Motorists Everywhere Do Craziest Things

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Washington -(UPI)- Motorists - American and foreign - proved again in 1962 as in 1961 that they can do the craziest things or that crazy things can happen to them.

Some spent unusual or unlawful years behind the wheel. Others spent much time before a judge. And one just plainly disappeared.

A record of their foibles was kept in a UPI file throughout 1962 so this sum-up dispatch could be written.

The vanishing driver was one of 12 entered in a stock car race at Redditch, England. One driver hit a tree. Another spun into a field. Three ended up in the wrong town and, as we said, one disappeared altogether.

Motorists in court paid through the nose, feet, and seat of their pants.

Awarded $4,500

A London lady was awarded $4,500 in damages for an automobile accident which left her, according to doctors, permanently sniffling and sneezing.

In Turkey, when the police caught a drinking driver, they hauled him 20 miles from his car and made him walk back, accompanied by a slow-moving police car. When he got back he was sober.

"This is the first time I've heard of this (traffic) ticket," the mother of a 16-year-old boy told a Houston, Tex., judge. "But he is too big, and I can't catch him to give him one (a spanking)," she said. The judge ordered the boy to lean over a table. A policeman loaned the mother a belt.

Courts were entertaining a number of other offenders. Two litterbugs in Monticello, Ind., chose to sweep off a mile-long stretch of road rather than go to jail.

Woman Holdup

An Indianapolis woman was placed on two years probation for holding up a finance company with an antique pistol to get money for payments on her old car.

In Salford, England, a 16-year-old motorcyclist was fined for speeding. His plea was that his speedometer became covered with heather on a trip from Scotland.

A Menlo Park, Calif., judge jailed on a drunk charge one of two men in a car which overturned on a freeway. A patrolman testified both men denied driving the car and, he said, "from the looks of it that could very well be."

George T. Fitzgerald, 35, told a Camden, N.J., judge he had been driving 17 years without a license, and didn't know how many tickets he had received for that offense.

Woodrow W. Carter asked for pardons of two convictions in two months for driving without a license. He said he needed the pardons to qualify for a Maine driver's license.

And this was the kind of fine we'd all like to pay: A city street sweeper crew in London, England, took a tea break and returned to find police had towed off their dustcart for illegal parking. The $5.60 fine was paid to the Borough of Kensington, where the cart was parked, by the Borough of Kensington, which employs the sweepers.

Chief Fired

It really happened: St. Mary's, Ontario, fired Police Chief John Western for handing out too many parking tickets, which, said the town council, was driving shoppers to other communities.

Small cars attracted strange birds. A pheasant, which the driver described as of "low character," attacked his "poor defenseless" little car on a New Hampshire seaside drive.

Out of the skies over Melrose, New Mexico, an eagle with a six-foot wingspan swooped down on a small car, crashed through the windshield, and clawed the two occupants.

There was an unusual reunion at a Honolulu intersection. Traffic Investigator William Kaimikaua wrote a citation for Mervyn C. Thompson, whose car had struck one driven by Robert Smelter - just as he had done a year before when Thompson's car collided with Smelter's.

Horses, Faster

Illinois police closed their investigation into a report that a man was shoved into a car trunk by another man who then drove off when they learned they were two mechanics looking for a trouble-some noise.

The Chicago Transit Authority proudly reported the average speed of its bus runs increased to 11.7 miles an hour, whereupon a local newspaper pointed out that in 1906 horse cars on State street averaged 12 miles an hour.

Finally, the truck drivers passing through Graveley, England, thought they had found the frosting on their 1962 cake.

There, along the side of the road through town, was a beautiful (35-25-35) woman in tight slacks and a brief blouse trying to hitch a ride.

"I saw truck drivers whistling at a pretty girl in the village," said Mrs. Anne McDonald, "so I put on my beach clothes, walked down the village wiggling my hips and stuck out my thumb as though I were hitch-hiking."

Mother Acts

As you might have guessed, and, as Mrs. McDonald confirmed, "it wasn't long before the first truck stopped."

But what she had in mind was not what many red-blooded truck drivers seemed to suspect. Mrs. McDonald, mother of four, was worrying about drivers ignoring the 30-mile-per-hour speed limit through the small village.

When the first, and succeeding truck drivers stopped, she told them "I do hope you will observe the speed limit through our village. Thank you for stopping."

After two weeks of this, Mrs. McDonald quit.

Some of the responses from the disappointed truckers, she said, were "not very nice."

RESOLUTION APPROVED

Salem-(UPI)-The Oregon Senate has voted to ratify a U.S. constitutional amendment abolishing the poll tax as a requirement for voting. The resolution now goes to the House.

Court Records

James Edward Robinson, violation of basic rule, $10.
Jessie Ramona Jackson, disobeyed stop sign, $15.
Albert Cooper Allen III, disobeyed traffic sign, $10.
Fred Evans Myers, expired vehicle license, $10.
Wendell Allen Colby, improper left turn, $10.
Laura Gates Dean, disobeyed stop sign, $10.
Stanley Boyd Langeberg, disobeyed traffic sign, $10.
Kathleen Ellen Hoffman, violation of basic rule, $10.
William Murrel Wertz, disobeyed stop sign, $10.
Mary Emma Teeter, failure to yield right of way, $25.
Wanda Lee Rubottom, violation of basic rule, $10.

DISTRICT COURT

John Emery Courson, failure to stop, $7.50.
Ralph Howard Bennett, failure to stop at scene of accident, $35.
Ronda Elaine Nelson, route 1, Talent, driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor, $300
James T. Rooks, no lights, $2.50.
Earl Alvin Bliss, overload, $25.50.
Sara Lou Moore, violation of basic rule, $20.
Charles Angus Crane, overheight load, $15.
Harold Ray Wilson, no public utility commission permit, $25.
Helen Marie Clary, no operator's license, $5.
Ben Saroki, failure to operate on right side of road, $15.
Donald Morris Eccles, failure to dim lights, $5
Arthur George Peck, no chauffer's license, $5.
Dell Richard Hitchman, no flag on load, $10.
Clifford Cusack Hard, overload, $81.
Jay Elliott, no lights, $15.
John Maynard Francis, violation of basic rule, $25.

CIRCUIT COURT

Marjorie Ida Smith vs. Wayne Milton Smith, divorce complaint.
Nancy R. Whitsett vs. Joseph C. Whitsett, divorce complaint.
Carol J. Beatty vs. Robert G. Beatty, divorce complaint.
Roberta Josephine Turvey vs. David Oliver Turvey, divorce decree.

MEDFORD MUNICIPAL COURT

John Robert Clark, driving with suspended license, $100.
Edgar Junior Huggins, improper left turn, $15.
Dorothy Irene Perl, violation of basic rule, $10.
Harold J. Davis, disobeyed traffic signal, $5.
Victor Poindexter, improper left turn, $5.
Donald Gerard Heriford, failure to yield right of way, $15.
Mary Bonham Van deKamp, violation of basic rule, $10.
James Emory Waddell Jr., improper left turn, $10.
Dorothy Ann Corbell, failure to obtain Oregon operator's license, $30 suspended.
Walter Chester Ricks Jr., disobeyed stop sign, $10.
Steven James Minneci, violation of basic rule, $25.
Donald James Robinson, excessive noise, $10.
Steven Ray Charters, disobeyed stop sign, $10; violation of basic rule, $25.
Meryle Eugene Collins, violation of basic rule.
James Guinane Morgan, disobeyed stop sign, $10.
Mable Louise McCabe, disobeyed traffic signal, $10.
Herbert Roy Anderson, violation of basic rule, $10.
Catherine Louise Morris, violation of basic rule, $10.
Gustaf Alfred Priebe, disobeyed traffic signal, $10.
David Ross Ryden, excessive noise, $15.
George Richard Knight, failure to obtain Oregon operator's license, $20; violation of basic rule, $30.
Berthel Gene Davis, defective equipment, $10 suspended.
Ona Marie Bowes, defective equipment, $10 suspended.
Deronda Idabel Griffin, disobeyed stop sign, $5.
Sandra Lee Wilson, violation of basic rule, $10.
George Bennett Little, disobeyed traffic signal, $10.
Gerald Nelson Glossop, violation of basic rule, $5.
Ralph Junior Newman, racing, $100, suspended, Driver Improvement School and 40 hours work in city park.

Settlement of Philippine Claim To North Borneo May Be Discussed

Manila (UPI) - The question of a financial payoff to settle the Philippine claim to North Borneo is almost sure to come up when the British and Philipinos hold talks in London starting today, according to informed sources here.

Most likely, the Philippine delegation, headed by Vice President and Foreign Secretary Emmanuel Pelaez, will be first to broach the subject.

The Philippines made a formal claim to sovereignty over the territory last June. British North Borneo, with a population of about 500,000 in an area of 29,000 square miles, is located less than 30 miles from the southernmost Philippine islands.

The Philippine claim is based on the contention that the territory was leased to a British company by the Philipino sultan of Sulu in 1878. The heirs of the sultan have for years been clamoring for a return of the territory which the British say was sold outright for an annual fee.

Would Accept Payoff

Nicasio Osmena, a Filipino attorney representing the sultan's heirs, said that the heirs would be more than willing to accept a financial payoff in lieu of sovereignty over the territory.

In what perhaps was a trial balloon, Osmena claims he had heard that the Malayan embassy had offered the Philippines $60 million to drop the clam.

"We have done absolutely nothing of the sort," said Bert Talalla, press officer of the Malayan embassy.

"Absolutely absurd," said a British embassy spokesman.

"We haven't heard anything about it," said a Philippine foreign office spokesman.

While the "price" of $60 million appears too high, it does serve to indicate what is going on in the minds of Osmena and his clients.

Just how much influence they will wield with the Pelaez delegation remains to be seen. Osmena indirectly indicated the influence of the heirs over the Pelaez group was only slight.

Might Be Answer

But a financial settlement might be an answer to the dispute which Malayan Premier Tengku Abdul Rahman feels could disrupt not only the fledgling association of southeast Asia, but also his proposed Malaysia Federation to bring together the three Borneo territories with Singapore and Malaya.

Rahman has termed the Philippine claim to British North Borneo as strictly a matter between the British and the Philippines. But he has shown keen interest.

Some feel the Philippines, under the leadership of President Diosdado Macapagal, has gone out on a limb in making its claim. An outright rejection from Britain would cost Macapagal considerable prestige at home and in the eyes of the average Filipino -who is acutely aware of the claim-it would seem a kick in the face.

On the other hand, the British seem quite unlikely to hand over the territory to the Philippines under any conditions.

Neither the Philippines nor Britain appear particularly interested in staging elections in Borneo to settle the matter. The Philippines, in particular, knows it would undoubtedly lose by an overwhelming margin.

Effort Too Much

For its part, Britain wouldn't be too keen on elections because of the effort involved. General elections have never been held in North Borneo.

If elections were held they might tend to show that the people of Borneo weren't particularly interested in joining either the Philippines or Malaysia.

Britain, which will be completely out of southeast Asia with the coming of Malaysia, now scheduled for Aug. 31, wants to leave a neat package behind. The Malaysia federation under Rahman, a strong anti-communist, would fit the bill.

Malaysia is much preferred by the British as compared with an independent federation of the three Borneo territories proposed by Brunei Revolutionary A. M. Azarhari and other political leaders in Sarawak and British North Borneo.

If the Borneo territories do not join Malaysia, then Singapore and Malaya probably would not be able to get together because of Singapore's large Chinese population. That would result in an extremely unsettled picture.

So it may well be that money, if the British and the Malayans wish to give the Philippines a face-saving device, will be the answer to the problem.

Unique Club Has Big Run as Song Supplants Drink

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Detroit - (UPI) - Hollywood's famed Romanoff's closed recently because of decreasing patronage from the wining and dining crowd. Predictions followed that many such supper clubs would meet with the same fate.

But about the same time, a unique supper club opened here to a standing room only crowd which has kept the place filled almost every night since then.

It is a Christian supper club where hymns and handclapping have been substituted for drinking and dancing and cigarettes are not sold.

"Sometimes I wish we weren't doing so well," said Ed Darling, manager of the Crossroads Supper club. We haven't been getting much sleep lately."

Crossroads is the result of 10 years of planning by area Christian leaders. The club, which formerly housed a conventional restaurant, is operated by Trinity Association, a non-profit organization created by 18 local Protestant businessmen.

Crossroads Filled

Since Dec. 15 when Ethel Waters was on hand to entertain the club's "First Nighters," Crossroads has been filled to its 600-person capacity through Sunday nights, with heavy crowds on the other nights.

Darling, a former member of the Four Londons dance team and a prominent lay figure in Christian work in Detroit, said that "our main purpose is to provide a dining place where liquor is not served. We don't mean to criticize those who do indulge, but rather, offer a place of entertainment for those whose beliefs prohibit drinking.."

Proceeds from the restaurant will go to various missions, youth organizations, orphanages and schools as of each Dec. 1.

Darling said to meet the demands of increasing patronage, a banquet room with a 150-person capacity will be opened soon. Crossroads presently employs 50 persons. Fifteen additional waitresses will be added in the near future.

Idea Catches On

"The idea of a Christian supper club is beginning to catch on from coast to coast," he said. "We have had many inquiries from groups in various cities where clubs may be opened. Toronto may be opening up such a place soon."

Such supper clubs ("night club" has an objectionable connotation to Darling) also provide a showcase for Christian talent.

"We feature entertainment five of the six nights a week that we are open and all of it must have a 'Christ-centered theme,'" Darling said.

"We invite such performers as Ethel Waters, George Beverly Shea and Stuart Hamblen. We hope to get such artists as Jerome Hines to present operatic numbers," he said.

"It is also not unusual to hear the diners singing out a rousing chorus of 'Let Me Call You Sweetheart'."

Invites Graham

Darling, 48, who was Evangelist Billy Graham's executive secretary from 1958 to 1961, said Graham will also be invited to speak to supper club audiences.

"Crossroads has found great acceptance with families including young people who come here mainly on the weekends," he said. "We offer anything from a club dinner to steak with all the trimmings."

Crossroads is also home of radio station WBFG-FM which broadcasts sacred music 24 hours a day. Recently initiated at the club was the breakfast clubtyme program which is broadcast every week day morning at 9:30. The program features interviews with various guests.

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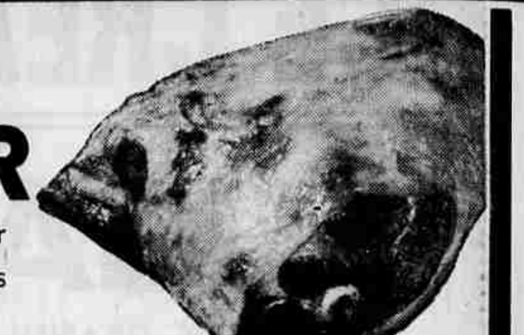

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