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## Letter to Editor

Dear Sir:

The controversy concerning the Hoodland Phone Co. and its subscribers grew into a big deal or so some would like to think it did.

So what if the equipment

came off a navy ship? I have worked on navy ships for the past six years and in the past war served in the navy. The navy does not buy and use junk equipment. Only the best is none too good. This equip-

ment served our navy and country well and is doing the same for our community.

During the recent Oct. 12 storm thousands of phones belonging to larger phone companies were out of commission. This did not mean they have outdated equipment. Acts of the elements are to blame, not the companies themselves.

Hoodland Phone Co. lines were kept open the night of Oct. 12 personally by Charles Augustine by using a auxiliary gas powered engine. Augustine worked throughout the night just so the subscribers could contact friends and relatives to relieve our anxieties.

Sure I get disgusted and just plain mad when the phone lines are busy or out of order. I'm guilty too of tying up the line and sometimes leaving the phone off the hook but so are many Hoodland people. I feel that the phone company is fair and just to all of us here on the mountain.

These meetings held have just kept the Hoodland phone Co. from their honest and worthwhile work serving our community.

Clyde E. Shaver  
Wemme, Ore.



made for days like this

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Victory welcome, Olympia Brewing Company, Olympia, Washington. "Oly" '63

## UP and DOWN the MOUNTAIN

There's a riddle about "What's bigger than a house, wider than a football field and has ears?" The answer, "A mountain." Didn't you ever hear of mountain EERS?

Now when someone says to me, "Pull in your ears, Joe," I'll take it as a compliment.

People at times ask me the darndest questions. Like — When is it going to snow?

I give them a funny look with a shrug of my shoulders. This is just another way of saying, darned if I know, but I'm not going to let on that I don't know. Trying to figure out the weather forecast these days is something. Maybe it makes sense but the sense is a little hard to follow.

Someone told me to look at each snow flake as a fluffy little friend. I wish they could tell me why these little friends went on a vacation to the East Coast just when I needed them the most.

### Joe Says Hello

Saying Hello to Juanita Hagan, Postmaster at Government Camp—some day, Juanita, come up to Summit and say hello. This old Irishman will even buy you a cup of java.

Goodbye and Good Luck to T Bar Jerry Hagan who has left us to work for Uncle Sam as a fly boy. The pretty little ski bunnies are going to miss him. Maybe I can take his place. Come, come Joe, quit dreaming. All they will do is throw snow-balls at you.

Meeting John and Elna Pingle at the Mount Hood Store was a big treat to me. John and Elna are subscribers to our paper and faithful readers of my column. Elna, with a smile, asked me if I was using the ax on anyone's skies these days.

Remember Leo and Dorothy Copeland who did such a good job in getting the Oregon Journal to us each day? Happy to write they are now residing at Cascade Locks, back in their first love, the newspaper biz. "Good Luck" Leo and Dorothy — Once a newspaper man always a newspaper man.

Maggie, The Monkey  
I hope somehow, some way, we can get Elmer Hanson to write a series of stories about his loveable pet, Maggie. They would be real reading.

You see, Elmer's pet, Maggie, is a stump tail image of the monkey family and is nearly human.

She is known as a mountain monkey coming from Tibet. Elmer got her at the age of a year and a half. Maggie is now nine and a half years old and full grown.

I'm not going to write more about Maggie. Let us all work on Elmer and get him to do it.

But this I'd have given a lot to see — The night Elmer Hanson "Grizzly Ike, the took Maggie, dressed in women's apparel, into the bar at the Barlow Trail. They tell me some of the bad mountain boys took one look and have been on the wagon since.

"Grizzly Ike"  
Up in our mountain we have a lot of bear, even grizzly bears. All right — I'm nuts, am I? Then why does George Puller of Sandy call Elmer Bear Hunter? George yawns about the time Elmer shot one. After all I have to believe someone.

I understand Rodger Eddy, manager of our Sandy Post, has problems these days. What if he had labor trouble. If he had I think he would faint. Here is one for my boss lady, Dorothy Gillard, our news Editor. Give a man an inch and he will go a mile. Give a woman an inch and she will go on a diet.

I have been reading where a famous violinist has been divorced by his wife. This shows it doesn't pay to fiddle around.

Just a note to two dear friends of mine in Sandy, Guy and Susie Wilcox. Going to miss you since you have leased your business, "The Trail Cafe," to a new operator. Many a good laugh we had, many a yarn we told together. Your friendly little

cafe wasn't only a place for a coffee break, it was also a place where good friends meet.

You have worked hard, my friends. Now in the twilight of your lives, rest and play together. And may God keep and protect you both for a long time.

### Calendar Praised

I want to thank and compliment the officials of our own Clackamas County Bank, in Sandy — for the beautiful calendar put out this year. Your calendar, "Land of Good Hunting," reproduced from the original painting by the famous cowboy artist, Charles M. Russell, adds another fine print to my large collection.

May I suggest that next year you try, if possible, to get the reproduction of Charlie Russell's "The Pony Express."

Some time ago I wrote about the wild turkey in Oregon. It is great for all lovers of wild life to know that in an article

written by Tom McAllister they are doing well.

I rewrite Tom's article on them with his permission:

### Wild Turkeys

Wild Turkeys released two years ago by Washington and Oregon game departments have established themselves.

Bob Mace, upland game bird specialist, says he saw flocks with 26 and 36 turkeys on a recent trip to White River Game Range out of Tygh Valley and there are more flocks with as high as 60 birds.

Initial release at three points in Eastern Oregon was 48 turkeys. The White River stocking has taken hold. They've done so well they are trying to bait and trap some at White

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