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About Placerville

To the Editor: In my last letter to the Tribune, I said: "I found a telephone nailed to a pine tree in the Trinity Alps." That ain't where we nailed the telephone where I come from. That's where we nailed the telephone. We did not have inside restrooms and outside telephones. We had inside telephones and outside restrooms. I don't know why, we just did.

Placerville, Colo., wuz a pretty small town, but it was the biggest town in them there parts. I don't know why, it just turned out that way.

There wuz a store, hotel, saloon, barn, restroom, a pine tree and a telephone, and we could have got along without the telephone. There wuz scarcely enough room in that narrow canyon for the restroom and the pine tree, after they built the barn. There wuzn't enough room in the restroom for the telephone or the telephone company would have installed it there.

We did have inside restrooms in Placerville sometimes, but they were on wheels. Twice a day, the passenger trains went through Placerville. They had inside restrooms, but we wuzn't fast enough to catch them. The train only stopped once in Placerville, and they didn't stop soon enough. They hit a burro and he took the front wheel of the engine with him. It didn't hurt the burro much, it just shook him up a bit. He learned to stay on the sidetrack.

We wuz in Placerville when Trout Lake dam busted. It sure raised heck with Placerville. It took the barn, the restroom and the pine tree, so we moved to Oregon. We bought a house with an inside

bathroom and a porcelain bathtub. It's the first time I ever knew anybody could take a bath without getting rusty.

When I went to work for Mr. William Randolph Hearst at Wynton, they had a dining room a block from the kitchen. Everybody thought that was too far. They should have seen our bathroom in Placerville. I wuz a mile from the kitchen, and we didn't have a porcelain bathtub. We used mineral water in a tin bathtub, but that's Placerville.

Everett Acklin
Ashland, Ore.

Accept Responsibility

To the Editor: Tomorrow it may be our son or daughter flying to the moon. Within the next 40 years the teenager of today must recognize and accept their responsibility in our rapidly developing aerospace age.

It is out of this recognition that the Civil Air Patrol, celebrating this week their 19th anniversary, extends to cadet age boys and girls, 14 through 17 years of age, one of the largest aviation education programs in our nation's history.

There are 40,000 cadets enrolled in our flight program which was started nine years ago. The Civil Air Patrol is a civilian non-profit organization. As the auxiliary of the United States Air Force, the 50,000 senior members are waiting to give a strong helping hand to our youth in their selection of a career, fruitful, not only for the cadet but for the country as well.

Medford composite squadron will hold an open house Monday, Dec. 5 to explain our cadet and senior program to all interested in aviation. This week also starts the beginning

of our junior cadet program. Sponsored by the CAP, the Junior Cadets is open to all boys and girls 12 to 13 years of age.

I would like to invite everyone interested to attend on behalf of our commander, Lt. John W. Keener, and the entire squadron. The Civil Air Patrol building is at the Medford airport. The open house starts at 7:30 p.m.

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On Saving Time

To the Editor: Your recent editorial re daylight saving time might be taken to indicate that you don't have too high an opinion of Oregonians' IQ. We refer to the paragraph on people living in Washington and working in Portland getting confused about the change of time.

An editorial in the Oregonian seems to us to be the most logical column in the state. Viz: "the only recourse for urban residents who want that extra hour of daylight ... and need to keep business hours aligned with ... Washington and California ... will be ... to set earlier working hours. If a majority of Portland's industrial plants ... would start working at 7 a.m., go to lunch at 11 and quit at 4 p.m. each day during the summer most of the advantages of daylight time could be realized." Just what we, who don't like "confusion time," have been saying for years.

Our own editorial implies that Oregon would have gone "daylight time" had they known that Washington was going to do so falls to show logical thinking. California and Washington both have sales taxes, and are doing well because of it. Businesses are going to those states at the expense of Oregon.

So your statement that Oregon is in an "island of slow time" just as logically could state that we are also in an "island of slow business" because we don't vote for the same things California and Washington do.

Glen A. Wellman,
1088 NE Walnut St.,
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Seeks Continued Support

To the Editor: Now that election time is over, I would like to make an appeal to all the people in the Fourth district of Oregon for help. And if you feel that the effort for shoe labeling is still of enough importance to you, to give me some support, I would appreciate your writing a letter to Congressman-elect Durno, and asking him to give that help, for this is a problem not only in the Fourth district but nationwide.

I would like this effort to continue from my district, and not have to go outside for help. Bill H.R. 1320, which was filed some time ago, has to be refiled in '61, and if you will indicate to Congressman-elect Durno, that you would like him to continue this effort, I would be most grateful.

I have much support in Congress, plus two million consumers in many large national organizations. My most recent support came from the Oregon Cattlemen's association here in convention. So if you will just drop a word or letter to Congressman-elect Durno and ask his continued support in the House of this effort it would be most helpful.

Address letter or card to Congressman-elect Durno, 2512 East Main St., Medford, Ore.

A phone call after the 12th will also be appreciated, for talking to him direct would

be more effective.

I would like you all to know that I shall continue this crusade for the school children of this nation, and also adults as it effects them, and their families that shoes may be bought by a label for informative buying as to the materials shoes are made of.

You have been most kind in the past in helping me and giving me courage to continue this crusade, so I hope you will take just a few minutes to express your continued support of this one-man battle. As this is a non-partisan effort, I ask you on that basis for help from all. Any comments appreciated.

Wilbur L. Gardner,
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Forgotten Lincoln?

To the Editor: Why all this post-election hassle with the bedeviled editor of the Mail Tribune Nov. 27 in letters-to-the-editor?

Looks like political shadow-boxing in the dust of the missed bus by higher-ups in the Republican Club. Why omit the name Lincoln and by the way, where is that club, the big-stick wielded so effectively by the grim, speaking softly T. Roosevelt? Is it gathering dust along with that life-size painting of Abe Lincoln that this writer tried to locate and have displayed on the courthouse steps at the pre-election torchlight rally of the Young Republican club?

Yes, missed the bus. For is not this the Centennial of the Republican party, vitalized to life in the election of Abraham Lincoln 100 years ago? Memory bridges the years back to the mid-eighties when pitcher-eared and wide-eyed, this writer became interested in an argument of grandpa Clifford who mentioned the Republican Party.

His visitor, also white-bearded, and poking his cane seriously near grandpa's balding head, snapped: "Bill Clifford, you know damn well that was first mentioned as the Party of the Republic up at Jackson (Mich.) back in '34, and that's the name it goes by so long as I draw breath." Jackson is a long hard drive NE of my birthplace.

The old Party of the Republic was really a take-over from the Party of Free Soilers, grim reminder of slavery days and states rights that in a heart-breaking war claimed some half million of white race lives, untold millions of dollars to reverse a Supreme Court ruling that a black slave is still a slave even though gaining safety in free-soil and return able to his "rightful owner"; that a mere state has no rights in such matters.

Today we hear the whispered words, secession and states' rights, even to making space on the printed page. President-elect John Kennedy was questioned on this grim thing. He reportedly evaded and put-off his answer. So unlike the dedicated Lincoln, who straight out declared for the Union and freedom for all, both white and black. Yes, this the forgotten Centennial and officially forgotten Abraham Lincoln.

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Comments on Film, Cartoon

To the Editor: I have noticed items in the paper relative to the showing of the riot films photographed at the Un-American Activities committee hearings in San Francisco during the late summer. Your Herblock cartoon however tops them all in its Un-American attitude. Conveying as it does the impression that the film was edited by the Un-American Activities committee itself.

Herblock is a master of deception and this cartoon portraying the truth being killed by this committee is one which ought to make any communist or fellow traveler grin

with delight. How the Mail Tribune can print such propaganda is making many old subscribers wonder what has happened to this once fine American paper.

This film will be shown in Medford at the Medford High school Dec. 13 under sponsorship of the John Birch society, and at that time the people of this community will have a chance to judge for themselves whether American interests have been served by its showing. This film has been shown wherever it does the extent communists and fellow travelers will go to injure the free processes

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

An informed source in Argentina (an "informed source" is somebody on the inside who can speak into a private ear without disclosing his identity) says Argentina's latest eruptions of violence, which have been making the

headlines during the past few days, were actually spearheads for a widespread movement by die-hard Peronists.

HMMMMMMMM. This particular "source" might be right. Peron was a dictator. His government was a dictatorship. Dictators die hard. The dictators, when thrown off want to get back onto the grave train.

That means grief and bloodshed for everybody—especially the poor devils down at

the bottom, who are the pawns in the game of dictatorship.

HITLER and Mussolini were dictators. Between them, they brought on World War II. Personally, they got what was coming to them. Hitler died in his heavily fortified underground bunker in Berlin. Mussolini died violently in Northern Italy while running for cover after his dictatorship had collapsed.

THAT was a good thing for the world.

But—Unfortunately—Out of the ashes of the holocaust that destroyed Hitler's and Mussolini's dictatorships there arose, like the fabled

Phoenix bird of Egyptian tradition, a dictatorship that is infinitely worse than Hitler's and Mussolini's—the COMMUNIST dictatorship that aspires to rule the world.

QUESTION: What's a dictatorship? Basically, it is TOO MUCH POWER HELD IN TOO FEW HANDS TOO LONG. Most of mankind's most grievous troubles have arisen out of too much power held in too few hands too long.

ANYWAY—Let's hope the Peron crowd doesn't get back into power in Argentina. We have too many dictators in this world already.

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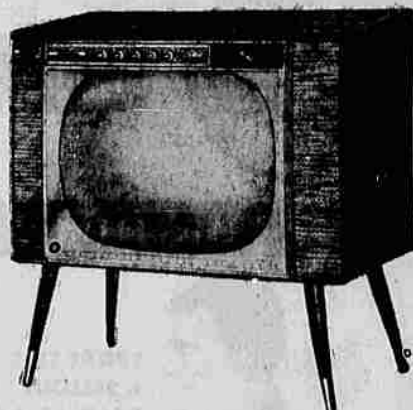
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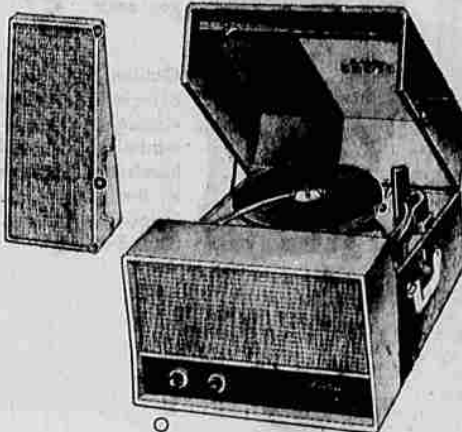
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