

Habit, Disregard for Others' Rights Explain Violations of Parking Laws



Courtesy Sunday Journal and Star.

These two university celebrities, Margaret McKay, Nebraska Sweetheart, and Jane Walcott, honorary colonel, stood with eyes alert, as that 2,098 Lincoln motorists violate parking regulations daily.

This utter disregard for the laws which left members of Dr. W. E. Walton's business psychology class quite flabbergasted by its enormity, has awakened the local police to the dire need for reform. A new continuous program of enforcement has already been instituted.

"The parking situation here is going to be improved," declares Lieut. Richard O. Bennett, of the traffic division. "Thanks to Dr. Walton, who with the co-operation of the police department, has completed a more comprehensive survey of the parking problem in 40 downtown blocks, we know definitely now how serious this problem is."

During the eight hour vigil in which some 35 students took part, 8,225 automobiles were parked in the 40 blocks of stalls under observation. Of this total 6,127 did not violate any of the parking regulations; 2,098 did. Dr. Walton has figured that if every driver on the particular day had obeyed the parking regulations, the time limit in the one hour zone could have been raised to 80 minutes without reducing total number of cars that had been accommodated.

As the hours passed the student checkers became more and more shocked with the flagrancy of the violations. They found that nine different motorists during the day occupied one hour stalls for eight consecutive hours without moving their cars once. A similar number kept their stalls for more than seven hours during the day; seven left their cars standing in a one hour place for more than six hours; 21 for more than five hours; 40 for more than four hours; 69 for more than three hours; 245 for more than two hours, while 638 motorists parked their cars for more than one hour in the 60 minute stalls. In other words, 1,038 of a total of 4,925 were in violation of the law that day.

A little further figuring reveals that the parking stalls in these 40 blocks could have accommodated 1,103 additional cars for a full hour of legal parking, providing everyone had observed the time limitations imposed, says Dr. Walton.

While a great many Lincoln motorists disregarded only the time element of the parking regulations, many others left their automobiles on forbidden areas, including red lines, loading zones and in front of fire hydrants. Of the 314 cars that were parked "illegally," 303 of them were left in these restricted areas one hour; ten cars were left in

prohibited spaces at least two hours, while one individual left his car for three hours.

Students also kept close tabs on the 15 minute parking places. The survey showed that while 1,202 drivers did not violate the 15 minute period, 746 did park overtime. Seventy-nine motorists left their cars in 15 minute stalls for almost two hours, 18 for almost three hours, four for almost four hours, while two individuals had sufficient disregard for the law to leave their cars parked for almost six hours in these 15 minute places. The university psychologist estimates that if the 15 minute period had been observed that day, an additional 1,692 cars could have been accommodated in these stalls.

The power of habit, one of man's greatest hindrances, is Psychologist Walton's answer to this perplexing problem. "The matter of parking overtime is simply a habit which the average motorist has developed thru the years, beginning when the traffic problem was relatively unimportant.

"A second hindrance to man's progress has been his utter disregard of the desires of the other fellow. That is why it is necessary to have traffic laws and other regulations. Yet many of us continue to violate the very rules that have been designed for our own convenience."

Several tests have been made to determine the length of time often required to find a parking place. In many instances it has taken 15 minutes or more of constant driving thru congested streets. This unnecessary driving simply means that the pack of cigarettes cost the customer 25 cents instead of 15, and the ball of twine, 20 cents instead of 10. Correspondingly, a traffic hazard is added to the public streets. Only an alert individual can drive in heavy traffic and at the same time scan the curb for a vacant stall.

"Even the emotional disturbance created by the inability to find a parking space is a matter of importance to the shopkeeper," Dr. Walton points out. "After ceaseless attempts to find a parking place the driver almost unconsciously progresses thru several emotional stages from restlessness to dissatisfaction to mild states of anger."

After reviewing the findings of this latest parking survey, Lieutenant Bennett commented, "The results point clearly to a condition we have recognized for many years. In fact, before the results of this survey were known we had 'stepped up' our car checking method. Whereas in the past cars were not marked before 9:30 a. m. nor after 4:30 p. m., our markers now are on the job from 8 a. m. to 6 p. m."

Editorially Speaking

How Great Is A University?

Everyone knows that the excellence of a university has nothing to do with its football team. And still because of the constant emphasis upon football, there can be little doubt that the average citizen, if asked to name some of the leading institutions of learning in the country, would include in his list a majority of the great football schools. As a result his list would be valueless as far as actual eminence among universities is concerned.

Because of highly touted football teams certain schools, innocently enough, become fourflushers. By virtue of the widespread love of the sport, and the newspapers' utilization of the conflict, hero, and spectacle elements of football as news, the names of various universities are constantly in the national spotlight. These universities get large enrollments, which hurt them, and the public gets the wrong idea of a university.

Some facts concerning the greatest football teams of 1937 and the greatest universities in the country may help to clear up the misconception. The two lists are placed side by side. The great universities were rated from the 1934 report of the American council on education by Edwin R. Embree in Harper's magazine for June, 1935. The football teams were picked by the Associated Press sports writers for this year.

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| Great Universities. | Great Football Teams. |
| 1. Harvard (22) | 1. Pittsburgh (9) |
| 2. Chicago (21) | 2. California (18) |
| 3. Columbia (19) | 3. Fordham (0) |
| 4. California (18) | 4. Alabama (0) |
| 5. Yale (18) | 5. Minnesota (7) |
| 6. Michigan (14) | 6. Dartmouth (0) |
| 7. Cornell (13) | 7. Villanova (0) |
| 8. Princeton (13) | 8. Santa Clara (0) |
| 9. Johns Hopkins (11) | 9. Notre Dame (1) |
| 10. Wisconsin (11) | 10. Louisiana State (0) |
| 11. Minnesota (7) | 11. Nebraska (6) |

Both the great universities and the great football teams are listed in the order of their eminence. The football teams were chosen by a vote of upward of 400 sports writers. The choice of the leading universities was the result of a much more elaborate method.

Some of the pertinent questions concerning the two lists are: How were the great universities chosen? What do the numbers following the names mean? How do the schools in the second list rate with those in the first as great universities? And what about Nebraska?

The selection by the American council of education was made on the basis of Webster's definition: "An institution organized for teaching and study in the higher branches of learning." The selection made for Harper's by

Mr. Embree was based on the American council of education's report on graduate schools.

A list of the departments in the various universities offering the doctorate degree was sent to the chief scholars in this branch of learning, these men being determined by the secretary of the learned society in the field. These scholars, usually about 60 in number, rated the departments on the list as of high excellence or adequately staffed and equipped to grant the doctorate. The rating was made on the basis of the number of outstanding men in the several departments known to the men judging.

The theory was that it takes scholars to make a university. The schools having the most men who are held in high professional esteem by their colleagues were given the best ratings. The numbers following the names of the 11 great universities signify the number of departments at these schools having ratings of high excellence. The great state universities of California and Minnesota are also in the list of football schools and the number of their star departments is indicated.

The numbers following the names of the other schools in the football list mean that these schools have, not departments of high excellence, but departments sufficiently staffed and equipped to grant the doctorate. The six departments so rated at Nebraska are: Botany, chemistry, education, English, plant pathology, and plant physiology. This rating does not mean that Nebraska cannot grant doctorates in other departments of study nor that universities in the football list having zero after their names can grant no doctorates.

It only means that there are no other departments recognized by the American council of education.

One of the reasons, at least, for clearing up this misunderstanding concerning football and a true rating of universities is to prevent undergraduates from getting the wrong idea of a university while in school. If the distinction is not made clear and publicized occasionally, students come to connect in their minds the interest in their school with the interest in the football team.

While this spurious outlook is only slightly harmful during undergraduate days to the majority of students, who come to college for divers reasons other than scholarly pursuits, it nevertheless is very harmful to the university when the undergraduates become alumni and voters. Undergraduates who are misled by the inflated importance of football never develop a proper respect for their alma mater as a significant force in the state. Because this respect is not built up, the university, such as Nebraska, never receives sufficient tax support or endowments to become a really significant force. Our opinion is that it is not football that is to blame, but only the mistaken attitude which develops toward it.

MASTER FARMERS RECEIVE AG WEEK AWARDS TUESDAY

(Continued from Page 1.) The assembly in Dairy auditorium. A regular business meeting will be held, committee will report, and election of officers will take place.

Silo Demonstration.
Lloyd Burlingham, member of the National Dairy association, and H. P. Davis, Nebraska ag school instructor will speak; Edwin White and Donald Pfeiffer of Elkhorn, members of the Western Douglas County Dairy club, will demonstrate the making and use of a trench silo.

Tomorrow evening the organization will hold its annual banquet in the College Activities building. Lloyd Burlingham will be toastmaster.

The Livestock Breeders' association will meet tomorrow morning to listen to talks delivered by Ross Miller, and L. F. Carey, college of agriculture; R. E. Kendall, Omaha; M. L. Baker, North Platte, and S. R. McKelvie, Wood Lake.

In the afternoon, Fred Beard of the Iowa State college at Ames will present a meat cutting demonstration and talks on various livestock subjects will be given by W. W. Derrick and William Loeffel, college of agriculture; Gladys Looney, Lincoln, and H. R. Davidson, Chicago.

Talk on Irrigation.
The Nebraska Farm Equipment association is scheduled to meet tomorrow morning in the Agricultural Engineering building. The morning topic will be "Good wells and how to get them," H. H. Brown of Blair, and W. E. Code of Fort Collins, Colo., experts on wells, irrigation and drilling will speak.

The afternoon meeting will discuss "Rural Electrification," W. E. White, Ogallala, and George W. Kable, editor of "Electricity on the Farm" will deliver messages to the assembly.

The Economics society will hear

Dr. G. O. Virtue, Lincoln; Ira Kindig, Holmesville, and Profs. L. B. Snyder and E. B. Schmidt of Lincoln during the morning session, which is to be on the general subject of taxation and government concerning agriculture.
During the afternoon Dr. Graves of Wisconsin university will discuss the income tax, and Dr. H. C. Filley and A. G. George of Lincoln will speak on economic questions.
The Home Economics organization will hold meetings tomorrow morning and afternoon. Miss Mary Ellen Brown will preside at the morning meeting, which will be addressed by Dr. J. R. Thompson, state health department, and Dr. Regina Westcott Weiman, Chicago. A 4-H club demonstration is also scheduled.

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LAWYER, OFFICER, TEACHER DISCUSS ORIENTAL SET-UP
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signed after the Boxer rebellion. All regular U. S. troops are stationed in Tientsin, and will most probably be withdrawn in the near future, the officer predicted.

Sending of Marines Different.
The sending of U. S. marines to Shanghai is an entirely different matter, Shaw pointed out, for, under international law, nations may send in marines to protect their citizens when the local government has broken down. This is not considered an act of war.

Pressure of Population Cause.
Professor Gilmore cited as causes for the Japanese imperialistic encroachment upon China the intense pressure of population upon the means of subsistence, coupled with the lack of necessary raw materials within its political boundaries to support an industrial program. He pointed out that Japan is the prime example in the far east of the "have not" nations who are totally dependent upon world trade to secure their raw materials.

Pressure of Population Cause.
The economist doubted that the setting up of a permanent commission to hear demands of the "have not" nations and to find concessions which the "have" nations would make would be of much importance. This plan of action is the one suggested by the national council for the prevention of war. Toward more positive action in reducing trade barriers and undermining the policy of

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