

Parking Space Found Going To Waste

By BILL JENKINS
 THE holiday spirit in this writer is not the bright and shining thing it ought to be today. The reason? A parking tag left flapping in the breeze under my windshield wiper yesterday by one of the local police force.
 Now ordinarily I'm not much affected by parking tickets. We all get them. There is no moral question involved, usually just a matter of leaving your car too long in one spot or not getting close enough to the curb or some such little oversight. But this one was different. As I have stated before, the city recently came down here with a spray gun and marked large, coarse yellow lines around the corners near the office. That, of course, cut into our parking space. But we learned to get along. Then yesterday I came blithely to work and found no place to park except in the meter zone on Esplanade. I can't park there because I don't have the time to dash out every hour and move the car to another meter, (and put in another nickel).

However, right at the end of the yellow strip on Pine street, at the corner, there is a space almost long enough for a car between the end of the yellow line and the door of an unused garage. If you park there your car hangs over the entrance of this unused garage for a space. So I parked there.
 When I came out, several hours later, I find the familiar yellow tag. Just to make sure I inquired at the house and found that the garage has not been used to house a car for so these many months. That the space is used for storage of various items, that the door is kept padlocked at all times and that the residents of the house have no objection whatever to anyone who wishes to park in front of the building.

On leaving the house I noticed that the next garage down the street, which is used to house a car and where there is a normal amount of in and out travel, is carefully marked with little yellow markers at the edge of the driveway to point out that this is a freeway and must be kept open. Was the one in which I got the ticket marked? It was not.

Nor is it one of these depressions in the curbing that are usually noted. It is that type of driveway built up from the street level to sidewalk height instead of cutting the curbstone down. So, the one in use is carefully marked. The one used for storage is not marked. Wouldn't it seem logical that it was okay to park there? Particularly when you consider that we work in this office, that we know the neighborhood pretty well and that we have observed that locked door for a long time.

If the city is going to do such a conscientious job of handing out parking tags it would seem logical that they would expend the same energy on making sure that things are plainly marked. In view of the fact that the seriousness of the parking situation is constantly being called to the public attention, that city councilmen are always being told that there is inadequate parking space downtown and that the general public is even now short of parking in the area they need to be close to, it seems illogical that an effort should be made to remove more parking spaces from public use.

It surely couldn't take much more, if any, time to check and see if a driveway is being used than it does to write out a ticket. Or so it seems to me.
 We have a driveway here, too. In front of a door that is used constantly for unloading supplies for the shop. Nobody yet to my knowledge has gotten a ticket for parking in that spot. Some have been tagged for parking in it facing the wrong way, but not for parking in the driveway. And we haven't complained and cried for a bright, yellow line, either.

Just down the block from the driveway where I got the ticket is another yellow zone, an unloading zone. In the past three weeks I have seen just two trucks parked in it. What is this? A plot to drive us all into the meter zones?
 (By the way, that garage in question that this writer will be just as willing to go to bat for the owners to keep the way clear. I just can't see the sense of letting parking space go idle when there is such a critical lack of it.)

Flue Fire, No Damage

Suburban firemen answered an alarm at 1:05 p. m. yesterday to the home of H. B. Hunt, 3404 Bibbee, where an overheated stove was burning out the flue.
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Thomas, who is secretary of the Oregon Farmers union, said in the farmers' union monthly publication that he would be available if adequate finances and interest are in evidence.
 Thomas is a former educator. He was principal at the Dallas junior high school and was with West Salem schools before becoming associated with the farmers' union. He has served six terms in the legislature from Polk county.

Texas Drawl Hard To Mimic

GILCHRIST — Have you an Oregonian, ever tried acquiring a bona fide Texan accent in a few short weeks? We reckon you'd find it quite a job.

"It's awful. I can't seem to achieve a drawl that sounds as if it came from farther south than Klamath Falls," wailed Mertie Conklin when a reporter approached her this week and inquired how her part in the school play was coming.

Mertie Conklin will be seen as Aunt Kate, a Texas oil millionaire,

in the forthcoming Gilchrist high school production "Going Places," by Glenn Hughes, to be presented December 2.

LODER WEDS

NEW YORK, Nov. 24 (AP)—Actor John Loder, 48, was married yesterday to Mrs. Evelyn Carolan Auffmordt, 28, in a ceremony attended by a few close friends and relatives.

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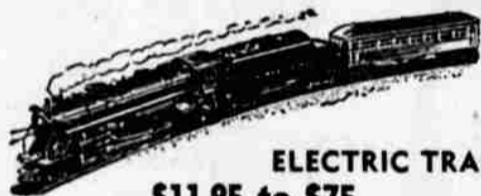
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