

Communications

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Have Visitors

To the Editor: Yesterday we were gone from home a few hours and when we returned we found we had visitors: A very small boy and three dogs.

The boy had opened the chicken yard gate and the dogs played havoc with our chickens. We had to kill some and we could only use one of them to eat.

Another pair of dogs have been killing a neighbor's ducks.

It looks like there are more dogs in the neighborhood than last year.

Seems as though there could be some way other than having them killed; I mean, in addition to having unwanted dogs killed. It just doesn't curb the reproduction fast enough. I know very well that people get attached to their pets.

We have a county doctor, why not a county veterinarian, so that low income people can have their pets altered; both male and female. It would make a more lasting job of it.

There aren't many people who keep their dogs up, in spite of the law.

Suburban people like to keep their gardens intact, the same as city folks like their flowers, so that a law should be for them, also.

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Not in Accord

To the Editor: On Feb. 18, in a letter in Communications, the statement was made "God cursed Canaan for looking upon his father Noah's nakedness." This quote is not strictly in accord with the story in Genesis, IX, 19-26.

As the Bible states it, Noah was asleep in his tent, drunk and naked, when Ham, Noah's son, looked at Noah's nakedness. Upon awakening, Noah cursed Canaan, Ham's son or Noah's grandson. Just why he cursed Canaan when Ham was the offender is not explained. Two possible explanations occur: It would hurt Ham more to have his son cursed than himself, or Noah was still befuddled when he awoke.

Edith Rode
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Recreation Need

To the Editor: There's something lacking in the way of recreation in Medford. Know what it is? A roller-skating rink!

One of the cleanest, most healthful forms of recreation, and if we want it for our youngsters, we have to drive to Ashland or Grants Pass to use their roller-rinks. We keep reading and hearing every once in a while that there will be one built in or near Medford but so far, guess someone's too much of a "cheap skate," excuse the pun, to build one.

How about our church groups and PTA's putting on a little letter-writing campaign and see if we can't have a Medford roller-skating rink before our youngsters are too old to enjoy it.

Mrs. Tom Robnett,
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A Tribute To The Kiwanis Kapers

We take pride in saluting our Kiwanis members for their work in behalf of underprivileged children. Next Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday this active group will present the 1960 version of the KIWANIS KAPERS. With approximately \$9,000 of invested money from this project in 1959, the Dental Association and Kiwanis club were able to provide approximately \$20,000 worth of free dental work for needy children in Jackson County. Keep up the good work Kiwanians and everyone buy your tickets now for this outstanding show. Take your family to the KIWANIS KAPERS.

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Necessity of War

To the Editor: Congratulations to Marie Bosworth for an excellent article on "The Arms Race." Thousands of us average citizens are wondering if any war was really necessary. Plain logic tells us that the basic cause of all wars was human lust for power, for commerce, and monetary wealth.

Now just who is guilty of practicing these lusts? Has it been the common people of the nations involved, or has it been the leaders who have been placing monetary gain above our human welfare?

Does the average person remember when Charles Lindbergh made his report to this nation after a tour of Europe, prior to World War II? Lindbergh gave this sound and sincere advice to us: "Make your own country strong, and stay out of Europe's quarrels." What, then, happened? The man was ridiculed, branded as a pacifist, and denounced by written and oral word until he seemed almost to be a traitor? Why? Perhaps Lindbergh was right. We would have been far better off to follow his advice.

It's easy to see why our mother, no matter what color her skin may be, is against the things that lead up to war between nations. Do the young men who are paid to commit wholesale murder, to destroy, and, then are made heroes afterwards, ever wonder why a civilian can get the gas chamber for a crime that is small in comparison to war crimes? Can you blame the thoughtful young man who has been taught from childhood not to hate people for the crimes they may indulge in (rather to despise the evils that lead up to those crimes) for being confused when he is forced into the maelstrom of a war machine that sucks youth in and teaches it that murder is heroic?

Is it not time for us, the masses of America if you please, to turn the searchlight on ourselves—to ask ourselves "What am I doing to eradicate those evils that lead up to war between nations?" Are we not guilty of the minor crimes of lethargy, of indifference to our local, state and federal government functions?

Then we are, by placing the pursuits of pleasure and material things above our civic responsibilities, and above our regard for our fellow man, guilty of aiding (in an indirect way) those forces of evil that would plunge our nation into World War III. It's time for some good old fashioned "brass tacks" thinking to emerge from the so called "masses."

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On Church Disunity

To the Editor: In answer to "Why disunity in the Church today," I would like to submit the following:

Until saints today can see the distinctive ministry of Paul the Apostle to the Gentiles (Romans 11:13), that this is the dispensation of Grace (Ephesians 3:1-4) given to the Apostle Paul by revelation (Galatians 1:11,12) from the glorified Risen Saviour (Acts 9:5; II Corinthians 12:1-7); until they can see the difference between "That which was prophesied from the beginning of the world (Luke 1:68-70; Acts 3:22-26) and "that which was hid, kept secret, since the beginning of the world" (Romans 16:25,26; Ephesians 3:5-9); until they are followers of Paul (I Corinthians 1:17) as He was of Christ (I Corinthians 11:1), and is the pattern for them that believe from now on (I Timothy 1:16), that the Lord revealed to Paul that He was setting aside the nation Israel (Romans 11) temporarily, and now choosing out of all nations a people for His Name, His body, His church (I Corinthians 12:12,13; Ephesians 5:30), a heavenly organism, not an earthly organization.

Not until Paul do we hear the blood of Christ preached for remission of sins (Romans 5:9); by grace are ye saved through faith (Ephesians 2:8,9), justified by grace (Romans 5:1,2), that we are to know Christ no more after the flesh (II Corinthians 5:16) but to live for Him that died and rose again (II Corinthians 5:15).

Until the seven-fold ministry of the Holy Spirit given in Ephesians 4:1-7 is followed, including the one baptism (I Corinthians 12:13), and the commission given to Paul for the Body of Christ (II Corinthians 5:14-21) is carried out, until they see that all scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable (II Timothy 3:16,17), but that only Paul's epistles are exclusively written to and about the Body of Christ, until they study . . . rightly dividing the Word of Truth (II Timothy 2:15)—until these truths are taught and proclaimed, there will be disunity in the church.

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Marvelous Age

To the Editor: First of all I wish to thank the editorial staff of this paper for their broad views and patience with some of us letter writers. How thankful we should be to live in a free country where we have the freedoms we so much prize and enjoy. This fact should make us realize that caution must be exercised, so that we will not soon lose this precious heritage.

Many events are transpiring all around us that make a thinking person realize that we are indeed living in a marvelous age. With the rapid increase of knowledge in lines of communication, medicine and other subjects well over our heads, we can't hardly keep up.

Yet, on the other hand, we find conditions that we can hardly class as "all is well". With all of the rapid scientific advances, we find ourselves living in an age of unrest, fear, worry and untold human misery.

While we sat down to a full meal and then drove to work in a comfortable car, somewhere others were suffering. All of our efforts to better ourselves are to be commended, but in spite of it all, something is lacking. Could it be that we have failed to grasp the real meaning of life?

Please don't get me wrong. I am a long ways from being perfect. Only one person has ever lived on this earth who came up to this standard. It is gratifying to know that

this same One is now preparing homes in a better land for any and all who will accept His gracious invitation. These lines may sound like far-fetched, wishful thinking to some. To such I would ask: What hope do you have when you stand beside the open coffin of a loved one? It took a sick bed experience to awaken the writer of these lines, to the true facts concerning the human race.

In Thursday's Tribune the editor added a note with two Bible texts to one of the contributions. I wish to thank him for his thoughtfulness. Would it be in order for me to suggest a text pertaining to our perilous times? 2 Tim 3:25.

I'm no preacher, nor son of one, nor do I have long whiskers nor a halo around my head. No one has suggested such a description of me but someone might, according to Thursday's paper, Henry Johnson Jr., 2400 Highway 66, Ashland, Ore.

Against County Manager

To the Editor: "The Eight-Headed Monster": Do we want an elective Democratic county government, or do we want a man controlled government governed only by "policy" which is approved by an elected council who acts for the people without compensation for their time and effort?

Could a council selected from the rank and file of our citizens afford to give the time and effort to the job?

No doubt but that the only ones who would seek election for such a position would be those who need not worry about their source of income which, in effect, would deny the people a true choice of representation.

Our county commissioners would be replaced by men chosen by a "manager" with salary who in turn may not be interested in the county as a whole but only favored interests—district representation would be a thing of the past. Without compensation is there one of the present commissioners that would seek election for county council?

Manager form of government is a one-man dictatorial form of government; this paper advocates "centralized government" as being more efficient.

Our present county government leaves much to be desired, and can stand reorganization; but, if it comes to choosing between a dictator or a fully elected democratic form we had better keep what we have. The people would still retain the right to replace the head of government by vote of the people. Every citizen whether rich or poor should be able to seek office and without hardship. The vote of the people is worth something; if that what they vote for is not worth being compensated, the vote means nothing. It invites those to office that have only an ax to grind.

If the voters will think this all out for themselves, I am sure that it will be re-

One Injured in One Of Two Mishaps

One man was injured in one of two traffic accidents Friday afternoon and evening, state police said Saturday.

Injured was William Kenneth Dodd, 39, of Trail, who suffered a cut eye. He was treated at Shady Cove clinic, state police said.

The Dodd car was east-bound on Highway 42, approached a curve, lost control, slid across the westbound lane and struck a rock bank head-on, officers said. The accident occurred about 9:30 p.m., Friday, police said.

Friday afternoon a two-car collision occurred south of Medford on Highway 99 in front of Kim's restaurant, state police said. A car driven by George Terry Taylor, 85, of 424 King st., Medford, and a car driven by Joseph Fogel, 123 East Center st., Yreka, were involved, state police said.

NAME ORIGIN

Quito — Equador takes its name from the equator which crosses through this country just to the north of Quito.

solved that the recommendations of this paper for a manager form of government, such as the city of Medford has, for the county will be rejected.

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Bids to be Opened March 2 On Buildings

Bids will be opened Wednesday, March 2, at 2 p.m. for the construction of an exhibition, office and restaurant building in the Jackson county fairgrounds.

The bids will be opened in the office of William H. Siebert, architect. The county fair commission recently razed two buildings on the site.

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