

Boyle's Column

You Can't Be A Hero To A Washington Cab Driver

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 (AP)—Taxi drivers earn their tips in Los Angeles by courtesy—in Manhattan by hypnotizing you out of your loose change by shame or wisecracks.



Mr. Boyle

But here in the nation's capital, the cab jockeys are plain pholite and philosophic by nature, figuring tips will come only by act of congress—and then only after the customer has appealed twice to the supreme court.

The Washington taxi driver is a freer man with an opinion than the average legislator. He has views on every subject—the inside of the inside—but unlike the New York cabbie, he won't switch his views just to please the human cargo who is paying the fare.

Owens His Cab

His forum is the highway, his rostrum the front seat of his cab, which he probably owns himself—and that makes him a small businessman and therefore gives him the right to say how the country should be run.

Ask him to take it easy at the wheel, and he's off: "I'm in no hurry either. Don't worry about me hitting any pedestrians. Can't afford to any more. The repair costs to the cars run too high nowadays. It's \$100 now where it used to be \$18.

"Kinda new here, aren't you? I been here most my life. It's a swell city, but I never saw one like it for middle-aged women getting drunk. Darn near every night gotta drive some gimmed-up woman home.

"Had one in the car the other night and she started in complainin' about her husband. They all want to tell you their life story. This one had two kids she oughta been home minding and here she's been out touring the beer joints with a bald-headed, pot-bellied buzzard with a face like a hopwood. He was more romantic, she said, than her husband—all he did was bring home his paycheck. And she kept saying, 'Well, what'd you do if you were me?'"

"I told her, 'Lady, I don't know what I'd do if I was you, but I know what I'd do if I was your husband. I'd just plain kick you out the house and down the front porch, a step at a time.'

"She shut up then, and when I drove up to her house I was so mad I socked an extra \$1.50 on the bill. She didn't holler—just gave me a four-bit tip.

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these ten-to-fifteen thousand dollar men.  
"Senators—they hand me a laugh, but that's about all. Once one of them tipped me a nickel. However, I took another one home once—pretty good old guy, he was—and he said, 'You have to get my car home, too. I've drunk too much to drive. So I got a friend and we drove his car home, and the senator slipped me ten bucks and winked and said, 'Now my wife will think I'm all right when she sees the car's home.'

"Funny thing about the presidents. Most of them do get uppity. But you take Woodrow Wilson. People say he was a cold man. But I saw him at a theatre and walked right up and spoke to him. He was real pleasant. A fine man.  
"So was Teddy Roosevelt. I saw him while his two youngest boys right on the White House lawn. Sent another man to fetch them in to dinner, and they snaked him. So Teddy came out himself with a stick and gave it to them good right there on the lawn. They went in a-hopping.

"Never saw Franklin D. Roosevelt except when he was here way back in the First World war. Right nice young fellow then.  
"Still and all, you take presidents generally. I don't understand it. But with most of them soon's they get to be president right away they begin to think they're a big shot."  
It's hard to say just what it takes to be a hero to a taxi driver in Washington.

DeMolay To Hold Meet

Newly elected officers of the Order of DeMolay will be installed Thursday evening at 8 o'clock in the Masonic temple with Bill Southwell, past master, counselor, as installing officer. He will be assisted by Cameron Stewart, senior counselor; Ron Woods, marshal; Bob Mason, senior deacon.  
Master counselor, LeRoy Overen; senior counselor, Jim Owens; junior counselor, Jack Metter; senior deacon, Dick Winters; junior deacon, David Todd; senior steward, Wayne Carothers; junior steward, Ronnie Tarr; standard bearer, Byron Tarr; marshal, Jim Pinniger; chaplain, Dale Peyton; sentinel, Graydon Gwynn; almoner, Bill Evans; orator, Wilbur Elliott; preceptors, Charles Shuck, Chuck Hamilton and M. A. Bowman Jr., all of Merrill; John Stone, Harold Patterson, Roger Klahn and Gordon Fletcher.

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Enrollment Up At OVS

Enrollment at Oregon Vocational school is up to 372, with more students coming in daily to make a steady gain. John W. Dunn, supervisor of instruction, said today that the most popular classes at OVS are auto body and fender, auto mechanics and diesel courses.  
The watch and clock repair class, started early in January, is already filled to capacity, and names are now being taken for a waiting list. As soon as details can be worked

out, Dunn said, a second class will probably be started.  
So far there have been no completed courses, but some of the earliest enrolled students will be graduated soon.

In Hospital — Mrs. W. D. Cogdill, 203 Washington, had major surgery at Hillside hospital Wednesday morning.

In Hillside — Warren Roberts, farmer living on route 2, Klamath Falls, was admitted to Hillside Wednesday morning for surgery.

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Bottom Fish Study Slated

PORTLAND, Jan. 21 (AP)—Research programs to learn the habits of bottom fish, a rapidly expanding portion of the off-shore fishing catch on the coast, will be sponsored by the Pacific marine fisheries commission.

The tri-state agency closed a session here yesterday in which rules and regulations were adopted to govern the recently organized agency. Members of the Oregon advisory committee to the commission were named.

A San Francisco meeting March 22 will determine details of the research program into fish life along the coastal waters and determine which species will be studied first.

The five Oregon fishing industry representatives named to the 15-man commission advisory committee are William C. Elder and Anton Sorenson, Astoria; Leonard N. Hall and John A. Graham, Coos Bay; and Andrew J. Naterlin, Newport.

Medical Care — Mrs. Margaret Wasson, 73, mother of Mrs. N. S. Hepburn of 1303 Oak, is receiving medical care at Klamath Valley hospital.

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