

Communications

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The People Will Decide

To the Editor: I guess it all depends upon one's point of view. I, too, heard Mr. Nunley's radio talk, but contrary to Messrs. Collins and Redden, I found no personal criticism of Judge Kelly. Mr. Nunley has stated repeatedly that he does not agree with Mr. Kelly—I believe he still has the right to disagree and to say how and why. Mr. Nunley stated that he does not believe Mr. Kelly can be objective in handling criminal matters after his many years of approaching such cases from his position as the foremost criminal defense lawyer in this area. Mr. Nunley has cited cases to illustrate his point and frankly I agree with him.

I believe it is a good thing for the voters to have a choice. The majority of the local Bar Association chose Judges Main and Kelly. Fortunately we live in the U.S.A., where the people can still make up their own minds; and in the final analysis the voting public will choose who will sit in judgment in our courts.

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Wants Tax Spending Stopped

To the Editor: Taxes and politicians seem to be timely subjects these days, so for what they may be worth, here are a few more words from another poor taxpayer.

Warren Gill seems to be quite vocal regarding taxes and so-called needed services. Wouldn't it be wonderful and exciting if one or two of these politicians would come out swinging with both fists enumerating the many ways he—if elected—would cut costs, chop needless waste and put even a little efficiency into government? To mention a couple of places where terrific savings could be accomplished: Welfare. During the course of each year, numerous festering sores break out in different parts of the state regarding cheating and downright thievery in this department. If the perpetrators of these hoaxes, both the recipients and administrators, were to be slapped down hard by the law, the ensuing savings would help get the taxpayer up off his knees. Even a small 10 per cent savings would mean millions saved each year.

Another big savings could be accomplished with a sane school building program. Why in heaven's name do we build school buildings of expensive steel, brick and mortar—designed to stand 150 years

when we know they will be outmoded, torn down and replaced in 50 years or less? One story wood buildings with each classroom having an emergency outside door would be both safe and practical, could be added onto or altered easily when necessary and would amount to millions in taxpayers dollars saved in the state each year.

Of course anyone wielding an ax like that would be the target of the few whose toes he stepped on and would have vindictive abuses hurled at him but he would have the backing of the great majority of voters. He would no longer be known as a politician but as a statesman (of which we have all too few).

So let's kick out the Gills and the Keatings and try men men like the Big Swede Wernmark and Hatfield who have at least mentioned a few of the ways they plan on saving tax dollars instead of spending them.

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Positions Reversed

To the Editor: We are very confused as to why in the general election of 1956 some of the funeral directors of Jackson county said that a funeral director is not qualified for the position of coroner, that he should be a trained investigator. Now they are completely reversing themselves and backing a funeral director for the position of county coroner. What has changed their minds and convinced them otherwise?

We feel that Carlos Morris is fully qualified, experienced, and has shown the ability to be the finest and most fair possible county coroner.

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Questions for Vern Smith

To the Editor: An open letter to Candidate for Sheriff, Vern Smith: Having thoroughly enjoyed the candidates program sponsored and planned by the League of Women Voters I wish to extend them my congratulations. The written question and answer period was exactly what we need to search out the capabilities of the political aspirants.

However, I did not appreciate candidate Vern Smith's timely departure prior to the question and answer period. So, with leave of your communications column, I would like to ask Mr. Smith to explain why my searching

finds the following:

1. The County Clerk's payroll records show you were employed a little more than four years in the Sheriff's office and never as chief investigator either in name or in salary; yet you claim to have been chief investigator in the Sheriff's office for a period of six years.

2. You say you studied law for three years and yet you never attended any law school, anywhere.

3. The Court House records failed to show any designation of Chief Weighmaster either in name or in salary until July 1, 1957. Why then, do you claim to have been Chief Weighmaster for a period of five years?

Thanking you in advance for your answers, Mr. Smith.
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Redden Answers Chaney

To the Editor: John Chaney of Central Point who wrote the letter that appeared in your issue of May 2 giving the "true" facts of the Henry A. Foster case is John Chaney, Attorney at Law, who shares office space with Walter Nunley.

My recent letter, which he purported to answer, pointed out that Henry A. Foster had never been brought before Judge Kelly's court and that Walter Nunley had disregarded the truth when he accused Judge Kelly of a violation of the law in passing sentence on Foster.

Attorney Chaney's "answer" is to criticize the Oregon State Police, the District Attorney, and Foster's defense counsel. As an attorney, Mr. Chaney knows full well that Judge Kelly could not possibly have had anything to do with the transaction. Whatever he may think of the officers who have been criticized, such a red herring won't whitewash Walter Nunley's disregard for the truth.

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Recessional Soliloquy

To the Editor: To spend or not to spend—that is the question. Whether 'tis nobler in the purse to suffer the stints and privations of outrageous economics, or to take up arms against a sea of recession and by spending, end it?

To gloat — to save — no more; and by spending say we end the heartache and the thousand irritations that thrift is heir to; 'tis a consumption devoutly to be wished.

To gloat—to spend; to spend—perchance to squander! Aye, there's the rub!

For in the orgy of spending what qualms may come as to how to pay the rent—the coal—the life insurance or the baby's shoes, that make calamity of pay checks.

For who would always save and bear the last year's suit,

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

An experienced Washington correspondent, discussing business conditions, says:

"If talk could kill the recession, we'd be holding memorial services now—for this is the most investigated business slump in history. Hardly a day passes in congress without at least a half dozen experts telling the lawmakers what went wrong, what should be done to set things right and gazing into some mighty cloudy balls to guess at the future."

WHAT'S that ancient crack about too many cooks spoiling the broth? Whatever it is, I think it applies to the present situation. There is too much talk and too little common sense. The plain fact of the matter is that the party lasted too long and got a little too wild and so the hangover is inevitable.

SPEAKING of parties, President Nasser of the United

Arab Republic, who had been partying and sight-seeing for three days, took time out for talks with Krushchev and other Soviet officials about possible Soviet aid and cooperation with the new republic.

He was one of the few non-communist leaders who took part in the May Day celebrations in Moscow.

HMMMM. That recalls another good crack. It goes like this:

"A smiling young lady of Niger
Once went for a ride with a tiger.
They came back from the ride
With the lady inside,
And the smile on the face of
The tiger."

That's about where Nasser will wind up.

INDUSTRIALIST Author Eugene Castle wants the United States to go out of the propaganda business as a means of winning the cold war.

He says in a talk in New York that the U. S. Information Agency is a multi-million dollar flop and calls on the President to take our public relations out of the agency's hands and return them to our ambassadors and ministers.

HE MIGHT be talking sense. Propaganda is based on WORDS.

DEEDS are more important than words. The United States of America is better at deeds than at words.

the mission furniture, the pangs of unrequited love, brought on by shabbiness, the insolence of bosses that spurn the patient merit that the poor relation takes.

When we ourselves might our freedom take with a mere checkbook, who would snickers bear, to cringe and sweat under an inferiority complex, but that the dread of debts, and debts, and debts, holds our noses to the grindstone?

That undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveler returns without great praise, weakens the will, and makes us vow to begin spending and once for all enjoy the good it brings. The purse makes cowards of us all.

And so, forget the purse and make a resolution, deep-rooted in a firm decision to spend, and spend—bring the recession to an end, enjoy good things of pith and moment and lose the name of tightwads forever.

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How About 5 Coroners?

To the Editor: In regard to the race in the county for the coroner's office, I would suggest that the three mortuaries that seem to be lined up against one dig out their code of ethics of the N.F.D.A. of which they are all members. They also belong to other professional organizations that have a code of ethics.

In each of these there is a large amount of material which, in effect, states: "To my competitor I pledge . . . to the profession I pledge . . . to the families I serve I pledge . . ." that they "will not violate the trust of their competitor or their profession." It also states that they will not violate the dignity of a dead human remains.

It seems that these people are trying to state a fact which I know is not true. Mr. Morris does carry out the duties of the office as it should be. Why don't you go in and look at the files at present and compare them with the files during the time that Mr. Morris was not coroner. See for yourself if the job is not being done correctly.

I know Carlos as a man who respects the wishes of every person he comes in contact with, regardless if they are rich or poor. I also know that he always does everything within his power to notify families of all coroner cases prior to the time they are removed from the scene. He is honest, dignified, and above all else, he is the most charitable man I have ever met, always doing more for others than he could ever expect to receive in return. His staff are all of long standing with the firm. Seldom do you hear of one of the staff making a change unless he is going into the business for himself.

To have the files of a county office as important as the coroner's office in five different places, and the effects of these unfortunate people, in five different places, would be just about the last thing for Jackson county to do. Next they will be having the District Attorney's files in all candidates offices, and what a fine mess that would be.

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Is That So?

By EUGENE BURNS
Ranger-Naturalist

I have yet to meet a man who is not afraid of the outdoors—the country where he is a stranger.

As a war correspondent in the New Guinea jungles I packed a sidearm, despite the Geneva Convention rules

greater danger from lightning. And when one is bitten, the danger is generally greater from fear than the venom. Excitement, running for help pumps the poison into the blood stream much faster and in a more concentrated form.

Another thing to remember about channeling fear is this—the snake doesn't want to bite you. He is as anxious to avoid you as you are to avoid him. In rattler country, for example, don't step over a log or a rock. Step onto it and look at the other side first.



That is the way the Indians did it. They were just as afraid of a rattler as we are, but they knew more about when not to be afraid of him. And they did not wear high leather boots such as many of us wear as protection from the rattler.

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But that isn't all. If a bull looks disapprovingly at me while I'm fly fishing, he gets no argument whatever from me. As a result I sympathize with those who have an honest fear of anything from a mouse to a shark. That fear is undoubtedly rooted deep in the past, far back in the hidden memory of man.

But though that fear cannot be completely understood or controlled it can be channeled so that the dangers from it can be reduced. Take fear of snakes as an example.

In reality, snake bite is a negligible cause of death, except in India and Burma. In other areas, travelers are in

Dirty Weapon Charge Hit By AEC Chairman

Washington —(P)— Chairman Lewis L. Strauss of the Atomic Energy commission, Saturday denied — and Sen. Clinton P. Anderson reassured — that the United States is talking about "clean" nuclear weapons while making "dirtier" ones.

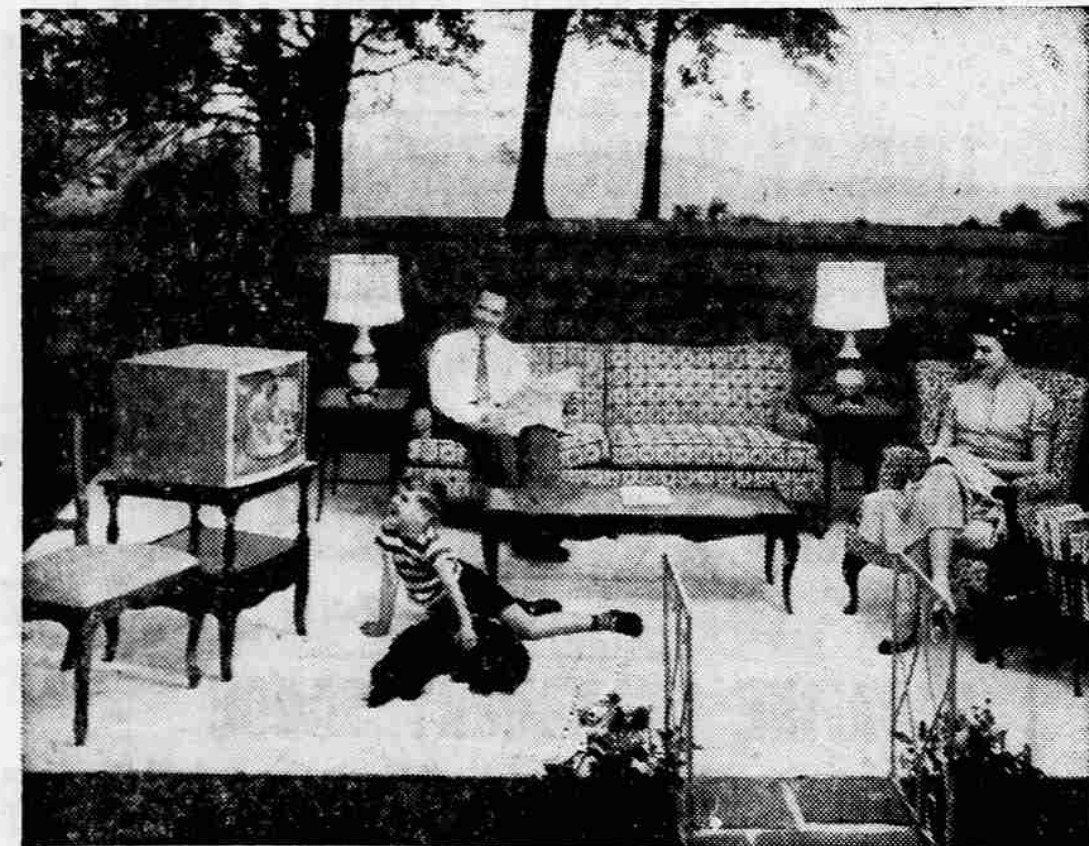
Strauss said Anderson (D-N.M.) had access to the facts when he originally made the charges in a television broadcast last Sunday. He said that on four points Anderson's statements were false or misleading.

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