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Not Funny

The earnest young veteran, who is trying to make a living or gain an education while raising a family under trying housing and living-cost conditions, is suffering additional hardship as the result of the hare-brained driving habits of American youth in general.

So bad is the accident-record of Young America that many automobile insurance companies will not accept applications from anyone under 25 or 26, no matter how deserving the individual may be. Some companies are more lenient, but all of them are aware of the heavy toll the recklessness of youth is taking on the highways—an awareness demonstrated by premiums one-third higher for those families in which someone under 25 is permitted to drive.

A news item from Los Angeles tells of the arrest of a 22-year-old for speeding at fifty miles an hour without a steering wheel. The dare-devil was using a pair of pliers to guide his jalopy, which also had defective headlights, a faulty windshield, no registration and stickers placed illegally on the windshield, in addition to speeding. The youth had gone through a stop signal. The story was told in a humorous vein but reflection should convince everyone that there is

more of tragedy than humor in the incident, which is only an extreme example of a much too general disregard by youth of the safety not only of themselves but others.

More than one insurance man will tell you that it is the youth of the drivers and not the age of the cars that has brought about the discrimination by insurance companies against the young. The insurers must remain solvent. It is a situation that cannot be solved by city inspection of automobiles, for the screening out of young drivers prevails in Portland as well as elsewhere, and here cars are tested.

A report showing that 16-year-old drivers are ten times more likely than their elders to be involved in fatal accidents was issued recently by a group of state highway officials and traffic engineers. The report, based on studies of fatal accident statistics, showed that 16-year-olds drove 2,300,000 miles per fatal accident whereas the comparative statistic for persons 45 to 49 years was 21,900,000.

It is time to crack down on reckless driving by America's youth through better law enforcement, stiffer penalties for law violators and stiffer license requirements. We owe it to the earnest young person who is conscientiously trying to get ahead.—The Morning Oregonian.

30 YEARS AGO

Aug. 22, 1918

R. F. Wigglesworth, accompanied by Oscar Borg, John Vaughn and Will Ball, left Tuesday for Orofino, Idaho, where he will lead 12 cars of lambs to be shipped to the Chicago market. The men will go on to Detroit where Mr. Vaughn will purchase a new car and the party will return home by auto.

The new school house at Boardman, costing approximately \$10,000 is nearly completed. There are two stories and full basement.

Misses Leona Leach, Cecil Scott, Margaret Jackson, Florence Casey and Cosentia Glatt passed through Heppner Saturday afternoon on their way to the timber. The Misses Leach, Scott and Jackson are prominent young ladies of Lexington and Miss Casey and Miss Glatt have been visiting at the Jackson home.

Egbert Simons died at Vancouver, Wash., on August 9 after a

short illness. Mr. Simons was for many years a resident of Heppner where he was engaged in business with his father, J. R. Simons who conducted a blacksmith shop here.

M. H. Gillette, a well known wheat rancher of the lone country is moving with his family to Alberta, Canada, where he will continue in the ranching game.

Dr. and Mrs. R. J. Vaughn returned Friday from an extended vacation in the East. They spent the greater part of the time at Pine Lake in Michigan.

Dr. C. C. Chick of Ione reports the birth of a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Keithley of Eight Mile on Friday, August 16.

The past week has been one of many showers, Monday night there fell almost an inch and a half of rain, and this shower was preceded by many smaller ones. The rains seem to be general over the county, and as a result harvest is delayed and some loss

Washington Week

By CHARLES L. EGENROAD

Washington, D. C.—WHO SAID THIS? (With apologies to the popular radio program of the same name).

... the desperate need of the United States for ships ought to be used as a weapon to obtain closed shops where for 25 years no closed shops have existed...

Mr. Truman said that in commenting on a strike in a Diesel engine plant in St. Louis, Mo., May 29, 1941.

"If it becomes necessary to tell men and women where they can or must work, we will have to have an effective priority and allocation system. We must eliminate...

Charles V. Overman, a young man of Monmouth, passed away at the Heppner sanatorium Wednesday morning as a result of exposure in the storm Monday night.



GENERAL CLARK IN OREGON

"It is general knowledge that the Russian situation is 'touchy' but what is not so well understood is that the same situation exists in Austria," said General Clark.

Commenting on current military news topics he said the peace time draft was essential and is the only way we can build up an army and that the military manpower committees could be most beneficial to the recruiting program as the army is not yet meeting their quota, although the west coast is stronger than the rest of the country. Speaking on the removal of the adjutant general's office from the state capital to Portland he said, "From what I know and hear of it, it seems it would be moving closer to the fire."

General Clark arrived in Salem from Klamath Falls, stayed two days at the capital and left for Fort Lewis to check on the program for 18-year-olds who are there to take their year of training. This is the first trip over the Sixth Army area he has made since being appointed to take over unification of the services, including army, navy and the air force.

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DRIVE TO LAKEVIEW

County Agent Nelson Anderson, Tom Wilson and Marvin Wightman, representing the soil conservation district, and Ernie Kirsch, Gilliam county agricultural agent, made up a party leaving Wednesday for Lakeview to attend the range reseeding demonstration being held today at Valley Falls. The demonstration is sponsored by the Lakeview Rotary club in the interest of revitalizing the grazing areas of the west.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rosewall and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Case drove to Cove Sunday to attend the Shrine picnic. Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Isom were also on hand to represent the Morrow County Shrine club. About 125 persons were in attendance. Horseshoes and a softball game provided diversions for the day.

The registration of 25-year-old men is scheduled to start in Oregon August 30.

NEW LEGAL OPINION

When a school levy exceeds the six per cent limitation the school directors are not personally liable if the budget has been approved by the voters beforehand, Attorney General George Neuner ruled this week.

OREGONIAN TO LEAD ASSAULT

An Oregon man, Lt. Colonel Marion Carl, Hubbard, holder of the world's official air speed record of 650.7 miles per hour, and fellow marine pilots will spearhead a total of 167 navy, marine and airforce aircraft in exercises at Virginia Beach, Va., this month. The exercises will include an amphibious assault to be participated in by West Point cadets and Annapolis midshipmen.

Carl, a Pacific theater war ace and former Oregon State college man, first checked out in a jet plane over three years ago.

LIQUOR SALES SLIPPING

The graph of liquor sales in Oregon is still on the down slant, having dropped \$1,811,940 during the last year as compared with the previous fiscal year, according to a report of the Oregon State Liquor Control commission. The sharpest decline was made during the three months ending June 30, 1948 with sales down \$688,000 as compared to sales made in the same quarter of 1947.

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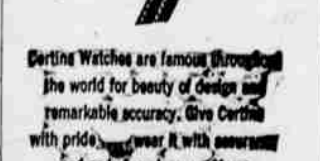
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