

# Mufflers Becoming Biggest Headache For U.S. Motorists

Detroit—UPI—Mufflers are fast becoming the biggest headache for American motorists but at least one manufacturer hopes to do something about it in 1959.

Ward's Automotive Reports said replacement parts sales records show motorists spent more than \$290 million on new mufflers during 1957, placing it second only to spark plugs in dollar value of parts sales that year.

**1958 Sales To Rise**  
And the statistical agency reported sales of mufflers during 1958 were expected to rise between 10 and 12 per cent, an increase which will close some of the gap between spark plugs and mufflers.

Actually, sales of all replacement parts increased substantially and appeared headed for a new all-time record during 1958. This was due to the fact that motorists were keeping their cars longer during the recession and because more cars were on the road.

But the sharp rise in muffler replacement stood out from the normal rise caused by those factors.

**Muffler Life Drops**  
An engineer for one of the "big three" auto companies said the life of mufflers has dropped 50 per cent during the postwar years.

He said this was caused by the use of higher-octane gasolines and more short trips by motorists. The higher-octane gasolines has a greater amount of acidity which eats through mufflers much faster, he said. Short trips cause moisture to form in mufflers but the cars never become hot enough to evaporate the moisture, he explained, leaving the moisture to rust through the muffler.

## Indian Confesses Killing of Wife

The Dalles—UPI—A Warm Springs Indian, Douglas J. 55, confessed Sunday that he beat his wife to death following a quarrel Saturday at a campsite 20 miles northwest of Maupin, Wasco County District Attorney Harry Hogan said.

The body of the woman, Ethel J. 50, was discovered along a creek bank Saturday. Hogan said J. related the two had been drinking heavily for several days while camped out and during a quarrel, J. said he struck the woman on the head with a wine bottle.

An autopsy showed she died from the blows to the head.

## GOLD HILL

### Value of Training Proven

By MRS. CLYDE KELL  
Gold Hill—The value of Boy Scout training in life saving was realized by a crowd of about 50 people were swimming in the Rogue river under the Gold Hill bridge.

When the lifeless body of a California youth was taken from the water, Charles Johnson, an Eagle Scout who had received his Boy Scout Life-guard badge at Camp Mc-

Laughlin a few weeks ago, realized immediately that artificial respiration should be applied correctly and that time should not be wasted. Charles said to his knowledge only one other person (unidentified) at the scene, besides himself, knew how to apply artificial respiration correctly. The Gold Hill youth continued to administer artificial respiration until professional help arrived, and until they could adjust their equipment.

This was the first time a drowning had occurred at this location for over 20 years.

Charles is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Johnson, Fifth avenue, Gold Hill. He first learned to swim when he was eight years old, at the Hawthorne swimming pool in Medford. It was through the efforts of Mrs. Paul Molloy, Gold Hill, that the school buses were first used to transport children to Medford for the swimming lessons.

Charles' Scouting began when he joined the Cub Scouts of which he was a continuous member for three years before becoming a Scout of Troop No. 43. His training in first aid began when he was 11 years old. The Junior Red Cross was taught here by Harry Lewis, who was state industrial accident instructor for Red Cross first aid classes.

While at Boy Scout camp, Charles passed his Boy Scout life saving test for that merit badge. Leon "Punk" McDougal, Medford, was waterfront director at that time.

Charles' interest in swimming and the essentials of first aid continued after he became a member of the Gold Hill Explorer Post No. 43. Vaughn Whitmore, Gold Hill, was responsible for obtaining the local Explorer Post, to give the local youths an opportunity to continue in advanced Scouting programs. Robert Schmidt, who recently was appointed boys' counselor for the Jackson county juvenile detention home, is advisor for the Gold Hill post. The Veterans of Foreign Wars is the sponsoring organization for the Scouts and Post No. 43.

Charles will be a sophomore at Crater High school this fall. Besides his Scouting and school activities, he has been a carrier for the Medford Mail Tribune the past five years. He now serves customers on both Gold Hill routes one and two, within the city limits. While he is turning out for football, his substitutes are David Kell and Bobby Allison.

**Gladstone Man To Head State Young GOP**  
Salem—UPI—Wesley Phillips, insurance man from Gladstone, was named chairman of the Young Republican Federation of Oregon here Sunday.

Phillips replaces Harvey Osborn of Portland who resigned.

Mrs. James D. Tomlin, Oswego, was elected state co-chairman.

**Vancouver Restaurant Damaged by Flames**  
Vancouver, Wash.—UPI—Fire of undetermined origin early today burned out the interior of the Zutz restaurant here, causing damage estimated at \$20,000.

## Lightning Kills Two Children

Big Bear Lake, Calif.—UPI—Two children of former All-America football star Bob Reinhard were killed by lightning Sunday. A third was injured seriously.

Mark Lawrence, 7, and his sister, Trudy Lee, 13, died when lightning struck the plywood building in which they had taken refuge from a sudden storm. Diana, 14, was partially paralyzed and possibly blinded in one eye.

Reinhard, at the time, was rowing ashore with another son, Richard, 10.

Reinhard was a star tackle at the University of California from 1939-41. He was unaware his children were victims of the bolt until he reached the building.

He placed the three children in the back of his station wagon and drove for aid while Harvey Petersen, 17, of the nearby community of Fawnskin administered artificial respiration.

Firemen at Fawnskin and Big Bear also administered oxygen. Mark and Trudy were pronounced dead on arrival at Santa Anita hospital at Lake Arrowhead. Diana was hospitalized.

Reinhard, now manager of a Los Angeles automotive works, left their home at La Crescenta, a residential section near Los Angeles, about two weeks ago for a vacation here.

## Tillamook Woman Held for Murder

Tillamook—UPI—A 21-year-old woman has been arrested on a first degree murder charge in connection with the death of a newborn baby whose body was found here Friday morning.

District Attorney John W. Hathaway identified the suspect as Leilani Bathe. She is being held in the county jail without bail, Hathaway said.

Police said the child, a male, was found in an apple box at the corner of 11th and Ivy streets in Tillamook wrapped in a blanket. The child was the victim of stabbing, officials said.

## H2O From Gas Drum Won't Help Getaway

Milwaukee, Wis.—UPI—Someone siphoned 20 gallons of liquid from a gasoline drum at a street repair project Friday.

When the thief puts his foot in his own gasoline tank, he will learn fast that the gasoline drum contained water used by a paving crew.

## What Is The Law?

This column is prepared as a public service by the College of Law, Willamette University, Salem, to explain basic legal principles, not to provide legal advice. The reader is cautioned not to apply these cases to his own problems without an attorney's advice, for differing facts may change the outcome.

### Parent Role in Suit Involving Child

The parent can be involved in a legal controversy either because his child is injured or because his child injures another.

For example, 14-year-old Sonny received serious injuries through Bob's negligence. Evidence indicates that the injuries will cause total incapacity for five years and about 60 per cent reduction in earning capacity after that. Medical and hospital expenses have been paid by Sonny's father, and further expenses are anticipated. The father sues Bob to recover for both

past and future expenses, loss of the child's earning capacity, and for the pain and suffering experienced by the child.

He can recover only for expenses already incurred and for the loss of the child's earning capacity. Since it is the father's duty to support his child, the wrongs of Bob, which have increased the cost of that support, may be recovered by the parent.

**Award To Child**  
However, future medical expense costs would be awarded to the child and not to the father, who might use such funds before they were needed for the child's medical expenses.

Loss of the child's earning capacity is a detriment to the parent during the period of minority and the parent may recover such loss. Loss of earning capacity after majority, however, can be claimed only by the child. He is also the only one who can recover for pain and suffering which are personal to him.

Suppose, however, that Sonny injured Bob. Sonny's father is not liable merely because he is the parent. He may be liable if he himself has been negligent by knowingly permitting his property, such as a car, to be used as the base of operations for a damage-causing operation.

**'Family Car' Doctrine**  
In many states, courts have created the so-called "family-car" doctrine, whereby those using the family automobile on normal business and pleasure trips are deemed to be agents of the parent.

In other states, the owner of an automobile is liable for damage done by one (whether child or not) who drives with the owner's consent; in still other states, a parent must sign a child's application for a driver's license, and, by the signing, assumes liability for damages done in such driving.

### Gangland Slaying Studied by Police

New York—UPI—Police today sought a solution to the gangland-style slaying of John Robilotto, a leading underworld figure.

Robilotto, 54, also known as Johnny Roberts, was found on an East Flatbush street in Brooklyn early Sunday. He had been shot in the head four times with a .38 caliber pistol.

He had been a prime suspect for three years in the 1951 killing of gambler Willie Moretti in Cliffside Park, N.J. A murder indictment eventually was dropped for lack of evidence.

### Conscientious Cop Gives Himself Ticket

Petroskey, Mich.—UPI—Policeman Charles Laubrich paid a \$25 fine and \$4.30 in costs Friday for failure to have his squad car under control.

Laubrich fell asleep at the wheel while on patrol and knocked over a utility pole. He gave himself a ticket and summons.

## Is That So?

By EUGENE BURNS  
Ranger-Naturalist

The "cabbit" is supposedly a cross between a rabbit and a cat, and while it is true there are some cats that hop like rabbits, there is about as much evidence to support that ancestry as there is for the alleged ancestry of the "Maine coon cat."

The Maine coon-cat is supposed to result from the mating of a cat and a raccoon. It is a handsome animal, but the only suggestion of a raccoon in the one I saw was a certain quality in the coat. It had thick, long silky hair and bushy tail but without rings. Its qualities as a mouser were excellent, and its luxurious hair, as well as its appearance, suggested a strong strain of Angora.

Though the Angora, now lumped with the Persian under the title of Long Hair, is a luxury cat, he can be an excellent mouser. He may have acquired certain luxury attitudes and characteristics from a life of ease in Turkish seraglios of Angora, but he hasn't lost the ability to fend for himself when thrown on his own. Historically speaking, it is only a short time since the Turks brought him with them from Central Asia where his ancestors were captured as the "manul" or Pallas cat of the desert areas.

Incidentally, how the Angora got its name is because those Turks who settled around the city of Angora, some 200 miles from Constantinople, soon discovered that not only their cats but other animals were improving mightily. The change was particularly noticeable in their coats.

**Peculiarity in Atmosphere**  
"The fineness of their hair may perhaps be ascribed to some peculiarity in the atmosphere," one observer wrote, "for it is remarkable that the cats, dogs and other animals of the country are to a certain extent affected in the same way, and that they all lose much of their distinctive beauty when taken from their native districts."

Whether the Maine coon cat's dominant ancestor was an Angora I, of course, don't know. But since it is classed as a Long Hair, and since the Angora as well as the Persian

is likewise, that is distinctly possible.

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