

Communications

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Driver Training Funds

To the Editor: Reimbursement for high school driver education programs was provided for by the 1957 Oregon legislature. This law authorizes payments to high school districts to the extent of 75 per cent of the cost of conducting the course, not to exceed \$20 per pupil enrolled. The law further provides that both classroom and practice driving instruction shall be given in dual control automobiles; and that students may receive classroom instruction either prior to, or concurrent with, practice driving instruction, but the practice driving phase may not precede classroom instruction.

An added fee of \$1 on each driver's license supplies the student driver training fund, from which administrative costs and payments to districts are borne. The amount of revenue is approximately \$490,000 per year; the allowance for administrative expenses is \$30,000 per biennium. Any surplus remaining in the fund as of June 30 each year shall be transferred to the state highway fund.

Now the problem that puzzles me is the fact that out of 219 high schools, only 104 participated in the program in the 1959-60 school year. Of these high schools, out of a total eligible sum of 28,030 only 5,875 received instruction. This means that in the end of the school year, huge surpluses are built up because the program isn't reaching enough of our students. The sad part of this whole story is that in the last two years over \$1,000,000 was transferred to the highway fund.

I am certain that the citizens in the State of Oregon are willing to contribute \$1 of each driver's license toward the driver education program; but I am not so sure that they want to subsidize the state highway program with this money.

It is my suggestion that our citizens communicate with their legislators and urge them to amend the law so as to make it possible for money derived from this source to be kept in a revolving fund to accelerate this program.

This message should be of great importance to each and every citizen, especially because of the terrible traffic accident rate here in the state of Oregon. Also because of the soaring automobile insurance rates.

I am sure that with some concentrated effort Oregon could take a leading stand in furthering the much needed driver education program.

Judge Joe A. Jaross, Washington County Juvenile Department, Hillsboro, Ore.

Applying's Efficiency

To the Editor: While Mr. C. Girard Davidson in his vicious letter of Oct. 20, is unduly preoccupied with the promotional activities of our present secretary of state, which to me seem to be perfectly within reason and not of an exorbitant nature, Howell Applying is more concerned with the efficient and proper expenditure of our tax dollars, the welfare of the taxpayers' pocketbook and the rehabilitation of some 10,000 unfortunate persons confined to our state institutions.

He points at what he terms the "sorry record" of Mr. Applying, but many of us will not agree when we see the record that within 14 months the managerial abilities of the present administration, along which lines Howell Applying is especially qualified, have saved the tax payers of Oregon over \$300,000 through more complete and rapid rehabilitation of boys at MacLaren School alone. This is only one example of his dedication to low cost government through the improvement of existing services.

Howell Applying is the kind of efficient manager we need in public office and on the board of control. He warrants the support of every thinking voter in retaining him as Oregon's secretary of state.

C. W. (Bill) Abbott, Old Stage rd., Central Point, Ore.

The Economic Issue

To the Editor: When Mr. Nixon was asked the question how he would go about raising the national economy, his answer was that first he would revise the tax structure to give capital the incentive to build more and better factories to encourage a higher production rate.

He never said how he was going to raise the money that he was going to exempt the big boys from paying, to make up the tax deficit. He would have to give us a sales tax, also raise the excise tax. Where would he find a mar-

ket for this extra production of goods that he wants produced? Who would he sell them to? By cutting the tax on the big boys, he would take the money out of the poor man's pockets, either by higher prices or higher income taxes on those able to pay.

Therefore he would lower the buying power of about 60 million people who are working for substandard wages, small farmers, small business men, old folks on social security, or other retirement plans.

Certainly Mr. Nixon knows that the U.S. is priced out of most foreign markets and for good. Exports were off 3 billion dollars for the last fiscal year and \$2 billion more for the first three months of this year. Mr. Nixon knows that we can't compete with cheap labor and factories that equal ours in productivity.

The fact is that the American people will have to absorb most everything that is manufactured in the U.S.

Mr. Nixon said he had a voice in making most of our policy, so what is his excuse for letting prices and wages go up and up? The stores and markets and the warehouses are bulging with goods. You name it and they have it, in big supply and to the point of saturation.

The merchants are using every sales pitch in the book to sell their merchandise. Some merchants advertise no down payment required, 45 days before the first payment is due. Does anyone wonder why bankruptcy is at an all time high? If Mr. Nixon is elected he will have his old friend Hoover as an adviser and like as his roving ambassador. Now won't that be ducky. But will he be able to get like off of the golf course?

The only thing that Nixon has to offer is his ability to quarrel with Kroosh and Castro right up to the brink of war. And now he is showing his ability to quarrel with Kennedy.

He has no intention of lowering the depletion exemption on oil and minerals, and he also refuses to plug the tax loopholes for big business.

So I vote for Kennedy. J. R. Schumpf, Route 1, Box 312, Central Point, Ore.

YMCA's World Service

To the Editor: Mankind's first achievement in the space age seems to be the conquest of space on earth. Distances that once took Marco Polo years to cover, now take jet planes a matter of hours.

Ready or not, the once far-distant peoples of the world have now become next-door neighbors. To make these neighbors more neighborly is today's most pressing problem.

The development of understanding between the babel of cultures that make up our world is no longer a mere philosophic desirability. It ranks now a matter of life and death. We are racing against time. A world in peace or a world in pieces may well depend upon the outcome.

We are fortunate in having the YMCA in the forefront of this struggle for world friendship in so many key areas of the world. The Y's 10,000 centers in 77 countries and territories provide powerful, down-to-earth training grounds for brotherhood.

We know how effectively the YMCA of our city is working for brotherhood-building here at home. It is gratifying to know that its World Service campaign will advance the cause of peace and brotherhood all over the world. We urge everyone to support the Y's World Service effort.

Mrs. Virginia Wickersham, Chairman, World Service Committee, Medford YMCA, Medford.

Poisons

To the Editor: With election only a few days away, who will be interested enough in the health of people of nation to take some action, not research.

"The Poison in Our Food," by William Longgood, says we have all read about nerve gases or poison, that a thimbleful can obliterate the entire world's population. What effect do these poisons have on our health?

We can only look at dead insects and think, what about and mystery diseases, muscular dystrophy, paralysis, cancer and others.

Are these diseases in which enzyme-blocking poison take a part? Our most potent insecticides contain these same enzyme-blocking ingredients.

Dr. Joe S. Nichols, M.D., of Alanta, Texas, in his magazine, says our foods are being poisoned to death. Our countryside is being sprayed with the most toxic pesticides known to man. Hepatitis, a

disease of liver, is increasing by leaps and bounds. D.D.T. is one of the causes of it. Mass spraying is mass suicide, and has got to be stopped.

In a pamphlet sent me by Dr. Coda Martin, M.D., it says, "This is man-made and under human control. Thus it can be eliminated by order from the department of health and welfare, and through the powers of U.S. Public Health Service. These agencies were established to protect the health of our nation."

Man-made and man-applied substances can be immediately controlled if so desired.

Such a situation as we are faced with today regarding the degenerative diseases. There must be a new approach, but based on political or economical reasons. These insecticides are sold under the name of economic poison.

We are told we all have a job to do if we save America, that it is later than we think. Good health for future generations of our children is priceless.

Are we going to ask those who are running our government, also the department of health, education and welfare, and the powers of U.S. public health service, to do something about it.

Julia Grissom, Route 2, Central Point, Ore.

Supports Applying

To the Editor: This is written in support of Howell Applying for Oregon secretary of state, and also in answer to the recent letter of "Jebbie" or C. Girard Davidson attacking Howell Applying, which was printed in your paper on Oct. 20.

Jebbie Davidson is well known in Oregon for two reasons: One, he is now, and has been in the past, the "hatchet man" for the Democratic party. Two, he is a leader of the extreme radical faction of the Democratic party in Oregon. Of course he would like to have Monroe Sweetland as secretary of state, because Sweetland and Davidson both belong to that radical minority of the Democratic party; and the election of Sweetland would be the first time that that group ever controlled a major office in Oregon.

Davidson is best remembered for his efforts to promote a Columbia Basin Authority modeled after the TVA, a proposal which would have made the citizens of Oregon and Washington wards of a paternalistic federal government agency. Criticism from such a source as Davidson is one of the highest compliments a man running for public office could have.

I urge Democrats and Republicans alike who wish to retain control of their own governmental functions to support Howell Applying—a man of proven ability; a man of sound liberal tendencies; a man who believes in the people of Oregon and in their ability to handle their own affairs.

Dana L. Platz, 1041 Ingrid, Medford.

"Sorry" or "Brilliant"?

To the Editor: Should Dr. Durno win the Congressional election, much of the credit should go to a letter signed Elizabeth Poston, of 2618 West Main st., Medford. The writer had a letter summarizing what she called his "sorry voting record."

She says: "He voted against: 'Federal aid to education.' (I'll buy that); 'Allowing state agencies to bargain with employee unions.' (That's OK); 'Expanding veterans' loan program.' (Good Boy); 'Allowing counties to provide medical insurance for employees.' (Is there a good reason they shouldn't); 'Allowing counties to provide civil service protection for employees.' (Who brought that one up?); 'Repealing the unfair anti picketing law.' (Who says it is unfair?); 'Restoring trade with China in non-strategic goods.' (Hohum); 'Creating state scholarship commission to assist worthy students.' (Would call for another high cost spending spree); 'Requiring school districts to protect employees against damage suits.' (Well, well! That's a dandy!); 'Modernizing state government by elimination of the board of control.' (A statesmanlike decision certainly!); 'He voted for: 'A general retail sales tax.' (That would give us an even break with Washington, Idaho and California. Is that bad?); 'Forcing already insured motorists to buy an extra policy to protect themselves against uninsured drivers.' (Is she certain that was the exact wording of the bill?);

Now this "so-called sorry record" adds up to good solid statesmanship in the minds of most thinking citizens. I'm a Durno man, and thank her for this wonderful plug. Had she changed that one word "sorry" to "brilliant" the whole thing would have made wonderful sense.

Glen A. Wellman, 1886 NE Walnut st., Roseburg, Ore.

Generalists Protested

To the Editor: As a realistic candidate I understand the prerogative of an editor to endorse candidates of his own personal choice. However, criticism of a candidate's program should extend beyond mere generalities and conclusions. My campaign has attempted to publicize a definite legislative program in order to draw out of the other candidates a discussion of the issues. An intelligent discussion of the issues would enlighten the voters on what they could expect of the candidates as legislators. To date, I have failed to stimulate the other candidates who have avoided the issues as though they were the plague and have resorted to a campaign of imagery.

I fully realize the difficulties of success in the passage of my program for real property tax relief. My program was set for the purpose of stimulating new ideas for tax relief by showing the basic inequity of the property tax. I would consider my tax program a partial success even if I could only produce legislation placing a limit on any further increases of such tax and to turn to other sources of revenue to finance our schools. My views on the inequities of the property tax are not unique or original since a number of states have enacted similar tax programs.

U. S. Senator Clark of Pennsylvania has been long an exponent of these views. I do not challenge your right to your personal opinions of my candidacy, but only your dismissal of my program without logically showing what are its shortcomings or better alternative solutions.

John L. Gregory, Sams Valley rd., Medford.

Surveyor's Office

To the Editor: I would like to submit to you and the public some facts regarding the operation of the Jackson county surveyor's office.

There has not been in the past, nor at the present time, enough official county surveying to employ a full time surveyor with a survey crew. In order to have a survey crew available when needed for official county use, it has been most practical and economical to have a deputy county surveyor with his private survey crew work out of the county offices. The only official facility used consists of a typewriter, a desk or two and a calculator.

To my knowledge, the county surveyor's department has never owned any surveying equipment, such as a transit, level, level rod, line rod, tapes plumb bobs, drafting table, drafting instruments, etc. These have always been owned by either the county surveyor or his deputy. In making official surveys for the county, the surveyor or his deputy uses this private equipment at no cost to the county. The use of this equipment more than offsets the use of the typewriter and desk.

By having the county surveyor or his deputy use his private or private work, these men are available to the public a greater percentage of the time than they would be in a private office away from the court house. This is very important.

All official surveys made for and paid for with county funds and all records filed in the office are available to the public for inspection at all times and denied to no one. There is no reason why information from private surveys made by the deputy county surveyor should be available to the public any more than that of any other private land surveyor.

As for myself, since becoming county surveyor I have never made a private land survey nor been benefited from any survey made by my deputy.

Jackson County Surveyor Paul B. Rynning.

Dellenback Defended

To the Editor: An editorial column is a powerful weapon for communication. When used inaccurately, it can be unjustly and unfairly harmful.

I take issue with both the content and implications of the editorial of Oct. 27 relating to my partner, John Dellenback, as a candidate for the state legislature.

While the editorial conceded John Dellenback is a "far above average" candidate, it accused him of not having "an

adequate sense of political propriety and responsibility." My quarrel is with the use of these words—not with the right of the editor to make his choice.

May I suggest that there are nearly as many views of what constitutes "an adequate sense of political propriety and responsibility" as there are voters. Therefore, the phrase itself may hang on: what is "adequate"?; but when one "lacks" this quality an implication of political chicanery and dishonesty arises which is unfair and completely unjustified when applied to John Dellenback.

From close personal association with him over the past nine years, I know John Dellenback to be a rare person who actually practices and exemplifies the doctrines of Christianity in his every day life. He has an innate sense of propriety and responsibility to his fellow man as shown by his record and his daily living. Complete integrity is a basic part of him and governs his life in every aspect—including the political.

To state, or imply, otherwise is to be inaccurate with the facts and unfair to the man.

From observation of legislators and legislatures since the late twenties, some at close hand, I say that John Dellenback would make an excellent legislator in every respect without qualification. He is not only a highly intelligent and articulate man, but, most importantly, he possesses an unshakable integrity which, in my belief, is the essential factor to the possession of "an adequate sense of political propriety and responsibility."

Frank J. Van Dyke, 3385 Hollywood, Medford.

The Farm Problem

To the Editor: It seems that Governor G. Mennen Williams figures that the people of this area do not read the papers and periodicals. We are not quite as uninformed or misinformed as his talk in this area would lead one to think.

I would not defend the present administration's farm policies for a minute, but to blame all the mess on Ezra Taft Benson is just making him a scapegoat. He has been fighting for reforms since before his appointment and has been stymied at every turn by Republicans and Democrats alike.

The present farm policy is just a continuation of the Democratic program that was initiated in 1938. The Republicans are not quite as good at giving away the taxpayers' goods, so they have allowed the surplus to accumulate. The sad feature of all this is that it has done little for the farmers that needed help and it has cost us millions of dollars in just storage fees. The staggering losses from spoilage, bureaucratic bungling and other wastes should make all Americans call for a change.

Gov. Williams' administration in the state of Michigan has put the state about \$100,000,000 in the red with its welfare program. He came to our state asking us to support a candidate who has advanced a farm program that would make the present one look like a drop in the bucket in comparison. Henry A. Wallace said that Sen. Kennedy's program would require more controls than in most communist countries and would bankrupt the nation. Another source estimated that it would take 50,000 more inspectors in the department of agriculture to administer the program. It would be naive to think that there would not be the same type of inequities under the new plan.

As for driving people off the farms, Sen. Kennedy advocates the relocation of the farmers who are not doing well on the farms. This would be the same as forcing them off their lands as Gov. Williams charged the Republicans have done.

One rice producer collected \$9,989,078 and another one \$1,331,723 in price support checks. Others exceeding one-half million dollars were paid. Barclay price support payments of over \$1 million to each farmer have been paid.

Why not put the farmer on his own? Most of them would appreciate the change.

Dovlon F. Woods, Prospect, Ore.

Politics and Music

To the Editor: While I do not agree with you on every political point, I want to assure you that human endurance has its limits. The flood of political propaganda is almost overwhelming.

If I consumed and digested everything that has been little by little, there would be little time left for anything else. Yet I feel it is imperative that we keep informed. Facts are facts. We dare not play ostrich and bury our heads in the sand. The times in which we live demand sober, intelligent thinking. We are dealing with problems, many of which should not be passed over lightly.

In our quest for enlightenment on questionable issues, let us be sure that our upsets and emotions do not overrule. This can be well illustrated in some of the large gatherings we have heard of, where excitement prevails. Be it a political rally or a religious gathering, the end results many times are the same. Good sound reasoning does not stem from a point of a lot of excitement and noise.

It would seem that some of these disc jockeys in our radio stations feel their part in life is just to keep the public so aroused and stirred up they'll have little time for serious thought. The wild frenzied devil dances of darkest Africa have their rhythms emanating from far too many loudspeakers in so-called Christian America. Sad to say this wild swaying rhythm is even pervading our sacred hymns. Songs with words so uplifting are sung with lips that put their real meaning down with the base and vile. I like a good clean cowboy song but when these sweet gospel melodies come out dressed in the attire of the dance hall and cowboy jamboree, well I shudder.

Music has a power for good or bad. When one listens to the refreshing songs of the Haven of Rest, King's Heralds or Del Deiker, he is refreshed. But keep your ears attuned to some of the others they call music and watch for results.

"There is a way that seemeth right unto man but the end thereof is death." Henry Johnson Jr., 2400 Highway 86, Ashland, Ore.

Don't Call Him

To the Editor: I have heard the Rogue River Valley called "The Land of Opportunity" many times. Yes, it is the land of opportunity all right, the only opportunity you have is to let your family starve to death.

Ten years ago next month I received a letter from the draft board telling me that I had been selected by a board composed of my good friends and neighbors to serve in the armed forces of the United States. A year ago in April, I was injured in an industrial accident. Where are all of these good friends and neighbors now?

Hire the handicapped, it is good business! How many times have we heard that? Yes, we all believe in it, but nobody does anything about it, or so it seems. I don't know how many jobs I have been turned down on lately because of my injury, also my age. Are only the young entitled to the jobs any more?

I am only 30 years old, past the age of learning, and unable to do any heavy work any more.

Well, thank you good friends and neighbors for your kind help but the next time you have a war to fight call some of these fat businessmen around town that have been so kind as to hire the handicapped, and leave me alone because I just don't feel like defending a country that will let my family go hungry when I get into a tight spot.

(Name on File) Medford.

Skating Problems

To the Editor: In answer to a certain letter and to set a few minds at ease: When you purchase a ticket to the Guess What Skating Rink you enjoy the following: The largest unobstructed skating surface in Southern Oregon, elaborate lighting effects, live organ music, Jerry Miller at the Hammond, new shoes for skate rental, proper supervision, spacious parking lot with attendant, plus a well adjusted program for all, and

Minimum Wage

To the Editor: Recently, I heard a news commentator on TV discussing the problems of employing persons on "relief." This man said that men may be employed by the County, for the County, at a wage of \$1 per hour. Why are they not allowed at least the minimum wage limit? Is this lawful?

C. L. Castleberry, Route 1, Box 398-D, Central Point, Ore.

Which Way the Wind?

To the Editor: We have 3 kinds of forecasters in America, the stock market, the weather bureau and political, and not un of dem can tell us which way the wind was going to blow tomorrow.

Everett Acklin, Ashland, Ore.

Where Does He Stand?

To the Editor: I have read Dr. Durno's statements in the newspapers, listened to him on the radio and watched him on television. I would like to know his position on the Rogue Basin project and so far have not heard him discuss it.

This project is vitally important to everyone in Jackson county, since it will put 88,000 new acres of land into production, among other things.

I would like to know what Dr. Durno will do for this project if he is elected to Congress. Also, is he in favor of the Agate Project or not?

Porter says he supported the Agate project because the Army Engineers and others felt it would not be detrimental to the entire Rogue project. He has stated his stand on the Rogue Project and I know what to expect from him. Now I want to know how Durno feels.

Pat Mills, 924 Alta st., Medford.

Straight Since McKinley

To the Editor: At last, as a Democratic "Independent," you have a rival: your new found friend, the "Liberal" from New York, he who has already voted and voted "er straight."

He also attended the candidates meeting at Hedrick and concluded the Democratic candidates had the "best of it." One wonders if the Angel Gabriel had been in the Republican group and His Sarcasm Majesty on the other, if Mr. Jenny wouldn't have looked the same direction. One has to admire such liberality.

I have voted for every Republican candidate since and including McKinley (except once for T.R. the Bull Moose), but I have never been so biased as I couldn't often vote "split" for local and state officers.

J. W. Shirley, 247 South Second st., Central Point, Ore.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Before leaving Nevada, let's take a retrospective look at her economy over the past three-quarters of a century. In many ways, it has been a peculiar economy. A sympathetic understanding of it helps to explain a lot of things that might otherwise seem a bit on the screwball side.

ALMOST from its beginnings, Nevada has been a mining state. Its chief mineral has been silver. There has been gold, of course, but the BIG mining booms have been silver booms. The Comstock was chiefly silver. Tonopah and Goldfield were chiefly silver.

Back in the beginnings of Nevada's mining economy, silver was a MONETARY metal. Coins were made of it. Nevada was acutely interested in William Jennings Bryan's 1896 campaign on a platform of free coinage of silver at a ratio of 16 to 1. That would have used a lot of silver. Nowadays, except in Nevada, the paper dollar practically out of circulation. World silver markets are not too active.

With practically no timber, with expansion of agriculture sharply limited by the scarcity of water, Nevada in recent decades has gravely needed SOMETHING to bring back the prosperity that was general in the days when silver was king.

AS HAS been cited in these sketches, the divorce mills filled the bill for several decades. But the divorce mills (made possible by free and easy state laws) didn't provide VOLUME enough to keep the state's economy geared to the needs of the times. Something else was needed.

What to do about it? The answer was found in free and easy gambling laws. Reno was at first the big beneficiary. Then Las Vegas arose. The new competition seemed to hurt Reno not at all. In fact, it seemed to help. The more opportunity there was to challenge Lady Luck, the larger the crowds of challengers appeared to be.

THEN . . . something else happened. It was discovered that show business and gambling seemed to go hand in hand. It wasn't long before Las Vegas and Reno were challenging Hollywood and Broadway as leaders in the entertainment field.

The boom built on this discovery bids fair to exceed the booms of the silver-mining days.



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