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Safety Patrols

By FLOYD L. WYNNE
The old subject of safety patrols in our schools was the source of downgrading for the city of Klamath Falls in the recent evaluation of our traffic safety picture by both the National Safety Council and the Oregon Traffic Safety Commission.

In recent years they have sharply criticized the area for not having inaugurated safety patrols at our schools.

Admittedly, we have harped on the same subject.

The objections and difficulty lie with the school boards. On the advice of their legal counsel, they have refrained from permitting the patrols.

Recently, the State Legislature was presented with a measure which reportedly would clarify the responsibility of such patrols. Local school officials have claimed that in the event of an accident the school would be held responsible.

The measure finally came to a vote, and when it was pointed out that there were such school patrols in some 250 communities in the state of Oregon and that Klamath Falls was the only school which had ever raised such an objection to the program, they could see no need for passing the measure just for one city.

Typical comment was to the effect that none of the other schools in the state take the viewpoint adopted by the Klamath Falls district, so why make a special bill just for them.

As a matter of fact, it appears that the school districts are leaning on a somewhat flimsy legal opinion so as not to have to put the school safety patrols into effect.

Not long ago, I contacted the Department of Motor Vehicles in Salem on this question of school patrols.

A letter from Director Vern L. Hill not only listed the number of patrols, but outlined what his department would do to assist in forming them.

He said, "We have at this time slightly over 400 patrols operating in approximately 250 communities over the state. The Department of Motor Vehicles' Traffic Safety Division assists in forming and counseling patrols."

In addition, Hill points out what his department will do for any school wanting to start such a patrol. They will establish patrols, instruct patrol members and the student body; issue pledges, citation certificates, badges, belts and helmets.

They will arrange for the signing and maintenance of records of patrol operations and other personal contact from time to time. However, Hill clearly indicated what is necessary in Klamath Falls before a patrol could be established.

He said, "It is our policy that no patrol should be organized without the desire and approval of parents and school authorities. Local civic officials or groups may wish to act as sponsors, but responsibility must rest with the school. Care in instruction and supervision is essential if the patrol is to operate efficiently and permanently."

Hill also offered to arrange for a representative from the department to meet with any group of interested persons here in Klamath Falls whenever they invited them.

That leaves the problem strictly in the lap of both the school PTA groups and the school administration.

Actual formation of the patrols can be easily accomplished. The assistance from the Department of Motor Vehicles will lend any school not only the know-how, but the equipment necessary for such a patrol.

The only thing apparently holding us back from an effective school safety patrol that would let parents breathe a little more easily is the questionable legal ruling which the local administrative boards have chosen to hide behind.

I'd like to see some active PTA with the safety of their youngsters in mind, push this program through to reality.

Oregon Products
By FLORENCE JENKINS
No less than 40 food items are listed by Northwest Canners and Freezers Association as Oregon products which are available fresh in season and most of them canned or frozen at any time of the year.

C. R. Tulley, executive vice president of the association, has written all chambers of commerce in the state suggesting they urge the cooperation of restaurant and

food store managers in making the Oregon Centennial Year a banner year for Oregon-grown products.

"Members of our association are engaged in the canning and freezing of fruits and vegetables, frozen potato products of various sorts and the processing of these products is developing into a fabulous industry," Mr. Tulley states.

"There is no reason why the Klamath Falls area should not ultimately become an important source of supply since you have available an almost unlimited quantity of high quality potatoes," he adds.

With the completion of the Nalley's, Inc., potato chip plant near Portland expected this summer, another effort may be made to purchase raw potatoes for the plant from Central and Southern Oregon.

The processing of raw potatoes into frozen patties, french fries, hash browns and the like is well under way in Malheur County. Across the state line in Idaho, frozen potato products have been produced for market for some time.

At least four of the big national food manufacturers have quick cooking mashed potatoes packaged and in distribution in the Klamath Basin.

We are finding a greater market for Klamath Basin culls both in starch making and livestock feeding, such as Don Porterfield's raw potato silage technique. But we could enlarge the US No. 1 market.

So long as we can keep leaf roll, aphids and nematodes under control in Southern Oregon and Northern California, we can raise the best potatoes there are under the sun.

And, My Goodness! won't it be nice when Klamath bakers are back on the market?

Bad Timing
By JAMES MARLOW
WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice President Richard M. Nixon's good will Soviet visit has started off sticky and can get worse. If it does, President Eisenhower and the Senate will have to ask themselves if their timing was bad.

Nixon, whose gladhanding Latin-American tour a year ago was met with spit and stones, got a shocking reception Thursday just about the time he landed in Moscow and started shaking hands with all in sight.

Twenty miles away Premier Nikita Khrushchev, angered by a recent anti-Communist gesture of Eisenhower and the Senate, was deriding the United States and calling Nixon's visit part of a plan to embarrass the Soviet Union.

On July 6 the Senate, by voice vote and with little debate, passed a resolution calling on Eisenhower to proclaim the third week in every July as Captive Nations Week. Eisenhower issued the proclamation July 17.

This was the latest of many similar American reminders that the Soviet Union was holding the satellites in thrall. It was supposed to serve several purposes:

To remind the satellite people the United States hasn't forgotten them; and to strengthen Secretary of State Christian A. Herter's hand in dealing with the Russians at Geneva on the Berlin problem.

How this could strengthen Herter's hand is hard to see. A Senate resolution on an old theme wasn't going to make the Russians weak-kneed. It was no more than a gesture.

And, since this country isn't going to war to free the satellites and there is no visible likelihood of their getting freedom otherwise, the only immediate result could have been expected: it irritated the Russians.

So, since Nixon's Soviet visit is billed as a good will tour whose

climax is interviews with Khrushchev, the judgment behind the timing of this resolution and proclamation is open to question.

For this reason: When Nixon landed in Moscow it was in the middle of the Captive Nations Week as proclaimed by Eisenhower.

Khrushchev, who had just returned to Moscow himself from a trip to Poland about an hour before Nixon's plane touched down, hastened to address a Polish friendship meeting 20 miles from the Moscow airport.

He was in a savage mood. Whether this was due only to the proclamation or was part of a deliberately get-tough-with-America campaign he seems to building up is not clear. But the proclamation gave him a good excuse to strike at the United States just as Nixon arrived in the Soviet Union.

He told the crowd Nixon was a representative of the "panic-stricken American imperialists" and said Nixon's trip was deliberately timed to coincide with a campaign against the Soviet Union.

The Senate and the Eisenhower administration both might have anticipated that—by letting Captive Nations Week coincide with the week of Nixon's arrival in Moscow—they might be giving the Russians a chance to embarrass him. And the Russians chose to react just that way.

Any of the year's 52 weeks could just as easily have been designated Captive Nations Week. Why, then, was the choice made of the very week that Nixon went to Russia? The answer seems to be: thoughtlessness all around and not deliberate timing.

The resolution was offered by Sen. Paul Douglas (D-Ill.), with Sen. Jacob K. Javits (R-N.Y.) joining in.

Thursday night in the Senate Douglas was asked if the third week in July had been designated in his resolution so as to coincide with the arrival of Nixon in Moscow.

He said no, that the timing was "purely coincidental." Originally, he said, the resolution called for the week after the Fourth of July. This was changed, he said, after there was a delay in passing the resolution.

The Lighter Side
By FRANK ELEAZER
United Press International
WASHINGTON (UPI)—I had always believed there was an unwritten law that newspapermen worked until they dropped dead, or else got good jobs in public relations.

But a newspaperman who retired, and survived the experience, has turned up here as a real live witness before a Senate subcommittee studying the problems of old folks.

The subcommittee, in senatorial fashion, had talked mostly about "the aged and the aging," of whom there are more every year, and the various conferences and committees and agencies pertaining thereto.

But Paul R. Leach, former Washington correspondent and political writer for the Chicago Daily News and other Knight newspapers, came in to talk about people.

Leach turned in his press card 3½ years ago, at age 65, against the urgent advice of some of his colleagues who assured him retirement would kill him. Since then he has hit the old folks' trail from Key West to Honolulu. It hasn't noticeably hurt him at all, but he has learned there is more to retirement than just quitting your job and moving to Florida.

"I met a man in his 70's on the shore at Ormond Beach last winter who seemed to be getting no enjoyment out of his surf casting,

and I said as much," Leach told the senators. "I'm not enjoying it," he grunted. "Well," I asked, "if you don't enjoy it, why do it?" "Because my wife thinks I should," he barked.

"It turned out that he was not much of a reader, did not play golf, hired a man to look after his lawn and flowers, was bored by travel, yet he had no income problem. That man was truly a fish out of water. He should have started 30 years ago learning something besides the one thing he did know best — and missed terribly — his business."

This and other experiences gave rise to a statement of principle to be known hereafter as Leach's law. This is to the effect that a fellow fixing to give up his life's work had better be sure he has the ability to use leisure time.

Money, of which Leach obviously has a little more than the average police reporter, also is an essential for happy retirement. But money apparently is important mostly when you don't have it. When you do, it doesn't help much.

"I have met men with more retired income than they'll ever need who were unhappy because they did not know what to do with themselves," Leach testified.

He claims the evidence so far supports his own decision to quit after 46 years of hard work. He has kept his home here, and between trips he writes, reads, takes pictures, plays cards with his wife, serves on juries, follows the Congressional Record, and even takes time to talk to 42-year-old reporters who can't envision surviving to age 65.

That's another big problem, he told me. People don't think about retirement until it's time to retire, and then it's too late. They ought to start saving early to supplement what they will get from social security. They also ought to learn to do something besides what they do every day at the office.

The subcommittee incidentally hasn't officially defied the term old folks. In general, they seem to be people 10 years older than yourself. And don't get the Leaches confused with this group.

A lady in Honolulu made that mistake. She had beautiful home sites for sale, on the side of the mountain, overlooking the sea.

"We have a most delightful community of old people," she told him, "and that's where she lost me," he said.

The Almanac
United Press International
Today is Friday, July 24, the 205th day of the year, with 160 more days to follow in 1959.

The moon is approaching its last quarter.

The evening stars are Jupiter, Saturn, Venus and Mars.

On this date in history: In 1679, New Hampshire became a royal colony of the British crown.

In 1783, Simon Bolivar, often called the liberator of South America was born.

In 1847, Brigham Young and his Mormon followers arrived at Great Salt Lake Valley, Utah.

In 1866, Tennessee became the first seceding state to be readmitted into the Union following the end of the Civil War.

In 1896, Amelia Earhart, pioneer American aviatix, was born.

In 1937, the state of Alabama granted freedom to five Negro defendants in the famous Scottsboro assault case.

In 1948, Henry Wallace was nominated for president by the Progressive Party.

Thought for today: Mormon Young said about Utah: "This is the place."

Quotes
United Press International
MARION, Ohio — Patrolman Lloyd Potter, after United Press International told him George Patrick Geiger, 27, whom Ohio police had arrested for speeding, was wanted for the murder of his ex-wife's father in Jeannette, Pa.:

"I nearly fell out of my chair when UPI told me we had a suspected murderer. The lieutenant who brought in Geiger nearly dropped over himself."

MICHIGAN CITY, Ind. — Lakeland Town Marshal Ed Warner, discussing difficulties involved in a hunt for possibly dangerous mountain lion, believed prowling the heavily populated Lake Michigan resort area:

"There also are the cranks. Last night, while fast asleep, I was awakened by a prowler who growled."

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By Jimmy Hatlo

THEN THE RAINS CAME—NOW HOW DOES HE EXPLAIN THE NEW LOSING STREAK?



TODAY'S 2-MINUTE MYSTERY

THE CASE OF
THE BOGUS HERO

By Donald J. Sobol

"Last night I had my lines down pat — yet something went wrong," moaned Cyril Makin, the would-be ladykiller. "Marjorie saw right through me."

He sighed. "Marjorie is Marjorie Appelton. She's the daughter of old General William 'Wild Bill' Appelton, and she's positively flip over war heroes. I was a veterinarian's aide in Korea and never heard a gun go off. So I had to invent a gutsy, front-line story to score with her."

"Perhaps if you tell me exactly what you told her, I might detect your mistake," suggested Haledjian.

The youth looked embarrassed, but he repeated his trumped up tale for Haledjian.

"I was in an advanced post with some mortarmen when suddenly I heard rustling in the woods to our left. As it was a hot, windless day, I guessed what caused the rustling—the enemy."

"Presently they charged us. But I'd alerted our boys, and we countered with everything we had. They retreated, leaving a hundred dead."

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"A column of infantry was approaching. We were all set to hit 'em with mortars when I cried, 'Hold your fire! They're Americans!'"

"Later, I explained to the colonel that I spotted his regimental flag, flying. He shook my hand and declared but for my quick thinking, his whole regiment would have been wiped out by our mortars!"

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School Gets Composer

PORTLAND (AP) — Portland public schools will have a full-time composer for the next school year.

He is James L. Kurtz, 23, recipient of one of 12 grants given by the Ford Foundation this year to furnish school systems with composers.

The foundation said the program will give young composers a chance to work, and will provide suitable music for school bands, orchestras and ensembles.

Each composer under the program will receive \$5,000 a year and dependency allowances.

At his home in Cheraw, S. C., Kurtz said he was extremely pleased to be assigned to Portland. Kurtz said he had heard the city's school system was a superior one.

Nebraska is believed to have the largest underground water supply of any state in the nation.



MRS. ELIZABETH TICE, 84, a resident of Summerfield, Kansas, died in Kansas City on July 17. She was the mother of Dr. Raymond Tice of this city and was a frequent visitor here. Friends wishing to contribute to the Elizabeth Tice Memorial Fund may send their gifts to the Rev. Wilbur E. Brumbaugh, pastor of the Church of the Brethren.

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SALEM, Ore. (AP) — The new top officer of the 40 & 8, fun-making organization of the Oregon American Legion, is Marcus Rosch, La Grande. He was elected chief de gare Wednesday.

The 40 & 8 meeting came on the eve of today's opening session of the state Legion convention, which will feature a speech today by Preston Moore, Stillwater, Okla., Legion national commander.

Other top 40 & 8 officers are chief de train, A. C. Friesen, Salem; grand commissaire, George Wernmark, the Dalles; and grand conductor, Verne Kelsey, Beaverton.

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By Frank O'Neal

