

EDITORIALS

ON YOUTH

It's the main subject of conversation nowadays in Syracuse. It's also the main subject of conversation in many another town and city across the land. Neither is it strange to the month nor to the degree. We have in mind the reckless driving practices of the teen-age youth and some of the wanton antics associated with youth and driving.

Stories of speeding and misbehavior in driving have been brought to our attention steadily over the past month, and at an increasing rate. The pumpkin episode along our city streets last Friday night all but brought the accumulating grievances to a bursting point much as did the pumpkins upon making contact with the concrete.

We have no brief to bear with those who violate traffic regulations—adult or youth—in fact, the sight of a motorist careening about a corner or playing hide and seek with a nearby tree or parked car or even pedestrians for that matter, causes our hair to bristle and our blood temperature to soar all too quickly.

On the other hand, we recognize that youth are essentially just that—youth. They are basically as their forefathers yesterday, their parents today, and their grandchildren tomorrow. It isn't too difficult for the parents of today to recall some of the devilish pranks and doings common with youth of yesterday. For the sake of keeping the record straight, they did a lot of devilish things too.

The youth of today are little different than the youth of yesterday. Basically, they are the personification of all that which youth stands for in our interpretation—ambition, eagerness, undue energy, experimental, daring, brave and hardy. Each is an admirable trait and each trait has a marked latitude in which it can most efficiently operate. That's about the same as saying that we all envy and endeavor to possess these same characteristics if they are not carried to extremes.

Those who damn the youth and proclaim that they are leading this country to hell are short-sighted and have extremely poor memories. Quite the contrary, our youth will make our country and not break it; they will progress, not regress, and the same youth we denounce and look upon with grave concern will be our co-workers and leaders within a few short years.

In the matter of offering some aid in the solution to our youth problem in Syracuse, and more especially the accompanying evils of driving an auto, we address our remarks to the respective groups involved:

To the YOUTH: You've got quite a bit of spare time on your hands. You're young and full of ideas of all sorts. And, you've got a car. It doesn't make much difference whether you've got the family car for five minutes or for the day—the temptations hovering about a steering wheel easily exceed the length of this column. The desire to find out how much pickup the eight cylinders will produce; how fast will it go in 60 seconds from a dead stop; at what speed will it take a five degree sloping corner; what's its best speed on the straightaway; and "watch me pull up to a quick stop at this stop sign and scare the driver on the other road." Then too, we recognize that boys are drawn to a car like a magnet, and girls are little different. This fact adds a come-on for the boys to display their newly simulated cars to their girl friends as well as the "superman" abilities of the car in a manner in which we have just stated. It also allows youth to travel to nearby towns and "take advantage" or "get away with murder" along strange thoroughfares.

Yes, we think we know most of

the answers, and admittedly, we know most of the answers through experience. We like to think though that our experiences were gained by means of some degree of moderation. At least, we feel they were. And that's exactly our point: Go ahead and drive. Go ahead and have a good time, but whatever your plan of action or doing, do it with moderation and within reason.

Excessive speeding—you gain nothing, you risk everything—you risk your neck. Fifty and 55 miles an hour will get you there just as quickly as 60 and 70. Try it sometime. You'll be surprised. If not, go ahead and drive 60 and 70 and what do you do after you get there? Yes, we know that one too—you either set and wait or rack your brain to figure out some devilish prank to consume the time.

You say you want to test your brakes! That's a specialized task and it takes some expensive equipment to determine the effectiveness of a car's brakes. Testing brakes by employing a quick "sporting" stop merely quickens a visit to a genuine brake testing firm.

To hear our old fuddy duddy talk, you'd think a fellow couldn't have any fun anymore, you say. Not at all. Go ahead and have fun, and truly enjoy yourself, but let's practice a little moderation and appreciation for people, property and laws while we are at it. By and large, the laws were made for your protection. And if you wish, you may consider each law a transgression on our liberties. Don't be a party to curtailing the liberties you now have.

To the PARENTS: You represent the final answer to the problems created by our youth. Those may be harsh words, but then you've got to face the facts too. In a sense, and in many an instance, you are more responsible for the wrong doings of your child than the child himself. Even more harsh, you say. Yes, and sadly enough, too often true.

If so, let it be. Our salient item to the parents is simply: It behooves each of you to take a looking glass approach to the matter of your interest, responsibility, and attitude toward your children. The task is far more than fifty percent your task. Do not expect the school, the city officials, and the city organizations to do what is your task, and rightfully so. The parent is the key to the whole problem. No segment of our society can achieve a goal for betterment without the cooperation of the parent. To achieve a goal—even an unwanted goal—without complete parental cooperation usually results in stringent supervision, costly overhead for taxpayers, sometimes harsh and bad laws, and a loss of that which we once cherished as a "taken for granted" way of life.

We've not entertained the thought of chastising anyone or any particular group. We like the tried and true approach of cooperation and mutual understanding. We have enough faith in our youth and their parents as well to believe that they will work out the problems confronting them as well as the community. We trust they will.

The pumpkin episode is history, and we feel the boys have learned the cost and fruitlessness of such behavior. We'd like to think that many another youth might profit more cheaply—by their experience.

Events of Yesterday

FIVE YEARS AGO

OCT. 15, 1948.
Mrs. Dale Grimes, Mrs. Loren Eyer, Mrs. Calvin Beck and Mrs. Roy Wilkinson spent Tuesday in South Bend.

Mrs. Raymond Newcomer underwent a major operation in the Goshen hospital.

Mrs. Dewey Faulkner spent Monday and Tuesday with relatives in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Joe Bushong underwent a major operation in Memorial hospital in South Bend.

A son, Douglas Warren, was born Oct. 8, to Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Coy.

A daughter, Janice Marie, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Auer Oct. 11.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Van Hemert of Goshen, have purchased the Turkey Creek homestead of Chas. Harris and have moved there.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bushong and Mrs. Ora Bushong will spend the week end in Muncie with Mr. and Mrs. Dale Wingard.

The first heavy frost of the season came Wednesday night. Ice on windshields was reported by early rising motorists.

Dr. and Mrs. O. C. Stoelting spent a week in Owatonna, Minn., in the home of their daughter, Mrs. Wm. Bigler and family.

Mrs. Dorothy Harris left Monday to visit relatives in Omaha, Neb.

TEN YEARS AGO

OCT. 15, 1943.

Mr. and Mrs. George L. Xanders left Wednesday for a two weeks visit with their son, William and family at Omaha, Neb. Aviation Cadet C. W. Bitzer was recently moved from Hutchinson, Kansas to Corpus Christi, Texas.

T-Sgt. Daniel Culler is now on duty with the army overseas. Lt. and Mrs. Chas. Purdum, Jr. who have been visiting their parents, have returned to Camp Hale, Colo.

The Strugglers went Chinese when Margaret Miles and Joe Rapp entertained the Struggle Club, Oct. 9.

BUT DIDN'T IT KILL THE CAT?

Women, perhaps wrongly, perhaps rightly, are often accused of having what might be termed a disproportionately large curiosity.

Far be it from us to criticize the truth of this statement. However, if we were to wholly agree with it, we might find ourselves in an equally uncomfortable position, for we, too, possess a rather strange fascination for finding out about many things.

We think, taken cautiously, that curiosity is a fine thing. All education is based on it. Our government is based on it. Yes, even our religions are somewhat dependent on curiosity of the normal human being.

We have, on rare occasion, encountered someone whose curiosity is less than normal—sometimes, we think, completely insufficient. As in the case of many extremes, this "other" extreme of curiosity, we think, is worse than being "too" curious.

Our friends who poke fun at the so-called weaker sex might profit by meeting one of these curiosity-lacking individuals. Then they might wonder if their criticism was really directed at a weakness, after all.

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Mrs. L. O. Oyer spent several days this week in Warsaw, a guest of Mrs. Cora Richer.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Miller of South Bend, are the parents of a daughter, born Oct. 10. Their son Tommy, is spending this week here with his grandmother, Mrs. Sol Miller.

Letters to the Journal this week were from Pvt. Richard E. Byrket, Camp Forrest, Tenn.; Pvt. Roy F. Shultz, somewhere in the Hawaiian Islands; Pvt. Kenneth L. Felts, Camp Shelby, Miss.; Cpl. Forrest LeCount, Ft. Meade, Md.; Pfc. Norman Sloan, somewhere in Iceland.

Corp. and Mrs. Robert H. Kitson have returned to Petersburg, Va., after a ten day furlough here. He is a technical instructor in the Quartermaster division at Camp Lee, Va.

25 YEARS AGO

OCT. 11, 1928.

A marriage license was issued to Russell L. Cripe of Goshen, and Violetta Kettinger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Kettinger of Syracuse.

Helen Gordy of the seventh grade, has been out of school because of a broken right arm.

Miss Natheta Sloan spent last week in South Bend with relatives. While there she broadcast two whistling solos from the Tribune station.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Unrue left on Sunday for South Bend where they expect to spend the winter in the home of his sister, Mrs. Adam Keim.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Richhart and daughters, Kathryn and Elsie, spent Saturday night and Sunday in Elkhart in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Farley.

The Art Club met in the home of Miss Blanche Sprague. Miss Sprague conducted a lesson in china painting.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Firestone and two sons spent Sunday in Mishawaka with her brother, Dale Darr and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Ringer of Elkhart and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Vail and son were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brown.

Sherman Deaton and Mrs. Belle Strieby motored to Fort Wayne, Sunday. Mrs. Deaton returned home with them after a few days visit with his sister, Delphia.

BETTER HUNTING

THIS SEASON

Hoodier sportsmen may expect better hunting than usual this fall, Director Dixie Moore of the Indiana Department of Conservation says.

Reports show that quail production is up 5 percent for the entire state with greater increases in the northeast and southeast portions.

Rabbits show an eleven percent increase over 1952 except in the southeast section where there is a heavy decrease.

Native hatched ducks have increased with wood ducks up 12 percent and mallards and teal about the same. Duck populations in Canada, which supply most of the Indiana shooting, are variable with some sections showing an increase and other sections down from last year. Canada (CQ) geese and diving ducks have increased everywhere, the reports show.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

Modern Art Takes a Licking!

Did you know we had a real artist in town? Yes sir! Handy Jackson was a contributor to the Sculpture Exhibition at the Centerville Fair last week.

His work was streaky pink and curved all around—sort of streamlined. Caused quite a stir. Nobody was sure what it was supposed to represent, but some liked it and thought it was good art. Handy gave me the lowdown:

"Why, it was nothing but a piece of cattle salt our cows have been lickin' at for months. I just had it mounted. Fooled a

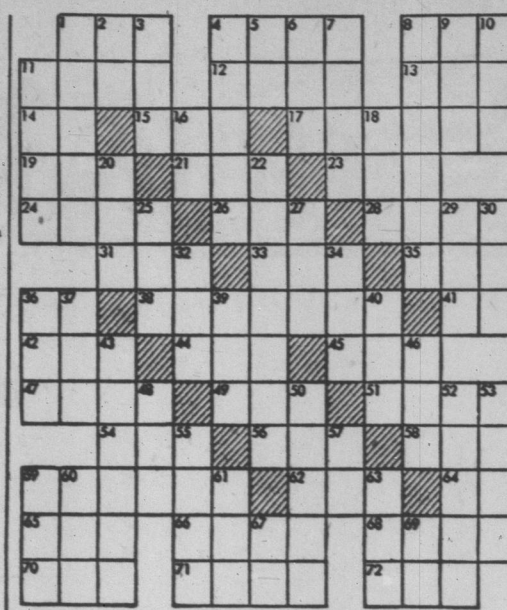
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Gun-lore

(By MATTIE JONES.)

"Reports on game counts show that all kinds of game, with the exception of deer, are more abundant than last year," Director Moore added.

"Pheasant production is up 37 percent for the entire state, according to counts taken in the field, and we are releasing approximately 40,000 cocks between now and Nov. 10 when the 5-day season opens."

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There is just as much real sport in modern shotgun shooting today as grandfather enjoyed, although gunning conditions he encountered have undergone vast changes.

Civilization has encroached upon the habitats of our wild game until in many sections of the country the problem of an adequate game supply has become one of restoration as well as conservation.

As a result of the decreased game supply bag limits have been progressively decreased, and the hunting season has become limited to insure shooting sport for the present and future generations.

If one is a real sportsman, he will not only obey the game laws but will morally support conservation of wild life. This must be done in order to protect the sport which is enjoyed afield today.

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