

COMMUNICATIONS

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As to Farmer vs. Hunter

To the Editor: Every year about this time the war between the hunter and the farmer begins and lasts until the end of the pheasant season. It seems to me that worries a lot of farmers is that they are afraid someone may get a free meal from them in the way of a rooster pheasant. It is quite all right for the city dude to buy the farmer's produce 365 days out of the year but if he asks to hunt on his property he is usually refused. They claim as an excuse that the hunter leaves gates open, knocks down fences and makes a genuine pest of himself in general. Well any of us know a lot of that is true but how much is true is I think another matter.

We all have to put up with things other people do that irk us but too many, I'm afraid, want everything their own way, they will not make any sacrifice in order to please others.

Some farmers are very generous toward hunters, others just can't have them around because of stock, but most of them just don't want to be bothered. You are welcome on their place with your pocket book, but please leave your shotgun at home.

H. D.

Medford, Ore.

(Name on file)

Dick House Wants Cordon
To the Editor: There are many good reasons why Oregonians should reelect Guy Cordon. Senator Cordon occupies a powerful position in the Senate, from which to work for Oregon's interests. His past record shows he uses that position effectively.

Among other things, he has helped to secure authorization of the Talent Irrigation project, a \$6½ million dollar supplemental appropriation for forest roads and trails, and large increases in appropriations for river and harbor improvements, including multiple purpose dams. Farming, lumbering and

industry have all benefited from his efforts.

Dick House,
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Who Calls Deer Hunting Sport?

To the Editor: Thank goodness the slaughter of the innocents is over for another year. I know I shouldn't be writing a thing like this and how very unpopular it is to express opinions like this, but you can keep your feelings in check for just so long.

I sometimes wonder whoever originated the idea that deer hunting is sport. Why not be honest about it and call it by its right name, slaughter.

It is about as sporting as it would be for my 11-year-old boy to face Rocky Marciano in the ring.

For grown people armed with deadly rifles and other weapons to go around killing an animal as tame and unresisting as a deer is about as far from sport as you can get. It is rather a pitiful sight, in my opinion, to see these big, brave men running around deluding themselves into thinking they are being big, bold hunters. How weak-minded can you get?

As for the interesting theory that you are saving money by killing your own food, did you ever try and balance up the cost of the meat (much of which is tough and inedible) against the cost of hunting? And if there is still any balance it could be much more than made up for by the fact that if a person spent that much time improving his place and using his time to good advantage in really profitable ways, he would be far ahead, much farther ahead than he is by endangering his life, and the lives of others shooting wildly around in the woods.

Anyway, how much money is worth the life of one twelve-year-old boy such as was shot by one of these deer hunters right in our own valley?

(Name on file)

Vote To Save Our Timber

To the Editor: America's natural resources should have, and very soon must have serious consideration by every thoughtful citizen, else our children and each succeeding generation must trudge an increasingly rougher road to survival.

Four months after Hitler's world-conquering, or world-destroyer hordes crashed into Poland, the Sec-Manager of the West Coast Lumber Assn. was asked by a congressional inquiry committee why such waste and destruction of the forests. He replied: "Because the owners of that timber have no faith that it will be worth anything 20 years from now. And being businessmen they feel no other course but to cut it and get it off their hands before it deteriorates any more."

So, only the choicest of the best was saved. We all know how prices have soared, and the then scorned species are brought from most inaccessible places, and never-before-heard-of prices paid by log-hungry millmen.

There's 5 years yet to go of that "businessman's" prophecy. Was he a bad prophet or a bad "businessman"—or both? Forest products not of immediate big profit dollar value, quantities of yew wood, etc., are now being destroyed.

The Ellsworth Forest-Land Exchange bill would have turned over to those "businessmen" millions of acres of our National Forests. Were Eastern Congressmen old enough to remember, or had they informed themselves, on what had been done in the Great Lake states and in the West, by those "businessmen"? Anyhow, the East saved the West by their votes. In the people's interest, Oregon's Congressmen would turn over to just such "businessmen" all of the West's natural resources.

Our former Chief Forester, Lyle Watts, is chairman of a Neuberger for U.S. Senator committee. Mr. Watts has always championed the people's rights to their heritage. He has confidence in Richard Neuberger's conservation of America's natural resources policies. All of us who know Lyle Watts have full faith in his natural resources policies. He is state secretary of the Isaac Walton League of Amer-

ica. Let's back him by supporting Richard Neuberger for U.S. Senator. Let's elect people's representatives all over Oregon.
John E. Gribble,
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On Hunters

To the Editor: Your editorial for October 20, "A Farmer's Hints to Hunters," is timely and refreshing. Although it is a very mild hint about a problem which has long been acute, you will no doubt hear from the hunting fraternity with their usual bromides, clichés and criticism.

No one appreciates more than I the problem of the editor in dealing with the problem of the hunter. Hunting is big business. It is backed not only by important commercial interests which profit from all manner of sales of clothing and equipment, it is sponsored and nourished by well-nigh all outlets of expression and opinion. It is only the rare editor who has the courage to state the truth about hunters, or to risk popularity and circulation by calling attention to their disregard of primary decency in the pursuit of their urge to go out and kill something.

You and I know that of all so-called privileged categories of our society, hunters have become the most privileged, until they believe themselves immune to any restraint. And I do not mean a minority of them but a very large majority who apparently assume that a license to hunt is also a license to trespass. A license to ignore all rules of courtesy and fair play. A license to mix hunting with alcohol—even as deadly as the mixture of alcohol and driving a car. A license to destroy anything which moves—whether or not protected by law. And a license even to commit mayhem or manslaughter, or whatever degree of murder we may choose to term these "accidents" by which hunters wound or kill each other.

I hope the day will come when public opinion will compel the prosecution of all perpetrators of these "accidents" for manslaughter. As well as prosecution for minor laws of trespass, destruction of livestock and damage to property.

Jim Fuller,
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Favors Cordon and Ellsworth
To the Editor: For a good many years a group here in Southern Oregon has been working toward a solution of the problem caused by the valley's critical irrigation water shortage.

For four years it was a sickly baby. Repeated interviews and conferences with Oscar Chapman, Secretary of the Interior, and with various officials of the Bureau of Reclamation, particularly Mike Strauss, commissioner, were held—the net result being heavy handshakes, backslapping and volumes of doubletalk.

Then—the administration changed. During 1953 the project report, so many years in the making, was finished and submitted to Washington, where it was promptly approved by Secretary of Interior McKay, and bills for authorization of the project were prepared for presentation to Congress.

Then began the delicate and difficult process of getting the bills passed by a Congress, the great majority of whose members are from the Eastern states, where "irrigation" means sprinkling a lawn. Senators and Congressmen from these states are in a great part either indifferent or actively hostile to Western reclamation, and it was only through the most strenuous efforts by Senator Cordon and Representative Ellsworth that passage was secured—in the House, particularly, by only 17 votes.

The Talent Project, which will contribute enormously to the prosperity of this section is, thanks to these men, now authorized. However, it still is necessary to go to the next Congress for the necessary funds before construction can be started.

We who have been privileged to see Cordon and Ellsworth in action in Washington feel confident that through their leadership the necessary appropriation will be made, even in the face of the opposition which is certain to be encountered.

I cannot believe that the people of Southern Oregon will vote to trade the prestige, experience and committee seniority of Guy Cordon and Harris Ellsworth, for freshman legislators who would arrive in Washington inexperienced and, regardless of their presumably good intentions, relatively helpless to gain Congressional approval of this vital appropriation.

It boils down to this: Do we want a \$22,000,000 project to start here next year, or are we willing to risk an indefinite postponement of this project?

R. M. Kent,
Secretary,
Talent Irrigation District

Powers Lake, N.D. — (U.P.) — More than 7,000 searchers from four states and Canada struck out across new territory today hunting for Lavern Enget, 4, missing five nights.

Use Mail Tribune Want Ads Dead line for Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday.

Ben Day for Cordon

To the Editor: Senator Guy Cordon is unusual among politicians. He is an office holder who avoids rather than seeks personal publicity. Many Oregonians have questioned Cordon about the wisdom of this policy. His answer has always been that he can work more effectively for Oregon and for the country if he is not a "headline Senator."

Now Senator Cordon is being opposed by one of the best publicity getters this state has known; a man whose business is entertaining the public through his writings.

The voter has the task, if he is going to vote his own wishes, of penetrating the natural reserve of Senator Cordon to find out all of what Cordon has done for the Pacific Northwest and to understand his real ability.

On the other hand, the voter must dig behind the flood of publicity and flamboyant statements of the opponent and look at his real record in order to make a comparison between the two candidates. On the basis of their comparative ability and their political beliefs, here is that record:

The real test of ability is to get 46 of the Senators to vote with you in order that measures of importance to your constituents will pass! Senator Cordon has been outstandingly successful in getting support among his colleagues to pass measures of importance to Oregon. It was his work in the Appropriations Committee and in the Senate which has time after time provided the money for construction of our Northwest dams and power lines, including, of course, the "Talent project."

In comparison, Neuberger's record in the Oregon Legislature shows that he has introduced more bills than almost any other senator, and has been able to pass very, very, few of them.

Senator Cordon's record shows him to be a conservative, right-wing Senator. He prefers private enterprise and initiative as against governmental under-

taking and control.

Neuberger's record shows him

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to be a liberal left winger. He advocated a Columbia Basin authority which would have eliminated private power and restricted our area's growth and development to the willingness of Congress to appropriate money for it. He now advocates a public dole with his food stamp plan.

Senator Cordon has always been conservative and frugal with the taxpayer's money.

Neuberger is the author and advocate of numerous spending measures.

It is my personal belief that we in Oregon will be much the better served if we return capable Senator Cordon back to his job in the Senate.

Ben Day,
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Applegates Grateful
their wonderful help and express our deep appreciation to all those who were so wonderful in helping us through the harrowing eighteen months of Dick's imprisonment, and to the fine reception given him on his return. We would also like to thank Senator Guy Cordon, Congressman Harris Ellsworth and Governor Patterson for all their wonderful help and encouragement. We did not have to ask for their aid, it was given fully and their personal letters made life a little easier.

Mr. and Mrs.
Frank L. Applegate,
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FAINT HEART

Waterbury, Conn. — (U.P.) — Thieves tried to break into a safe at the Blakeslee Co., and failing to crack it, left this note on the door: "We give up."

Washington, Conn. — (U.P.) — George Quist, who is usually very punctual, was 15 minutes late for a Lions Club meeting. "My house was struck by lightning," said Quist.

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