

Communications

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Are We "Hoodwinked"?

To the Editor, and the people of Medford: How much longer are you going to be hoodwinked by officials of this city?

Please read the "City Manager returns from Regional Conference," on Page 6 of the Mail Tribune on Wednesday, March 2.

Having served you the public on the fire department for 22 years, and having resigned as Fire Chief in 1951, I wish to call to your attention, quotations from the City managers report on fire insurance ratings and the Medford rate.

He stated, "Medford now ranks 5 on this scale." That is the same rating Medford had when I went to work for the fire department on July 1, 1929. Let him tell us how Astoria, Oregon can rate 2.

Ask him why he was not interested in 1951, when I resigned, with fire insurance ratings? I worked with the consultant the city hired from the Portland fire department, drawing up fire prevention rules, and regulations and they laid on the top of one of the filing cabinets in City Hall, gathering dust, and that is as far as they got.

I also worked with an engineer from the Gamewell Fire Alarm system, and what did we get? Mr. Duff, in the Tribune at another time, bragged how much money he had saved on fire alarm boxes. What did we get? Camp White's discarded guard telephones, that can easily be sabotaged and they do not meet with the National Board of Fire Underwriters.

The National Board of Fire Underwriters do not have anything to say to cities of less than 100,000 population. We come under the Oregon Insurance Rating Bureau.

The National Board of Fire Underwriters do put out good fire prevention plans, movies, radio, and T.V. programs, but I never could get it to you the people on account of the censorship of the iron curtain at 5th and Central and I have not seen any of it brought to you yet.

The \$125,000 Bond issue and the 4 mill continuing levy (which has cost you hundreds of thousands of tax dollars) has not helped your rating in the past nine years.

Why shouldn't we be re-rating? Taking in all these districts. One thing sure, for all they take in, they get the 4 mill levy. In 1950 that amounted to \$60,000. In another year or two, they will be wanting us to vote another bond issue for the fire department and tell you it will help the rating and cut your fire insurance.

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Control of Pets

To the Editor: Everything said in Communication of March 2 regarding control of dogs, and especially the nuisance and ruin caused by lack of proper regulation, must be approved by every dog enthusiast, everyone who considers the other fellow's property and rights deserving of the same protection as his own.

First, let's consider the dog and his owner. Ask any authority on the subject, your vet, dog trainer and kennel club officials.

I am sure any and all of these will agree that pets allowed to run loose become unmanageable. They revert to the wild state more or less, and adopt habits that are unnatural even to a wild animal.

They gang up, kill sheep, chickens, etc., and in pairs go on foraging trips, turning over garbage cans, tearing clothes off lines, chasing cars and bikes, the neighbors cats, in short, becoming dangerous nuisances.

All of this is said through no lack of admiration for dogs or other pets, but rather a dislike for uninformed and selfish owners.

When cattle become a hazard, grazing along a highway, we soon adopt a herd law.

When personal privileges lap over onto public rights we have continually tried to adopt regulations, limiting such privileges.

These controls should not be limited to two or three months.

Our flower beds and garbage cans are with us the year around.

If one wanted a few banty chickens for pets and to control earwigs and other pests, the crowing of the rooster might disturb some uneasy sleeper, so no chickens.

Who would think of permitting a boy or girl raising a pet 4-H sheep, or goat.

This could go on, "making comparisons" for pages, but I think enough has been said to convince any considerate voter he, or she, should de-

often some parents objecting to marriage between couples of different faiths.

When an upright and mature couple experiences true love, it is entirely their own affair.

What church they attend is a small matter against holy matrimony.

"What God has joined together, let no man put asunder" is just as true as if they were already married.

I don't know why there is this discrimination against another faith.

In the first place there is only one God, one Son and one set of Commandments. It is as though we had not fully emerged from our cocoon of darkness. At least our wings are not dry enough to let us ascend to higher levels of true understanding.

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"There, But For . . ."

To the Editor: Heil Robertson! D. W. Robertson's letter sounds like something out of Mein Kampf.

Perhaps you could introduce legislation to erect another Auschwitz or Dachau right here in our "green Oregon" to get rid of all the "unwanted, underprivileged" offspring and sub-normal women. Then there would be room for more children of "parents of responsibility, both moral and financial."

My definition of "moral responsibility" obviously isn't the same as yours.

What a marvelous Christian attitude you have. Try reading St. Luke, chapter 16 verses 19 through 26, about the beggar Lazarus and the rich man. Also read St. Luke, chapter 18 verses 9 through 14.

Some people might disagree with me, but I like the phrase that goes, "There but for the grace of God, go I."

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The Pure Russians

To the Editor: Did you say there had been quite a few protests against a remonstrance made in this column condemning the use of lipstick and rouge by women in and about Medford?

Listen to the remonstrance made by Russian authorities in Moscow as shown by the following verbatim quote from "The National Voice":

"How stupid can we be? A plan by our government to give away \$130,000 worth of lipstick and rouge to Russians at the American exhibit in Moscow was squelched by the Russian authorities, who

Text of Hatfield Letter on Welfare Commission Problem

Editor's note: Here is the text of the controversial "sterilization" letter Gov. Mark O. Hatfield wrote, which has been in the news since publicized by State Democratic Chairman Robert Straub:

October 8, 1959
Mr. J. H. Luihn, Chairman
State Public Welfare Commission
State Office Building
Portland 1, Oregon

Dear Mr. Luihn: During the time of our recent meeting, I mentioned that I would forward to the Welfare Commission an outline of the matters which I felt were of major concern. That outline follows:

1. General concern for discharge of state responsibilities efficiently and equitably.

(a) First concern: Care of the unfortunate.
(b) Of almost equal concern: Minimum legitimate cost to the taxpayer.

2. The matter of standards of support.
(a) General assistance food allowance at 85 per cent of standard.
(b) Would it be reasonable to reduce federal program standards? (Are we now above the minimum for matching purposes?)
(c) What other standards could be reduced? What would the result be? (Left \$285 a month welfare to take job as laborer with state at \$275 per month.)

3. Standards of eligibility.
(a) What real purpose is served by placing recipients on general assistance grants while checking eligibility for federal programs?
(b) More stringent enforcement of resident requirement for general assistance applicants.
(c) What can be done to discourage abuse by recipients of the system of welfare programs?

(1) Sterilization of unwed mothers.
(2) Statement on back of welfare check.
(3) Vigorous enforcement of relative responsibility provisions.

Did not want their women to get the habit."

—National Voice
H. R. Bulman
Route 4, Box 316A,
Medford

(4) Program of public works—perhaps on a voluntary basis (then caseworkers could focus attention on freeloaders, weeding them out when justifiable.)

Standard of administrative control.
(a) Allotment system can be used more rigorously in controlling dollar totals. The Department of Finance and Administration will so interpret legislative intent.

(b) Child welfare is a very highly developed program. Should the Commission encourage some de-emphasis?

Sincerely yours,
Mark O. Hatfield
Governor

The Cocos-Keeling islands in the Indian Ocean are a link in the Australian-South Africa air route.

Lent Said Time of Giving in To Way of Life in Jesus Christ

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Written for UPI

Lent is not so much a time of giving up as of giving in to the way of life in Jesus Christ. It is only when a man's life is in tune with the timeless life of God that he is truly happy. Happiness is not in the purse but in the person.

On Way to Being Saved
The person who gives up his besetting sins, whether of the flesh or of the spirit, and

gives in to the love of Jesus Christ, is on the way to being saved from the misery and hell of selfishness and self pity.

People are oft times miserable to live with and to work with because they are miserable with themselves. Self acceptance in Jesus Christ is the key to a happy productive life.

Happy With Others
Jesus said: "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." If you can be happy with yourself, a self redeemed in Jesus Christ, you quite naturally

should be happy with others. In Christ we learn to love one another. Good loving makes for good living. The Lenten season is a good time to learn that happiness is not in the purse but in the person.

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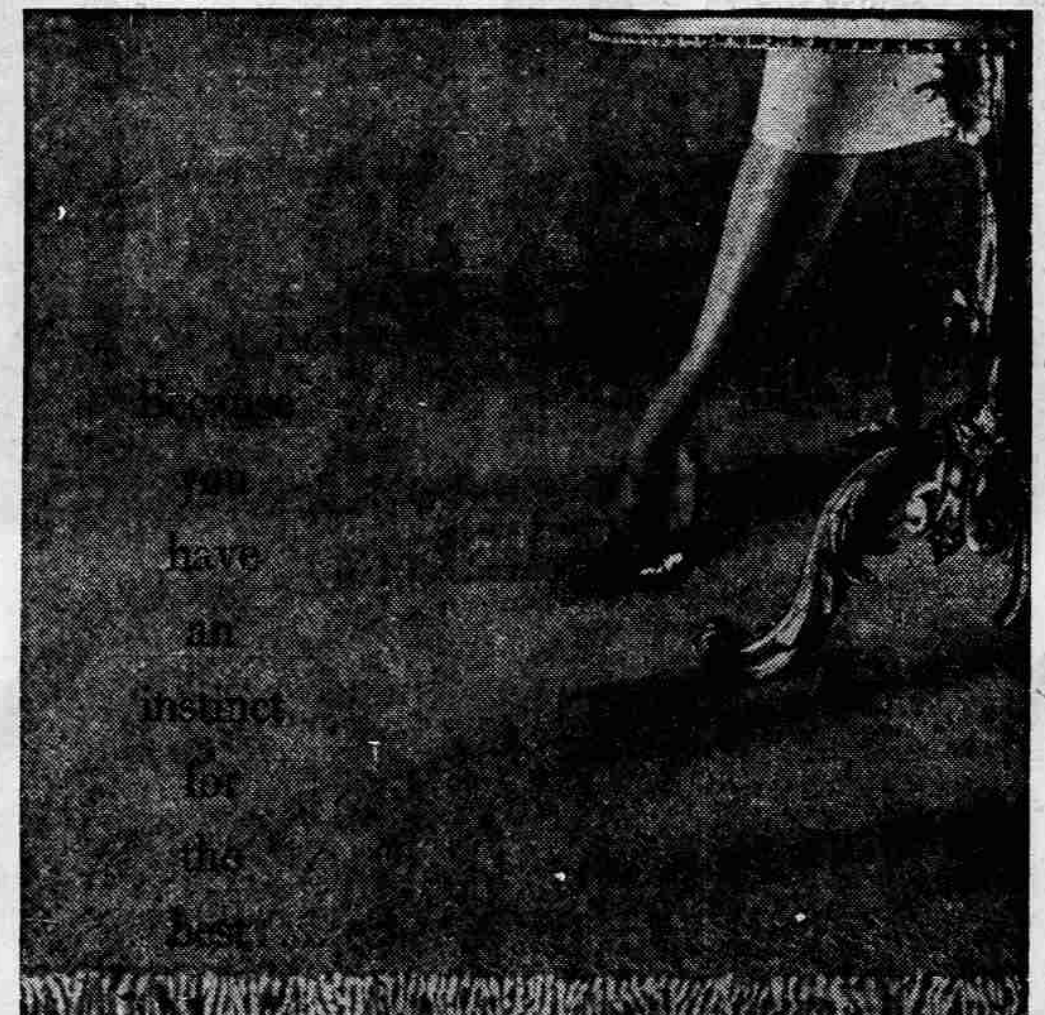
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