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Road Menace

By BILL JENKINS

Had occasion to drive up to Bend a day or two ago and found it an enjoyable trip all the way. Spring at this end, the remnants of winter around Chemung and on north to about Lapine and then back into spring again at Bend.

But on the way up and back we had ample opportunity to again notice the many and varied road hazards that exist in this modern world of ours.

The greatest, menace of course is the automobile itself. It is really touching the amount of faith we put in the other fellow. When you consider that every time you meet a car you are facing potential death should any untoward incident cause either of you to swerve out of your lane you wonder that the death toll isn't higher.

But that is a chance you have to take. What poses a real risk is the careless driver.

I saw two drivers, both approaching us at the maximum speed, who were trying to drive and at the same time read a road map. That is a combination of suicide and murder. We were lucky and nothing happened in either case.

Saw I don't know how many people in cars who were trying to drive and light cigarettes with a lighter or a match. That is, dangerous in the extreme. Particularly at night.

The usual collection of one-armed drivers who were more interested in their smooching than they were in driving.

And another big menace—the fellow who refuses to dim his lights at night. With more candlepower in the lights every year you stand a better chance of being blinded than ever before. And at a greater distance. Offhand I would say that failure to dim should carry the same penalty as driving without a license. Or more. And that goes for the fellow behind you who hasn't the decency or courtesy to dim his lights so you don't have a blinding light in your rear vision mirror.

Incidentally, the truck drivers are by and large the most courteous on the road. They almost never fail to dim, always dim when behind you, give you right of way wherever possible and in general conduct themselves like gentlemen.

I admit that I sometimes become irked when caught behind a slow truck on an uphill grade with no opportunity to pass but I stoutly maintain that they have as much right to the road as the passenger cars and we would be up the creek with no visible means of propulsion indeed if it weren't for the trucks.

Finally there is the menace this time of year of deer on the road. We saw maybe sixty or seventy deer between Bend and Lapine. If you clobber one of them with a passenger car at reasonable speed you are going to have a long walk home and a sizeable repair bill. Maybe a hospital bill, too.

But I guess it doesn't do much good to worry about all the hazards because no one is going to stop going places just because he might get in trouble on the way. So I guess we just reiterate the old warning about driving as carefully as we know how and let it go at that.

And right now is a pretty time of the year to go places. No getting around that.

Road Suggestion

By FLOYD L. WYNNE

AT THE RISK of being roundly castigated for suggesting the word "work," I'd like to offer some idea on improvement of the suburban roads.

THIS TIES IN with a suggestion some months ago that welfare recipients should be put to work instead of being given money.

Why not take some of the male welfare recipients, borrow several county trucks, if they'll loan them to the project, and put the men to work cleaning up the roadsides and borrow pits in the suburban area.

I realize that a powered scoop could probably do the job quicker, but let's use the good old-fashioned system of "working" instead of the hand-out philosophy of welfare.

THE PILES OF DIRT alongside the roads in the suburban area not only look disreputable, but are potential accident causers at night time.

Other counties in the state are successfully inaugurating a work program in connection with their welfare recipients, and report it is working well.

I believe the idea was explored some time ago, but apparently rejected by the local welfare committee. Comment then indicated that there was a lack of jobs that such recipients could do.

The advent of spring and sunny

mer weather can correct that job. There are many tasks that can be done without eliminating the job of any other person.

WELFARE in the state of Oregon is a tremendous thing.

The biennial budget has been constantly soaring.

In 1937-39 it amounted to just \$14,014,500. By 1945-47 this had more than doubled to \$31,322,000 and the 1950-51 budget is \$80,000,000, or more than five times what it was in 1937-39.

These figures do not include the cost of administering the welfare funds which adds almost another \$12 million.

THE BREAKDOWN of the 1950-51 budget is as follows: \$7,700,000 for general assistance, with another \$11,119,531 for medical general assistance; \$22,300,000 for old age assistance, and \$10,425,540 for old age medical assistance.

\$3,243,000 goes for foster home care, and a whopping total of \$22,411,076, the largest single amount, goes for aid to dependent children, and \$1,357,000 for medical aid to dependent children.

\$346,000 is spent on aid to the blind, and \$111,980 for medical aid to the blind.

\$8,692,000 goes for aid to the disabled and \$2,717,000 for medical aid to the disabled.

This totals \$80,000,000. Add to this, administration costs of \$11,253,000 and you come up with about \$92,000,000 which will be spent for Oregon welfare in the two years ending 1961.

WHEN YOU COMPARE the cost of welfare with the population growth of the state of Oregon, you find that in 1940, welfare cost every man, woman and child \$16 for the biennial budget. In 1950, this had risen to \$35 for every person in the state, and the 1950-51 budget means it will cost \$47 for every person in the state.

In other words, our population in the state jumped 50 per cent between 1940 and 1950, but our state welfare budget jumped 325 per cent. Between 1950 and 1960, our population increased only 17 per cent, but again the state welfare budget, jumped 50 per cent.

IT BECOMES increasingly evident that something must be done to put the lid on the welfare expenditures.

Some severe rules and regulations should be adopted and put into practice to curb these mushrooming expenditures.

A good sound work policy would be a good beginning.

Easter Eggs

By FLORENCE JENKINS

Easter egg gifts in the modern family are tokens of tender affection. The giving of eggs as a symbol of the renewal of life and as a gift has been the custom for centuries before the birth of Christ.

Eggs were a natural symbol of nature's awakening and the renewal of life after the passiveness of winter.

For centuries, in almost all countries, dyed eggs were exchanged as gifts during the spring festival. Eggs, a symbol of fertility in many lands, were easily transferred from pagan lore to Christian customs. During the early Christian era, the red coloring used by heathens as representative of the life force in nature, came to denote the blood Christ shed on the Cross.

The decorating and dyeing of eggs has long been a folk art. There are numerous charming customs in relation to this practice of coloring eggs. In olden days, people refrained from eating eggs as well as meat during Lent. On Easter Eve and Easter Day, huge trays of eggs, brightly colored and arranged in baskets, were taken to church where they were blessed by the priests. Talk-

en home, they were placed in the center of the table and shared with visitors during Easter Week. Now, of course, eggs are a basic Lenten food upon which everyone relies.

In some European countries, games in which the opponents knock Easter eggs together, exchange them, play marbles with them, race with them and roll them have long been popular.

President Madison (1803-1812) introduced the egg-rolling party at the White House, a custom which has been perpetuated by our presidents up to and including President Eisenhower.

The idea for our American Easter Bunny, who traditionally hides the colored Easter eggs, originated in ancient Egypt. "Hare" means "open" and thus was used as a symbol for the spring festival that opened the new year of life and hope. As the hare was never widely known in this country, the familiar common rabbit became the Easter Bunny, beloved to all children.

A friend of ours, Mrs. Fred Pope, during the years she spent as a ranch wife, spent long winter hours decorating egg shells (pin point holes in each end permitting the "blowing" of the contents into a bowl to be used in cooking). The intricate designs, hand-painted and then shellacked, were beautifully executed. The egg shells, hung by threads, made unusually attractive ornaments and friends who received them considered themselves fortunate, indeed.

Sheriff's Race

Klamath Falls (To the Editor)—Since the filing deadline for all candidates desiring to campaign for county offices is past, I would like the people of Klamath County to pay particular attention to these candidates for county sheriff.

First, of the eight candidates, (five Democrats and three Republicans) let's take a good honest look at the potential we have. I think most of the citizens of our county are by now aware of the inefficiency and poor policies of our present sheriff's administration. This can be amply illustrated when you realize the county sheriff's budget has jumped from approximately \$66,000 in 1952 to \$145,000 in 1959 and that during that time no appreciable additional benefits have been derived from the 120 per cent increase in money spent. No wonder one of the candidates said he could run the office for less than \$100,000 or wouldn't accept a penny of his salary. Have your wages increased 120 per cent in the last eight years? Mine certainly have not.

Second, we must consider that four of the eight candidates formerly worked for the present administration and have waited until now before making public some of the discrepancies that existed under this administration. Why have they waited? Isn't it a citizen's duty and obligation to make known publicly any and all unorthodox procedures existing in our local government at the time they occur? Do we want this caliber of men in public office?

Please, people of Klamath County elect us a sheriff who will have the basic interest of police protection, not prisoner protection, at heart. Check the qualifications of each candidate and above all else exercise your democratic right and trust—Vote.

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Big Decision

By JAMES MARLOW
WASHINGTON (AP)—The buses ran on time. The children recited their lessons in the classrooms. There was no shock at all when Sen. Stuart Symington said he wanted to be president.

The only thing new about it—

even though he said it before a jam-packed crowd in the Senate's caucus room—was that he finally got around to saying it publicly.

Still, it raised at least one question: How does a man finally get around to announcing he'd like to be the Democratic candidate for the White House?

First, you beat the bushes, as Symington did. This slim, well-dressed, 58-year-old onetime manufacturer had been running around for weeks, making speeches, shaking hands, looking for support, sizing up his chances. Then you look at the clock. Here it is, near the end of March, and the Democratic National Convention is in July. Not much sense in waiting longer.

Next, you look around to see how goes it with those others who weeks ago removed the modesty veil and frankly said they'd like the Democratic nomination: Sens. John F. Kennedy of Massachusetts and Hubert H. Humphrey of Minnesota.

If there's anything to be gained from an early start—and that's questionable—Kennedy has it. As of now he looks like the front-runner, with Humphrey trailing.

There is the possibility that Kennedy will get up so much momentum nothing can stop him. Symington doesn't want that. Put all the reasons together and you have a good explanation of why Symington announced Thursday.

But Symington denied he was acting now because his advisers were afraid of too big a lead for Kennedy. Instead, he said, he was getting into the race openly because his well-wishers wanted him to.

Symington let it be known on Wednesday he'd speak his piece Thursday.

The big caucus room was loaded with his friends, members of his family, newsmen, big lights, photographers, and even a couple of busloads of Missouri schoolchildren who said they happened to be in town for a few days.

The newsmen's questions were neither very penetrating nor very irritating. The well-heeled Symington, who made a point of saying he doesn't have much money, fielded their bunts easily.

Still, the whole show was pretty flat.

He didn't say anything to set the soul afire. But neither, for that matter, have Kennedy, Humphrey or Vice President Richard M. Nixon, who seems to have the Republican nomination safe in his refrigerator.

There just haven't been any emotional blazes so far in the presidential race. And if what's happened so far is a foretaste of the fall campaign, it's likely to be deep on the dull side.

When asked how he felt about taking on Nixon in the presidential race, Symington instantly responded with what has become a Democratic party cliché for all candidates: "I think any good Democrat could beat him."

All in all, in a town which has seen many a man reach for the moon, Symington's public plunge into the big-time political stream hardly quickened any pulses. For that matter, what politician has so far in 1960?

The Almanac

By United Press International
Today is Friday, March 25, the 83rd day of the year, with 283 more in 1960.

The moon is approaching its new phase.

The morning stars are Mars, Jupiter and Saturn.

On this day in history:

In 1887, Arturo Toscanini, world famous orchestral conductor, was born in Parma, Italy.

In 1900, the Socialist Party of the United States was organized in Indianapolis.

In 1911, 147 lives were lost in a fire in the Triangle Shirt Waist Company in New York City.

In 1913, the famous Palace Theater in New York opened its doors for the first time.

A thought for today: Irish satirist Jonathan Swift said: "We have just enough religion to make us hate, but not enough to make us love one another."

Quotes

United Press International
SAN FRANCISCO—Lance Reventlow, son of Woolworth heiress Barbara Hutton, after being asked what he did at the bachelor party before his wedding to actress Jill St. John: "We sat around and crocheted."

BIRMINGHAM, England—Patrick J. Byrne, sentenced to life in prison for the beheading murder of a woman in a YWCA room, thanking the jury for finding him guilty: "I'm sorry. I just like beautiful women."

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



Scion, With Jack, Weds His Jill

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)—Mr. and Mrs. Lance Reventlow were en route today to Hollywood, where they will honeymoon briefly before resuming careers as racing driver and actress, respectively.

Reventlow, 24, is the only son of dime store heiress Barbara Hutton and will inherit a fortune estimated at approximately 100 million dollars.

The bride is the former Jill St. John, 19, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Oppenheim, Beverly Hills, Calif. The flame-haired beauty has dimensions of 36-21-35 and an IQ of 162.

The couple was married Thursday in Miss Hutton's suite at the Mark Hopkins Hotel. The civil ceremony was performed by California Supreme Court Justice Marshall McComb.

Miss St. John told newsmen

they "plan to have as many children as we can."

Reventlow is intensely serious about the racing business. He set up his own firm to build the championship.

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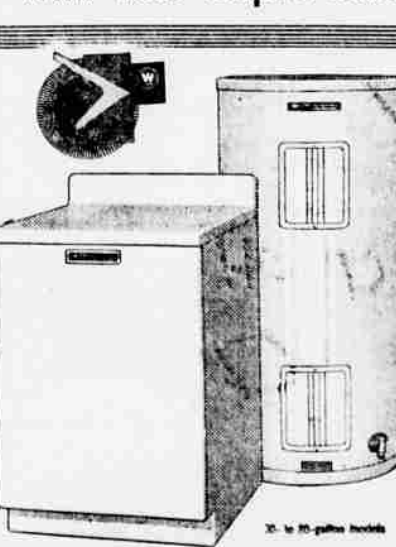
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Maverick Star Seeks New Job

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Jack Kelly is joining his "Maverick" co-star, James Garner, in staying off the Warner Brothers range.

He told his studio Thursday that he's looking for other work. Garner recently asked continuation of his "Maverick" salary which had been cut off on the grounds that the actors' strike shut down production of the TV series.

Kelly told Warners that he now considers himself a free agent and will seek other jobs in movies and TV.

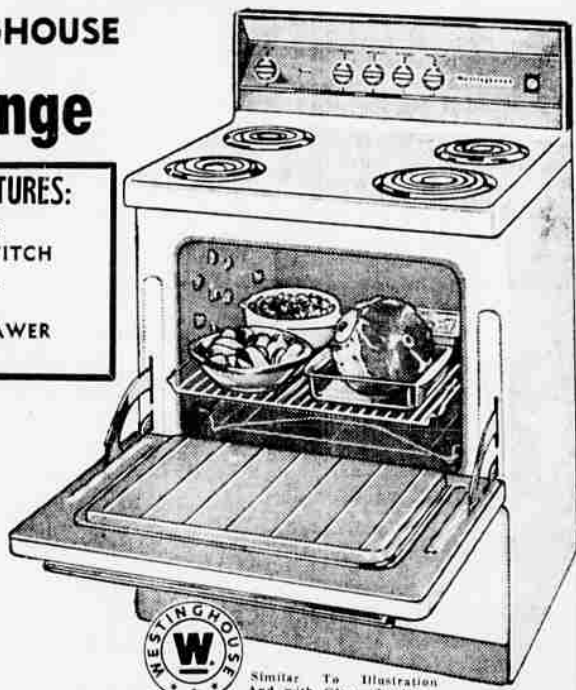
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