

In the Editor's Mailbag

'This Is Progress?'

SPRINGFIELD (To the Editor)—As a long-time resident of this county, I feel I have a right to a gripe. I drive through these shady streets of Eugene every day, and it breaks my heart to see those lovely, stately old trees being cut down. They are ruting out the very heart of Eugene. Tourists and residents alike find pleasure in driving or walking under these beautiful trees.

They plant with great care a little tree in a box on the sidewalk, then chop down several blocks of these old trees. This is progress? I always found these streets wide enough for two cars, especially if one stayed on his own side. Tourists will find no beauty or pleasure coming in off the crazy freeways, only to find the streets chopped up, trees down, roads blocked, etc.

I know it wouldn't do any good to vote on this, as the city planners don't care about the general public. They will chop up the streets to suit themselves. We did vote against DST, and the authorities decided we didn't know anything anyway, so turned the day and night around to suit themselves. And what a mess! They made it very hard on women and children, just to please their own personal needs. If women could do the city planning they would surely leave the trees, and standard time. The only thing they can't take from us is our right to gripe, and that would be the day. Only a man could foul up a city like this.

Some folks will say, "Well, if she doesn't like it here, she can leave." I'll stay here and gripe, still like what's left of the old Eugene and Springfield.

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'What Proof?'

EUGENE (To the Editor)—In the words of one of our most beloved presidents, Abraham Lincoln, this is a government "of the people, by the people, and for the people."

Our men and our women have fought in foreign lands for this so-called "democracy."

Can any of our government officials, city council members, and such, feel true to this cause, when the people's vote has been ignored for four consecutive years?

The opposition to daylight saving and fast time is a small thing, perhaps. However, when our constitutional rights appear to be thrown out the window, so to speak, what proof have we that greater issues will not be handled the same way in the future?

Can our schools teach our children democracy, the love and respect for same, with such a poor example set before them?

Surely, as editor of the Register-Guard, you see my point.

Does not freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom of press, and freedom of choice, politically, as well as individually, count for something?

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Won't Help Tourists

EUGENE (To the Editor)—The tourists (for whom all the time changes are being made, we are told) are going to be far more confused and annoyed by all the different time zones from one end of Oregon to the other than if the whole state (including the Portland area) had remained on standard time as the voters wished.

Can you imagine trying to keep track of the correct time while driving from Ashland to Medford to Grants Pass to Roseburg to Eugene (where confusion becomes chaos as each business organization chooses its favorite time) to Albany, Salem and so on? Reverse the procedure and it's no better.

I am confused and annoyed and if I were a tourist I'd sure hurry to get out of Oregon if only to restore my sanity.

There's one bright spot, though. The tranquilizer business should boom in Oregon this summer.

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Thanks Deserved

EUGENE (To the Editor)—The overwhelming public response to the Sabin oral vaccine clinics of last weekend is an interesting contrast to the apathetic example in the case of the Salk vaccine several years ago. While the altered response might be attributed in part to fear of the hypodermic needle it seems more likely that enthusiastic professional leadership was the major determining factor. The Lane County Medical Society, participating physicians, and service organizations who organized, publicized, and gave their time deserve a special vote of thanks from the citizens of this community.

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Wants Action

EUGENE (To the Editor)—Recognition of majority rule is our goal. Let us act now.

Our cause is nothing to be ashamed of—or to make us feel that we're so small that we can't do anything about it. We're only small if we do nothing about it.

I repeat: Recognition of majority rule is the issue. Daylight savers, fast timers, and standard timers are for this issue. The newspaper, radio stations and TV—none of these do this.

Let's put the blame where it belongs. Let us eagerly respect the right of others to manage their personal lives and schedules. But the news media would confuse the issue by a display of a delusion of time.

The newspaper, the Register-Guard, applauds our youth for displaying good sportsmanship and deplores the lack of it. Yet in a fair game at the polls daylight saving time lost, but the Guard recognized only the loser last summer and both now. Bully.

Let majority rule act united instead of grumbling alone. I'd like action!

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'Need New Men'

COBURG (To the Editor)—I was glad to see Mrs. Howard Wilson's letter in the Mailbag and learn that she too is an admirer of John Scheidt, who is running for the office of county assessor. We need new men in all our county and city offices, even a new governor. They all have the attitude, do as I want regardless of the law, or what the people have voted for.

I was also sorry to see the lovely trees being cut down. They are the beauty of the town. And what is it all for? More speed, so people can travel faster. There is too much speed now, too many people maimed for life, or killed, by speeders.

Let the people drive slower through Eugene and elsewhere, they will live longer and so will their neighbors, and everybody will be able to see how pretty Eugene is, with all its lovely trees. It is sure a different town now than it was in January, 1909, when I first came here. Then people were friendly, not trying to beat the other fellow out of what was justly his, and the law of the people was abided by. But now even the attorneys who are sworn to uphold the law are breaking the law the people voted for.

I sometimes wonder how much longer God will let this willful disregard of His law go on. If you read your Bibles you will know that once before He destroyed the Earth. Then He sent the rainbow to assure us He would never again destroy the whole Earth by water; but it will be destroyed, and a lot of people in Eugene and elsewhere with their Karl Marx teachings will be the first to go.

A lot of people are getting discouraged and saying what is the use to vote, the politicians will disregard our vote and do as they please. But I say, everybody get out and vote. Let's get rid of a lot of dictators, and maybe we can have a few years of peace in the world.

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'70 Years to Grow ...'
EUGENE (To the Editor)—What's next?

It's a good question to ask. A quick trip to the vicinity of Hilyard and Patterson streets to see the ravages of the power-saws makes one wonder how much time is taken to set up a "long range" plan of action.

History tells us thoroughfares were meant to move traffic and not for the parking of vehicles. In many cities, in certain peak hours, streets are opened up from curb to curb to move traffic (in either one-way or two-way situations). By using morning—noon—and evening rush hours as examples of times for parking to be eliminated, I feel certain that Hilyard and Patterson streets, for quite a number of years yet, could have been used for one-way traffic very easily.

In the meantime solid thought designed not to rip up and destroy nature and irritate citizens could be brought into line. It is not as if Eugene will become twice as large by 1963.

We are all too much hurried in thoughts and actions these days. The sign "70 years to grow—10 minutes to kill" is indicative to me of a program not in the best interests of all Eugeneans.

One trip to barren areas, whether city or country, makes a person real happy to return to Eugene. We have a beautiful city—very few can touch her. Let's keep her that way.

Thirteenth and Eleventh evidently are next and they obviously answer my opening question.

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Not Satisfied
SPRINGFIELD (To the Editor)—While reading the bulging "Candidates' Mailbag" column of the Saturday Guard I found Eula Privat's letter with the caption "States Principles."

At first I read with great interest, as I've wondered for some time what she was "for." The results of my reading, however, were not in the least satisfying. In her letter she states, in effect, that she is "for" love of God, love of country, equality, freedom, democracy, and of course, liberty. Now, all of this is very commendable, but unless she can provide the voters in Lane County with her definitions of these "issues," how can she expect them to vote for her as their representative?

On the contrary, her letter implies that she is still anti-urban renewal; that she is now anti-the issue of time; and finally that she is anti, by her unknown definition, to the "arrogance of elected officials." It is this last anti-position that struck me as, at least, naive. She here condemned unnamed officials for attempting to re-certify a city's "workable program." I assume she understands that a housing code is a constituent part of a city's "workable program," and that without the certification of this same program the city has no chance of obtaining low interest federal loans for general city improvement projects, as well as urban renewal projects. If her understanding comprehends these very basic facts, then why, in the name of the God she writes about, must she condemn "program recertification?"

If in this short space I've quoted unfairly from Mrs. Privat's written context it was not intentional. The use of her words are here interjected to illustrate her unexplained "anti-complex" and her unfounded disapproval of a needed city instrument.

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'Sickening'

EUGENE (To the Editor)—Little did we realize when we elected the present administration here in Eugene, that they would be the ones responsible for the denuding of the most beautiful city in the northwest.

We have been taxpayers for the past six years only, having left a city of similar size and opportunity in Southern California, to get away from the congestion of fast highways running through residential and semi-business areas, with high speed motorists driving pell mell, day and night, not to mention the added exhaust fumes filling the air that had been so clean and fresh before.

Eugene, we decided, was the loveliest town in all Oregon, and its chief asset was the beautifully-tree-shaded avenues. We have spoken many times of the care the people of the community have exercised in protecting these natural beauties, even when erecting new apartments and business buildings. Now, suddenly, we find the city administration has decided to change all this. We taxpayers do not want the change. After all, it is our city as well as that of the mayor and the council members. We don't want an Arizona pattern here, or we would move to Arizona.

It is too late now to save Patterson and Hilyard, but as taxpayers, with full rights to offer advice to the public servants whom we have elected, we are strongly protesting any further devastation of the ancient as well as stately young trees, and the ruining of private properties.

It is sickening to look down these two once beautifully-tree-lined avenues and realize that it will take a generation to replace what has been destroyed in a few short days.

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Easter Seal Drive Nears '62 Goal

Lane County's annual Easter Seal drive has reached \$12,961—only \$1,839 below the drive's \$14,000 goal.

The drive funds are used for four projects of the Oregon Society for Crippled Children and Adults.

Contributions are still being accepted for the drive. They should be earmarked for the Easter Seal Drive and sent to the Children's Hospital School, 3575 Donald St., Eugene.

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B Positive 0

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Bridge Bid Won By Eugene Firm

C. H. Strong Engineering and Construction Co., Eugene, was low bidder recently to build a highway bridge across Whitcomb Creek downstream from Green Peter and Foster Dam sites on the middle Santiam River.

The firm's bid of \$472,200 was the lowest of nine bidders.



U.S. Weather

'Birdman of Alcatraz' Film Draws Praise From Critics

One of the first critic's reviews of the movie "Birdman of Alcatraz" praises it as "one of the finest pieces of filmmaking to come out of Hollywood in many a disappointing day."

The movie, starring Burt Lancaster, is based on a biography of prisoner Robert Stroud written by Thomas Gaddis, Eugene.

The film hasn't yet been released to the general public but was shown recently to film critics and other news representatives in several major cities.

The review, by Philip K. Scheuer, in the Los Angeles Times, describes Lancaster's performance as an "astounding tour de force."

The Philadelphia Sunday Bulletin devoted a lengthy article to the motion picture and to Birdman Stroud which also praises the film and efforts of a committee headed by Gaddis to secure the 72-year-old convict's release.

Stroud has spent 53 years behind bars, 43 of them in solitary confinement. While confined, he became a worldwide authority of bird diseases.

"Any chance Stroud has of ever being released," the article observes, "may very well rest on the public reaction to 'Birdman of Alcatraz.'"

OSU Students Build Spacecraft Model

Three Lane County students at Oregon State University have participated in construction of a full-sized detailed model of the three-man Apollo spacecraft to be used for the American Moon shot.

The model was a project of the Air Force ROTC, and 65 cadets took part.

The Lane County students are Gary B. Brown, sophomore, of 3585 Glen Oak Dr., Eugene; Howard P. Murray, freshman, of 2472 Onyx St., Eugene; and Gary W. Uchytel, sophomore, of 1220 Juniper St., Junction City.

The cadets spent about 2,500 man hours building the model from Apollo drawings and designs. Complex electronic control boards, instrument panels, and tracking station systems are included.

The 2,000-pound model is the only space trainer of its kind in the country that can mechanically simulate actual flight conditions. Estimated to be worth \$4,000, it has drawn praise for its educational values from Air Force officials. All construction materials were donated.

The capsule is 11 feet high, 12 feet in diameter, and is equipped with the reclining seats and other equipment that go into a space flight.

Simulated flights are scheduled the rest of this year by cadet crews and the space craft will be available in years to come to educate men in space flight problems and complexities.

Former Resident Dies in Colorado

Funeral services will be held Monday in Hayden, Colo., for a former resident of Eugene, Mrs. Osman (Margaret B.) Sullivan.

Mrs. Sullivan, 58, died Friday at Hayden, her home for the past seven years. She had been in ill health for some time.

She was born Dec. 20, 1903, in Grand Mar, Mich. While a resident of Eugene, she was a member of First Baptist Church and the Eugene Mineral Club.

Survivors, in addition to her husband, include a daughter, Mrs. Burton Ragan of Hayden and a son, James F. Sullivan of Eugene, and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services Monday will be at the Baptist Church in Hayden. Zobel Mortuary, Craig, Colo., is in charge of arrangements.

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Emerald Empire Weather

(All times daylight)
Eugene-Springfield

Forecast: Partly cloudy Sunday and Sunday night with a few showers. High, 62; low 40.

Statistics (readings at the U.S. Weather Bureau, Mahlon Sweet Airport, Eugene): Highest temperature Saturday, 60; lowest Saturday, 38; rain in 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Saturday, trace; total for May, 1.35 inches; average for May, 2.14 inches; readings at 5 p.m. Saturday; humidity, 71 per cent; wind, W 10. Prevailing wind Friday, S 6.6.

Stage of rivers at 8 a.m. Saturday, Willamette at EWEB Steam Plant, 12.4 feet; McKenzie at Armitage Bridge, 3.8 feet.

Sunrise and sunset: Sunday, 5:49 a.m. and 8:30 p.m.; Monday, 5:48 a.m. and 8:31 p.m.

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City	Max.	Min.	Prep.
Anchorage	51	40	12
Albuquerque	91	60	—
Albany	88	63	—
Bismarck	71	49	—
Boise	66	39	—
Boston	58	40	—
Chicago	64	49	78

Cleveland	48	43	—
Denver	80	31	—
Detroit	67	46	—
Fairbanks	53	38	—
Fort Worth	89	70	—
Galveston	82	72	—
Helena	82	54	72
Honolulu	81	73	91
Kansas City	93	69	—
Las Vegas	81	58	—
Los Angeles	65	52	—
Miami Beach	84	71	—
Minneapolis-St. Paul	76	53	228
New Orleans	88	61	—
New York	73	49	—
Omaha	91	69	—
Phoenix	84	69	—
Reno	82	43	—
Sacramento	72	46	—
Salt Lake City	83	39	—
San Diego	66	56	—
San Francisco	56	50	—
Seattle	59	41	—
Spokane	57	41	—
Washington	71	49	—

Corvallis High Band To Perform at Fair

CORVALLIS, Oreg.—A check for \$1,000 from the Corvallis Kiwanis Club has put the high school band over the top in its drive for \$10,000 to buy new uniforms and finance a trip to the Seattle World's Fair. The Kiwanians raised the money at a pancake feed. The band will play at the fair on June 16.



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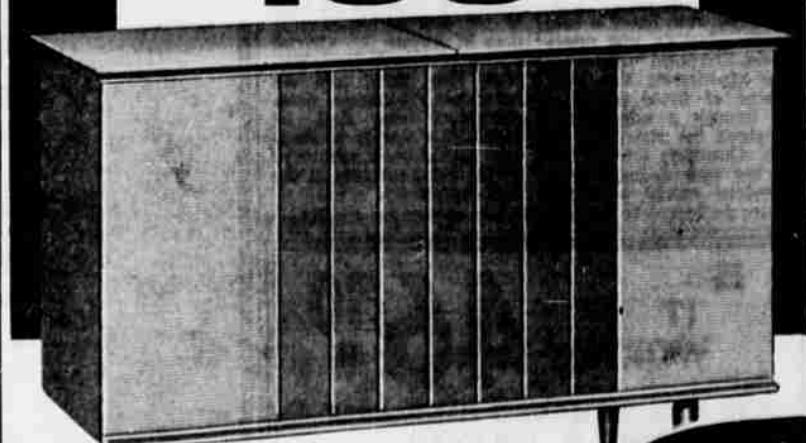
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