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CRIMINAL AND CIVIL LAW

When two cars crash, for instance, two kinds of law may sometimes go into play. One is criminal law and the other, civil law.

Under criminal law, the police and district attorney look into the accident and may decide that one or both parties broke a traffic law.

In a criminal action, the prosecutor must prove beyond all reasonable doubt that the driver broke a certain law. It is no defense for you that the other driver also broke the law. If the court finds that the prosecutor did not prove the crime beyond a reasonable doubt then the state will lose its case. The accused will go free. "Contributory negligence" is no defense to a criminal action.

The second kind of action which may grow out of an auto accident is a civil action. Anyone hurt in the crash may sue the driver or owner of the other car, asking for money damages. In a civil action you have merely to show by a "preponderance" of the evidence, that the other party caused the accident. You as "plaintiff" do not have to prove your case beyond all reasonable doubt. But you must retain your own attorney and bring suit to collect damages.

Moreover, in a civil case, unlike the criminal case, other legal doctrines such as comparative negligence or assumption of the risk may reduce or remove all liability.

So a person may be held criminally liable and yet defeat a civil suit where the proper defense is available to him. Likewise, one may be held liable in a civil action and yet found not guilty in a criminal action. This can be because of the greater burden of proof needed for a criminal conviction, or because not every case giving rise to liability in a civil action is made a crime.

LEGAL TERMS ARE NECESSARY

Many persons feel that the "Whereases," "aforesaid," and other legal verbiage is used by the lawyer for the purpose of confounding the lay-

man. Nothing could be further from the truth. In drafting legal documents, the lawyer attempts to draft them in such a way as to exclude all ambiguities. As a consequence, it is the lawyer's duty to his client to attempt to draft the instrument in such a way that it can mean only one thing.

Most any paragraph of non-legal language contains numerous ambiguities. When a lawyer refers to the "deed aforesaid," he is attempting to make it clear beyond question that the deed he is referring to is the deed mentioned in a prior portion of the instrument. Likewise, when he prefaces a legal document with a long list of "whereases," he is simply reciting pertinent facts for the benefit of the court to show the facts of the situation that lead to the execution of the instrument.

The difficulty with drafting a document in layman's language is that to the trained analyst such language is susceptible of several meanings, and consequently may lead to controversy or litigation. It is the draftsman's purpose to avoid litigation which is usually expensive for the client.

Another reason why lawyers use legal language is historical in nature. Certain words have technical meanings which have been construed by the courts, and the lawyers knows that in using them, he will achieve a result that is certain. He might well be inviting litigation for the client if he devised new language. As a consequence, the lawyer, in the interest of his client, naturally uses the time tested language.

(Oregon lawyers offer this column as a public service. No person should apply or interpret any law without the aid of an attorney who is completely advised of the facts. Even a slight variance in facts may change the application of the law.)

Family life is at some kind of high when parents see a nice trait in one of the children and he says it's from her side of the family and she says no, it's from his.

AT THE CHURCHES

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST
2nd Ave. and Nehalem
Reuben A. Hubbard, Pastor

Services on Saturday:

9:45 a.m. — Sabbath School.

10:45 a.m. — Preaching, missionary programs, or Bible study.

7:30 p.m. — Tuesday evening prayer meeting. All welcome.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
North and Washington Sts.
Robert Sargent, Pastor
HAzel 9-6322

Sunday:

9:45 a.m. — Bible school, Mrs. Earl King, Sup't.

11:00 a.m. — Morning worship. Child care provided.

6:30 p.m. — Youth meeting.

7:30 p.m. — Evening worship.

Monday (Second):

7:30 p.m. — Missionary study.

Wednesday (First):

6:30 p.m. — Church night

Thursday:

7:00 p.m. — Choir practice

8:00 p.m. — Study group

1:30 p.m. (second and fourth) — Missionary service

MIST-BIRKENFELD COMMUNITY CHURCH
Sulo A. Sanders, Pastor
Mrs. Sanders, Sunday School Superintendent
At Birkenfeld Community Center

Sunday:

9:45 a.m. — Sunday school for all.

11:00 — Family worship. Nursery for pre-school children.

Wednesday:

7:45 p.m. — Prayer and Bible study

At Mist Church

8:00 p.m. — Sunday evening, worship service.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
L. A. DuBose, Pastor
A and Washington St.
Sunday Services:

9:45 a.m. — Sunday School, Mrs. Carl Yoresen, Sup't.

11:00 a.m. — Morning worship.

6:30 p.m. — Training Union

7:15 p.m. — Evening service.

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC
Rev. William Delplanché
Bridge St. at 2nd Ave
First and Second Sundays, Mass at 7:00 p.m.
Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays, at 8:00 a.m.
First Fridays, Mass at 7:00 p.m.

VERNONIA BRANCH CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST LATTER DAY SAINTS
925 Rose Avenue
Branch Presidency — Elders Wilbur E. Wilson, Robert E. McNair Sr., Wayne R. Markham, Henry T. Hudson, clerk.
Sunday:

10:30 a.m. — Sunday school

David A. Zamarrippa, Supt.

6:00 p.m. — Sacrament Service.

Wilbur E. Wilson, presiding.

Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. — Relief Society, except second Tuesday of each month, work meet, 10:00 a.m., Polly Hudson, Pres.

Primary, Wednesdays 4 p.m.

MIA, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.

Genealogy class, Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.

Visitors Welcome at All Meetings

VERNONIA BIBLE CHURCH
Don Wantland, Sunday School Sup't.
Sunday:

9:45 a.m. — Sunday school.

11:00 a.m. — Morning services.

6:30 p.m. — Youth group and adult study classes.

7:30 p.m. — Evening service.

Wednesday:

7:30 p.m. — Mid-week prayer meet.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Jefferson and Maple
W. C. Armstrong, Pastor
9:45 a.m., Sunday school. Classes for all ages.
11:00 a.m. — Morning worship.
7:30 p.m. — Evangelistic service
7:30 p.m. Wednesday—Prayer meeting at the church.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
North Madison Avenue
Milton B. Gudmundsen, Pastor
9:45 a.m. — Bible school.
11:00 a.m. — Morning worship.
7:00 p.m. — Evangelistic services.
Lively singing of favorite songs.
Wednesday:

7:00 p.m. — Midweek service. All are welcome to "The Homelike Church."

VERNONIA EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN
State Avenue
Raymond Targgart, Pastor
1768 N. Ainsworth, Portland, Oregon
BUtler 5-8159
9:45 a.m. — Sunday School, Carl Holsey, Sup't.
11:00 a.m. — Morning worship. Nursery for small children.
6:00 p.m. — Youth Fellowship.
7:00 p.m. — Evening service.
Wednesday

7:00 p.m. — Hour of power, prayer and Bible study.

CWF Women Slate Speaker

The CWF held an all day meeting January 14. A quilt was worked on until time for the regular meeting.

The devotions were given by Mrs. Olivia Wood based on Luke, chapter 19, verse 10. Following this there were the several reports.

Mrs. K. C. Hendricks, a retired missionary from Woodburn, will be the special speaker for the Women's Day program Sunday, January 24. The theme is "Our Missions Under God." Potluck dinner will follow the morning church service.

The meeting was adjourned with the CWF prayer. The next meeting will be held January 28 at 1:30 p.m. in the church social hall.

Leaders Name Two Delegates

The Columbia County 4-H Leaders' association met at the McBride school in St. Helens, Wednesday evening, January 6.

Mrs. Venla Martin, chairman of the leaders' association, and Mrs. Inez Langdon, both of Scappoose, were elected to serve as delegates to the annual 4-H leaders' conference at Oregon State University, January 20, 21 and 22.

The Columbia County Leaders' association has submitted an entry in the state-wide leaders contest sponsored by the Portland General Electric company. Winners of the contest are selected on the accomplishments made throughout the year in their program of activities. Three counties are given certificates for honorable mention. The county with the outstanding entry is given possession for a year of a rotating trophy.

Speaker of the evening was Grace Elliot, presently a member of the Columbia county welfare department. Grace, a former 4-H club member from Clatsop county, spent a part of the 1963 year in Australia as an International Farm Youth Exchangee.

Mrs. Cecil Hodgson was in charge of refreshments.

It would be easy to convince anyone that today's folding money is printed on flypaper.

Admit it when you're wrong—even on a minor matter.

Special Speaker Slated At Church of Nazarene

Sunday evening, February 7, Rev.

Robert Patzhold of Portland will speak and show slides of the work of the Nazarene church in Newfoundland, Canada. Rev. Patzhold spent several years in Newfoundland until his retirement from the United States air force. He is now assistant pastor of the Mt. Scott Church of the Nazarene in Portland and plans to return to Newfoundland in about two years.

A special offering for the missionary work of the Church of the Nazarene will be taken according to Rev. Milton B. Gudmundsen, pastor.

Altar Society Names Officers

The St. Mary's Altar Society met at the home of Mrs. Sylvia Gilliland on Thursday, January 14. The election of officers for 1965 took place as follows: President, Lois Lawler; vice-president, Jenny Siedelman; secretary, Esther Andrich; treasurer, Margaret Davies.

The president appointed her committee chairmen for the proposed card party in February. It will be a bridge and pinochle party open to the public. Details will be announced at a later date.

Vernonia Eagle

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Witnesses Gain Goals From Meet

The entire membership of the Vernonia congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses returned this week from the three-day Bible conference held in Longview, Washington, according to LaMoine Todd, presiding minister.

Over 1321 persons heard district supervising minister Lester M. Dugan deliver the public address "Our Divided World—Is It Here to Stay?"

Assembly speakers stressed major goals that each delegate will strive for during the next six months: to improve the quality of his ministry, to spend more time in personal ministry from house to house and to devote more time to personal study and Bible research, according to Todd.

Another highlight of the event was the baptism-ordination service where many new ministers, after hearing the subject of dedication explained by Dugan, symbolized their dedication to God by water baptism.

All meetings at the Vernonia Kingdom Hall, 49 Texas avenue on the OA hill, will resume on schedule this week. Todd stated that everyone in the community is cordially invited to attend these meetings.

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6:30 P.M., FIRE HALL
Robert Sargent, President
Don Jackson, Secretary 3-65

A. F. & A. M.
Vernonia Lodge No. 184
A. F. & A. M. meets at Masonic Temple. Stated Communication third Thursday of each month, at 8:00 p.m.
Horace Hertel, W. M.
Walter E. Linn, Sec'y. 1-65

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS
Harding Lodge No. 116
Vernonia, Oregon

I.O.O.F. Hall
Second Monday of Each Month

Jack Bergerson, Chancellor
Commander
E. E. Garner, Secretary
PYTHIAN SISTERS
Vernonia Temple No. 61
Meetings: I.O.O.F. Hall
Second and Fourth Wednesdays of each month
Marie Atkins, M.E.C.
Cora Lange, Secretary 2-65

Vernonia Lodge No. 246

I.O.O.F.
First and Third Tuesday 8 P.M.
Lloyd Quinn, Noble Grand
Harry Culbertson, Sec. 1-45

MT. HEART REBEKAH LODGE NO. 243

Meets 2nd and 4th Thursday evenings of each month in the I.O.O.F. hall.
Mathilde Bergerson, Noble Grand
Irma Chance, Secretary 3-65

VERNONIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Board of Directors report to members quarterly. Board meets 2nd and 4th Mondays, 8:00 p.m., at West Oregon Electric office. Visitors invited.
Guy I. Thomas, President
Mrs. Evelyn Heath, Sec'y. 7-65

NEHALEM VALLEY COIN CLUB
Meets last Thursday every month
West Oregon Electric Auditorium,
7:30 P.M.
George Laws, President
Harry Junken, Vice-president
Stanley Enevoldsen, Secretary
Ralph Bergerson, Treasurer
VISITORS WELCOME 10-64

Vernonia Barracks Veterans of World War I
Meets 4th Monday each month at the IOOF hall, 8 P.M.
D. G. Pattee, Commander
Art Gardner, Adjutant

AUXILIARY
Meets 4th Mon., IOOF hall 8 p.m.
Lona Weidman, President
Cora Lange, Secretary 7-65

IWA Local 3-14
Meets First and Third Thursdays
7:30 P.M.
A.F.L. — C.I.O.
Business Agent is at the hall,
North and Washington Sts.
third and fourth Thursday 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. 4-64

Order of Eastern Star
Nehalem Chapter 153, O. E. S.
Regular communication first and third Wednesday of each month at Masonic Temple. All visiting sisters and brothers welcome.
Jean Bergerson, W. M.
Frances Hershey, Sec. 1-65

AMERICAN LEGION
Meets First and Third Mondays of each month.
VERNONIA POST 119
Thomas Hall, Commander
Harry Culbertson, Adjutant

AUXILIARY
First and Third Tuesdays
Beulah Hall, President 1-65
Murel Folken, Secretary 1-65

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