

It Happened This Way in New Pine Creek

By IRVIN FARIS

Dodging the Grim Reaper is no fun. It leaves the body so limp and devastated! Like a stick 'o gum that's been chewed for a week. And it all can happen so god-darned quick!

Five boys celebrated the end of the school year—Jerry Sullaway, Ronnie Lange, Jim Lynch, Jamie Smith and Larry Fossum. They were all guests of son, Robert, last Friday evening—following the high school graduation program and other attractions that night. It made six boys sardined in two beds, in one motel apartment. They slept, after a fashion—on and off the floor, until about 11 o'clock Saturday a.m. Then they all enjoyed fried ham and waffles. Washing and polishing the car originally had been included in the plans but the boys, being in neat slacks and white shirts, omitted that detail—which showed wisdom.

Viewing the 3-dimensional movie—"The Man of the Dark"—over at Klamath Falls that afternoon at 4:30 was to climax the boys' plans for the weekend. So all save Larry who couldn't make it, piled in the Clipper and we clipped right along with them and two hours to make it in. Dad chauffeured.

All went well except for that straight stretch about twenty miles this side of Klamath Falls. I had been checking the speed of a black Buick that had passed us so fast—I wondered if we weren't back in 'up? Satisfied that he was doing 60—we lost 'im over the hill just ahead.

After negotiating that hill—at a comfortable 55 per—we saw the black Buick far down that unfortunate, long straightaway practically out of sight. I thought, "How can an intelligent human travel that fast—conscientiously?"

About that time a black Ford—maybe 1949 vintage—came drifting along toward us, it having gotten by the Buick apparently without incident. The distance now was narrowing rapidly between us and the Ford. Whether drunk asleep or crazy that driver turned that car loose at us like a hungry lion on helpless prey! What! No? Yes! Right for us it came!

Time was of the essence! To brake the car—impossible! With a three foot drop just over a narrow shoulder. If our car should veer one iota now—final! I prayed for that Ford to just hesitate—just a second—the only chance was to jam down on that passing gear. Whew! There was a deathly tenseness!

It was that resultant burst of speed that saved us—I reckon. We skinned by—paw-paw-thickness from swiping while our right wheels spun gravel from the very corner of the shoulder. Looking back when it became possible to even move again—one of the boys said that the Ford driver had continued over into our lane at least four feet more before he was aware of what he was doing. Then the car veered sharply back into it's proper lane.

Coming home later I contemplated as we passed the spot where we had been stalked by death, "So perilously dangles the thread of life along our great highways—just a tick of the bumpers and this fine group of boys—nor I—probably could not even had a chance to explain how the end came."



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We found the 3-dimensional movie sensational but even that was not enough to make us forget that horrifying experience. Because of the far greater stereoscopic clarity achieved, the new cinema process dumps the actors practically into your lap. For this reason the actors, it seems, will face a greater responsibility. Greater acting will be required of them and faking will become more difficult. You can see behind and beyond them and their every movement becomes far more discernible.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rowland of Redding and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Barnes of Ft. Bliss, Texas, left week ago last Saturday for their homes, after spending a week visiting with relatives, Mr. and Mrs. James Cooper and Mr. and Mrs. John Penhall and families.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Heath of Moffett Field, Calif., and son, Kenneth Merle are spending a two weeks furlough visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Merle Davis and family at the Raymond Fisher ranch where he is employed. Heath has one more year in the navy.

New Lease Dept. Deposit slip from bank showing two \$3 checks listed and deposited with this pleasant note attached: "These two checks were found in lobby by one of our customers. One was cash. We have deposited them to your account and are enclosing a duplicate deposit slip." Now weren't that nice? As a happy debtor I'll just pass them along to my most worthy creditor, with my grateful compliments to the honest person who found them.

Then there was that sweet card yesterday from Paisley, Scotland which read: "Dear Sir: Many of here in Paisley read your column in the Herald and News every week. You are the symbol of America to us and someday we all hope to emigrate to New Pine Creek." Signed, Lawson McNulty.

Well folks—I we got to dust off the furniture—there's company a-comin'.

"Symbol of America!" Bless it! Now—how did I ever get thataway? Must be something I et. Used to eat up those magnificent debate speeches of Noah Webster, and Daniel Webster—John C. Calhoun, Patrick Henry and many others but thought the effects of 'em had all been worn away. Also went to bat in a district oratorical contest once, with a first place 10 minute speech on "Americanism" but all that I can remember of that was the starchy finish—"and we must be Masters of our ship—and Captains of our Fate" which never got me any place except in debt.

Then dad once said, "Always strive for the best, son." So I've been "strivin'" ever since to get out of debt. Anyway I kinda like that polished handle, "Symbol of America" especially since Ike is in. But I'm goin' to have to caution him to go a little slower on clamping the lid down to tight



KEEP IT WELL — Miss Margaret Johnson, 19, of Bethesda, Md., 77th Color Girl of the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, assists her fiancé, Midshipman Lt. William F. La Londe, commander of the winning color company, transfer the colors to the new color company. At right, in white uniform, is Vice Adm. C. Turner Joy, academy superintendent.

on the credit pot—"cause it might just squeeze the shoes right off'n us little guys who may have borrowed just a little too greedily from it—lured by it's enticing effectiveness. And goin' barefoot is an awful step backward and a darn hard way to balance the national budget. But we'll take our medicine whatever it is—'cause we're "Captains" now "of our Fate"—in darn stormy weather.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Lenkeit returned last Thursday after spending three weeks visiting with his son, Erwin Lenkeit and family and many friends down in L. A.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hartzog went to Prineville last Thursday morning to visit Mrs. Hartzog's son, Glen McCrew and family and to attend the graduation ceremonies of her granddaughter, June McCrew. They returned Monday forenoon.

Mrs. Don Butler has been spending several days in Eureka, Calif., helping take care of her father who had an eye operation recently. She returned today and said her father had had a cancer in his eye which had to be removed, to save his life.

A charivari was given for Mr. and Mrs. Billie Madison in the wee hours after the dance last Sunday morning. Caught those newlows—trifle off-guard, I guess, and they (the serenaders) really had a rip-roarin' time of it. Report is, the newlows are still alive.

Mrs. Buna Faris headed for Salem last Tuesday morning but I had her confess before witnesses that she wasn't driven there but went by her own election with the

Status of Poor Guardsmen Apparently in Dispute

By C. YATES McDaniel
WASHINGTON (AP)—The Army and Selective Service told apparently conflicting views of the draft liability of some members of the National Guard.

One Red POW Dead, 2 Beaten

SEOUL (AP)—The U. N. prisoner of war command today said one North Korean captive is dead and two others, badly beaten as a result of three incidents on Koje Island. The announcement said a POW mental patient was found dead June 4 in a security section of the hospital mental ward, a torn strip of blanket around his neck. On June 3 and June 4, the Army said, two prisoners beaten by their fellow captives were brought to the compound gate by other prisoners. Both were taken to the camp hospital in serious condition. Investigations are being conducted.

Trans-Atlantic Flight Record Set

FAIRFORD AIR BASE, England (AP)—An American B-47 Stratofortress streaked across the Atlantic in five hours and 22 minutes Saturday, setting a speed record of 575 miles per hour for the non-stop U.S.-England flight. It was the last of a flight of 45 of the sleek, swept-wing six-jet USAF atom bombers to land at this air base in the heart of sleepy Gloucestershire—and the third for the day to break the U.S.-Eng. record.

back on the highway and would run. However, the clutch later burned out on the sedan and while Wadlow had it jacked up and was working on it the car fell off the jacks and crushed his shoulder and arm which he has to keep bound to his body.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Carpenter have moved into the Army Smith home. They are from Eureka and Carpenter works for the state down at Camp 39.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence McClain left after the dance last Saturday night for Olympia, Wash., where they will visit a brother. Mr. and Mrs. George McClain and family who lives near there and Harvey, a brother, who is stationed in the armed forces in Olympia.

Charlie McClain arrived Wednesday evening from Spokane, Wash. He will visit his brother, Homer, for three days.

An Army manpower officer said today that a man who enlists in the National Guard after he has reached 17 years of age and before he becomes 18½ is exempted from the draft if he serves actively in a recognized guard unit for eight consecutive years.

A Selective Service spokesman, however, said that most National Guardsmen, except those with prior federal service, will be subject to induction until their 35th birthday.

Both viewpoints are based upon the same law, the Universal Military Training and Service Act of 1961.

The Army interpretation cites a section which permits the National Guard of any state, upon the governor's proclamation that it is not possible to maintain the guard

strength otherwise, to enlist guardsmen before they are 18½ years old. This section of the law states that such guardsmen will be deferred from induction.

Selective Service bases its statement on another section which says no person may be inducted after he has attained age 26 "except that persons deferred remain liable for induction until age 35."

A Selective Service spokesman said the law was perfectly clear on this point and that he knew of no modifying directive.

Apparently the divergence of opinion has not been tested. The 1961 act provided that men who were members of Organized Reserve or guard units on Feb. 1, 1961, were deferred from draft duty

so long as they continued to be active and satisfactory members for eight consecutive years. The test may be delayed until 1961—eight years after the act went into effect, unless the law is changed. Hannah recently proposed a tightening of the act to end the temporary deferment of men who voluntarily joined the National Guard before they became 18½.

This proposal was referred to the military services for comment and recommendations. So far no decision has been reached by the Defense Department as to whether Congress will be asked to make this change.

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