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To escape comment or criticism, do nothing,
be nothing, say nothing.

Slow Down and Live!

Traffic fatalities in Oregon for the first four months have increased 12% plus over 1958—from 121 to 136. This does not take into consideration the physical and mental suffering caused by these accidents. Nor does it reflect any of the cost of property damage, hospital and medical bills and loss of time from gainful employment.

With an anticipated 25% increase in traffic due to Oregon's Centennial celebration and three long holiday weekends, this could be the worst year yet.

It is up to us drivers to set the record and this Memorial weekend will be our first test. We can use patience, courtesy, common sense and judgment to keep the toll down.

"Memorial Day Honors the Dead . . . We Can Honor the Living by Safe Driving."

(The life you save may be your own!)

Dangerous Convenience

Nyssa parents are courting death for their children when they let them play with plastic bags. Within the past week we have seen several children playing with this dangerous material. Deaths from plastic-caused suffocation are climbing, and the National Safety Council estimates that the toll may climb to 100 this year. It is imperative that we take precautionary steps before a Nyssa child becomes a victim.

Nyssa dry cleaners are aware of the danger inherent in the bags used to return clean clothes, and are seeking an answer to the problem. Plastic bag manufacturers are seeking ways to minimize the danger. In many states proposed legislation would control production and distribution. Some sort of safeguard will come from the efforts of any or all of these interested parties.

In the meantime, however, responsibility rests with the parents to keep the plastic bags away from children. Dry cleaning bags should be destroyed upon delivery. Other, less flimsy plastic bags should be perforated or destroyed. Thin plastic should never be used as pillow or mattress covers in children's beds. Plastic has become an everyday convenience, but we must recognize it for what it is—a highly dangerous material.

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Friday to accommodate customers who usually

shop Saturdays. We will be
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FROM THIS CORNER

By T.M.B.

The column wound up last week with "What should the country editor do about writing the news?" If we were confused then, you should see us now! We wonder what is news—to say nothing of how to write it. But all newspaper people are confused. Some over their production problems, some over advertising, and others over reporting, editing, or collecting. The mere fact they are in the business is prima facie evidence that they are confused. (And, if these Latin terms thrown in here confuse you, ask your attorney about them—he uses some in most of his legal papers.)

But lest you think this confusion is strictly an occupational hazard, I want to tell you about two salesmen who have been in our office this week. The first had been selling us newspaper for a rather short period of time.

We liked him, he had a good price on the paper, delivery was fast from our neighbor city to the East, so we did business. We had a letter in our files from his Sales Supervisor on the prices and lot sizes, but about an hour after the salesman called in an order over our phone, the big boss called back and said he couldn't do business at those prices. (He also admitted there was confusion somewhere among the three of them!)

The second salesman was soliciting subscriptions for the NATION'S BUSINESS, published by the UNITED STATES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. (Now don't let the words NATION'S or UNITED

STATES lead you into thinking they are government agencies—they didn't even include membership in either at the \$18 throw for the 3-year subscription.)

Now this salesman was also nice-appearing and friendly, but, most people are both, when selling, so we can skip over this part. But he, too, was confused. He first thought he could not sell anything but a 3-year sub, then decided for an additional six-bits on a 1/2 of the \$18 he could fix it up for a year. . . . Then after I had spread the word at a local cafe that it could be had for the 1 year, darn if he didn't change his mind again . . . and gave my money back.

But this last salesman left me a little leaflet that may be worth more than the magazine. The name of it is "BETTER GOVERNMENT BEGINS WITH YOU"—also put out by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. (Don't let this name confuse you either—if I can believe what I hear it is no more like the C of C in Nyssa than General Motors is like a local automobile mechanic.)

But I bought it (the 1-year deal) because one can get a slant that we little fellows don't have. We often read things we don't believe, and, sometimes print them, too.

Anyway, this leaflet listed what they called 10 GOOD TIPS WHEN WRITING YOUR CONGRESSMEN. We list them, with some brief comments, as follows:

1. ADDRESS THEM PROPERLY. DON'T CONFUSE A SENATOR WITH A REPRESENTATIVE. (You can lower the dignity of only 96 senators by referring to them as Representatives but can elevate the ego of 435 of the latter by elevating them to

the innocent bystander . . .

By Uncle Tib

The light at the corner of Second and Main was green for Uncle Tib when he looked to the right and left and began to pull slowly into the intersection. . . . no it's mighty fortunate he took time to look—a fellow driver came breezing down Main paying little attention to the bright red light overhead. . . . course ole Tib had the right-of-way—but stopped—quick-like; result: no accident.

This brings us to the theme of our opening lines for this week—a lesson in giving—GIVE YOUR FELLOW MOTORISTS THEIR LIVES—who knows in so giving you may receive your own in return. . . . statistics for the long-holiday weekend give a high death-rate via the auto accident route; if you are not too interested in your own life; why not give the other fellow a chance to die a natural death. . . . at the moment we can't think of anything so urgent to any man that he can't wait until the light changes or a train gets past a crossing.

The nucleus of an organization has come our way. . . . a jeep posse—akin the county Sheriff's posse—akin the county Sheriff's the versatile little Jeep. "Speed" Porter, local jeep enthusiast says that such an organization would be a boom to the area. Main purpose being that of "Search and Rescue" . . . lost persons, plane wrecks in isolated areas, grass fires in the mountain areas, and any number of other civic objectives. Also the organization will spend some of its training time in wild and woolly treks into the wilderness which can be com-

bined into weekend outings, fishing trips to remote areas, and for rock gound excursions into virgin gem stone areas for exploration. Uncle Tib's for this idea; but there's one draw back. . . . no jeep! If'n your interested contact "Speed", he'll see that the movement gets off the ground.

Uncle Tib was recently appointed the position of Parade Marshall for the forthcoming June 6th festivities in honor of the opening of the Centennial Welcome Houses in Nyssa and Ontario. . . . at the moment there is one little problem—he's got no mount and rigging for such an operation. Anyone care to donate a real gentle mount and at least a blanket for sittin'? If you have such available and would like to make a donation to the cause; call Uncle Tib at the Journal and let him know.

From the poets corner:
TAKE TIME
Take time to laugh
It is the music of the soul
Take time to think
It is the source of power
Take time to play
It is the source of perpetual youth
Take time to read
It is the fountain of wisdom
Take time to pray
It is the greatest power on earth
Take time to love and be loved
It is a God-given privilege
Take time to be friendly
It is the road to happiness
Take time to give
It is too short a day to be selfish
Take time to work
It is the price of success

New Laws Affect Local Farmers

New laws on insecticide control and livestock branding will be administered by the State Dept. of Agriculture during 1959.

The insecticide control law is the outgrowth of the desire of Malheur County alfalfa growers to protect their chief pollinator, the alkali bee. It permits any farmers to petition the State Dept. of Agriculture for public hearings and the establishment of areas where insecticide may be restricted or prohibited.

Nyssa Students In Honor Society

Alan L. Fahrenbruch Rt. 1 and Laurance L. Oden 508 N. 6 of Nyssa have qualified for membership in Phi Kappa Phi, national scholastic honor society at Oregon State College. Both are seniors in the school of science.

Membership in Phi Kappa Phi is top campus recognition of scholastic achievement. To qualify for membership, juniors must rank in the upper 5 percent of their class and seniors and graduate students must rank in the upper 10 percent.

NYSSA SEAMAN ENDS BOOT CAMP TRAINING

Terry J. Borge, apprentice petty officer third class, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jake J. Borge of route 1, Nyssa, has finished recruit training at the Naval Training Center, San Diego, Calif. Apprentice petty officers are chosen from the ranks of seaman recruits to assist company commanders. The selection is based on individual aptitude and leadership qualities.

CARD OF THANKS

A card of thanks to all of my friends, neighbors, OES and Legion Auxiliary for their cards, messages and acts of kindness in my recent indisposition.

—Mrs. Don M. Graham.

Senator.)

2. BE LOCAL, TELL THEM HOW A NATIONAL QUESTION AFFECTS YOUR BUSINESS, YOUR INDUSTRY, YOUR COMMUNITY. (As if there weren't already 50,000 communities that were only selfishly interested in their own problems and not those of the other people throughout the nation.)

3. BE BUSINESSLIKE, BRIEF BUT NOT TERSE. (Cold but not stiff!)

4. BE SPECIFIC; IF YOU'RE FOR SOMETHING, SAY SO, AND TELL WHY. IF NOT, DON'T HEDGE, BUT TELL WHY NOT. (Course I'm for it if it puts anything in my pocket and against it if it costs me anything.)

5. BE POLITE; MEMBERS OF CONGRESS DESERVE RESPECTFUL TREATMENT. (They must have omitted a word. It is SHOULD and belongs immediately after the word CONGRESS—they earn respect just as anyone else.)

6. BE REASONABLE; ASK ONLY PRACTICAL ACTION. (Who shall decide just what is PRACTICAL?)

7. BE YOURSELF; USE YOUR OWN LETTERHEAD AND LETTER STYLE. (Who else did they fear we might be?)

8. REQUEST RESULTS; YOUR MAN IS ELECTED TO DO SOMETHING. (Saying "NO" would often be quite helpful.)

9. ASK FOR AN ANSWER; YOU'VE TOLD HIM WHERE YOU STAND, NOW ASK HIM WHERE HE STANDS. (Never mind asking—he'll tell you where he STANDS. But he's mighty apt to MOVE at any time.)

10. BE APPRECIATIVE; THANK HIM FOR GOOD VOTES, COMPLIMENT HIS BETTER SPEECHES, AND PRAISE HIS STAFF, TOO. (Take this one in small bites—Be sure and thank him for what he was elected and took an oath to do; THANK him for his GOOD votes but give him hell for his poor votes; and compliment his better speeches, as if he made a poor one! AND, of all things, be sure and PRAISE HIS STAFF—meaning you should brag on his relatives. (Did Mr. Trimble ever learn who was on the Senators' staffs and their amount of pay?)

Yeah, I know the whole thing stinks—but so do such people

who think ordinary individuals are all dummies, and, they "write-down" to us with such as this. But it was said that "The Lord must have loved the common people, else he would not have made so many of them."

The title of this is "CONFUSION. (1) Place it at the beginning, (2) re-read this whole thing, and (3) then you'll see what a really good title it is.

I ain't really mad at nobody—jest still CONFUSED!

Poppy Sale day must have been a huge success in Nyssa. I have never seen so many enthusiastic small-girl salesladies.

The people of this town and community surely have been kind to us—not a single "cussin" or gripe have we received, so far. But the "Honeymoon" is about over—people are volunteering to loan us various items, and we are beginning to ask to borrow others that haven't been volunteered.

A short drive into the country

almost every late afternoon breaks the office monotony. These beautiful cock pheasants fascinate me. Have driven 700 miles from home for them the past three years and now have them at the back door!

Gale and I drove up to Owyhee reservoir to use part of our \$10 fishing license Saturday. Used only a small part when the wind came up and we had to quit. Lots of boats and motors up there—most of the vehicles carried Idaho licenses. There must be a reason why, but as many people as we saw on the road and up there we wonder why there isn't at least a good graded road up to the dam.

We appreciate the response to our request for more personal news. We expect to carry these local items together. You may not care for your name in print but your friends away from here want to know. Can't you remember how eagerly you read the home town paper when you had been away for some time?

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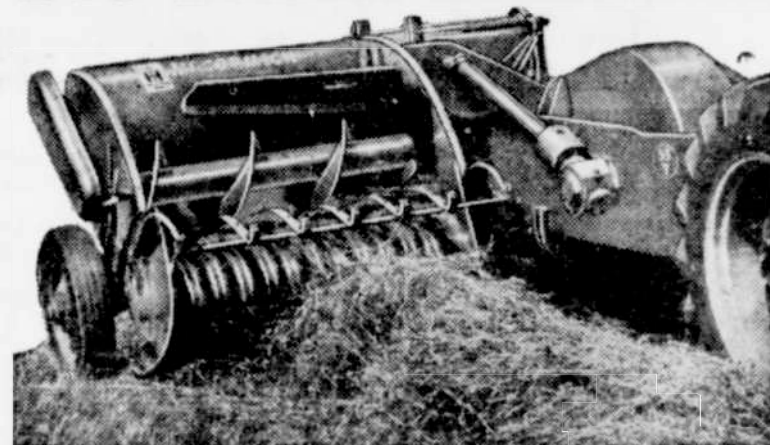


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