

Communications

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Prefers Dennis
To the Editor: I heartily agree with Mr. Vowell's recent communication suggesting that the political cartoon be kept off the front page and possibly moved to the editorial page.

Mr. Herblock's so-called sense of humor fails to amuse many readers.
Why not move "Dennis" up front?

Noelle Guber
2895 Orchard Home dr.
Medford

Pleasant Sounds
To the Editor: Neighborhoods are peculiar places; each has its own personality and outstanding characteristic.

My neighborhood is one of good sounds—of music, and I have enjoyed so many hours here that I want to share them with readers.

Each Sunday morning, from the auditorium at Lincoln school emanate sounds as reminiscent of childhood as the sweet odor of the old bakery. Many voices raise the old songs, "Jesus Is Coming to Earth Again," "On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand," others.

School will soon start and the entire week will be filled with beautiful music coming from the school; children's voices singing primary ballads, the bitter-sweet sounds of the grade school band rehearsing with regular blasts from several instruments played largely out of tune.

Across the street a young lady, proud owner of a convertible automobile, washes and polishes her prize very often, and as she does, she plays its radio, and living happy rock-and-roll music rests in the air about her. It is not offensive; it is pleasant.

Several small children sit on the street curbing each evening, as this spot is shady and cool, and they are too hot to tease and play, so they sing—"You Are My Sunshine," "Blue Tail Fly."

A hi-fi owner in the neighborhood has a collection of Sousa records, and each day at mid-morning I am stirred with mixed feelings of pride for my country and joy that I was fortunate enough to have been born here, when I hear the mighty thunder of "Semper Fidelis," "Stars and Stripes," others.

Another hi-fi owner has some fine old rare discs, Rudy Vaile, Al Johnson, Arthur Pryor, Nora Bayes, Jimmy Durante.

Up the street each morning, an unknown person in one of the homes practices her piano lessons each day, then she follows with playing and singing the classics or the old, old standards, and for a while I am a child when "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" was outstanding.

I wouldn't object, not at all, if Mr. Gilman were given permission to bring his musical ice cream wagon into my neighborhood—how sweet and pleasant and secure and American it seems.
(Name on File)
Medford.

To "Gram"
To the Editor: This is to "Gram" of Jacksonville, Ore. Who would ever notice your broad middle, thin spot in your hair and big feet? (We always look worse to ourselves).

A person who can write about people and animals like you would have a beautiful heart, and that is far more important.
Will never forget the morning after sleeping with my face lying on the edge of my pillow, and it had made a deep crease down the side of my face. My husband was frantic. He was certain I had my first wrinkle.

Taught me a lesson though. Not to go around with my forehead wrinkled. Watch how I put my head on my pillow. Hold my head high.
You will be surprised the wrinkles you can avoid.
Mrs. Delbert Casey
Route 1, Box 358
Central Point, Ore.

Stay In Oregon!
To the Editor: Am I ever ashamed!

Recently I was writing to a friend in Colorado. I was telling her about all the beautiful things to see in Southern Oregon—Crater Lake, the many-faceted Rogue River, Oregon Caves, the Vortex, the Shakespearian festival—when suddenly my pen stopped writing and I gasped as I realized we had just returned from a camping trip . . . to the California Redwoods.
We've only visited a few of our own attractions but considering them places for week end trips we trotted off to California for our vacation.

For shame! For shame! But I wonder how many of our

neighbors are guilty of the same error. I know we must and will do better by our beautiful state of Oregon from now on. Will you?
Mrs. E. Ward
538 Biddle rd.
Medford

They Ask Help
To the Editor: Medford taxpayers, how about helping the families south of Barnett rd. hold the Manor in Medford? Our main object is for our children to go to Medford schools.

Thursday night, Phoenix brought out that it was "asinine" for us to take our half million dollar assessed valuation from them, also the \$1-1/2 million of the Manor, thereby causing them a hardship. Figures proved beyond a doubt that cost per school child in Phoenix would be equitable to Medford's without the Manor and Barnett rd. area. There is a school equalization board to help districts in danger of falling below standard.

Phoenix people stated they had purposely chosen Phoenix schools for their children, that it was just as good as Medford's. We, in this area, are willing to accede their choice but surely we have the same right to choose what is best for ours.

However, we do not concede that Phoenix has just as much to offer as Medford schools. Their own superintendent admitted they lack certain subjects, no major work group for faster students, no summer school program, etc. We feel this is not in keeping with our country's demand for an accelerated school program.

After being called "asinine," "selfish," and told we could move, it was implied we were pretty "dumb" to build homes without checking school districts. People in this area originally came from all over the United States. Now, these "dumb" people could not and still will not conceive the idea that you could live in one city (within stone's throw of the school), and be made to go to another city to school. They had never heard of such a thing, and thought with a 100 per cent petition, this being a democracy, that this small, logical change could be made easily. That goes to show how dumb some people are, and how easily they throw around anywhere from \$15,000 to \$25,000.

Mr. Higgins, representing the Manor, stated that people coming to live there, are coming to Medford, Ore., not Phoenix. Medford police, firemen, water, sewer will service it. It is a Medford project, in your city limits. Do we Medford people want the school tax to help our tax burden, or are you willing to let Phoenix have this \$2-1/2 million assessed valuation, when they put no effort or money into it?

Mr. and Mrs. James R. Tungate,
Mr. and Mrs. Muri Nordstrom,
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Parker,
Mr. and Mrs. Harris G. Ross
Mr. and Mrs. Dale Jefferson
Mrs. Loretta Brennenman
Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Donahue
Edgemont dr., Medford.

Thank You!
To the Editor: THANK YOU! To the many friends and neighbors who came to help fight the recent fire on our ranch, we wish to express our gratitude for the rapid response they showed in offering their time and help.

Without their help and the unlimited help of the forestry service and the Central Point Fire department crews, we know the fire would have even extended further across Sams Valley.

As we are unable to extend our personal thanks to all who helped, we would like to take this time to sincerely thank all.
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Straus and family
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Straus and family
Straus Bros. Ranch,
Sams Valley, Ore.

Come On, Arkies!
To the Editor: All you Arkies, what's the matter with you? Even the Oakies are getting ahead of us. I know we know as much as they do, or the Texans, either one, and they all have picnics. Are we so poor that we can't?

I see every other state is having one. I would like to meet some of the good old Arkies. Don't feel ashamed. We have as good a state as the next one.
You remember all the defense plants during the Second War. There was a good saying, "Come on all you Arkies and Oakies, let's take Japan. We took California and never lost a man."

Crime Discovered After It's Solved

Dracut, Mass.—A crime was solved here before it was even discovered.

State troopers found two men asleep in a parked car. Under questioning, the pair admitted breaking into a Newburyport school and stealing a safe containing \$100. The empty safe was found in a cemetery.

Oh, I know we aren't that good yet, but I sure would love to see them all gathered. I know some I would know and some I wouldn't. We all could swap stories and more stories, I know.
(Name on File)
Medford

It's Money That's Needed
To the Editor: Your recent articles and editorials concerning the need for development and management of recreational sites in our forest lands are descriptive of the situation and very welcome by those of us who are impatient to get the job done.

As you have pointed out, when the public is aware of the abundant potential available for woodland recreation development and when the public recognizes its own need for such development, then the job will be done, because Congress will approve the necessary budget authority.

I have served on the U.S. Forest Service Advisory Council for Region 8 (Oregon and Washington) for the past ten years, and can assure you that the Forest Service is well aware of the need for development and anxious for congressional authorization permitting them to do the job. Actually, I believe that the Advisory Council has spent fully one-third of its time studying the large inventory of potential recreation development in the Forest Service lands and possible means of gaining such development. We have always advocated congressional budget appropriations as the best answer, but in lieu of such appropriations have urged from time to time community, county and state participation and development of Forest Service recreational sites under various plans.

You need have no fear about the Forest Service's willingness and ability to carry out the development and management of recreational sites within the Forest Service boundaries.

The only reason that the "district rangers" do not now develop camp sites and "bear wood" is that their time is allocated to carrying out the duties authorized by Congress in the budget. If at any time we have congressional authorization for fulfillment of our recreational needs, the Forest Service will happily do the job, and it will be directed by personnel trained in the forest recreational fields.

What is even more important, it will be done by an organization and men fully acquainted with all of the forest area, and the recreational program will be amendable to changing public needs and to changing forest conditions.

I urge you to continue to keep before the public the picture of our tremendous recreational potential and the public benefit which can be gained by its development.
Ben Day, Member U. S. Forest Service Advisory Council, Region 8, Gold Hill, Ore.

Salaries, Doctors, and Justice
To the Editor: Why have so much about the salaries of our legislators? If one is elected, he stays there on a starvation salary until he is ousted by someone else luckier, so they claim. Must be graft, some place.

Me, I have lived on \$80 per month that I get from disability social security, when I shouldn't have been laid up over six weeks at most if the doctor had done what he should have and had me pay for it.
My trouble happened on June 4, 1948. I fell and threw my hip out. The doctor didn't set it and let the leg draw up. I've been walking with a crutch ever since.

I had a letter sent to me by father. He said that he put five dollars in it but when I finally got it opened there was no money. I called the postal inspector here and he came to see me. He wanted the envelopes but didn't even want to give me a receipt for them.

So I waited a couple of months. I didn't hear from them so I wrote to the postmaster general. Their man came, at least said he was, but he didn't or wouldn't indicate where the letter was opened.
Another thing. My two sisters and I made up \$500 to take care of father. I got a plot by mother but the welfare wouldn't let me keep it. Is that justice? If it is, we haven't got such a thing.
C. W. Baker
Robinson Hotel
Medford

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