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## Enforcing Safe Driving

Now that we have discussed raising children safely, and training them to drive, we must recognize that young people are individuals, with the right of choice, as are adults. After the best of training, they may still elect to be showoffs, to speed, and to try to outdo others in unsafe driving habits.

So, much as we hate to do it, we must have laws to provide for safe conduct, we must have police to arrest those who disobey the laws, and we must have courts to judge if the law has been disobeyed, and what punishment is due if the person is guilty of an offense.

Most people are familiar with driving laws. And yet most of us violate one or two of them every day. Why? Why don't we stop at stop streets? Why do we drive 35 miles an hour in a 30 mile zone? The main reason is that people learn by experience. Some read about accidents caused by running a stop sign, or by a speeding motorist hitting a child who steps from behind a parked car, and realize that while their one violation in itself may not cause an accident, if someone else also tries to violate a minor law, a serious accident will result.

But some of us, unfortunately, only learn by experience. We have to hit a child, or a fast-moving car we didn't "see" before we learn not to speed or run a stop sign. Oh, of course when we do it, it won't be a crime, it will be an "accident". But almost every accident is preventable if good safety rules, and the law, are obeyed.

Now, what must we do then, to enforce these laws and protect our children and ourselves? First, we see that the laws are modern enough to protect us, not "horse-and-buggy" laws. They must protect us in the society we live in. We cannot sit around and wait for the state legislature and city council to think of things — they will act only when public pressure is brought to bear through letters, petitions, and personal visits to legislative bodies, in which the public presents fairly and without anger or bias their ideas. Don't go to a congressman, councilman, or legislator with the idea you have to get tough — just talk to him and explain the problems as you see them, and possible solutions. Show him, in a friendly way, action he can take to prevent needless death.

Well, if we have the laws, how about law enforcement? Often we take our police and sheriff's offices for granted. We expect them to work 24 hours a day, in rain and disaster, without any backing from the public.

This is impossible. First, a policeman or sheriff, or deputy, must be paid a fair salary. Second, the public must back him up in his duty. They must stand for law and order, even if they get a "ticket" themselves. If we are to have safe streets and highways, the public must stand firmly behind the enforcement officers who are doing their jobs fairly and thoroughly. They must always make certain that their public officials bring every act out into the public — not to ridicule and belittle those who are misfortunate, but to see in what direction society is going, what our problems are, and to find other solutions if present laws and enforcement do not give us the answers we desire. Publicity on wrongdoing is one of the very best ways to deter it — few will act if they know that their deeds will be exposed and laid bare to the public.

But if they can have an accident without reporting it, or be arrested without notice of it being in the paper, then we will all be on the road to public disaster, with a privileged group being allowed to maim, kill and violate at will, without public knowledge of their offenses.



## PROGRAMS

## Central Daylight Time

10:30 — Concentration  
11:00 — Tie Tac Dough  
11:30 — It Could Be You  
Afternoon  
12:00 — News & Weather  
12:15 — Farms and Farming  
12:30 — The Weatherman  
12:45 — Editor's Desk  
12:55 — Faith to Live By  
1:00 — Queen For A Day  
1:15 — The Story of Human Relations  
2:00 — Young Dr. Malone  
2:30 — From These Roots  
3:00 — Truth or Consequences  
3:30 — County Fair  
4:00 — Married Joan  
4:30 — Bozo  
5:45 — NBC News

Evening  
6:00 — Gateway To Sports  
6:15 — News, Jack Gray  
6:25 — The Weatherman  
6:45 — Music City's Blues  
7:00 — Ellery Queen  
8:00 — M-Squad  
8:30 — NBC Western Theatre  
8:45 — Jackpot Bowling  
10:00 — City Detective  
10:30 — News and Weather  
10:45 — Sports Food  
10:50 — The Best of Paar

## WPTA-TV

## Channel 21

## THURSDAY

Evening  
6:00 — Fun 'N Stuff  
7:15 — Tom Atkins Reporting  
7:30 — Oh Boy  
8:00 — The Real McCoy's  
9:00 — Leave It To Beaver  
9:30 — Rough Riders  
10:00 — Sunday Sunshine  
11:00 — Confidential File

## FRIDAY

Morning  
11:30 — Susie's Morning Movie  
Afternoon  
12:00 — Access The Board  
12:30 — Entertainment Quiz  
1:00 — Music Bingo  
1:30 — 21 Leisure Lane  
2:00 — Day In Court  
2:30 — The Big Story  
3:00 — Beat the Clock  
3:30 — Who Do You Trust  
4:00 — American Bandstand  
5:30 — Supermarket  
5:30 — Mickey Mouse

Conrad was turned over to a sheriff from Watska, Ill., who had a warrant for his arrest.

## Battle Shaping For Control Of Northern Laos

TOKYO (UPI) — A major battle for control of northern Laos was shaping up today between the pro-Western government of Premier Phou Sananikone and the Communist attackers in two provinces bordering North Viet Nam and Red China.

Reports from the tiny landlocked kingdom of Laos said heavy rains had temporarily halted fighting which erupted last month when the Communists launched a series of widely scattered assaults against government outposts in the border provinces of Sam Neua and Phongsaly.

Laos announced today that its troops have recovered military posts overrun by the Communists in Phongsaly during the early days of the fighting, inflicting "heavy losses" on the Reds.

Fresh dispatches today said the Reds, whose attacks had been gaining in strength and speed before the rains, were pouring reinforcements across the border from Viet Nam into the rugged mountains of Sam Neua.

Military men speculated this might be an all-out drive to cut off the two provinces from the rest of the country and turn them into Red states.

Paratroopers of Laos' army were said to be standing by to jump into the crucial area when the weather improves, and reports indicated a long-drawn-out struggle might ensue.

The Laotian government cabled charges to the United Nations Wednesday that Red held North Viet Nam had actively encouraged, incited, armed and supplied the rebels, had allowed "minority elements" to cooperate with them, and had broadcast propaganda for them over the government's Radio Hanoi.

Laotian Foreign Minister Khamphan Panya merely advised the U.N. of the situation without asking for U.N. intervention, but the fact that Laos had brought the matter to the attention of the U.N. was regarded as significant.

Reports from the capitals around the world reflected growing concern over the situation. In Bangkok, the Thai government ordered the governors of four provinces bordering Laos to take security precautions.

In Washington, State Department press officer Joseph W. Reap said, "The situation in Laos is likely to be of serious concern to the department. It occupies the attention of top officers here and the secretary (Christian A. Herter) has been kept advised continually at Geneva."

In London, a Foreign Office spokesman said Britain had "exchanged views" with India on the situation and was also in close touch with France and the United States.

## Hot Car Ring Broken Up By Two Arrests

LOGANSFORT, Ind. (UPI) — Authorities said today they believe the arrest of two Logansport men broke up a "hot car" ring which operated in many states and involved perhaps dozens of vehicle thefts.

John Conrad, 41, was arrested in Logansport by city and state police, and Donald R. York, 37, was held in Celina, Ohio.

Police said a third suspect was sought today in Florida.

The investigation of the alleged ring centered in Celina, where police said there was evidence "an awful lot" of stolen cars received new titles after motor numbers were changed.

Police said cars were stolen in several states and taken to Logansport where the motor numbers were ground off and new numbers stamped on. The cars then were driven to Athens, Ala., where Alabama titles were obtained. Then they were driven to Ohio where the Alabama titles were exchanged for Ohio titles, and the cars were sold to used car dealers.

Conrad was turned over to a sheriff from Watska, Ill., who had a warrant for his arrest.

It was reported at least one of the cars was stolen in Indiana near Monticello.

The FBI was called into the case when the investigation indicated the stolen vehicles were driven across state lines.

Police said the inquiry into the alleged ring began when a Celina clerk became suspicious when she recognized an applicant for a title exchange as the same person who applied a few days ago for a title for another car but used a different name.

20 Years Ago Today

Aug. 6, 1939 was Sunday and no paper was published.

## MOVIES

## DRIVE-IN

"Young Philadelphia's" First Feature, Thurs. at 8:25  
"Mister and Mrs. Smith" and "Sabu and the Magic Ring" Fri. & Sat. at dusk  
"The Jack Paar Show" FRIDAY

## FRIDAY

Today  
Dish It To Me!  
Treasure Hunt  
The Price Is Right

## Governors In Bid To Soviet Leaders

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (UPI) — U.S. governors trimmed their invitation list to Soviet officials on the advice of the State Department before passage of the authorizing resolution, it was disclosed today.

The bobbled version of the plan to invite their Russian counterparts to next year's U.S. governors' conference was approved at the final conference session Wednesday after hours of lively debate.

As originally proposed, the invitation could have gone to the heads of all 15 Soviet republics.

In clearing the resolution with the State Department, however, the governors learned this would include heads of government in Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia, three once-independent countries whose absorption by Russia during World War II has never been recognized by the United States.

So the resolutions committee modified the proposed guest list to include only the heads of the five Soviet republics visited this summer by a nine-man governors' committee.

The resolution merely authorizes the new executive committee

to extend the invitation, after consultation with the State Department. The plan could be abandoned if relations with Russia cool before next year's conference, which will be held in Montana at Glacier National Park.

Under the party rotation tradition, Delaware's Republican Gov. J. Cleb Boggs was elected to succeed Florida Democrat Leroy Collins as chairman of the 1960 conference.

Wilkey, head of the Justice Department's criminal division, said certain Teamsters' activities were of "more than academic interest." He rejected any thought that the department was "going after" the Teamsters.

He said "wholesale violations" by certain unidentified Teamsters officials "have been called to our attention."

The department's scorecard shows 39 convictions of 31 Teamsters since 1954. These included perjury, income tax evasion, extortion of kickbacks from employers, and Taft-Hartley Act violations.

In addition, the government has pending 11 indictments against 14 Teamsters for these same crimes plus anti-trust violations.

viewing Hoffa's testimony before the rackets inquiry for eight months for possible perjury action.

in the end of the paddle can be attached to the plant.

Rusty Frying Pan

RUST can be removed from iron frying pans with scouring powder and steel wool. To prevent future rust, rub the inside and outside of the skillet thoroughly with lard.

Sweeping Compound

A good sweeping compound and dust-preventive for your concrete basement floors can be effected with your left-over coffee grounds.

## Chicago Cubs Buy Fort Worth Player

CHICAGO (UPI) — Outfielder Billy Williams has been purchased by the Chicago Cubs from their Fort Worth affiliate in the American Assn. Williams batted .319 for San Antonio of the Texas League before moving up to Fort Worth on July 31.

Over 2,300 Daffy Democrats are sold and delivered in Decatur each day.

## CLOSED THIS WEEK KLENKS

## Household Scrapbook

By ROBERTA LEE

## Plant Markers

The wooden paddle sticks from coated ice cream bars make ideal markers for plants, shrubs, or trees in your yard. Type your identifications on paper, glue these to the paddles, and coat with varnish. A wire through a small hole

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