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Audience Offended Twister

TOKYO — Members of an audience in blackface make-up and Confederate flags hanging on the wall so incensed Twister Chubby Checker at an army camp show here that he walked off the stage and cancelled three performances at U.S. installations during a tour of Japan last week.

The performer said he regarded this as a slur on his race. The balack faces said to be a hold over from a minstrel show that preceded his scheduled performance. Earlier he had been peeved at a display of an unfavorable review of his show by Al Ricketts of Pacific Stars and Stripes.

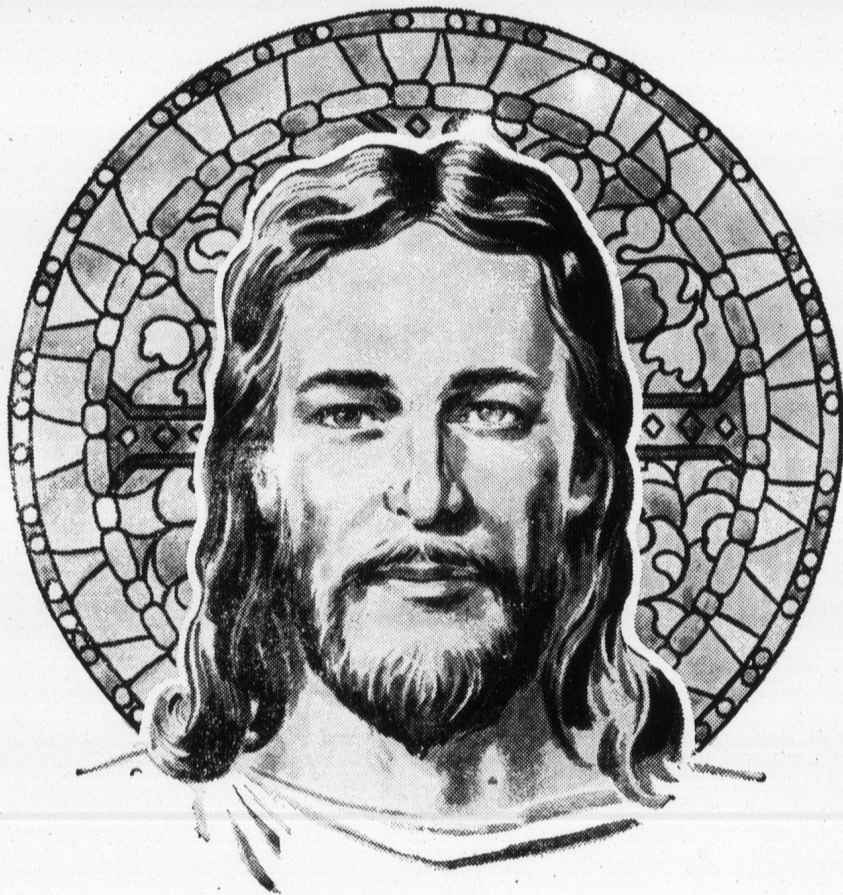
There were offensive cat-calls at one stage and then Checker announced that he found the situation intolerable for him to continue his performance. He left the stage despite pleas from some people for him to continue.

The cancelled dates included two performances at Tachikawa Air Base, including an afternoon show for teenagers at a gymnasium and another that evening at the Officers Club, and one at the Meiji Club, whose members are U.S. military civilian employees.

A report in Variety, the show business weekly continued:

"When Checker heroically tried to perform, he was upstaged by a woman blackfaced guest, who took the stage to do her own version of the Twist. The young Negro tried to reason with his audience explaining that he had a job to do. This was greeted by a mixed reception, including offensive cat-calls. Checker did as much of his show as he could before finding the situation impossible."

"Those close to him pleaded with him to be a real pro and complete his bookings, but the singe-dancer declined. Among those who urged Checker to stay was GAC v.p. Henry Miller, who was in town with the Nat King Cole unit. But Checker told Miller, "You couldn't understand unless you were a Negro."



Easter Promises

(Ginie Glasmeire)

Against late smudgy melting snows
A clump of crocus brightly blows.
Their cups so full of precious gold
Life's promises do surely hold,
As we recall those bulbs so dry
That deep in dark, cold earth did lie.
And now see glories of rebirth
In purple, white, and golden mirth.

So against our varied sordid woes,
A hold golden shine e'er glows.
Our Lord salvation's gifts unfold
More than our meager cup can hold.
And now those sins that loud did cry,
In glory wither up and die;
As Easter shows us Christ's great worth,
And we at last find our rebirth.

Comedian Satirizes Prejudice

GREENWOOD, MISS. (AP) Negro comedian Dick Gregory, who has forsaken the plush night clubs of the north for civil rights demonstrations in Mississippi, took along his gift for the barbed quip.

"They got my No. 1 writer," he said when the police jailed James H. Sanders, 28, of Chicago. "I told him, 'Box, you haven't ever been to jail. Go ahead and go. Maybe it'll make you a better writer.'"

He can be deadly serious, too. "I will stay here," he said recently, "until the federal government does something about police brutality and allows these people to go to the courthouse and vote."

Gregory said in a telephone interview today that he went to Greenwood, Miss., because of personal convictions.

"If a war comes," he said. "I'd be overseas protecting the rights of others, so why not here, too?"

"We gave Winston Churchill an honorary citizenship, which is fine, but how about making the taxpayers in this country citizens?"

Gregory made his name in show business as one of the first Negroes to joke about the trials and triumphs of his race.

"Segregation is not all bad, he tells an audience. "Have you ever heard of a wreck where the people in the back of the bus got hurt?"

And:
"I sat at a lunch counter for nine months. When they finally integrated, they didn't have what I wanted."

The Greenwood police have refused to take him into custody although other demonstrators have been arrested since Monday, when he arrived and began leading demonstrations and speaking at rallies.

The entertainer, who wears a moustache and a goatee, has said he is considering bringing his wife to Greenwood from Chicago. They have 3 children. The oldest is three years old.

The U.S. government yesterday dropped an immediate request for an order banning

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Dawn of Tomorrow

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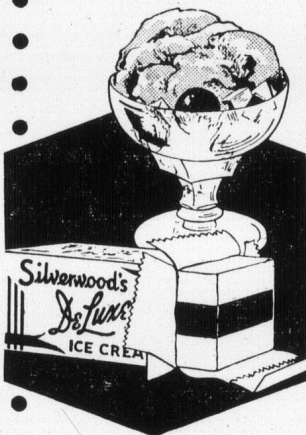
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PRAYER AT EASTER

(Douglas Malloch)

Let me live life today a way
I have not lived before,
Much less concerned what others say,
With my own words the more.

Let me in my own mind be kind,
Men judge me as they will,
Not make the world the world I find
But make it better still.

Let me live life anew, and view
My task with nobler aim,
Much less concerned with what I drew
Than with the good that came.

Let me not ask reward, O Lord,
In what my toil may bring,
Nor sit and count my little hoard
And miss the larger thing.

Let me live life today the way
That heaven meant me to,
Much less concerned about my pay
Than with the good I do.

Let me not think my own alone
The life I hold in trust,
Or I shall live and die unknown
And sleep in nameless dust.

**American Citizens
Barred From Voting**

In the last month violence has exploded in Greenwood, Mississippi due to attempts to register Negro citizens to vote.

Greenwood Mississippi:
Population 46,000
Negro Population 30,000
Negroes Registered 415

Arrests, shootings, and finally the burning of buildings have taken place without effective interference from any law enforcement agency.

February 22, 1963—Voter registration worker arrested for urging persons to register to vote.

March 1, 1963 — Jim Travis, a SNCC voter registration worker, was shot and hospitalized with three bullet wounds.

March 5, 1963—Mrs. Nancy Brand, a local participant in the voter registration program, was forced to flee the state of Mississippi due to her legal activities. Mrs. Brand and her eight children are now trying to make a home in Detroit.

March 24, 1963 — A fire

was set in a voter registration field office.

Local officials are willing to act to protect those working to register Negroes in Mississippi. Please urge the Department of Justice to provide federal protection for these American citizens who are trying to achieve their right to vote.

Write or wire Attorney General, Robert Kennedy, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. Requesting Immediate Action.

Ann Arbor Area Fair Housing Association (CORE)
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Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) University of Michigan Chapter.

Ann Arbor Friends of the Student Nonviolent Co-ordinating Committee (SNCC)

Detroit Friends of the Student Nonviolent Co-ordinating Committee (SNCC)

**Discrimination
Study Planned**

Toronto (CP)—Two major studies will be undertaken in Hamilton and Windsor to determine the extent to which minority groups are affected by employment and housing discrimination, it was announced today.

Labor Minister Rowntree, under whose department the Ontario Human Rights Commission operates, said the studies will be conducted for the commission by university research teams.

Dr. Rudolph Helling, head of the sociology and anthropology department at University of Windsor, will conduct the Windsor study and professor Michael M. Ames, an anthropologist in McMaster university's sociology department will head the Hamilton study.

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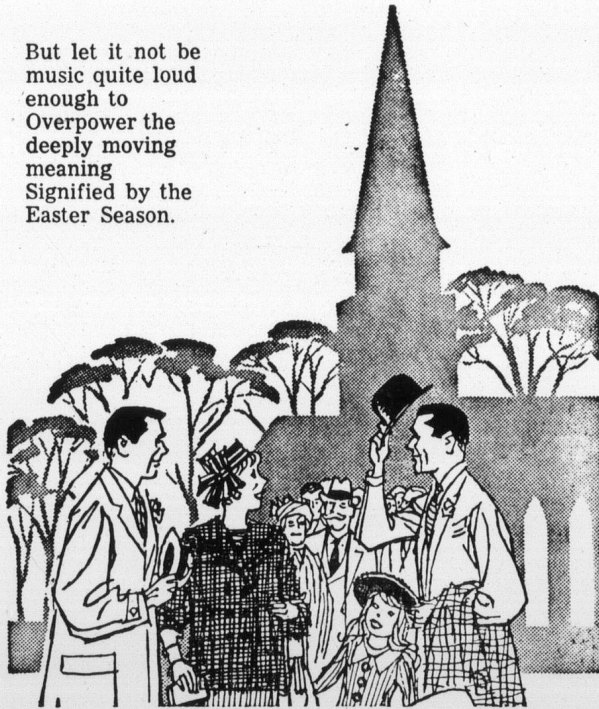
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Neutralism Is Not Enough

Nurse Edith Cavell, in World War 1, cared for Germans as well as Allied wounded, and startled the world by claiming that "patriotism is not enough." In the present great Canadian debate on defense and foreign policy, one often feels that both sides are missing the mark; that, while reliance on the great deterrent has its dangers, retreat into neutrality is in itself not a constructive policy. "Neutralism is not enough."

Canada cannot escape nuclear destruction, if war should break out, in either case. A feeling of moral superiority in a "plaque on both your houses" attitude does not solve the problem. Our only pos-

sible salvation lies in preventing war between our two great neighbours; what we need is not moral postures but constructive ideas.

If the war system is to be replaced, as it must be, something else has to take its place. Conflicts will not end, there must be alternative ways of resolving them. The United Nations provides the rudiments of this new system, but it is sometimes too weak to cope with an acute crisis. It needs strengthening, both in its constitutional machinery, and in the willingness of nations to submit to legal world authority. As citizens, we are all better off living in a lawful community than

a Wild West town; it should be in each nation's own enlightened selfinterest to make the same choice.

If Canada is to make a constructive contribution to world peace, as she must for her own survival she should press for a speedy development of the United Nations into a World government, through revision of the Charter, and set a good example herself by announcing willingness to submit disputes unconditionally to the International Court, and making our armed forces available for U.N. policing duties.

An Easter Message

"If ye be risen with Christ seek these things which are above." Colossians 3:1.

In some parts of the world there are places where the ground is hollow, and the soil is hot; it is there that mountains burst forth with flames and streams of molten rock. There earthquakes occur to bury houses, cities in their chasms. To wever the earthquake that distinguished our Lord's death from all others was unlike the ordinary earthquakes. St. Matthews in describing the scene, tells us that this earthquake opened graves, not bury the living, but set the dead free and exposed to the eye of the day the grim and silent tenants of the tomb.

But St. Paul did not address this test to the people witnessing the scene but to the Church of Colossae.

Just who are those (whom are) risen with Christ? In the life of the Christian, there are two births, two deaths and two resurrections—the first visible which pertains to the body, the second invisible which pertains to the soul. This second birth is very important to mankind. May I pause and ask this question at this blessed Easter season.

Have you experienced it? This change of heart is the door to heaven: without it Jesus declares that no man, however virtuous or honest, can see the Kingdom of God. Secondly there is a duty for those who are risen with Christ. Seek those things which are above. In other words, friends, if God has opened the door of the Kingdom to us, should not we live in expectation of going there?

I'll hold my candle high, and then
Perhaps I'll see the hearts of men
Above the sordidness of life
Beyond misunderstand, strife,
Thought many deeds that others do
Some foolish, rash and sinful too,
Just who am I to criticize
What I perceive with my dull eyes.

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The Bible Today

Lent is the forty days prior to Holy Week when the suffering of our Lord is remembered. This year, Lent begins on Wednesday, February 27th.

The "forty days" recalls the forty days and nights that Jesus Christ "fasted" and was tested by the devil as reported in Matthew chapter 4, vers 2, Mark chapter 1, verse 13, and Luke 4:2.

It is appropriate, therefore, that the followers of Christ should be prepared for the remembrance of His passion by accepting certain disciplines. It is an appropriate time for "repentance."

Long recognized in the Christian Church, Lent begins with the act of repentance, the outward sign of which has traditionally been ashes placed on the head of the patient.

Ashes, being the remains after fuel had burned, were used in the Bible in cases of mourning to show that joy had passed (see Esther 4:1 and Isaiah 61:3). It is easy to see, from this, how ashes would be the sign of repentance! Lent begins with Ash Wednesday.

Suggested Daily Bible Readings—

Sunday, April 14: John 20: 1-18.

Monday, April 15: Luke 24: 1-12.

Tuesday, April 16: Luke 24: 28-27.

Wednesday, April 17: Luke 24: 28-43.

Pleasure, when it is a man's chief purpose, disappoints itself.

—Sir Richard Steele

Thursday, April 18: Luke 24: 44-52.

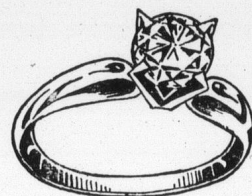
Friday, April 19: John 20: 19-31.

Saturday, April 20: John 21: 1-14.

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Washington, D.C. — In a tribute to the Negro Press on its 136th anniversary, President Kennedy has declared that in spite of hardships, Negro newspapers have "never stopped working toward the goal of equal opportunity." The White House message went to the National Newspaper Publishers Association on the eve of the founding date of "Freedom's Journal," the first American Negro newspaper, which was launched by John B. Russwurm on March 16, 1827, and in salute to NNPA for its sponsorship of the 25th annual observance of National Negro Newspaper Week, March 12-23.

Said the President: "When John B. Russwurm published the first Negro newspaper on March 16, 1827 human slavery was an entrenched institution in our nation. Only a small band of Americans in that period had a firm faith in the coming

of freedom. Their faith in the future was inspired and nurtured by the Negro newspaperer.

"Looking back at this period, one must observe that despite serious economic hardships the American Negro Press has never stopped working toward the goal of equal opportunity.

"There is no more rewarding chapter in our history than fellow citizens to seek better education for themselves and their children, to build better schools, to foster their arts and to carve out their own economic opportunity.

"Today, over a century later, we are mobilizing all our resources to complete the task of full emancipation and to remove the last vestiges of second-class citizenship. In this task the Negro newspaper, I am confident, will continue to make a significant and important contribution."

"The Negro Press . . . Emancipation . . . Freedom's Promise" is the theme of the press celebration, which is currently being observed by Negro newspapers, churches, educational institutions and organizations throughout the United States. Many groups took note of the birthday of the Negro press last Saturday.

According to NNPA President E. Washington Rhodes, of Philadelphia, at the close of the Press Week observance the publishers will announce selection of 10 honorees who will receive the Russwurm Award in recognition of outstanding efforts to advance the cause of democracy during the past year. Individuals, groups and organizations are eligible to receive the NNPA nod.

The Press Week promotion is a project of the NNPA's Public Affairs Commission which is chaired by Thomas W. Young, president-publisher of the "Norfolk (Va.) Journal and Guide." Other members of the commission are D. Arnett Murphy, vice-president of the Afro-American Newspapers, Baltimore, and Moss H. Kendrix, director of the Moss H. Kendrix Organization, Washington, D.C.

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Beheld Him, at dawn of day!

He came to disciples filled with fear,
And showed them His hands and side,
He walked with two on a country road,
In the quiet of eventide.

A Guest He was in a humble home,
Where the housewife the meal had spread,
They knew their Lord by His wounded hands,
When He graciously broke the bread.

He waited, not in a kindly guise,
On the shore of the Syrian sea,
To disciples wearied with fruitless toil,
A Helper again was He.

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The first record of Carvers beginning was a brief letter dated March 1, 1943(and sent to theh Secretary of State, Albany, N.Y., by Hawthorne E. Lee, insurance executive, who wrote: "Kindly furnish me

with the requirements for commencing a building and loan association in this state."

Mr. Lee wrote his letter following a talk with a friend, John Sylvester Stewart, secretary - treasurer of the Mutual Building and Loan Association, Durham, N.C., who was visiting the city.

Later in conversation with his wife, Miriam, Mr. Lee talked about Mr. Stewart's experiences in the financial field to Miss Mabel E. Beaud'Huy, real estate and insurance broker, and James Felt then president of the Urban League.

As a result of this and subsequent talks, Walter A. Miller invited a group of interested people who came together in the auditorium of the Harlem Branch YMCA. Joseph E. Davis, then an ap-

praiser and mortgage servicer at the Emigrant Industrial Bank, became the first chairman.

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Drop Berry Howson and Huskies From Brazil Basketball Jaunt

(Courtesy Montreal Star)
Lethridge, Alta., March 18 —Five members of the Yvan Coutu Huskies are alternate members of Canada's basketball squad for the Pan - American Games at Soa Paulo, Brazil, next month. It is a hollow reward for players involved.

In the first place, Huskies had hoped to upset the "loaded" Lethridge Nationals in the championship tourney here Saturday night. All they did was force the Nationals to play "our best game of the season" according to Lethridge coach Bob Hamilton. Lethridge won the final 85-65.

And in the second place the tournament has been announced as a trial for the Pan Am Games with players to be selected from other squads to strengthen a nucleus from the winner.

Certainly the Huskies' quintet belonged on the National squad if, indeed, this method of selection had been followed.

But Canadian Amateur Basketball Association officials had already registered the Lethridge team with Pan-Am officials. Their 12 man team along with coach Hamilton will take part in both the Brazil Games and the following World games in May. It

is unlikely that any of the Huskies will be asked to help. "Anything can happen," cautioned CABA president "Kip" Leeson of St. Catharines. "Someone might get hurt or take sick. The Montreal players will be called right away in case of an emergency."

Alex "Big Chief" Garrow, the Huskies' brilliant play-making Indian, is listed as the first alternate with Barry Howson, Ron McRae, John McKibbin and Gene Rizak following in that order.

Facts About The Negro

Negro slavery in England itself was ordered abolished three times. In 1707 by Chief Justice Holt; revived, it was again outlawed by Lord Mansfield in 1772, but was not finally killed until 1834 by the Empire Emancipation Act. In the 400 years it lasted (about 1440 - 1834), the majority of the hundreds of thousands of Negroes there were absorbed by the whites. Negroes lived in the British Isles long before Julius Caesar.

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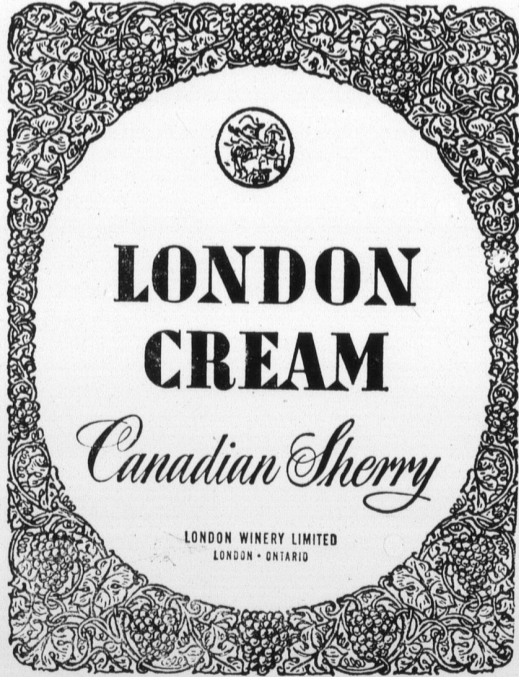
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LOOK AT BOTH SIDES OF COIN

To the Editor:
A recent article in the daily press criticized Judge Lewis Mongelluzzo, magistrate of the City of Philadelphia, for his actions involving policemen in a case that was brought before him.

Since a magistrate hears thousands of cases in which policemen take part, I do not think that criticism based upon a single incident is well founded.

There has been at least one case, of which I have knowledge, in which Judge Mongelluzzo came to the defence of police officers who had been charged with misconduct, and wrote a letter to the Police Advisory Board stating that he was willing to appear personally on behalf of the officers and that he felt the officers' actions were justified.

This, too, is only a single case; however, I think a case on one side of the coin deserves as much mention as a case on the other.

Charles W. Bowser

URBAN LEAGUE DIRECTOR CALLS AFL-CIO REPORT "ENCOURAGING"

To the Editor:
The following is a copy of a letter sent to Norman Blumberg, president of the AFL-CIO:

"Dear Mr. Blumberg:
"The report of the AFL-CIO Human Rights Committee was encouraging to the Urban League of Philadelphia.

"We believe the findings and the recommendations to the council's executive board showed an awareness of labor's responsibility for integration.

"The Urban League has been concerned about identical problems of discrimination against Negroes, and, in the report, we see opportunities for cooperative programs by organizing labor and this agency."

"There remains additional positive steps which the AFL-CIO can take to eliminate bias and to achieve equal opportunity for all members of labor unions.

"As the report pointed out both white and Negro members have the responsibility to work together, not only to end discrimination by certain unions, but to eliminate segregated unions which are inconsistent with the basic philosophy and principles of the labor movement.

"We congratulate you on the work of the committee, and we offer our services as you plan future activities of the Human Rights Committee."

Andrew G. Freeman,
Executive Director,
The Urban League
of Philadelphia.

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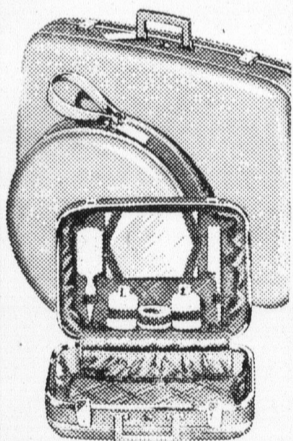
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Answers For The Youngster Who is Learning to Drive

From a teen-ager's point of view, the hardest thing about safe driving is that there's no dramatic result. He gets no particular recognition from his friends for driving safely. There's no great fun in it, and he's constantly in contact with others who drive recklessly or badly — and apparently get away with it. When you drive safely, you just stay alive and save a little money on auto maintenance. It's a long term investment with no big, immediate payoff. Of course, you, as an adult, realize that a mature person can take pleasure in knowing he's doing the right thing whether it makes a big show or not. And more important, if you drive safely, the odds are overwhelmingly in favor of your not having a serious accident. Getting a young driver to appreciate the importance of this, however, isn't an easy thing to do, but we think this article lays the facts right on the line. Even of your youngster never asks these questions, you should still see that he knows the an-

swers to them. **Why do kids have a reputation for bad driving?** Because of lack of driving experience, for one thing. They just haven't had enough near-accidents to realize how quickly and unexpectedly things can happen. Secondly, they don't feel as much responsibility as older people — and they really don't have as much. Married people with children carry their responsibility with them every minute of the day. They usually won't take chances. For this very reason, some insurance companies have a lower premium for married girls with children. The teen-agers' greatest problem, though, is that they feel grown up but are still under many of the restrictions imposed on children. In a car, all that is swept away. They're both powerful and anonymous. Traffic driving is like a game with no umpires except the police, and he're often not on the scene. Besides, the other players will almost always chicken out if pressed hard enough. It's a

perfect game for cowards and have to pay a stiff penalty of they lose, up to and including the loss of their lives, and that they might just get thrown right out of the game for not playing fair. **What else is there besides learning how to drive and learning the traffic laws?** Many safety experts think that the most important single attribute of a good driver is his attitude toward driving. This attitude is something that takes a while to develop. It's a sort of driving maturity; it develops fast in some, slowly or sometimes not at all in others. **Grownups are always saying we lack judgement. How can they be so sure?** All you have to do is to look at traffic accidents statistics that the insurance companies keep. They lose so much on teen-age drivers that they have to charge an extra premium on cars that teen-ager boys drive. **Is there any way I can get my friends to be better drivers?** Yes, there is. Just let it be known — by little things you say in casual conversation — that you don't approve of bad driving, and that reckless smart-aleck tricks are really only an indication of immaturity. This all sounds a little pompous, but you don't have to put it that way. Just a cas-

ual remark now and then. You probably exert much more influence in your group than you realize. A sensible attitude expressed at the right time can carry a lot of weight.

Do you think teen-age drivers can improve?

They are improving. Kids get better training and have better attitude nowadays. The question is, can they improve fast enough to meet the demands of modern driving? And that's a question teen-agers will have to answer for themselves!

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