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Bicycles

By FLORENCE JENKINS

The National Safety Council is directing greater attention on bicycle safety than in past years because the number of bike riders is steadily increasing.

Local attention to bicycle safety is greater, too.

There is a city ordinance requiring bicycle owners to purchase licenses. The fee is 50 cents for two years and all city bicycle licenses will expire on December 31 of this year.

So far this year, a total of 524 bike licenses have been sold at the city hall for the 1958-59 licensing period. Licensing, actually, is for the protection of the bike owner. The serial number of the bicycle is recorded and many lost or stolen bicycles are returned each year through a check of the city records.

A survey made by the National Safety Council in 42 states showed that between 400 and 500 bike riders are killed each year in accidents with motor vehicles. More than 25,000 bike riders suffer disabling injuries and eight out of 10 of the victims are under 16 years of age. Also, nine out of 10 are boys.

Seven out of 10 of the accidents occur in the April to September period. Accidents happen most often on Saturday and least often on Sunday and in one accident in three it is the bicyclist who runs into the motor vehicle.

In Klamath Falls, the same traffic regulations apply to bicycles and to motor vehicles. Traffic lights and signals are for bike riders, too. Violators of traffic laws can be cited to the juvenile court just as juvenile drivers of automobiles.

Bike riders must stay on the right side of the street or road riding with traffic. Bicycles must be ridden single file, not two or more abreast and riding double is not permitted. A light at the front and a reflector in the rear is standard equipment for a bike which may be ridden after dark.

The city police department is working toward establishing bicycle parking stalls in at least two places in downtown Klamath Falls. Police officers realize that the bike rider has rights and problems of his own. A youngster on an errand downtown has a little trouble finding a place to park under the present circumstances. If he parks in a meter zone and deposits a coin for parking, he runs the risk of an automobile striking his bike. Police frown on the practice of leaning a bike up against a store building and there is the danger of its falling and injuring some child or adult and incurring liability on the part of the owner.

Meanwhile, police officers will see to it that bicycle riders observe traffic rules. Infractions can result in a citation or the impounding of the bike.

Bicycle riders are tomorrow's car operators and there is no better time to learn the courtesies of the road, traffic rules and safe driving habits than during the bicycle-riding years.

Morse And Horse

Woonsocket, R.I. (To the Editor)—A group of businessmen eat each noon at our Dario Plaza Hotel at a large round table and, for obvious reasons, the group has been christened "The Round Table." One of the members suggested this noon that when the Oregon Republican delegation parades at the 1960 convention their group be led by "the horse that kicked Wayne Morse in the head." A more conservative member had a what may be a better suggestion, "rare specimen — Senator-kicking horse."

Of course this was all half in jest, but perhaps "The Round Table" may have the germ of an idea for Oregon Republicans.

Buell W. Hudson

The Woonsocket Call

Sea Birds

Sacramento (To the Editor)—Vacation season approaches. One wishing to add to one's birdlore should watch along California's sea-beaches for sea-parrots or puffins. These come down from Alaska. They are found out on Kiska, on Attu where the Japanese once hauled down the Stars-and-Stripes, hoisted their Rising Sun.

To the writer, puffins are a constant reminder of his Alaskan days. He saw a Tlingit Indian make a papoose rattle of a half dozen puffin bills. These were strung around a cedar cross-section. This was in the days of Chief Jake, friend of the Palefaces. On his grave was death-offering, priceless Chilkat blankets. These were made of mixed mountain goat wool and dog hair.

Sometimes a dead sea-parrot is washed ashore as far south as Monterey. If you find one, study

its bill. Compare it with the sparrow's seed-chirping bill, thrasher's worm-catching one, curlew's long curved probe, pelican's fish-basket. One learns from this that the efficient survive. Nowadays the most efficient are those who persist in obtaining the best possible education.

C. M. Goethe

Weathervane

By BRAD SLACK

In Roseburg News-Review

A Hollywood motion picture director once hired a Sioux Indian for \$100 a day to predict the weather during the shooting of an outdoor epic.

Knowledge of meteorological conditions could save thousands of dollars in production costs. He figured the Indian, close to nature and familiar with the surroundings, could provide an infallible forecast.

The outdoor scenes were made in record time. Each morning shortly after dawn the Indian told the director what to expect, and each day for six weeks the native American's predictions came true. "How did you do it?" asked the director when the shooting was over and he had paid off the wily Sioux.

"That easy," answered the Indian. "I listen to weather man on radio."

Had the locale for the picture been Oregon the director would have had no problem. He could have learned all he needed to know about the day's weather by looking westward from his suite in the Umpqua Hotel at the slopes of Mt. Nebo across the river.

That's what scores of Roseburg residents have been doing for years, looking at Nebo for signs. The infallible weather vane is a herd of white goats which inhabit the grassy hillsides.

Word gets around fast. "The goats are down" invariably means watch out for a change in the weather, probably showers or rain. Maybe cool and threatening this afternoon.

"The goats are up" is a cry that brings smiles. For Roseburg goat watchers who know a good Nanny when they see one, this is the time to plan a family picnic, hang out the washing, take to the woods and streams, the tennis court or golf course. Old Sol will shine!

Mt. Nebo's goats have been around a long time. They're wild and wily now, but natives of Douglas County say their ancestors once produced the best mohair in the nation.

When the soft camel was replaced by synthetics and the bottom fell out of the mohair market, Mt. Nebo's goats went in for weather forecasting.

How they do it nobody knows, but there may be some scientific basis for their unimpeachable ability to predict the whims of a fickle nature.

Sportsmen, striding a stream in waders and reeling in trout, sometimes are puzzled when the fish suddenly head for the bottom and won't take a fly or anything else offered. Wildlife experts think they do this when they detect a change in the weather.

Likewise, Mt. Nebo's goat families may be sensitive to a change in barometric pressure, or get a tip from an increase in moisture content of the air. In this event, they head down the hill to the caves where shelter is handy.

Governments around the globe spend hundreds of millions annually to get accurate predictions, weather conditions representing the biggest single cost factor in a complex world economic pattern.

But in Roseburg people don't give a hoot for the science of forecasting. Why should they?

Shucks, "the goats are up."

Oddity Almanac

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP)—The Oddity Almanac:

What do people lie about most—their age, their weight or their height. My opinion is, based on my experience as a reporter, that people actually lie most about their height. The majority would rather not discuss their real age or weight.

Is this true about you?

Most people have heard about a lynx but they have never seen one. According to "Outdoor California" the average lynx weighs between 12 and 25 pounds.

What was your father's favorite song? "I'll Take You Home Again, Kathleen," sung so sweetly and so clearly and so memorably by that voice across the waters, Ireland's tenor—John McCormack, played on the old one-sided record, had the power to stir my father to tears. He liked to hear it all alone in a room without other noise, a problem in a crowded house.

What was your mother's favorite song? I never knew. It is my opinion that mothers hum an individual and nameless tune of their own, and make it up and change it as their life goes along. It is usually a croon of acceptance of life.

There is now available for more than \$50,000 a 66-foot, 32-wheel vehicle that can carry up to 300 tons and requires a driver fore and aft.

The drivers are connected by phone.

It is a commercial vehicle, basically, but it has family possibilities. A back-seat-driving wife, for example, might have to dial her husband to predict a corner. And if he saw a curve ahead and forgot to dial her—well, steer today or gone tomorrow!

Almanac editorial: If you must make do-it-yourself space flights, do them in your own back yard. Don't annoy your neighbors. Quiet, please. The peace you disturb may be your own.

British Market

By SAM DAWSON

AP Business News Analyst

LONDON (AP)—American hopes of widening the market here for its consumer goods seem likely today to be deferred again.

The strength of the pound sterling and the swelling of British gold reserves well above the danger point give U.S. manufacturers cause to hope.

But top officials at both the British Treasury and the Board of Trade say the time isn't ripe yet. Their view: Confidence in the pound had been restored, but until reserves are built even higher caution will be the British rule.

The British government holds that the balance of trade with the United States under existing curbs on many consumer goods is still too precarious to risk further liberalization now. But they insist that is their next goal now that currency convertibility is being achieved. And, of course, they add that the day would be hastened if the United States would buy still more British goods.

Also a treasury top man says the British consumer is unpredictable. The British woman's already high interest in American styles might lead to a rush of buying if given free rein. Or British youths might take a flash yen for American style suits — even a sudden lad for some popular singer could bring in so many American phonograph records that it could mean a drain of a sort on the balance of trade with the dollar area.

American officials here suspect there may be other reasons for the British dragging their feet on relaxing curbs on American goods.

The Americans had high hopes that the strong revival of British industry and its growing financial stability would lead to an expansion of the British token import plan. This now allows a trickle of

consumer goods into the country — to an annual maximum of five million dollars a year.

Then came a series of incidents in the United States that aroused resentment here. And the British stiffened their attitude.

The American moves included: Granting contracts for heavy electrical equipment to U. S. firms, although British producers made lower bids; U.S. curbs on oil imports hurting both British producers and U.S. oil companies with overseas fields; and wool fabric duties by which the United States greatly increases the tariff after a certain amount has been admitted each year. (British mills say this hurts them most because they can't tell when the duty will rise and can't plan output ahead on their high style fabrics.)

The Board of Trade official says that further relaxation of imports from the dollar area is coming, but it will be on capital goods—machinery and the like — and not on consumer items.

Here are examples of what the would-be American exporter is up against if he wants to sell here:

Electric refrigerators and parts can be imported to a total of \$215,740 worth a year but subject to a duty of 15 per cent. Washing machines pay the same duty and the total value allowed is \$134,475 a year. Vacuum cleaners can come in up to \$188,350 worth.

Heart Attack

By EDWIN P. JORDAN, M.D.

Written for NEA Service

Almost every time one picks up the newspaper there is a report of someone dying suddenly from a "heart attack."

In almost all cases this means a coronary thrombosis or occlusion (two names which mean about the same thing). In coronary occlusion there is a sudden shutting off of one of the blood vessels supplying the heart muscle.

The news stories are about those cases in which the outcome has not been good. Consequently, many people feel that coronary thrombosis is increasing and that anyone, especially a man over 40, is living under the constant threat of immediate death.

This is an exaggeration of the facts. Considering the lengthening average age of the population, coronary thrombosis is probably not increasing. Also, there are many who have had at least one heart attack and have not died suddenly. Indeed, many have resumed full or nearly full activity after such an attack.

Coronary thrombosis or occlusion is, however, a startling thing. An attack can and usually does come without warning and without any particular exertion or strain in the immediate past which can be blamed. Coronary occlusion may come during a sound sleep or while sitting at rest in an easy chair.

A severe pain in the chest, which may extend down the left arm, to the abdomen or up into the neck, together with shortness of breath and a feeling of faintness, is enough to arouse suspicion. The definite diagnosis, of course, does require other tests.

The person who even suspects an attack of coronary thrombosis, however, should cease activity at once and call a physician.

If a large part of blood supply to the heart is blocked off by closure of a coronary artery, it is impossible for the heart to go on beating. This is the type of heart attack which accounts for the sudden, unexpected deaths.

In most cases, however, only a small branch of the artery is closed off and the heart, especially with proper treatment, keeps on beating and can make a good recovery. How much recovery will take place depends on how much of the heart has been damaged. About six weeks of complete rest is required after an attack. The activity that can be taken later must depend on the judgment of the doctor, who has determined the amount of injury to the heart and the degree of its recovery. In any case, resumption of physical activity has to be gradual.

Few disorders of human beings have been subject to more concentrated study than coronary occlusion. Thus a great deal has been learned about its treatment and outlook.

Much remains to be learned in this field, particularly along the lines of cause and prevention.

Quotes

United Press International
WASHINGTON—Vice Adm. Hyman G. Rickover, on military teamwork:

"We need more heresy in the military services . . . teamwork is not what it is cracked up to be."

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo

HOWCUM DEPT. MR. HOCUS, THE SELF-APPOINTED BOYS' PATROL LEADER, IS A GREAT ONE FOR HIKES...



BUT WHEN IT COMES TO HIS KID HAVING TO WALK A QUARTER OF A MILE TO SCHOOL...



AT MID-AFTERNOON Thursday, city firemen squelched a smoldering fire at the rear of Charley's Trading Post, 2401 South Sixth Street. Fire Chief Roy Rowe said the cause was electric wiring strung across nails in the back room. Damage, mostly to second-hand merchandise, also reached the rear of Carlson's Mattress and Upholstering Company next door. "In a few more minutes it would have been a big one," Rowe said of the fire.

Oregon Lauds Gen. Twining

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—Oregon Friday paid tribute to a native son, cancer-stricken Gen. Nathan F. Twining.

The Air Force general and chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff was scheduled to be the main speaker Friday at a joint Oregon City-Portland Chamber of Commerce Armed Forces Day celebration.

Twining, because of his recent lung operation that showed cancer, remained in Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington.

Speaker after speaker at the affair paid tribute to the Clackamas County native.

Gov. Mark Hatfield traced Twining's career, which started as an enlisted man in the old Third Oregon Infantry.

Gen. Earle E. Partridge, designated by the Defense Department, to replace Twining was awarded Oregon's distinguished service award for service to the Oregon National Guard.

Partridge is soon to retire as chief of the Air Force's Air Defense Command at Colorado Springs, Colo.

Fast Train Hits Truck

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)—A Frisco Railroad passenger train collided with a pickup truck Friday night, turning a family into tragedy.

Killed when their truck collided with the train at a crossing in suburban Jones, Okla., were Thomas W. Burrows, 33, of Near Jones; his sons Tom, 10, and Rodney, 4; and his nephew, James Blackburn, 7.

The Frisco "Meteor", eastbound for Tulsa and St. Louis had just left Oklahoma City. The highway patrol said it went through the little community at about 60 m.p.h. The crossing is marked but has no flashing warning signal.

The widow, Mary, told officers Burrows and the boys were en route to a Little League baseball game and that her youngest son "had begged for three nights to come to the game."

Argentina and Australia account for more than half the wool produced in the world. The United States is third in wool production.

Godfrey Says 'Au Revoir' For 60-Day Recuperation

NEW YORK (AP)—Arthur Godfrey has said "Au revoir" to public life for 60 days to follow doctors' orders explicitly in recuperating from a lung cancer operation.

The CBS radio and television star left Columbia Presbyterian Hospital Friday — a weak, trembling man but grateful to be alive.

Although aides tried to hustle him away to his New York apartment, the red-haired performer refused. He spoke to the press and asked through reporters to convey his thanks to so many well-wishers who have followed the results of his surgery.

Later from his Manhattan home Godfrey dictated a 1,000-word statement released for publication through CBS, concerning his recent operation, and hopes for the future.

Godfrey had told newsmen that "I got a break—he (the surgeon) got it out, under circumstances so trying that one slip or the other and I wouldn't be here talking to you."

In his statement, he elaborated on his getting a break.

He declared: "I know why I got the break. I got it because so many people prayed for it. I'll have to admit that I didn't pray for it, because I never ask for anything for myself and besides, I have already had too many breaks. I only ask to be worthy of whatever is granted."

Klamath Man Named To Board

SALEM (AP)—George H. Corey, Pendleton, was appointed by Gov. Mark Hatfield Saturday to the state Water Resources Board for an unexpired term ending Aug. 28, 1960. Corey succeeds Robert H. Foley, Bend, who resigned to become a circuit judge.

The governor also appointed William P. Grimes, Klamath Falls, and James W. Morrell, Portland, to the state Hydroelectric Commission.

Grimes succeeds Frank C. Dillard, Tillamook, who resigned.

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The English Learn Slang

LONDON (AP)—The cat that bent her roll-on getting hep in the espresso has at last gained official recognition in Britain.

Cat, hep, roll-on (a two-way stretch, and espresso are all included in the latest supplement put out by the authoritative Chambers British Dictionary.

Ten years ago these words would have meant little to people who rely on the dictionary for their English. Had they described the cat's dilemma with the words then at their command, they likely would have said:

"A young lady with an addiction for jazz music suffered a disarrangement of her clothing while performing a vigorous dance in a coffee house used by the younger set."

This is a measure of what is happening to the English language, but as a spokesman for Chambers said, "We must keep up with the times."

Chambers—despite its international distribution—is printed and published only in Britain. For 38 years, its tomes have been hauled down from bookshelves over the world to throw light wherever English is spoken.

Not until now, however, has the reader been able to get the definitive view on words like stereophonic, bebop, jive, cha cha, square and sweater girl.

Postmaster Wins Dog Bite Battle

LONG BEACH, Calif. (AP)—A retired sea dog has won the first battle in his war against dogs that bite postmen.

City Postmaster George J. McMillin, a retired rear admiral, was shocked to learn that 35 mailmen had been bitten by dogs in nine months. Henceforth, he declared, any mailman bitten by a dog didn't have to deliver mail to the dog's owner unless the dog was tied up.

This earned him the nickname "One-Bite McMillin."

Joseph Polizzi, whose dog has bitten a mailman, refused to tie up his dog. Mail delivery stopped at the Polizzi household. The family had to pick up its mail at the post office. Friday McMillin got a postcard reading: "You win. The dog will be tied up."

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