

Communications

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Increase Explained
To the Editor: As in the children's party game "gossip", the highly inaccurate story about Senator Ed Durno's legislative bill to "increase doctors' contributions" continues to grow in the Communications column of the Medford Mail Tribune.

The Oregon State Medical Society is not a state agency, and thinking people will realize that the State Legislature does not regulate the society's annual dues.

The Oregon State Board of Medical Examiners, a board appointed by the governor, regulated by Oregon State Law, is a state agency. It is charged with the general supervision over the practice of medicine and surgery within the state, grants licenses to practice, provides for annual registration of all physicians licensed by it.

Because of the great volume of work required to properly screen and examine the ever-increasing number of physicians who desire to practice in Oregon, as well as to carry out the other duties of the Board, a definite increase in funds was required.

Rather than asking the Legislature to supply the funds from general taxation, Senator Durno proposed a bill to increase the annual registration fee for physicians from \$15 to \$20 each year.

In legislation such as this, Senator Durno was representing all of the residents of our state, taxing the doctors (who gladly foot the bill) to assure only properly qualified physicians practice in the state of Oregon.

This serves as protection for anyone who may consult a physician in this state.

Is this what is known as representing only "one organization"?

Ray L. Casterline, M.D.
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Fuzzy Thinking
To the Editor: As I understand Nixon's policy, we would fight for the islands off the Chinese coast, but would do nothing about Cuba off our mainland.

If that isn't fuzzy thinking, I don't know what is.

What happened to the Monroe Doctrine?

George Rockel,
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Grants Pass, Ore.

Unworthy
To the Editor: Russell Tripp's second letter attacking me is just as inaccurate as his first, where he accused me of only returning home every two years. The fact is that I came home nine times during the last two years.

Now he attempts to make it appear that I supported Castro after Castro turned into a Red-tinged dictator.

This is the same tactic being tried by my Republican opponent. There was reason for a while to hope for Cuba establishing democracy, but the administration's coddling of Batista made its realization too difficult.

Tripp also refers to my "support for Red China." This

stable and consistent representation especially in procuring Umpqua Harbor development, we will struggle along with Porter this time in spite of his noisy proclivities. He is a diligent worker, and we happen to think his views on foreign policy a little more realistic than those of Mr. Geddes."
W. L. Harris,
Box 205,
Reedsport, Ore.

Rover and Leashes
To the Editor: Folks ask me what I think of the leash law. I usually speak before I think, so I guess I will tell you about Old Rover. He was half English Bull and half Bloodhound, with a roar that ripped the sound barrier, or would have, had one been near the ground. That bay was music to my ears, and his mug was as Irish as mine.

He would hold the reins of my saddle horse while I shopped in a trading post, watch my belongings, keep the hens out of the garden, pick up dropped articles, bring my shoes, close the door—in fact he understood English.

He would lie quietly for hours on the lawn while my three young used him for a pillow while napping.

How he could dig potatoes when I pointed to a hill and said "dig."

Soda, his fuzzy, white pal, liked nothing better than to stir up a doggie argument, then sit back with an amused smirk on his face while Rover fought it out.

The rascals couldn't leave the porcupines alone so we often had a night of quill pulling. If one snips off the ends first they come out easier, but we didn't know that at first. We had to hog-tie Soda, but Rover would stand in a puddle of blood and let us work him over.

A wolf killed Soda, but Rover got the wolf.

He lived to be 16 years old, and became deaf and blind. He was suffering so we had him put to sleep.

I sometimes dream of sitting on a fallen tree near a clearing while Rover drives out a drove of snowshoe rabbits again.

We once tied Rover with a large rope while visiting. He immediately cut it neatly in two and took over a porch mat. He was one of the family and if alive today, we'd be on the move to a Shangri-La where leashes were not in order.

Gram
Jacksonville, Ore.

Time Marches On
To the Editor: Our friend from the Applegate says we are lucky. That is just fine, because we are going to need all the luck that we can get.

And let the same friend be advised that it is not only sorry for whom we feel sorry, but millions of the same. For we face a dilemma quite as destructive as the atom bomb, and that is the disintegration of our way of life. It is obsolete and we do not have the will or talent to do anything about it. Senator Kennedy seems in a mood to grab the situation by the horns and try to throw it. But at times he talks so childish about foreign affairs, such as riding herd on the Communist world, that we question whether he knows what our dilemma is all about, while Mr. Nixon shows no aptitude toward the job of meeting an economic crisis.

Senator Kennedy has the slogan "A New Frontier." "S.O.S." would be more to the point. It was not an accident that South Carolina fired on Fort Sumter. Neither is it an accident that Castro took over Cuba, lock, stock and barrel. South Carolina tried to retain a feudal social system. Castro destroyed one.

Evolution has been on the march for a hundred years. Wars, violence and social upheaval have marked the way like milestones. Great social changes are effected more by necessity than they are by opportunism. The river of time erodes the silt of social structures and man, like ants and bees, brings order out of chaos.

Our social structure is on the brink of chaos. The Communists are setting an example of social order and economic efficiency. It is there to be observed. Sudden change is always ruthless and the clash of the old and the new in the process of change is not pleasant. A voter must be a realist more than a sentimentalist, or he will suffer much disappointment.

The question for the voter to decide is whether he will start to change with Kennedy

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Bouncing back in these chronicles, Reno came rather late into Western history. In his fabulous winter trip southward from Klamath Marsh in 1843, Fremont must have passed close to the site of the Biggest Little City in the World, for he entered the Carson Valley, which is named for his famous scout, Kit Carson — for whom Kit Carson Way in Klamath Falls is also named.

From the Carson Valley, Fremont crossed the Sierra in midwinter, with horses — a fabulous feat — and came out at Sutter's Fort, the site of what is now Sacramento.

IN HIS 1843 expedition to the West, Fremont brought along a small cannon. It was fired only once — at Klamath Marsh. The Indians there were getting a little hostile in their attitude, and Captain Fremont thought it might be a good idea to fire the cannon over their village.

He relates in his journal that the roar of the gun itself and the bang of the shell when it exploded accomplished the desired result. The Indians promptly quieted down.

THAT brings up a sad personal story. Many years ago, Forrest Cooper and this writer conceived the idea of locating the little cannon, which Fremont abandoned before tackling the crossing of the Sierra through the deep snows of winter, and presenting it to the Klamath County Historical Museum, where it rightly belongs.

After considerable research we came to the conclusion that it must be somewhere within a circle maybe 20 miles in diameter in the Carson Valley. But we procrastinated. Several years went by.

Then . . . one summer . . . a search party from Carson City LOCATED it at almost the exact spot our research had indicated it should be.

The little gun is now in the Carson City Museum.

Were our faces red when we heard what had happened!

GETTING back to the subject of this piece, the site of Reno slumbered along peacefully for years. The pony express, which passed by it came and went. The War between the States ran its bloody course, and ended.

Then, one fateful day, a party of miners, exasperated by the black sand they kept finding, had an assay made and the assay revealed that

or shall we wait with Nixon. But time marches on and voting will not halt it.

Walter Reece
Gallice rd.
Merlin, Ore.

From Candidate
To the Editor: As a candidate, I wish to convey my appreciation to the League of Women Voters for the opportunity to discuss the issues with the voters of Jackson county.

During the coffee hour I recall discussing with Mr. Anderson the need for a minimum wage of at least a dollar an hour, which law Mrs. Nye opposed in the 1959 Legislature. I have never considered myself a profane person but it is possible that I might have used the word d-n in expressing my feelings for those who in this day and age would contend that our workers should be paid wages less than a dollar an hour.

I hereby extend my apologies to Mr. Anderson if my language offended him. However, I must note for the record that Mr. Anderson at the time of our discussion was wearing the political literature of one of my Republican opponents.

John L. Gregory,
Holcomb Springs rd.,
Sams Valley, Ore.

Clarification
To the Editor: Responding to my opponent's "Main Complaint," two points require clarification:

1. I use my own field equipment (costing new about \$1,500.00) on county work at NO charge to the taxpayers.

2. Private business in the county surveyor's office is decided by the county court — I will abide by their decision.

Mark Boyden
(Candidate for County Surveyor)
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Medford

Fund Crusade To Finish Sunday

The Building Fund Crusade will end in victory Sunday at St. Luke's Methodist church during the 11 a.m. worship service.

Those people pledging support of the building program for the construction of the new sanctuary and parsonage will place their "Intent Cards" on the offering plates at the service.

The Rev. Meredith Groves, director of the Crusade, will preach on the subject, "I Pledge Allegiance!" The choir will sing the spiritual "Until We Meet Again" arranged by Rob Roy Peery. Supervised nursery in provided for preschool children during the service.

Sunday School convenes at 9:45 a.m. with classes for all ages. The Junior High Methodist Youth Fellowship will meet at 5 p.m. The senior MYF meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday the chapel choir meets for rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.

Central Point Topics Listed for Sunday

Central Point—"Let Me Tell You About my Allments!" will be sermon topic Sunday at 10:45 a.m. at Church of Christ, Third and Oak sts., by Mr. Jean Shelley, minister. He will speak at 7:30 p.m. on "Signboards on the Highway of Life." The church orchestra will play.

The Bible school will continue its interclass competition for the banner class with an all-out effort for perfect attendance and 100 per cent of Bibles for those attending. The Young Adult class has won the banner for the past two weeks.

Youth meetings are held for the junior through senior groups at 6:30 p.m. each week. Karen South will be the leader for the senior group this week. Her topic will be "Choosing Our Lasting Friendships."

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