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**LETTER
To the Editor**

Visiting Rockhounds Disapprove of Rules For Trailer Parking

Kirkland, Wash.

Dear Mr. Brammer:
 We are rockhounds from Kirkland, Wash. For several years we have parked our trailer near your south city park while we "hunted" in desert areas.

Your city's shade trees have given us most welcome relief from the hot summer sun. We have been most careful not to be "litterbugs" nor noisy visitors.

One evening recently, a most courteous and friendly young policeman told us the "city fathers" were complaining and he asked us to move to the river park—which we did.

We drove to the park, but had so much trouble turning our 16-foot trailer into the cramped area that we decided that place was not for us.

Luckily, we had our "good friends," the Burdettes, located just out of Nyssa—so that is where we stayed.

In the Seattle area (where Kirkland is located) we belong to two rock clubs. We have spread the word to many rockhounds about your fine "hunting" areas and have shown many of your beautiful rocks in gem displays.

However, we cannot recommend any good overnight camping spots in the city of Nyssa.

May we suggest this? If your "city fathers" don't want overnight parking in the park near city center, then they should post it as such.

If Nyssa wishes to encourage rockhounds and other visitors, provisions should be made to accommodate them.

Have some of those "city fathers" and Chamber of Commerce members take a 16-foot, or larger,

Kurtz Family Plans Several Weeks' Visit At Home of Parents

NEWELL HEIGHTS—The Rev. Harold Kurtz, Carolyn, Joy, Cathy and Chris arrived Friday afternoon at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Kurtz.

They had spent several days in Portland where the Rev. Kurtz had attended state synodical meetings at the Presbyterian church while his family visited Dr. and Mrs. Merle Kurtz. Bill Kurtz of Merrill was also a guest of the Rose city family.

Jane Kurtz, a daughter of the Harold Kurtz couple, remained in Pasadena, Calif., for completion of some dental work. Harold's wife, Polly, and daughter, Janice, remained in Portland where they are being treated for tropical ulcers which they contracted while the family was in Ethiopia.

A thorough study of their ailment is being made by doctors at the Portland medical school, since it is quite rare in this country. While being treated, they are guests in the Merle Kurtz home.

The Rev. Harold Kurtz and children are attending family church camp this week at Sawtooth and plan to return Monday to the parental M. L. Kurtz home. They will remain in this area for several weeks and plan to take some camping and fishing trips. The Rev. Kurtz will also do some practice flying out of Nampa.

Classifieds Bring Results!

trailer home to the river park and try to turn it around while other trailers are parked at the end of the driveway.

Last, but most important, a word of praise to your merchants and gas station operators. They have always been most friendly and helpful.

We thank them most kindly and consider them our good Nyssa friends.

Sincerely,
 JOHN and FRAN
 STEWART

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By Oregon State Bar

Property Owner's Liability for Damage

A popular misconception of law has it that everyone who is injured on another's property is entitled to recover all damages he may suffer from the owner of that property.

Property owners themselves often believe this erroneous principle, and it is not uncommon for a home owner, discussing an injury at his home, to remark reluctantly, "Well, I guess I'm liable—the accident happened on my property."

This is NOT the law. The concept of "fault" is still essential to a recovery for damages in all but a few specialized fields of law and mere ownership of private property does not produce the necessary "fault" for recovery.

In most cases of accidents on his residence property, a home owner will not be liable for the resulting injuries. This is because most visitors at his home and on his residence property will be social guests.

Toward his guests, a home owner owes the duty only of refraining from willful and wanton misconduct, and of warning them of any hidden traps. He is under no obligation to use any active care for their safety, and, if they are injured, he has no obligation to make good their damages.

This rule is derived from the nature of the relationship between host and his guests—the host receiving no benefit from the visit except the pleasure of his guests' company; it would be unjust to place upon him the burden of protecting his guests from all injury.

As it was put by one judge, the visitor in a home takes his host as he is and for the purpose of liability becomes a member of the host's family.

A different rule applies to persons who come on one's property for the purpose of a business in which the owner is engaged. Toward these persons the owner owes the duty of "reasonable care" for their safety.

Thus one who operates a store is liable to his customers for injuries they sustain as a result of his negligence. He must do what a reasonable man would do under the same circumstances to provide for the care and safety of these so-called "invitees."

(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 involved. Even a slight variance in fact may change the application of the law.)

REPORT CORRECTED

Names and positions of two new officers of the Assembly of God Missionettes were incorrectly reported to the Journal last week. During the group's June 21 meeting, Judy Wall was named social committee chairman, with Lorna Hardman elected as chairman of the achievement committee.

VISITS FROM NEW YORK

Mrs. Elsie Swanson of Long Island, N.Y., has been visiting in the home of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Holmes. She plans to leave Saturday morning for Minnesota to visit other relatives before returning home.

BOYDELLS RETURN HOME

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Boydell returned home Tuesday afternoon after spending the holiday weekend with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rhodes in Milton-Freewater.



PHOTOS OF MURL LANCASTER (1941-1966) reflect a span of 25 years in the life of a public school teacher. Mr. Lancaster will be among those honored at the Roswell high school reunion picnic to be held at 1 p.m. Sunday, July 17 in the community park at Parma. "Lanky" was graduated from high school in Caldwell, from the College of Idaho in that city and received his master's degree from the University of Idaho in Moscow. He began his teaching career in 1927 at Wilder, Idaho, where he remained for three years, followed by four years at Halfway, Ore. He was a member of the Roswell faculty from in the fall of 1934 until in the spring of 1943 and then went to Fruitland where he remained for six years as superintendent of schools. During one of those school years, he also served as coach. He joined the Nyssa faculty in 1950 as eighth grade mathematics and social studies instructor, and for the past 15 years has served as junior high school principal. Murl Lancaster and Mildred Hanna were married July 14, 1930, at Caldwell and are parents of two children. Dean is a resident of Nyssa and Mary Lou Hobson resides in Gooding, Idaho. Returning to the subject of the July 17 Roswell reunion picnic, the Journal publishers owe an apology to Mmes. Phil Clucas, Lyle Andrew and Mildred Smyser whose pictures appeared in last week's issue. The cutlines stated that they were members of the Roswell graduating class of 1914. The correct year of their RHS graduation was 1941—a difference of 27 years. Now in addition to adding 27 years onto the ages of the three women—where would it put "Lanky?"

Richard Young Calls Parents From Japan

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Young received a telephone call Monday evening from their son, Richard, who is recovering from injuries at a hospital in Japan. The young man suffered hip wounds from a sniper's bullet on June 25 while in combat in Vietnam.

In reporting to the Journal that Richard is recovering satisfactorily, Mrs. Young stated, "That was the most welcome telephone call we ever received." She said that just hearing his voice and knowing he is safe gave her the greatest peace of mind she had had since his departure for Vietnam.

ATTEND CHURCH CAMP

Kent Boydell, Mardi Tensen and Patrick Eastman left June 26 for Cove, Ore., to attend Episcopal church camp.

POLLYANNA CLUB MEMBERS SCHEDULE SUNDAY PICNIC

Annual Pollyanna club picnic will be held Sunday, July 10, at the Charlie Bowers home in Kingman Colony. An invitation is extended to all residents of the community.

Those planning to attend are asked to take food for a potluck dinner and their own table service. Coffee and punch will be furnished by the club.

ARRIVE FROM CALIFORNIA

Mrs. Pegi Martinez and Mrs. Maxine Weaver of Hollywood, Calif., arrived Sunday night at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Corey. Mrs. Weaver also visited her mother, Mrs. Bessie Pitkin at Fruitland, and her sister, Mrs. Ed Bates at Vale. The two visitors left Wednesday morning for San Francisco.

Rising Toll of Mower Injuries Alarms Manufacturers and Safety Experts

With 24 million power mowers in use today, and 4.5 million new ones produced each year, mower manufacturers and safety experts have watched with alarm as the toll of injuries mounts, reports Changing Times, the Kiplinger magazine.

Safety officials estimate that from 55,000 to 80,000 people are injured each mowing season, and almost nine out of ten mower injuries treated involve rotary models. According to the magazine, many of these accidents are not serious. But many others result in the loss of toes, fingers, eyes and occasionally life.

The trend to bigger, heavier mowers is one of the reasons for the rising number of accidents. The American Standards association has set up safety and design standards which have been adopted by most manufacturers. Over 85 percent of all mowers sold this season will carry the ASA seal. So, if you're in the market for a new mower, be sure it carries the ASA seal.

Safety Rules Listed

The editors of Changing Times list these rules which every mower owner should follow:

Know your machine. Read the owner's manual carefully and know how to stop the engine quickly in an emergency.

Before you start to mow, check the mower for cracks, loose nuts and bolts. Fill the gas tank before you start, not after the motor gets hot and never while the motor is running.

Check the lawn for stones, sticks and other debris that could get hurled out of the mower.

When you are ready to mow, clear the area of children, pets and other bystanders.

Beware of Blades!

Before you start the motor, make sure all blade and drive clutches are disengaged. As you start the machine, keep your feet well away from the blades.

If you are called away from the machine, shut it off. Stop the engine before pushing the mower over walks and other non-lawn areas.

VISIT IN HUFFMAN HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Frank VanOrsdal and girls of Boise were June 30 breakfast guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Huffman. Overnight guests of the Huffmans were a niece, Miss Helen Harniss; a nephew, Dr. and Mrs. Dean Harniss and girls, all of Seattle.

Never let a child or someone not thoroughly familiar with the machine mow your lawn, especially if your property is hilly or uneven.

On a slope, mow sideways, never up and down. Never pull a running machine toward you.

Don't mow if the grass is wet. This is particularly crucial with electric mowers.

Shut Motor Off to Unclog

As you turn a rotary mower, always make lefthand turns (away from the direction in which the grass chute points). Never walk by the chute while the motor is running and never reach in with your hand or a stick to unclog the grass while the motor is running.

If you have to work on the cutting blade, disconnect the spark plug. Merely shutting off the engine doesn't guarantee that it won't start again as you crank the blade around.

If you have a riding mower, be especially careful on hills and never allow a passenger on board. These machines can and do tip over.

And lastly, pay attention to the job at hand. Perhaps the single greatest cause of accidents is the mental lapse that sends your thoughts wandering when you should be alert.

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