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Careless Driver

By BILL JENKINS

A good many of us are pretty prone to criticize the teen-age driver. This has slowly come to replace the criticism which was before leveled at the woman driver. You see it pop up in many forms, usually whenever you hear tires scream or see someone far ahead in the line of traffic do some chuckle-headed thing. You mutter to yourself, "darn teen-ager." Or, if you're of the old school, "ah, woman driver."

I think, however, the time has come to be a little more honest about this thing. Why do I weep all this business of teen-agers and women and just say careless driver?

What brings all this to mind is the fact that several days ago I drove out South Sixth and found myself behind a woman who was trying to perform the impossible feat of driving while at the same time combing her hair. In these modern day automobiles, and she was driving a brand new one, with their wrap around windshields and rear windows, you can see practically the entire interior of the car. Thusly, I was afforded an unbroken view of what went on ahead of me.

This woman, and I don't have any idea who she was and don't want to know, was wielding a comb with her right hand, would then drop that hand, still with the comb in her hand, to the wheel and steady it while she fluffed up her hair with the left hand. Then, with this cycle completed, she would lean far over to get a glimpse of herself in the rear view mirror. All this, mind you, on South Sixth during a fairly heavy traffic period. Particularly when she would lean over to look at her handwork in the mirror, she would swerve far into the opposite lane.

As it turned out, no accident occurred, although I followed her for a matter of some 12 or 15 blocks. But it was about as good an illustration of poor driving habits as I have run across in a long time. As long as we have drivers like this, and I'm not sure all of us are not guilty of equal oversights from time to time, I see little reason for criticizing women in general or teen-agers at large.

I shall certainly pull in my horns as far as the situation is concerned and concede that a careless driver is a careless driver regardless of age or sex. I shall also concentrate on my own driving to see if I can't make it not only safer but more courteous to others on the road.

I'm one of those people who have a half a dozen thermometers around the house. There's just something about the temperature reading at the moment that fascinates me, and I like to be able to look up from wherever I happen to be in the house and find out.

But early in the morning I don't need a thermometer or a temperature gauge of any kind. All I have to do is walk back into my den and see if the dog feels like getting up or not. If it is a bright, clear, warm morning with the birds singing and all right with the world, he is bounding all over me by the time I step through the door. He's all set to head for the back door and up into his run.

But, on the other hand, if it is a gray, cold, dismal morning, particularly if there is snow on the ground, he'll burrow even deeper into the covers and try his best to ignore me. He seems to have the idea that despite his quite considerable bulk if he covers his eyes with his paws and tries to breathe lightly I won't notice him and may possibly go to work without making him go outside.

To date this has never happened, but he's an optimist, and pretty level headed about it at that, I guess.

Some time ago in this column I mentioned the fact that friends of ours had recently visited friends of theirs and had found the floor covered with solid pigskin. I considered this to be the outstanding example of something or other. But apparently it is not as unusual as I might have been led to believe. In a recent release from the Johnson's Wax people back in Racine, Wisconsin, I find that they have a special cleaner out for so-called leather tile. The main recommendation, of course, is that it be waxed, used, incidentally, a paste or liquid wax in case you have a pigskin floor.

I also find that according to the Johnson people, pigskin is far superior to other leathers for flooring because of its unusual grain structure. This provides "dimensional stability and toughness," whatever those are. I find further that they are not only suitable for use for floors but also can be applied to walls. The only thing you can't do with it, apparently, is use it over a radiant heating system that has been installed in the floor.

So, anyhow, if you have a pigskin floor you will need wax to take care of it. That much I know.

Digging down through the pile on my desk, I come to a release from the Department of Motor Vehicles, Traffic Safety Division, up in Salem. According to them, Au-

gust travel in Oregon hit an all time high with 744,591,898 miles driven. This figure represents an increase of more than 13,000,000 over the same month last year. Which all figures, because the state's mileage death rate for August of this year has been set at six deaths for each 100,000,000 miles of travel. The rate in August, 1955, was 5.7. The more miles we drive the more people we kill. That seems to be the rule these days.

These figures, incidentally, are computed from reports of gasoline sales and are fairly accurate. As accurate, at least, as anything based on averages can be.

Dawn

By KEN McLEOD

The dawn of science in the Christian world came with the admission that the world was round and Christendom actually began studies to ascertain the size of the earth. Theology was apparently not too greatly disturbed when it had to discard the flat earth of Babylon for the round earth of Greece, nevertheless, some dogma began to weaken each following step was to become much more bitter to face.

Perhaps it might be well to review the concept of the Christian world before three men of science appear upon the scene—Copernicus, Kepler and Galileo. As to the earth, ecclesiastical dogma affirmed that it was a flat surface, over which the sky is spread like a dome, or, as St. Augustine tells us, is stretched like a skin. In this the sun and moon and stars move, so that they may give light by day and night to man. The earth was made of matter created by God out of nothing, and with all the tribes of animals and plants inhabiting it, was finished in six days. Above the sky or firmament is heaven; in the dark and fiery space beneath the earth is hell. The earth is the central and most important body of the universe, all other things being intended for and subservient to it. This was the divine revelation of science which admits of no improvement, no change, no advance. It discouraged, as needless, and indeed presumptuous, all new discovery was considered as an unlawful prying into things which it was the intention of God to conceal.

Let us listen to what some of the authorities say of their assertions. Thus Lactantius in the third century referring to the heretical doctrine of the globular form of the earth, remarks: "Is it possible that men can be so absurd as to believe that the crops and the trees on the other side of the earth can say to this is no race is 100 per cent correct, and being also fundamentally human the Klamath is no exception.

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The poor house ill becomes the vocabulary of true leadership. If it looms large we are gauging the size by our own weakness. In that case the tribe is wise in scraping us off the tribal cake. At the crucial period when America was in danger, the American Indian was ready, willing and able, both in service and industry.

If we have the financial strength to support a vast and lush economy with our funds and property, we have the financial strength to stand on our feet until we find secure footing. In the past we received the crumbs from our estate worth millions to the neglect of the health, education and welfare of our own people. We have seen the aged in privation, the despair of the helpless ill, owning great personal wealth in vast holdings of timber and property which they were not allowed to utilize.

The \$800 yearly income so enticingly dangled as Klamath luxury has not been of long duration, as stated. If even that amount was paid at a given time without the begging it would have been easier. It would prevent such unethical practices as including the asking for a per capita payment on the same petition being circulated for signatures to recall the three-man tribal investigating committee. It would prevent the asking and voting of per capita as bait, enticing members to the meeting to put over an unpopular program. The repelling and disgusting display of uncouthness in the heeling and disturbances at the tribal meetings calls for a change in the methods of getting tribal opinion through a referendum reaching each and every member whose property is so vitally involved. These members cannot sit here and howl. They are out earning their way and should not be denied the privilege of having a voice, or be penalized for having left the reservation.

earth, assume ethereal bodies, perform human functions, and return. The heaven is tempered with glacial water, lest it should be set on fire. The inferior heaven is called the firmament, because it separates the superincumbent waters from the waters below. The firmamental waters are lower than all corporeal beings, reserved, some say, for a second deluge; others, more truly to temper the fire of the fixed stars.

Thus Christianity speculated on the nature of the earth and stifled any independent thought to the contrary.

Inequality

Klamath Falls, (To the Editor)—America turns a face of freedom to the world. But there festers on the sun of her freedom, a living record, the tragedy of the American Indian. Still within the stranglehold coils of a system designed to break the will and spirit of any race, complete bureaucratic controls over the very lives of its subjects, with no recourse of self defense through law against injustices, inequalities and exploitation. A weapon in the hands of the unscrupulous, the leverage is denial or granting. Thus puppets are born, yessing a ride of favoritism. The heel of dictatorship is sharp, and the wounds are as legion as the heel of the "heels" down the century.

Uncle Sam benevolently extends a generous hand and scatters American dollars on the face of the earth, but sweeps the American Indian under the rug.

As of now for the Klamath Indian there is a bright ray of hope, the promise of freedom. The Eisenhower administration has swung open the bureaucratic curtain. But will a dark chapter be written when the hand of greed walks by and closes the curtain in the name of charity, on our hopes, aims and plans.

Seventy per cent of tribal members has chosen the road of freedom; through individual expression they have made known their preference in favor of termination. The biased expediency of quoting any professed leadership not in accord with that record is contradictory to the path of freedom individually chosen, has not been lightly made. It is with definite knowledge learned the hard way by having lived the life under the oppressive yoke of bureaucratic rule which no abstract theories can ever erase.

There is a tendency to group and condemn the Klamath Indian as incapable and inefficient. All I can say to that is no race is 100 per cent correct, and being also fundamentally human the Klamath is no exception.

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lay has been too long. Too many young lives have been sacrificed through lack of leadership. Now a great many of them know what they are doing and where they are going. To them I say good luck and Godspeed.

Mrs. Inez W. Hunter

Emergency

Klamath Falls, (To the Editor)—For our old people an emergency exists. Upward of 60 per cent of them have incomes of less than \$1,000 for one and less than \$1,500 for couples.

To maintain a decent standard of living, 40 per cent of men and 8 per cent of women over 65 are able to find jobs.

Twentieth Century Fund survey found only one-third of our older citizens receive social security benefits or pensions of some kind, and the distress will become even more acute.

Today there are 14 million aged over 65, and by 1975 will be 21 million; in addition, the cost of living is rising daily.

Since 1932 Mr. Eisenhower and other GOP leaders have been making "fine speeches about the Federal government helping our senior citizens. Unfortunately, are these speeches lip service?

Mr. Eisenhower said, "They say we are against the old people and that we want to leave the old people destitute, suffering, lying out in the cold. I guess something like it was in the picture called 'East Lynne' or that sort of thing."

So what happened? When Democrats in Congress insisted that retirement benefits for women start at 62 instead of 65, Mr. Eisenhower resisted.

When Democrats in Congress insisted that disability benefits be paid to totally and permanently disabled persons, starting at 50 instead of 65, Eisenhower resisted. I believe it was six Republicans voted for, and to whoever those Republicans were I admire their courage.

The fact is leadership is broadening. Social security coverage has come from Democrats in Congress even before 1956 sessions opened.

Mr. Eisenhower said, "The problems of our aged people need our attention. To meet the needs of the growing number of older people, several amendments to the national housing act will be proposed." (State of the Union message 1-5-56.) When it came time to act, with over half of our older citizens unable to maintain a decent standard of living, the Eisenhower administration cut the entire housing program to 35,000 units a year. Again Demos took the lead, proposed 75,000 public housing units for older families over a five-year period. But the administration said no.

Mr. Eisenhower said, "Let there be a department of health, welfare and education to help take care of our senior citizens."

But last year Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby, then Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, admitted that the government was 10 years behind in its work for older persons. She proceeded to ask the magnificent sum of \$65,000 to deal with this enormous problem; her successor, Mrs. Marion Folsom, seems satisfied with this.

Behind the lip service is the true feeling of the administration about the security and welfare of our senior citizens.

How many of you ever tried to live on a meager welfare check? Try it. The reason why so many underprivileged are sick is because they worry as to how they can ever survive and meet this high cost of living and fear that their "gift chicken" be deducted from \$50 next month's check. Is the large salary workers' tax to be blamed for the small check of the pensioner? Ask the President.

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Some Nerve

Chiloquin, (To the Editor)—It sure beats all how the Democrats can have the nerve to accuse the Republicans of "Give Away" (even if the Republicans are guilty of all they accuse them of) when the greatest give away the world has ever known was consummated at Yalta, Tehran and Potsdam when whole countries (and parts of others) with their millions of peoples were bartered away to the Communists by Franklin Roosevelt and Harry Truman.

And if Adlai Stevenson can just get to be president he evidently plans to fix things up so the bloody Communists can get the rest of the world.

It makes me shudder when I think of the mess we'd probably be in now over the Suez question if Harry Truman and Dean Acheson were running the show. I have a boy in the service, do you?

W. R. Loosley

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SALT LAKE CITY — Former President Truman, assailing the "ambitious platitudes" of President Eisenhower:

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By Jimmy Hatlo



So WHERE DOES HE CARRY ON THESE DEALS NOW? WHY, OUT IN THE GENERAL OFFICE, LOUD AND CLEAR...



State Nurse Association Hears Convention Reports

The regular meeting of District 8, Oregon State Nurses Association, met at the home of Mrs. Howard Storde, president, on October 18, at 7:30 p.m.

The main purpose of this meeting was for the reports of the state convention held in Eugene, October 9-11. Giving reports as official delegates were Mrs. Storde, Mrs. Floris Case, Mrs. Marion Skinner, Ruth Cramble and Mrs. Dorothy Bennett. 321 registered nurses were registered at the three day meeting.

Dr. Leonard Jacobson, president elect of the Lane County Medical Society, addressed the group and spoke on "Exploring Our Changing Role." Dr. Jacobson revealed a vast difference in the idea most laymen have of a typical nurse and the profession as it actually exists. Nursing today is more complex than it was 25 or 30 years ago. Nursing, like the practice of medicine, is becoming more and more specialized. The profession, of necessity, has been streamlined to provide more skillful and cheaper care. But, at the same time, a nurse may be called upon to hold an administrative job, to teach, or head a public relations team.

SKYSCRAPERS APPROVED

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The Board of Supervisors has approved skyscrapers for Los Angeles County. Instead of the present 150-foot height limit, the new law permits buildings of any height as long as total floor space does not exceed 13 times the area of the building site.

While doing all or any of these things, she will still be called upon to see that people are nursed back to health.

Willard Thompson, director of public services and assistant to the president at University of Oregon, and also one of the speakers, commented on the broadened scope of the nurses' duties, in all fields of civic and national service and said he felt that the majority of persons are too uninformed about the work of nurses.

One of the important issues brought before the convention was the approval by the group of a Nurse Practice Act, the nurses want made into state law. The act, which will go to the 1957 state Legislature, would be the first major change of nursing regulations since the original law was passed in 1911. Purpose of the act, according to Mrs. Nova Young, Portland, chairman of the Legislative Committee for OSNA, is to regulate the practice of professional graduate nurses.

It would more closely define the profession—"spell it out," as Mrs. Young says; provide for a board of nursing on the state level; provide for the examination and issuance of licenses for registered professional nurses; and provide for the accreditation of schools of nursing in the state.

The act provides for examinations and qualifications for anyone designated a registered nurse and would give OSNA considerable police power over such nurses. Grounds for revocation and suspension of licenses are also provided. Pointing out that the medi-

Lumber Firm Faces Suit

PORTLAND (AP)—The Justice Department is being asked to file suit against the Paul B. Hult Lumber Co., Dillard, Ore., for cutting federal timber in Douglas County.

Lane Morthland, Portland, regional solicitor for the Interior Department, said Wednesday he has recommended a suit to recover triple damages. The government estimates value of the timber at \$35,683.

Leonard Netzog, attorney for the lumber company, said independent contractors hired by the firm to relog a section of land bordering federal timber, removed 8,000 board feet of logs from the federal tract by mistake. He added that when the mistake was discovered, the logging was stopped.

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