

# Communications

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## A Purpose in Life

To the Editor: What has happened to Christianity in the home? In Christian homes where love and appreciation for all of mankind is taught and exercised constantly by the household, higher living standards and a more complete understanding of the world we live in is possessed by each member of the household.

In today's world of constant turmoil we need to have a definite purpose in life, something to live by. The answer to this need is God. If each and everyone of us would live by His way and His way alone, we would soon see life unfold before us in a much clearer and definite form.

We would know what we want out of life and how to go about getting it, through the practice of prayer, talking with God in groups or individually.

You will never know how important your faith in God is until you develop this faith.

Jay Taylor  
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Medford

## Telephone Discourtesy

To the Editor: Last Tuesday evening, out here on this 10-party rural line, the only available telephones we can get, we had an experience that is becoming a real "head-ache" for the other nine subscribers.

Quite frequently of late we can't make or receive a call for hours, because some indifferent party has left the receiver off the hook. Tuesday it was 4 1/2 hours. All the time we could hear their TV going and little children playing in the room. So we surmise it either is a mother too interested in TV to care, or else she employed a baby-sitter that allows the child to play with the phone.

If the guilty party reads this letter, would she please, please watch this, and put the phone up out of the children's reach, and see that the receiver is replaced?

Isn't the first time it happens often, and we believe it is the same party. So if she will remember we too pay for phone service, and occasionally we need to place or receive calls, and to use a little human consideration.

We have a few on this line that think nothing of calling a neighbor a block away and talking by the hour, indifferent to the others who may be badly need to call.

And that's aggravating enough, but to allow children to play with the phone is much too much, it's an intolerable situation, and we are so helpless to do anything about it except hope and pray the decency in most human beings will eventually tell them of their unfairness.

Appeals to the company accomplish us nothing. All we get is the same old answer, "If we can find out who it is, and report them, they can act." We heard that for 2 1/2 years. It's not our business to "find out," who it is, and we have no way of doing so.

But I think perhaps if those persons who feel guilty for mistreating the use of a whole line read this appeal and use some consideration hereafter.

Mary A. Williams,  
Orr Dr.  
Central Point.

## Car Insurance Again

To the Editor: I am the owner of the car that hit a car owned by Mrs. Mayfield of Central Point while parked on a Medford street. I bought insurance in 1957. I had complete coverage and paid and paid and paid.

My daughter loaned the car to a friend who blacked out and hit four other cars. The insurance company has found that inevitable loophole and wormed out. They have not, and have said they will not, pay any of the repair bills, not even the repairs on my car which should be covered under collision, \$100 deductible.

Yes, Mrs. Mayfield, I'm with you—let's all become uninsured drivers and let someone else pay for awhile.

Mary R. Bradley  
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Phoenix, Ore.

## School Questions

To the Editor: From big "headlines" in the paper I note the big build up for another "bond issue for local schools."

It seems that a bond issue is the best way to get added money without exceeding the 6 per cent limitation. In this manner the full increased cost in millage tax will not be shown to the voters in one expected vote for a budget that will exceed the 6 per cent limitation. It is easier to get two approvals on two measures where money is concerned than it is by lumping them together.

The need for added school rooms has been made an immediate need, for what reason? True we are aware of the need for more space in the future, but why right now when we already have a large tax for schools due to the school consolidation? In my opinion, it is all caused by centralizing the schools and transporting most of the children to but a few schools where there is not enough room and leaving outlying schools with small enrollments.

Also noted that renovation and completion of the old district shop into a boy's manual arts class would be financed by this new bond issue. If I recall correctly the cost for this improvement has already been approved by the voters. If the money was not used for that purpose, I think an explanation is due the voters.

In conclusion I would like to advance a thought—Due to consolidation in the county we now have but two small segments of the rural school district left. Last year, regardless of the decrease, the rural district budget was as large as the year before and included a 6 per cent increase. Why? Let's portion out this expense to the existing school districts and no increase in taxes will be needed.

When are the voters going to vote on a new tax base for the Medford District? By law I believe this is necessary as from my understanding of the state tax laws the last year's school tax was an illegal one. By definitions in the law we formed a "new district."

Let's get our school administration in order so that we will all know what it is about.

Ray O. DeMarrs,  
708 West Second st.  
Medford.

Editor's note: We admire Mr. DeMarrs' interest in public affairs, but wish he'd get his facts straight first. None of the outlying schools have any classroom space going to waste. In the two where present enrollment does not take up all the rooms (Lone Pine and Jacksonville), they are used for the county's special education program.

Mr. DeMarrs is confusing the manual training rooms at McLoughlin Junior High School and at Medford High School. The latter was authorized under the bond issue approved by the voters several years ago, and since has been built. The program to change the district shop at McLoughlin into a boy's shop class (plus two other classrooms) is part of the current building proposal.

The rural school levy is county-wide, and is apportioned to each school district in the county on an equalizing basis. So what Mr. DeMarrs suggests is, in effect, already being done.

Any taxing body can seek voter approval of a new tax base. It is permissible, not mandatory. The Medford school district is not a "new" district, despite recent consolidations. It has never asked the voters for a new tax base for two principal reasons: (1) Because a review of the district's operations by the voters prior to an annual budget election has seemed to the board of education to be a wise thing, and (2) annual growth is at a rate far in excess of 6 per cent, so even with a new tax base, the district would have to go back to annual budgets within a few years anyway.

We suggest Mr. DeMarrs make sure of his facts before accusing school officials of illegal actions.

## An Answer

To the Editor: Not to answer could be losing an opportunity.

Denying Mr. Veach's allegations that my present condition is that of "a poor, bitter, deluded man," let me say he is right in saying that a repetition of the years of life would find me in as strong, if not stronger, opposition to the vain customs and "vain philosophies" of life.

The song says, "Something happened to me." It happened to me in early age. Paul's words were definitely verified in my case: "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold all things are become new. And all things are of God."

Changed like Paul, I began to listen to the divine word, to the discard of vain philosophies. Since then "Thou saith the Lord" is the important advice. Any counsel to ignore "Human and Divine," and to seek consolation in wine, was and is a foreign voice since "Something happened to me."

Experience and observation have convinced me that the early choice "anchored my soul in the haven of rest." Contrary to your suggestion, and Mrs. Casey's repose in "If Omar said it, it's good enough for me," my course is being charted by "Thou saith the Lord."

Omar Khayyam was a deluded pantheist. Pantheism says, "There is no God but the forces of nature." The Psalmist said, "The fool hath said in his heart, 'There is no God.'" Mr. Veach said, "Why not take Omar's advice?" Mrs. Casey said, "If Omar said it, it's good enough for me." Mrs. Casey also said, "I'm getting madder than a March Hatter." Methinks Mr. Veach has Mrs. Casey confused; or could the old words, "Any port in a storm," be applicable to both?

If God said it, it's good enough for me. My thanks to the editor for the privilege of saying this publicly. A good hymn well expresses my closing desire:

"I hope to meet you all in glory, When my work on earth is o'er,  
I hope to clasp your hands rejoicing, On the bright eternal shore.  
On the shining shore, On the golden strand,  
In our Father's home, In the happy land:  
I hope to meet you there, I hope to meet you there,  
A crown of victory wear, In glory."

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## Hospital Praised

To the Editor: Following recent hospitalization, I would like to take advantage of this column to publicly thank the management and staff of the Rogue Valley Memorial hospital.

The friendliness of those of the nursing staff, who were ever present to care for my needs.

The most modern facilities and equipment combined with efficient personnel and attractive surroundings, all go toward making the Rogue Valley Memorial a fine hospital of which this community should be proud.

A newcomer to the valley (Name on file) Medford

## Where's the Operator?

To the Editor: Have you ever had to place an important phone call and misplaced your telephone book and had to call either information or the operator?

If so, you know how the phone rings and rings and it seems forever before anyone will answer, and you start to wonder if any one is even on the switch board or if they are all out for coffee.

Today this happened to my next door neighbor. When she discovered her house was on fire her first thought was to dial the operator rather than spend time looking for her telephone book. She let the phone ring and ring until the flames finally engulfed the telephone lines and disconnected her phone.

She then called me to see if I couldn't get through to get some help while she connected her garden hose to see if she couldn't help control the flames herself. A good five minutes elapsed trying to get help, and a fire out of control can do a great deal of damage in five minutes.

Patience may be golden but a line must be drawn some place.

Mrs. C. Maness,  
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Medford.

## Waste of Resources

To the Editor: A short time ago Willis E. Stone addressed a gathering in Medford High School at which he campaigned in favor of the 23rd Amendment to the Constitution of the United States. This amendment would prohibit the Government from engaging in any business or enterprise not specifically permitted by the Constitution.

Mr. Stone has compiled, edited, and published a number of "Fact Sheets." Each one gives information regarding some business venture or enterprise in which the government is engaged or in which it has engaged until recently.

In these "Fact Sheets" Mr. Stone has many quotations from the "Hoover Reports" as fact. At the same time he mixes in a liberal amount of opinion. I think the "Fact Sheets" could well be studied by every one. They seem to expose a great deal of waste of money and effort by government agencies. These agencies may have had a good reason for existence at one time but they continue to function long after the need has disappeared.

It has often been said in various ways that, when freedom is once won, we must continue to fight for it. Every generation raises up within itself the forces which would destroy it if they are allowed to operate unchecked.

Certainly at a time like this, when our national debt is at the point where it is menacing our national security, individuals, corporations, and government bureaus which waste our money on useless projects belong to those forces of destruction.

I do not favor the 23rd Amendment. I think it would be something like cutting off a leg to treat a broken bone. However, the waste of our resources must be stopped and if our democratic society cannot find the men and the means to do so, it will soon cease to exist.

Clarence L. Miller  
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Medford.

## On Waking Up

To the Editor: Here is a short poem that might help to wake up a few people around here.

Blazing, searing, blinding light,  
Fills the vastness of the night  
As atoms split asunder.  
Burning, charring man and beast,  
The starving atom has its feast,  
And men cry out in wonder.

Crushing, roaring, rolling sound,  
Gutted buildings on the ground,  
An anguished, tortured earth,  
The shocked, the burned,  
The broken men  
Who'll never walk erect again;

The men who rue their birth,  
And then the bell, the blessed bell,  
That breaks this horror-laden spell,  
And stills an anguished scream,  
That says the world is whole, to see,  
No mass disaster caused by apathy.

Thank God it was only a dream.  
John Paul Hohensee  
(Honorary Life Member USAF Air Defense Team)  
801 Newtown st.  
Medford

## Wants More Fish

To the Editor: Just a suggestion to the Waltonians and sportsmen over the valley: Why not put pressure on our game commission to put some fish in the river, instead of closing it or most of it to angling? Put fish in there to catch so it is not necessary to close it at all.

The game commission was on the right track about two years ago when they proposed to raise fish in artificial lakes and release them all at a time. Something happened to that idea. That is by far the cheapest and the only way, where the runs can be maintained, so that a large amount of them will get to salt water and return in large numbers.

The pressure of sport fishing has very little to do with the runs of fish coming back from the ocean, as long as our game commission has been raising fish and the returns seem smaller as time goes on. Its high time someone told them they don't know how to raise them and get the return

## Her Favorite Reading

To the Editor: Now and then I hear someone say, "the trouble with people now-days, is, they don't devote enough time to reading." I always laugh to myself, and think that kind of criticism doesn't apply to me. Actually, I'm what you'd call an addict. I read anything and everything. But like most people, I have my favorites.

We get our paper about 5:30 p.m. Our 15-year-old son latches on to the sports page, Barbara, our 16-year-old daughter, chooses the Women's News and Social Events. Father has to see the market report. But bless their hearts, they always save the best for mother, and that's Dennis the

run back. Plenty of records show that, also many empty crews.

Now why don't some of you guys in the club or out, with a little push, just casually suggest they try a different method? Books and literature are alright but it also takes some real experience to be successful.

Get you a dollar to a plugged-nickel it can be done.  
Robert Humphrey  
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Central Point, Ore.

## We Got Some Advice

To the Editor: A copy of an editorial from the Medford Mail Tribune has recently fallen into my possession.

It was written last month and dealt with the supposed harms that would result from repeal of the 16th Amendment of the Constitution of the U.S.A. The fuse which brought this forth was the lecture by Willis E. Stone of Los Angeles exposing the evils of unlimited power to tax by the federal government.

Let us review briefly the basic laws of economics. They are fixed and immutable.

1. The government has nothing but what it first exacts from the citizens.

2. The idea that one can get "something for nothing" is a delusion.

3. Without expenditure of labor, there is no income.

4. Human beings are inherently individualistic and any coercion that diminishes this trait is harmful to society as a whole.

5. Taxes is one of the greatest powers to coerce in a non-violent way, and its abuse has been perhaps the greatest hindrance to man's welfare throughout history.

6. Men of honor, in governmental roles are few.

7. Hence, corruption is inevitable. Graft, waste, and inefficiency follow, and resultant discontent and the loss of hope and a defeatist attitude come upon people in varying degrees.

8. Only when the populace is set free from the heavy hand of the tax collector is vitality and a willingness to work with hilarity (sic) restored.

9. "Planned economy" has been tried over the ages and has failed every time. And it is failing in America.

10. Risks are a necessary part of our everyday living. Sometimes they fail, but more often they are a success.

When a bureaucrat in Washington, Salem, or Medford dictates how much wheat you may plant, where you may build your house, or any other like incident, he, as a hireling of the impersonal government, is infringing upon your God given rights of "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

I surmise from your editorial that you may be a relatively young man, a graduate of some large university where unsound theories are taught, and that you have been brainwashed and lulled into a false sense of wisdom and knowledge of just how the rudiments of economics work.

I would advise you to acquaint yourself with sinister ways of unscrupulous government by giving some time to serious study of history and the simple facts of sound business.

Dwight Gifford  
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Creswell, Ore.

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Menace and H. R. Bulman's letters under communications.

And what a disappointment when H.R.B. doesn't have one of his hilarious letters for me to read. I told you I was an addict and read anything and everything, even if it isn't worth reading, and I read every word H.R.B. writes.

And then I think what a terrible person I really am. At the first sign of spring, I kick off my shoes, put on my shorts and then brazenly go out and work in my yard, and in broad daylight mind you. Sure burns me up when old mother nature pulls one of her tricks and sends me scurrying for my red flannels, after I've packed them away in mothballs.

And if wearing shorts isn't bad enough I even have the audacity to wear that nasty lipstick. So you see I read and read some more, but I never profit from it. I've read every letter Mr. H.R.B. ever wrote and I still haven't learned anything. But PLEASE don't quit writing your masterpieces or I'll simply die of boredom without the good laughs I always get from them. Just keep giving us women the devil to your heart's content. We can take it, but we can also dish it out.

I once heard an old gentleman say that paint made women look wild, and if that's true you have some wild women to cope with in this great country.

Evelyn J. Gysin,  
Route 3, Box 198,  
Medford

## Likes and Dislikes

To the Editor: We are receiving your paper as a Christmas present and like it, but we feel that ads such as the one in the Feb. 10 issue, that connect sports, youth, healthful outdoor exercise, pure mountain streams and scenery with the drinking of alcoholic beverages are very detrimental and lead to moral delinquency of young and old.

If it becomes your policy to accept this type of advertising we feel that our home will be better off without your paper.

We appreciate your cooperation in road safety campaigns. You have faithfully

reported the pleas of Governor Hatfield, President Eisenhower, Senator Neuberger and others, and your editorials are good. We like your policy of publishing letters of interest.

But all these good things are offset by dishonest and misleading advertisements that cause youth to think that drink must accompany good times and success.

Hope Hedgpeth,  
(Mrs. Dee Hedgpeth)  
Star Route, Box 165,  
Prospect, Ore.

P.S. We liked Bud Conger on burning slash.

## "Picnic" Hams

To the Editor: This little ham is wide awake.

This one's not too keen, The first little ham ate a steak  
And the second, poor guy, a bean.

Some hams are giving a "Picnic"  
For all to come and see. Of course, we'll need a ticket—  
Everyone else and me.

So we dreamed up a fun kind of method  
To share with one and all  
That would guarantee you in Medford  
This "Picnic" will be quite a ball!

If this little verse should confuse you,  
Make your wish "This gal's way out!"  
Turn to today's Women's Section  
To read what it's all about.

Mrs. Jack Ruth,  
30 Hawthorne st.,  
Medford

## Time Foretold

To the Editor: The following is from the Feb. 9 Oregonian:

"New York—The Cunard liner Caronia sailed on its annual world cruise, with 512 persons and 65,000 bottles of whiskey, wine and beer aboard."

The 95-day cruise will take the pale green liner to

14 nations. Rates for the trip range up to \$28,000.

The supplies included 3,400,000 cigarettes, 18,000 cigars, 156 pounds of caviar at \$52 a pound, 89 pounds of pate de foie gras (what's that?) and 761 pounds of canned crab."

"Liquid refreshments included 5,000 bottles of champagne and 7,400 bottles of other rare wines; 8,000 bottles of Scotch, bourbon, rye and gin; 44,000 bottles of beer; 25,400 gallons of draft beer and 684 bottles of liqueurs."

The United Press report then told of the stops to be made. The cruise will end May 10. I might add it could end before that date.

I did a little figuring. The 65,000 bottles of whiskey, wine and beer does not include the 25,400 gallons of draft beer. Dividing that amount into generous quarts we'd have 101,800 quarts or roughly, if all was put in bottles, at least 166,600 bottles of refreshments.

Let's figure a little farther; 166,600 bottles of drinks for 512 persons for 95 days. Sounds interesting, doesn't it? My figures come out at around 3 1/2 bottles apiece for each person per day. Let's be conservative and say only

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three bottles. Some of course might not use that much.

Frankly, now, I really wonder what kind of a cruise those people are having, right now while you read these lines?

They have 71 cigarettes apiece for each day but are short of cigars. I fear if I were along I would have to stay out on the deck so I could breathe.

In the Dec. 20 Tribune, Chief of Police Champlin pointed out that two cocktails can impair one's vision as much as putting on dark glasses at night.

Really now what's the object of this \$28,000 cruise? What's to be gained if your vision is so obscured?

Frankly, friends, I'm fully convinced that we are living in the time foretold by your Bible in Matt. 24. Read it for yourself and draw your own conclusions.

Henry Johnson Jr.  
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Ashland, Ore.

Editor's note: Pate de foie gras is a paste of fattened goose liver and truffles.

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