



Friday night about 8:30 Kings highway seemed twice as long and half as wide as it usually does. Driving at a snail's pace through the murky fog—just as slow as the Chevrolet would move without stopping—it seemed we would never come to the turn onto South Stage road. Drivers were staying so close to the yellow center line, with heads thrust out the windows, that we almost touched faces with a couple of approaching motorists.

As one car moved slowly by us a voice said breezily "Go, man, go!"

We'd like to gratefully wring the hand of the road engineer who had all those white posts with red reflectors planted along Kings highway. Friday night we wished we had them to guide us all the way home.

Tuesday night we stayed in town for dinner and went to see the preview showing of "Dog of Flanders." It isn't very often that a really good family film is released, and this is one. As a young girl we read the story and enjoyed a good cry over the trials and tribulations of the boy and his dog. We still remember how impressed we were over the pictures of the big dog pulling a cart—we'd heard about sled dogs in Alaska, but never about the use of farm dogs in Europe.

David Ladd turns in a good performance as the boy, but our heart went out to grandpa, played by Donald Crisp. The beautiful colored photography gives some of the scenes a fairy-tale quality which is most appealing. The movie, which has a Christmas ending, is opening here at the Craterian theater Christmas day, four months ahead of its release anywhere else. It will make a nice vacation treat for both young people and their elders.

Our campaign for better tasting glue on Christmas stickers, envelopes and seals isn't getting anywhere. One batch of seals we licked last week tasted something like stale cod liver oil; another tasted like mint but so strong it practically curled our tongue. Why doesn't some enterprising person work out a formula for putting orange, lemon and lime flavors in glue?

Also it would be nice if everyone put a return address on their Christmas cards, particularly the ones they forget to sign. We received one neatly addressed in bright red ink and there's a beautiful card inside, but nary a clue as to who sent it.

And while we're in the business of complaining, we have an honest-to-goodness legitimate one. It concerns the radiators in Medford High school auditorium. Thursday night during the concert of McHenry Boatwright, a baritone, some of the numbers were literally ruined by the loud banging which came from the radiators. At times it sounded as if a crew of strong-armed men were hitting each and every radiator with a heavy iron bar.

This has been going on for some time now. The last concert of the Philharmonic society was played to the accompaniment of the noisy radiators. More than one person at the Thursday night concert voiced the idea that unless the noise is stopped, audiences for concerts in the auditorium will surely get smaller and smaller.

Too, it seems the height of discourtesy to expect musicians to play or sing when there is so much interference.

The women's department of The Mail Tribune is grateful for the cooperation of Sacred Heart Catholic church members and clergy in preparing today's Christmas picture page. A group of students and Sisters of St. Mary's school spent a half hour in devotion in order that the photographer might take a picture of the sanctuary. The Rev. John Ilg and two acolytes, Bill Depner and Mike Naumes, posed for the altar pictures.

For the Midnight Mass and other Christmas services the church will be decked with the traditional Christmas wreaths and boughs and the pews will be filled with hundreds of worshippers.—O.S.

Use an old nylon stocking for storing flower bulbs. Put the bulbs in the stocking, put a knot between each bulb to prevent rotting, and hang.

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Report Shows Teen-agers Being Pushed Into Dating

By PATRICIA WIGGINS
United Press International

Washington—UPI—Are today's pre-teen-agers being pushed too soon into dating? Are they leading too highly ordered and pressured lives?

The answer sounds like "yes," according to results of a recently completed four-year study by the elementary schools section of the U.S. Office of Education. School principals and teachers who participated in the study voiced concern.

In conferences held throughout the United States, the educators reported that parents and other adults are planning activities for the 9 to 11 age group that appeal "only to the more mature: social dancing, hayrides, skating parties—where a girl can go only if accompanied by a boy."

"Teachers wondered," the report said, "whether society is forcing activities on children for which they are not really ready. They commented, 'Is this the reason there are no many nail biters, daydreamers, and nervous and restless children?'"

One teacher said, "Are parents and other adults expecting adult masculine and feminine behavior patterns in children and robbing them of chances to enjoy childhood, which is so short anyway?"

The outside boy-girl mixing contrasts somewhat with behavior patterns the teachers noticed in their fourth to sixth graders in school hours.

For example, it was noted that boys this age will sometimes say, "There's my girl." But, the girl usually knows nothing about it.

One teacher was consulted by a young boy confused about invitations from five girls to the same social affair. He wanted to know how to choose a girl—"by her looks, or by what she does?"

One bewildered 10-year-old, having trouble with his arithmetic, told his teacher, "I can't think about this arithmetic. It's not the schoolwork; it's the dancing and the music last night. I can't get it out of my head."

Teachers, frequently chosen as confidants of youngsters at this age, agreed that discussion was more wholesome than secrecy on such problems. But many were concerned about these interests appearing so early.

The report noted that children from 9 to 11 like to do things for themselves; to think, to explore, to make, to do, to discuss, to share, to evaluate, to try again.

Working against creativity

during these ages are the youngster's own critical sense, failure of adults to encourage, and "too highly ordered and pressured lives... depriving them of the time and solitude it takes to nurture creativity."

One teacher said that a 10-year-old whose life is highly organized outside school came in one morning, dashed to his desk, and quickly buried himself in a library book. When his group was preparing to go to a rehearsal, the teacher gently told him to put away the book and come with the others.

The youngster threw his book down, burst into tears and cried, "Can't I ever do anything I want to?"

Curry In A Hurry

New York—UPI—Curried eggs and chips offer a fine texture and flavor contrast. Dissolve 1 teaspoon of curry powder or more to taste, in ¼ cup of cold water. Add this to your favorite cream sauce recipe and pour over 6 hot hard-cooked eggs, halved. Top with ½ cup of crushed potato chips. Serve with boiled rice and chutney.

If a leaky faucet gets on your nerves before it can be fixed, tie a string to the faucet handle near the tip, and let

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Federation Aided By Grandmothers

Central Point—Crater chapter, Grandmother Clubs of America, plan a potluck Christmas dinner Monday, December 21, at the home of Mrs. Ted Hill, 160 South Amy street, Central Point.

Dinner will be served at 1 p.m. with Mrs. Carl Hoyer and Mrs. Roy Kelly as Mrs. Hill's co-hostesses.

Instead of holding the traditional gift exchange, Crater chapter members have contributed to the Save the Children Federation, an organization devoted to assisting refugee children all over the world.

Daughter Arrives

Miss Linda Horton has arrived from West Covina, Calif., to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Horton, 44 Windsor avenue. Miss Horton, who was graduated from Medford High school last spring, will return south December 27.

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