

about his son's scrape with the law. I admire that father much more than one who tries to 'protect' his son by influencing the judge or prosecutor.

"How can we slow you down? How can we make you obey the speed limit which is clearly and incessantly indicated on every highway in this country?"

"Fines haven't worked.

"Threats haven't worked.

"Public education doesn't seem to be working.

"Maybe Connecticut's new experiment will. Governor Abraham A. Ribicoff recently issued an order which, as far as I know, is the most drastic speed rule in the nation. Any one who exceeds the speed limit on any road, highway or street in the state of Connecticut now automatically loses his driver's license for 30 days; if it is a second conviction, he loses it for 60 days. And the regulation applies not only to residents of Connecticut, but also to speeders from other states with which Connecticut has reciprocity agreements." (Reprinted from *This Week Magazine*. Copyright 1956 by the United Newspapers Magazine Corporation.)

Now, I did not read this to advocate that Governor's recommendation. I do not know enough about it to know whether that is the best recommendation that can be proposed. I read this to try to save the lives of some of our people. I notice these smash-ups in the paper every day or two, and if it does not tell what Church they belong to, I nearly always follow it up and find where they are to be buried from, and I find out that a great proportion of all those in this area are members of my own Church, my brethren in the Priesthood.

I know that some young folks think that they have freedom to do what they will. They seem to think that they have freedom to do with their lives as

they desire. They ought to be taught the Lord's words regarding life. Life is precious, "For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." (I Cor. 6:20)

No man has the freedom and the liberty to dispose of even his own life and to be so careless as to endanger the lives of others.

I used to have an old friend—Brother McKay will remember him—who was taken out of business, almost, by the prohibition act. I remember him making a statement that I never forgot. He said, "I reserve the right to criticize the law, but not to break it." As far as I know he never broke it.

Who makes the law? Your representatives. Isn't it disloyal to them to break the laws they make? I think there is not only an element of disloyalty to it, but I know that it breeds disrespect for the law, and it is immoral to break the laws of the land.

Life is too precious. It is the greatest gift that the Lord has given to us. We cannot waste it, and if I, by bringing this to your attention, can save one carload of teenagers from careening into a station and killing them, as they did the other night, I shall be grateful, and therefore I take the liberty of bringing this to the attention of my brethren of the Priesthood to see if we cannot develop a respect for the law which will enable us to avoid many of these tragic accidents. My heart bleeds for the victims. My heart bleeds for the innocent victims who ride along safely and are run into by these speed demons. This Judge has a whole lot of good sense, and I think maybe he has a deterrent that will be helpful in this greatest carnage that our Country has ever known.

The Lord bless us, help us to preserve our lives, and to use our lives for the high purposes that the Lord has given us, I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

PRESIDENT DAVID O. McKAY

MY ESTEEMED fellow-workers. I hope what I say now may not detract from the spiritual instructions received and the appeals made for our young people. But there are a few sug-

gestions to you, stake officers, stake presidencies and bishoprics of wards, which we hope you will take without comment. I will just name them.

1. In our Handbook of Instructions we

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read (which many of you bishops probably have not read, because it has not been reprinted): "Sunday School should not be closed on a day of Stake Conference. All classes with the exception of the Gospel Doctrine and other adult classes, should remain in session. This applies to every ward except where Conference is being held in a ward building and Sunday School and Conference cannot be accommodated in the building at the same time. It is understood, however, that the attendance of all members of the Church, old and young, at Stake Conference shall be encouraged, and that a member of any Sunday School class who desires to attend Stake Conference should be excused to do so, and that any class in the Sunday School may, under proper supervision, attend a Stake Conference in a body," but to close the Sunday School and turn out a hundred or several hundred, young boys and girls who do not go to Conference or who cannot find seats in the congregation, is contrary to instructions given.

2. Many wards at different times of the year decide that they will not hold any Sunday night meeting on Fast Day. These meetings should be held in the interest of the Auxiliaries.

3. This is very important. Substitutions should not be made for our Sacrament Meetings. Seminary graduation exercises should be held at some other hour or on some weekday night; they should not take the place of our Sacrament Meetings.

And now just for a final message. We have been worried, not for a few days or a few months, but for many years, over the problem of making our ward teaching more effective. This is in harmony with our great lesson tonight—to help our young people and to help those of our older ones who are indifferent.

Tonight I shall take time to mention only two features.

"The teacher's duty is to watch over the church always"—this is the Word of the Lord, and the more closely we follow that the more satisfaction we shall have in our labors.

"The teacher's duty is to watch over the church always, and be with and strengthen them;

"And see that there is no iniquity in the church, neither hardness with each other, neither lying, backbiting, nor evil speaking;

"And see that the church meet together often, and also see that all the members do their duty." (D. & C. 20:53-55)

One day, when my brother and I were in our teens, we were ready to leave the barnyard and go out to the field for a load of hay. Father came out, shut the gate behind him, and then looking towards the sidewalk, saw two men coming towards the house. He recognized them as ward teachers, "Al" Sprague and Eli Tracy. He said, "Boys, there are the ward teachers; tie up your team and come into the house." Though we demurred, we obeyed. Seated as a family, we heard our father say, "Now brethren, we are in your hands."

I give you the picture. Now I give you what the teacher said: he started with my father, who was the Bishop of the Ward, and asked him if he was doing his duty; if he was living in harmony with his neighbors; if he was sustaining the authorities. He asked Mother questions about doing her duty, and he went from the parents to each child who sat around in that meeting.

Those teachers emphasized one part of their duty. First, Father submitted himself to them, for they came as his representatives and would be in every house. Their duty was to see that "each member does his duty." Now that takes tact and some of you say for teachers so to question the people gives offense. I grant you all that, and I am not going to discuss it. But the Lord has asked you to do just that thing. How you do it, the inspiration of the Lord must prompt.

Now tonight I should like to emphasize another phase of ward teaching—"watching over the Church always."

The teacher's duty is not performed when he goes only once a month to each house. I remember when one Bishop made it a duty of the ward teacher to go at once to a house bereaved of a loved one and see what could be done in order to bring comfort to those who were grieving and to make arrangements for the funeral. It is the teacher's duty to see that

there is no want; if there is sickness there, to go and administer—watching over those families always.

Tuesday morning at the dedication of the Los Angeles Temple—that was the beginning, I think, of the fifth session—we were entering the Temple when somebody said, “There is an old lady coming down the walk. Evidently she wants to see you.” She was walking, but she had to be helped. We returned and met her just as she and her companions came up the steps leading to the north entrance of the Temple. We shook her hand and greeted her and gave her a blessing as much as we could in that short, brief time, and to encourage her said, “Are these your two fine sons?” “No,” answered the one on her left, “we are her ward teachers.” What a beautiful example of watching over the church always. They knew the old lady wanted to attend that service. I do not know what help they had to give her in order to bring her there, they had to get an automobile probably. I do not know whether she had any sons. I know only what I have told you. But they were her ward teachers and they knew her needs.

Well, in every group assigned to you ward teachers, there are young folks who are crippled, there are young folks who are staggering, who need help morally. Somehow, some way, you can reach them and give them some help. Not just when you go to make a formal visit, when you are sitting there before the radio or the television, but at some party, some way, wherever they are going, get in their company, get their confidence, take a hold of their arm—“watch over them always.”

Those two things we can do, in addition to what the bishoprics are now asking you to do: teach them their duty, watch over them always and see that they attend to their meetings.

In conclusion, let me commend the Committee of the Twelve for the great project they have presented to us tonight. You can see its value. I am sure that you were all deeply impressed with Brother Petersen’s message.

These lines came to me when he gave the principal theme:

“You ought to be true for the sake

of the folks who believe you are true.

You never should stoop to a deed that your friends think you wouldn’t do.

If you’re false to yourself, be the blemish but small,

You have injured your friends; you’ve been false to them all.”

(Edgar A. Guest)

God help us to save our young people, to bring peace in our wards, in our homes, and in our hearts, by keeping the commandments of God as He has given them to us in this the Latter-day through the restoration of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; given it to us by direct revelation by the direct appearance of the Father and the Son, to the boy Prophet; given unto us, as President Clark has explained tonight, the Priesthood, the same as held by the Apostles of old.

With all my heart I bless you, fellow-workers in the Priesthood of God, and I do it in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

President David O. McKay:

The Reno Latter-day Saints Male Chorus will now sing, “Thanks Be to God.” In your behalf we thank these young men and their able leader for their presence here tonight and their impressive singing. They are directed by Brother Cropper.

Elder Roy D. Olpin, president of the Millard Stake, will offer the closing prayer.

The session at 10:00 o’clock Sunday morning will be broadcast over station KSL and over 14 radio stations as named heretofore. These services will also be televised over KSL-TV, channel 5, and by special arrangements over 18 television stations in Idaho, Washington, California, Oregon, Arizona, Nevada and Colorado.

The Church of the Air broadcast will be from 8:00 until 8:30 a.m. tomorrow. President Joseph Fielding Smith will be the speaker. The Tabernacle Choir broadcast will be from 9:30 to 10:00 a.m. tomorrow morning. Those desiring to attend the Tabernacle Choir broadcast must be in their seats at 9:15