

# Communications

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### Parking Protest

To the Editor: This is in protest of the renewed practice of ticketing cars that have been parked at one meter longer than is specified by the time limit. I think this is unfair in more than one respect.

First, I feel that as long as the meter is "fed," so that the city gets all the revenue that said meter should produce, it should make no difference whether one or more cars have occupied said space.

Second, why is it that an overtime ticket should cost \$2.50 while a mere violation only costs \$.50? I was only one of several persons who were fined \$2.50 for overtime parking on May 9, 1962, and in my case, according to the citation, if I had moved my car at 3:20 p.m. I would not have been in violation.

At a recent date the time for paying parking meters has been changed to 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., which was a good thing, but, and this is what I am protesting, if I had allowed the meter to go on violation it would have cost me at least \$1 since there was only 1 hour 45 minutes till 5 p.m. The preceding has not been practiced for some time, and as I remember, about three years ago there was a directive to the effect that meter feeders should be fined, but this did not last but a short time because of unfavorable public opinion.

At that time the police department gave a adequate warning through existing news media, but for some reason they failed to do that this time, why?

I for one am protesting this action by an overbearing city council or a very foolish group of merchants who seem to be determined to run as much business out of town as they possibly can.

I do not feel that a person should be forced to move his car every time he wants to go to a different store. As for the Park and Shop lots, I tried to get in one the same day I received the ticket and was waved away with the explanation, "Sorry, we're full." I don't know about other people, but when I go to town, whether to shop or window shop I walk all over town and I think that is good exercise for anyone.

I hope this will stir up a storm of protest which I feel is quite justified.

Irate Citizen,  
Leonard E. Davis,  
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Medford.

### Charter Views

To the Editor: We are to vote on the Home Rule, a county constitution for self government in local matters.

That sounds very fine, but I see that two men, Paul Selby and Earl Miller, former city councilmen, are for it. I take a second look and remember when the voters listened to them before.

Mr. Paul Selby says it will work like the City Charter. The City Charter works only as well as the men in power want it to. When these two men were councilmen, I complained through your paper several times that sections 10, 18 and 62 of our city charter was being ignored.

The city voted \$120,000 for needed fire department improvements. We were told one of the improvements was to be a \$40,000 fire alarm system. After the council got the money asked, the city got some discarded call boxes from Camp White, and when I complained, Robert Duff, city manager, told me that it did not matter what we were told, that was the only thing that counted, was what it said on the ballot that we voted.

In Sunday's paper Mr. Duff says City budget increases are inevitable in view of more population (ignoring that the increased population is also paying high taxes). He also said we must have an improved fire alarm system. We paid for a good one, but we did not get it. How many times must we pay for it before we get it?

The people voted for civil service for the firemen. The writing of the civil service law was left up to the council. It isn't worth the paper it was written on. The council appointed three men to the civil service commission. Two of them could change the civil service rules anytime that they wanted to.

I do not know Mr. Madden, county clerk, but I shall vote for him, for according to an item in your paper, Mr. Madden refused to pay a bill to the Miller garage for work done on a county car, that could have been done in the county shop by men already on the county payroll. If Mr. Madden had been appointed instead of elected, he would

### The Wrong Answers

To the Editor: Kenneth A. Poole, whose letter was published in the Mail Tribune on May 7, should be recognized for who he is—the legal associate of Charles O. Porter. Mr. Poole would have been better advised to have written on a subject about which he had some knowledge. He might have explained to the readers of the Mail Tribune the meaning of the statement made by Mr. Porter at Southern Oregon College last week, that the United States was nothing to fear from Communist Cuba. He might further have explained the regrettable position Mr. Porter has taken on the whole Cuban situation—a position that becomes more indefensible as time goes on.

Instead, Mr. Poole chose to write on a subject of which he knows little. Mr. Poole is a candidate for nomination to the State Senate from Lane county. The League of Women Voters asked Mr. Poole this question, "What legislative program would you propose to meet the financial needs of the state, such as those of education at all levels, state institutions, welfare?" Mr. Poole's answer, published in the Eugene Register-Guard of May 8, is as follows: "Information is lacking to provide an intelligent answer to this question at this time."

Mr. Porter should attend to his own chores. Mr. Poole, instead of trying to belittle Bob Duncan, should look to his home work. His remarks about Mr. Duncan are not correct, and by his own admission, he doesn't know the answers.

Clarence Barton,  
State Representative  
Coos County,  
Coquille, Ore.

Sid Hollingsworth  
White City, Ore.

## Poets' Corner

Conducted by  
Arnold Eugene Jenny

### Understanding Poetry

Several influences converge nowadays toward the belief that to appreciate and enjoy poetry is to explain it, and that the way to explain it is to explain it to explain it. To understand a poem it is first of all necessary to be moved by it.

—T. S. Eliot

### The Mothers of Men

The bravest battle that ever was fought!  
Shall I tell you where and when?  
On the maps of the world you will find it not—  
'Tis fought by the mothers of men.  
Nay, not with cannon or battle shot,  
With sword or nobler pen!  
Nay, not with eloquent words or thought  
From the mouths of wonderful men.

But deep in a walled-up woman's heart—  
Of woman that would not yield,  
But bravely, silently, bore her part—  
Lo, there is that battlefield!

No marshalling troop, no bivouac song,  
No banner to gleam and wave,  
But oh! these battles, they last  
From babyhood to the grave.

Yet faithfully still as a bridge of stars,  
She fights in her walled-up town—  
Fights on and on in endless wars,  
Then, silent, unseen, goes down.

Oh, ye with banners and battle shot,  
And soldiers to shout and praise!  
I tell you the kindest victories fought  
Were fought in these silent ways.

Oh, spotless woman in a world of shame;  
With splendid and silent scorn—  
Go back to God as white as you came—  
The kindest victories fought!

—Joquin Miller

### The Death of Rain

Tears flow with sparkling magic  
And roll from cloudy cheek  
They proclaim a lady most tragic  
Of careening flights insane,  
To reach the destiny they seek  
That spells the death of rain.

And I, with deepest grieving,  
Shed tears for fellow men—  
For the man who, not believing  
That the prophet stands to gain,  
Must seek the puzzle of the clan  
And find the fate of rain.

—Carl Washburn  
Medford

Senior, Medford High School.

### Tomorrow

He was going to be all he should be — tomorrow.  
None would be kinder or braver than he — tomorrow.  
A friend who was troubled and weary, he knew,  
Who'd be glad of a lift and needed it, too — tomorrow.  
On him he would call and see what he could do — tomorrow.  
And thought of the folks he would fill with delight — tomorrow.

When he'd stack up the letters he would write — tomorrow.  
And hadn't one minute to stop on his way — tomorrow.  
"More time I'll have to give to others," he'd say, "tomorrow."  
The greatest of workers this man would have been — tomorrow.

The world would have hailed him had ever he'd seen — tomorrow.  
But, in fact, he passed on, and faded from view,  
And all that he left here when living was through  
Was a mountain of things he intended to do — Tomorrow.

—Anon.


(Submitted by Pearl Riggs Crouch, Ashland, Ore.)

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### Home Rule Not "Metro"

To the Editor: Your editorial of 4/13 concerning the role counties should take in present day society was excellent. I wish the whole thing could be reprinted in toto.

I have also appreciated the fine writing of Mr. Jenny on local and national, and remarks concerning the UN. His poet's corner has been a welcome creative addition to the Mail Tribune, and a great source of joy to many. Mrs. Black's remarks were not at all in keeping with the usual gracious spirit which is generally prevalent in the Rogue Valley.

It would also be advisable if Mrs. Black would do some studying on definitions, lest her confused ideas on Home Rule and Metro government be charged into a sewer line. Six per cent interest, indeed! The people led to believe that in order to get sewage disposal they must join the city. Do they realize that when the city promises to take care of the roads, that they are speaking of sidewalks and paved streets. That we will be charged for.

Let's write personally and together to the Governor and to the President for a rural sewage system so we can have cows, chickens, and so all the little girls and boys can have their pets, even ponies on the lawn. In short, let's keep America free!

Harriette Gibbs  
1375 South Columbus  
Medford.

### Loosened Purse Strings

To the Editor: Our Founding Fathers anticipated that a monopolistic Government would get out of hand if provision were not made to hold that Government within reasonable bounds. They provided in the Constitution certain checks, separations, balances and judicial reviews and the veto power.

Their anticipation was justified as the powers of the Government have expanded in all directions until it is very doubtful that we can still quite with impunity the immortal saying of one of our greatest and most respected Presidents, Abraham Lincoln, who said, "Government of the people, by the people and for the people."

Expansion of Government power usually reduces the liberties of the people. The excessive spending by Washington for Foreign Aid and fantastic projects at home and abroad is the main cause of a 30-cent dollar. The elderly people who started to save and acquire property 30 to 40 years ago find their accumulations are worth about 30 cents on the dollar.

Many functions of the states have been usurped by Washington. Control of the schools will strike a blow at the grass roots of our so-called Democracy. Control of the farmer with farm loans and crop controls have aided in underwriting absenteeism and driven the family sized farmer to the cities to make a living.

The Committee revamping the State Constitution have a proposal to take the voting privilege from the people and make all state officials appointive by the Governor. Let us not make a political football out of the office of Governor of the great state of Oregon!

In Josephine county, nearly a half million dollars were used for additions to the courthouse without a vote of the people of the county.

The purse strings of Government have been loosened and escaped entirely from the hands of the people, causing taxes out of reason.

Ed Black,  
2573 Camp Joy rd.,  
Grants Pass, Ore.

### Suggests NO Vote

To the Editor: Voters should pay special attention to ballot measure No. 1 to be voted upon May 18 — the 6 per cent limitation amendment.

Three changes in the present law will become effective if this measure is passed. The first would permit a taxing district to maintain its tax base without making a levy every three year period. The second would permit a newly formed taxing district to establish a tax base (and collect it) without a vote of the people in such district. The third would permit taxing districts to submit proposals for a new tax base at "either the regular or periodic elec-

tion of the taxing unit or at a regular statewide general or primary election." Under present law such a proposal can be submitted at regular primary or general elections only.

If it is defeated in the May primary, that the first proposal will be resubmitted at the general election in November.

I suggest a NO vote for the following reasons. Each of these three changes is of sufficient importance to warrant separate consideration and vote. We should not be required to vote either for or against all three. I see some merit in the first change but none whatever in the other two.

Legislation which permits any taxing unit to establish a tax, and collect it, without a vote of those who will be required to pay it, in my opinion, most unfair. There seems to be no necessity for a law which permits submitting the question of a new tax base at elections other than the regular primary or general.

One is tempted to wonder if the object is to deliberately attempt to hold such elections at times when voters are not likely to turn out in large numbers.

The net effect of this measure, if passed, will be to take further control of local budgets away from the voters and tax payers. I believe this to be a step in the wrong direction.

John Niedermeyer,  
1014 Old Stage rd.,  
Medford.

Charter Clarified  
To the Editor: The comments of Mr. George E. Smith under Communications of 5/8 reveal that the workings of county government, either as they exist or as proposed under the Home Rule charter, are not clear in his mind.

To prevent this type of misinformation from spreading I shall (as a member of the committee) undertake a reply. Mr. Smith stated, "The charter would abolish 10 elective offices to be replaced by 3 elective offices and numerous appointed offices."

At present we elect only nine officials of our county government. Under the proposed charter, we will elect eight.

He also states, "Further analysis shows we now elect 10 officials every two years."

This is an error. The present nine are all elected for four year terms. However, the nine are divided so that five are elected at one election and four at the following election two years later.

Under the proposed charter, three commissioners and a chairman will be elected for four year terms at the first election, and three commissioners for two year terms. At the following election three commissioners plus the district attorney will be elected for four year terms. Thereafter four officials will be elected every two years.

Mr. Smith's point of the charter affording only nine uses of our vote over a six year period under the existing system is entirely wrong. The difference will be one vote every four years.

In the final paragraph, Mr. Smith repeats his misunderstanding of both the existing and the proposed systems of county government. The sheriff is elected for four years and since some of the published delinquencies run back 12 or more years, the house has not been kept clean for at least three terms. A possible reason is that the budgets of these sheriffs has not been sufficient to do a forceful collection job. Under the proposed charter the appointed treasurer should make regular reports to a board of seven commissioners who will have direct control over him. These will be in meetings open to the public, which should certainly reveal the status of uncollected taxes at periodic intervals.

For further enlightenment on the executive or administrative head of the county government under the charter, I refer Mr. Smith to Section 26 titled "board chairman" and Section 29 titled "Administrative Assistant."

It is my belief Jackson county needs and should want a Home Rule charter.

McLeod Maurice  
Gold Hill, Ore.

our way of life it is money that talks, and without a profit there is no job. As all wealth is created by labor, it follows that without jobs Oregon will get pretty lean. When that happens both labor and capital will migrate to greener pastures.

I offer these thoughts to Oregon in general and Robert Duncan in particular to consider and ruminate. There is a big job of unfinished business at Salem, Charley Porter did well in Washington, D.C. Let's have more of the same. Let's keep it that way.

Walter Reece  
77 Manzanita st.  
Ashland, Ore.

Taxes and Politics  
To the Editor: We note in M.T. May 9 that taxes were discussed at a Round Table luncheon of the Medford Chamber of Commerce. This writer has always been opposed to the sales tax on general principle. However, in view of the fact that Oregon is sandwiched between two "sales tax" states, it seems unrealistic for Oregon not to follow suit. Real estate cannot stand the burden of high taxes in Oregon with income taxes diminishing. Home owners in the lower income groups are in danger of losing their homes at present, and there is nothing gained by the state for the Welfare Bureau to pay the taxes on homes of the aged.

It is the belief of this writer that if there was any assurance that property taxes would be cut, the sales tax would carry in Oregon. But without that assurance the voters are loath to jump from the frying pan into the fire. No sensible person is going to stick his neck out and advocate a sales tax unless he has valid reason to hope for a cut in his property tax. At the same time there is valid reason to believe that more capital would venture into Oregon and create more employment if taxes were not prohibitive.

The good ship "Oregon" is rapidly drifting onto the rocks. The governor's hoopla alone will not bring industry to the great state of Oregon. We must be realistic and face conditions as they are and not as we like to believe. In

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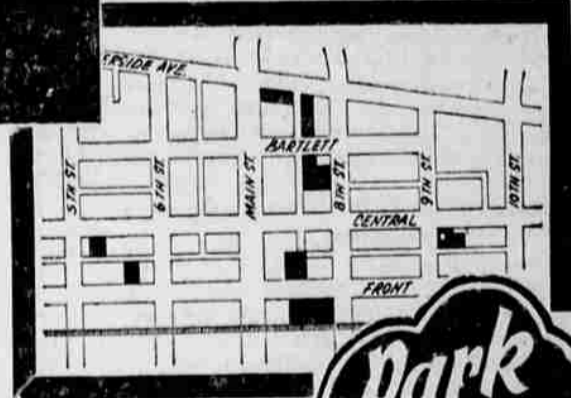
### J. R. ROBINSON

Park & Shop's Clerk of the Month for March



J. R. Robinson, pictured here, receives a check for \$25.00 from Miss Suzette Holmes, secretary for Medford Park & Shop. Mr. Robinson is the March "Park & Shop Clerk of the Month" whose signature appeared on the greatest number of validated park and shop tickets for the period. The contest is designed to remind sales people of validation as a customer courtesy in downtown Medford. Robinson's signature appeared on 75 validated Park & Shop tickets.

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