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Recommendations

By FLORENCE JENKINS
The Portland Chamber of Commerce has come out in support of Daylight Saving Time and opposed to some other things.

It would be sort of nice, for a change, to live in the same time belt as Washington and more particularly California.

Opposition is expressed by that organization to a measure which would place severe limitations on billboard advertising along Highways 30 and 99.

Oregon Attorney General Robert Thornton has come up with an opinion that highway signboard regulations can be supported only by "proper exercise of the state's police power." He says "a restriction of the location of advertising signs would be denying a property owner lawful use of his land and would be taking property without due process."

Be that as it may, there is one section of Highway 97 which needs some signs.

Have you driven into Oregon from Dorris recently? If you have, you no doubt noted the highway signs posted in the first five miles you travel in Oregon after passing the state's welcoming billboard.

The visitor to Oregon is warned that speed is checked by radar. No speed limit is posted, however, so he is lucky if he knows whether the basic law or a set speed limit is in effect. After all, Oregon has changed its mind a couple of times about how fast an automobile should be driven in this state.

Then the motorist is warned to stop for school buses. Personally, we've never seen a school bus at that neighborhood, but maybe Klamath County school buses do travel to the state line.

Another sign looms up to warn truckers they must secure a permit when they get to Klamath Falls.

Fortunately, as has been said before, the Civic Improvement Club at Fort Klamath put up a big board that welcomes, rather than scolds at the motoring public. Chambers of commerce from Jackson and Josephine counties were represented at a meeting at Wood last week to see about additional promotion for travel over Highway 99. Our reporter failed to note any representative from the Klamath County Chamber of Commerce down there to put in a plug for Highway 97.

That series of black and white metal signs would make a sensitive person feel almost like an interloper coming into the state.

We're being asked with increasing frequency to buy tickets to this or that benefit or to support fundraising projects for groups or other special interest segments of our area. Why not start a campaign to put up some Welcome to Klamath County signs for people to see when they first arrive in the state?

Klamath Falls has lots of good motels, hotels, eating places and stores.

In this centennial year, let's begin to tell the man and woman on the highway we'd just love to have them come and visit Klamath Falls and stay a while.

Travel Notes

By NELSON REED

ST. CROIX, Virgin Islands — St. Croix is only 30 minutes from St. Thomas by plane, and about the same from Puerto Rico. Like most of these other West Indian islands, old Christopher Columbus was here too. On the morning of November 14, 1493 he appeared off the mouth of Salt River with his fleet of 17 vessels and a complement of nearly 1,500 men.

You can well imagine the amazement and consternation of the Indians here, who had never even seen so much as one ship, to say nothing of a fleet.

Columbus ordered a small boat lowered to reconnoiter the Salt River estuary in search of fresh water. They found an Indian settlement but no Indians, and made no further exploration. Columbus tarried no longer, as he was in a hurry to get back to the colony he had founded on Hispaniola on his first voyage the year before.

But his landing on St. Croix was typical of his land grabbing technique, for by merely landing a party on every island he saw he was able to claim it for their Sovereign Majesties King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella of Spain who were footing the bill.

The Carib Indians who occupied St. Croix at the time Chris arrived were a very tough and warlike tribe who had murdered or driven off the peaceful Arawaks who preceded them here. In addition to being fierce and fearless the Caribs practiced cannibalism, not because of any food shortage but rather as a religious right. Awed though they were by the size and number of Columbus' ships, nevertheless a canoe full of Carib warriors attacked Columbus' small boat as it was returning and seriously wounded one Spaniard with their arrows.

Over the years the Spaniards gradually wiped out the Carib Indians who refused to surrender and become slaves, preferring to die fighting. It is a matter of history that Ponce de Leon, then governor of Puerto Rico, was given a license to hunt Carib Indians by the Spanish Crown.

It appears that the English and Dutch, arriving from St. Kitts, actually established the first settlement on St. Croix in the year 1625, notwithstanding the Spanish claim to sovereignty. The Dutch withdrew from the island in 1645 and the English were forcibly expelled in 1650 by the Spaniards, who later in turn were defeated and thrown out by the French, in the same year.

In 1651 St. Croix was sold to the Knights of Malta, a French religious order whose actual unnamed head was King Louis 14th. They took possession of the island in order to form an establishment in the West Indies "for the service and defense of Christianity and for the conversion of the savages to the Catholic religion." This was the usual cynical formula of empire building.

The French made a serious effort at colonization, built a crude fort, and made the first chart of the island. The French colony remained on St. Croix until 1695, 45 years, when they moved westward to settle on Santo Domingo.

The island was abandoned until 1733 when it was sold by the French to the Danish West India and Guinea Company, and thereby came under Danish sovereignty. France needed all the money she could raise to fight her wars in Europe.

The Danish company was organized for a two-fold purpose — it was to operate in Africa over there and in the New World here. There it would hunt Negroes and here it would sell them as slaves, settle the island, do business with the pirates, and carry on smuggling. King Christian VI, the Queen and Prince George of Denmark were the first to invest in the new company.

Teen-Age Problem

Klamath Falls (To the Editor) — Last night I finished "Juvenile Advice" which my friends told me about but that I missed on T.V. Thank you for publishing this.

Nowadays the working day and the working span of years of a man begins much later and ends much sooner — this creates a problem with the youth and the vigorous man who must retire — these people are living in our society, but they do not belong as productive useful citizens. During the agricultural period of America, youth and old age had a useful function within the family. The need is created for organizations and clubs to provide creative outlets for youth and age today.

Many young people have been constructively occupied with repairing and racing hotrods under good supervision. Reaching the birthdate of 18 does not of itself assure mature judgment or attitudes. Prohibiting, restricting and forcing will be like putting too much steam in a boiler unless a safety valve is provided by instructing and guiding young people toward constructive activities.

Punishment to fit the crime attitude or motive is in order under the local laws and has its place in growing toward maturity. In the long run it will probably cost more tax money to use policing exclusively than it would to balance this with training and guidance with limitations for those

who are unable to accept responsibilities.

For several years parents have been happy in the knowledge that their young high school students could learn the mechanism and the proper use of the car. I have felt it would go a long way in reducing traffic fatalities since authorities have said most accidents were caused from poor attitudes and their resultant bad habits.

Hunting is a "must" in this area and a boy or girl will want to do what adults do, but they are safest after practice and training under good guidance in a target practice club. Parents are not always qualified or able to communicate teachings necessary for shooting or driving a car.

In America our lack of fixed standards and rules is probably the result of the mixing or "melting pot" of so many people who have come from well established countries bringing their own cultural customs and mixing them with the new. As children and youth grow to mature adulthood there will always be errors, accidents and risks to parents, community and nation. The risk is greatest when responsibilities are withheld for too long and trust is not given to the youth in keeping with his individual abilities.

If we teach a child as he grows, then we must trust him with the implements and the customs which we have created in the name of progress.

Mary M. Wentworth

Carter Praise

Salem (To the Editor) — In recent weeks I have read with interest the various comments regarding the appointment of Sprague Carter of Pendleton as director of Selective Service.

I would praise his appointment on the basis that he is (1) a civilian and (2) that he has had prior experience on the Umatilla County draft board.

My husband was the state director of selective service during the years of World War II, and I believe that I have a better-than-average acquaintance with the problems and functions of that office.

I personally feel that this selection of a civilian director was wise. During the early days of selective service some of our finest citizens served on the county boards. Mr. Carter, like all the others, served without pay. If this makes a man a "politician" I am in favor of more "politicians" in government.

Mrs. Elmer V. Wooten
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Juvenile Problem

Klamath Falls (To the Editor) — The "teen-agers" are going crazy! The "juveniles" are running our schools!

We need extra police and juvenile officers!

Why don't the schools do something about it?

I'm tired of hearing this! I think authority and responsibility for these youngsters begins in the home! Law enforcement begins in the home and it is up to us as parents to see that these laws (or home rules) are kept!

Why do we harangue the school administration about the "goings on" at school? — the home has slipped on the training or these "goings on" wouldn't affect these youngsters so terrifically. You can't wrap these kids in cotton through high school and then throw them out into the world to meet all kinds of people and expect them to know how to handle these situations.

The home is the strongest influence in determining a child's future. He must learn civilization there. Teach him to think of the

other person first. He learns control in the home — not control of his parents, but control of himself.

As a baby, control of hunger pangs, water in sucking, then on to muscular control, toys and games, emotional control — "mustn't cry now because you're too big," etc.

Security must be given this child in the home. He must know you love him enough to want him to grow up and be an accepted, wanted part of society.

If you have ever had the opportunity of working with youth groups, you'll know how hard it is to get the majority of parents to help these youths. The parents want their youngsters to belong, but are too busy themselves to help.

I am one of these same parents — joining a fine organization, but innocently enough, it mushrooms.

We have become too organized! Now, there's nothing wrong with these clubs. They all have a purpose, but you'll join something for your youngster and then you're put on a committee, then that committee divides, then you're an officer, then you belong to the executive committee, then to the council — state, then national.

You join something else which divides into further meetings. Where are your kids while you're meeting?

Even churches slip up here. You join a church as a family. First thing you know the children go to Sunday school while parents are at church, then somebody joins adult choir, then there are men's meetings, women's meetings, children's choir (separated into age groups), couple's clubs. When do families get together?

Why not organize into family units again? Control must come from the home.

Parents, put some restrictions on these youngsters! If you think enough of this child you will want to do your best in making him grow up to be accepted in society. The easiest way to raise a youngster is to turn him loose. He'll learn something! You've turned him loose so you don't know what he's learning. He feels you've turned him loose because you don't care what he does.

Our whole economic system seems to be at fault when mother has to leave the home and go out to work. There, again, the teen-ager could handle some of the jobs mother holds and mother could go back in the home and teen-ager is given something to do along with learning to be a responsible citizen.

Schools wouldn't have to be geared for all this extracurricular activity to keep the child busy. Families could do much more together if schools didn't take up so much time.

I know the repercussion that statement will make!

These teen-agers all too often get into trouble trying to copy the adults in their social life, like an adult at a convention — the pranks they pull.

From the hours we adults keep how do we know the hours the teen-agers keep? If we as parents are to set an example, we must be willing to restrict our own activities. After all, we are mature enough to understand this.

I'm not a prude, and I'd scream the loudest if my youngster got into trouble, but it also would set me thinking that some place along the line I had failed as a parent to teach this youngster his responsibilities in this civilized (?) world.

It isn't the company he keeps or the hours or the way the school is kept, but only the home that I have kept that will see my youngster through childhood into adulthood safely.

My reward is when I hear a chance remark made rather sadly from one of my youngsters to another that "we don't often get to do things as a family together any more, so enjoy this ride while we're on it."

Mrs. John E. Putnam
2348 Garden Avenue

Quotes

United Press International
NEW YORK — Attorney Eugene J. Moran, on seeking the release of his father, former first deputy fire commissioner James J. Moran, imprisoned in 1952 in a fuel oil tank shakedown racket:

"I've done all I could on this case. I've covered every angle. I've worked on it for more than two years since I was a law student."

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo

ALL DURING THE TV DRAMA THE GALS YAKITY-YAK ABOUT ANYTHING, EVERYTHING AND NOTHING IN PARTICULAR...

GILA'S FIRST HUSBAND STUNNED YOO-HIE BROKE HIS NECK DOING THE INDIAN ROPE TRICK...

WELL, THE AIRS SHE PUTS ON! SHE'D LIKE TO MAKE YOU BELIEVE SHE COMES FROM A LONG LINE OF SCOBUS / MY COUSIN CETERA KNEW HER WHEN SHE WORKED IN THE LAUNDRY...



SO THE PROGRAM ENDS AND THEN THEY COME BACK TO TERRA COTTA...

DID SHE MARRY THE DOGATCHER WHO KILLED THE LAWYER? HOW DID IT END?

YEAH—WHO PLAYED THE VILLAIN PART? DID THEY FIND THE TREASURE?



Trail Of Flying Robber Ends In North Ohio City

CANTON, Ohio (AP) — Police and the FBI traced a flying bank robber to this northern Ohio city Monday night. There the trail ended.

Authorities say there is little doubt that the man they are chasing is Frank Lawrence Spreng, 29, who is one of the FBI's 10 most wanted criminals.

At Hamilton in Southern Ohio Monday a courteous gunman, who thanked his victims, held up a branch of the First National Bank and Trust Co. and fled with \$25,953.

Later an airplane was stolen from the Hamilton airport and flown to Coshocton, 160 miles northeast. That's when the FBI started thinking the bank robber

was Spreng, who has stolen airplanes on two other occasions. Mrs. Elizabeth Lewis, a teller in the Hamilton bank, identified Spreng's picture.

In Coshocton, a car dealer said a man answering Spreng's description purchased a used car with cash and drove away. Four hours later and 55 miles to the north the car was found abandoned here.

That's where the trail ends. Police frankly admit they have no solid leads on Spreng whereabouts — he's vanished, or so it seems.

But, if everything the FBI believes about Spreng is true, his disappearance follows a pattern. He has been leading them on an incredible chase since breaking out of the Summit County jail in Akron almost a year ago.

Twice he has stolen airplanes. A seaplane taken from a Toronto, Ont. airport was found floating abandoned in Baltimore harbor on Sept. 30. Feb. 14 a plane was stolen from Scranton, Pa. and landed near Colchester, Vt.

While police scoured the East for Spreng a man answering his description robbed a New Haven, Conn., Trust Company branch of \$12,000.

Although Spreng has not been known to shoot, the FBI says he is dangerous and will fire without provocation.

A natty dresser — he likes Ivy League clothes, the FBI says — Spreng is soft-spoken and plays the gentleman. He wears a toupee, which can be changed quickly or discarded, making for an effective disguise. He also speaks fluent German, which he picked up while stationed in Austria with the Army.

Car, Blind Date Both Missing

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The blind date, met by telephone, was delighted when Robert Wood, 29, suggested a drive-in movie.

She seemed pleased, too, when he went after refreshments, leaving her alone in his late-model car.

But for Wood, a service station attendant, the evening suddenly took a dismal turn. Missing along with the brunette, when he returned, was his car.

Admiral Sees Polar Flights

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Within 10 years airlines will fly across the world by way of the South Pole, Rear Adm. George J. Dufek predicted today.

The polar veteran, en route home from the antarctic, said South Pole routes would enable airlines from Australia to cut 1,500 miles from their trip to South Africa and even more off the journey to South America.

FARMHAND KILLED

THE DALLES, Ore. (AP) — A man was killed on a ranch Monday near Beaver, 13 miles southeast of here, when a tractor he was driving overturned, pinning him beneath a large rear wheel.

Police said Wilbur Robert Petterson, 20, was excavating along the edge of a field when the tractor plunged over a shallow bank and flipped over.

ARCHER LOSES RIFLE
CHESTERFIELD, England (UPI) — Robert E. Archer, 34, of the theft of his rifle to police, who promptly charged him with being careless with firearms. Archer was fined \$14.



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SHORT RIBS

By Frank O'Neal

