive array of contributors.

THE FIRST COPY of the new Enterprise, widely publicized in Time magazine and others, came into our hands the other day, and was certainly no disappointment. Beebe and Clegg have dug up old type-faces like the ones used when the paper represented the most fantastic boom town the world has ever seen, as well as a number of old prints from the days of the famous Comstock discovery. The paper is a composite of the old and the new — news of present day Virginia City and Nevada, and articles on the good old days by the famous authors on the staff.

THE EFFECT OF THE PAPER ON US, however, was to send us scurrying back to re-read one of our favorite books, a great deal of which has to do with Virginia City in the days of the great bonanza. The author of this one is even more famous than those who now contribute to the paper, and he had the advantage of being on the ground during those exciting days — of being, as a matter of fact, a staff member of this same Virginia City Enterprise.

The author — Mark Twain. The book, one of his first — "Roughing It," unfortunately, is not widely-read anymore, but it should be. It starts out with Mark's trip West as a young man, as an assistant to the secretary of the Territory of Nevada — his brother. The book

Letter from Washington . . .

By HON. HARRIS ELLSWORTH
Member of Congress, 4th District

Very soon the members of the U. S. House of Representatives will be required to make what I believe is the most serious and troublesome decision of this session. I refer to the bill, now before us, which authorizes the appropriation of seven billions of dollars for our foreign economic and military aid programs for the coming fiscal year which begins July 1.

No member of Congress is genuinely qualified to judge the exact amount of money actually needed to supply the necessary minimum amount of aid to the foreign countries which are endeavoring to fight off Russian communism. I use the phrase "necessary minimum" because that is the problem exactly — we do not want to do more than necessary, but under the circumstances we should continue the program of help.

What is necessary? The only answer we have is the one given (and stoutly defended) by the President upon advice of the State Department and military experts in the field. If I had complete confidence in those people and their wisdom, my answer would be easily arrived at. Unfortunately I do not have that confidence. I think they have asked not only for more than they think is needed but actually more than they can spend. In cold truth, I think they figured Congress would make a big cut in whatever sum they requested so they simply submitted a figure large enough so that when a big cut is made they will still have what they think they really need!

I have what I consider pretty good grounds for my suspicions. First, I have seen this same identical thing done by the budget makers of other departments, not once but numerous times. It has come to be quite an accepted technique. But the more important fact is that the foreign aid spenders have not been able

then wanders through two volumes of anecdotes and first-hand observations of the old West. As a matter of fact, it wanders all the way to Honolulu and back. But most of it is concerned with boom times in Virginia, and it is well worth reading.

As a homespun phrase-maker, Twain has never had an equal. Look, for instance, at his description of the first jackrabbit he ever saw — this in the first few pages of "Roughing It."

"Our party made this specimen (the rabbit) hump himself. The Secretary started him with a shot from the Colt; I commenced spitting at him with my weapon; and all in the same instant the old 'Allen's' whole broadside let go with a rattling crash, and it is not putting it too strong to say that the rabbit was frantic! He dropped his ears, set up his tail, and left for San Francisco at a speed which can only be described as a flash and a vanish. Long after he had departed we could still hear him whiz!"

to spend all the money appropriated for their programs in previous years. For example, they began this fiscal year with an unexpended balance of more than twelve and one-half BILLIONS. Then in addition they had the \$7.3 billion which was appropriated for the present fiscal year. Now it is estimated (in the committee report) that the unexpended balance left from funds previously appropriated will be eighteen billions at the end of this fiscal year.

The quick answer to this strange situation is that the appropriated funds have all been "obligated." But that does not account for the fact that the unexpended balance grows amazingly each year. This program has been in operation for several years. They should have filled the "pipeline" and have hit a semblance of balance by this time.

Accordingly, even if we were not in financial trouble ourselves and burdened with almost confiscatory taxes, I would want to see the requested amount sharply reduced. Under the circumstances it is essential to cut it down.

Congress will have another knotty problem on its hands before long. Perhaps you have forgotten about it, but the President seized and has been operating the railroads of the country for some 20 months. The seizure was made under emergency war powers contained in a 1916 law. The roads were seized to avert a rail strike. The disagreement between the Railroad Companies and the Unions has not been settled. The war emergency authority expires the first of June — unless it is renewed — and the seizure of the roads will end. What should Congress do, let the authority expire which would probably precipitate a rail strike, or should we legalize a more or less perpetual "seizure state"? I shall have further comment on this later.

MORGAN GRADUATES

Recently graduated from the Aviation Electronics Technician-Electronicsman School, at the U. S. Naval Air Technical Training Center, Memphis, Tenn., was J. Laird Morgan, aviation electronics technician airman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Morgan of 725 Indiana St., Ashland.

Morgan, who has been transferred to Fleet Airborne Electronics Training Unit, Atlantic, Norfolk, Va., entered the Naval service in March, 1951. He received his recruit training at the U. S. Naval Training Center, San Diego, Calif.

Before entering the Navy, Morgan attended Ashland High School.

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