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Recommendations

It is not the usual practice for the Mail Tribune to make any endorsements in contested partisan races in the primary election, believing this to be largely the function of the party organizations and of the voters in each party.

We do, however, make known our recommendations and opinions on measures, and in non-partisan contests. Herewith is a recapitulation of those views:

Judicial
 For judge of the Oregon supreme court, position No. 6—Arno H. Denecke
 For Oregon Tax Judge—Peter Gunnar.

State Measures
 Six per cent limitation amendment—vote yes.
 Salaries of state legislators—vote yes.
County Measure
 Home Rule Charter—vote yes.
 Annexation Measure
 For Southwest Medford area—no recommendation.

—E.A.

Annexation Problems

We have been through a couple of annexation election fights in the past dozen or so years, and have seen how terribly upset people can become in the throes of trying to decide whether it would be better for them to join forces with the city to obtain its services and conveniences (and taxes), or whether to continue trying to go it alone.

We have every sympathy with those who violently oppose annexation; we also have every sympathy with those who believe that becoming a part of the city is the only solution to their particular problems.

There are public policies and issues involved, but basically, it is a decision which each individual will have to make for himself. We shall make no recommendation on the annexation proposal to be voted on Friday, involving a large area south and west of Medford.

OUR view is this:
 The city should stand ready and willing to accept this added area, should the people desire it, but it should not (and it has not, in this case) actively promote annexation.

Certain situations in the past, because of sanitary and similar problems, have caused the city to take an aggressive role in seeking annexation. But the time has come, we believe, when the city must stand aside—providing advice and authentic facts, of course, but not being aggressively for or against the proposal.

Annexation would cause the costs of city government to go up somewhat, but not significantly as far as Medford taxpayers are concerned, with most of the added burden being borne by those who are annexed.

THE people in the area have a real problem, and must decide for themselves how to solve it.
 The alternatives are to annex the city; to form unwieldy special service districts for sewer, water and other services; to seek county or state or federal help (which is highly uncertain, even improbable, under existing laws), or to drift along in a situation which is certain to become worse as time goes on.

One other alternative is possible, but only if the Home Rule Charter is passed this Friday. That is for the county to supervise the needed service work under the authority given it in the charter, in cooperation with the area's people.

We believe that annexation is the best immediate path to solution, but also believe that this is for the people involved to decide for themselves.—E. A.

Firm and Unequivocal

One of our subscribers was kind enough to send us a clipping from The Apache Sentinel of Apache Junction, Arizona, which is particularly appropriate right now.

In "The Editor's Notebook," Jim Brooks of that paper wrote about a candidate who was asked to make clear his position on a locally important question. He was asked to take a stand on whiskey drinking.

This was his reply:

"I had not intended to discuss this most controversial subject at this particular time. However, I want you to know... I take a firm stand on every issue... regardless of how I feel about whiskey. And, Brother, here's where I stand on this burning question.

"If you mean the Devil's Brew, the Poison Scourge, the Bloody Monster, the Defiler of the Innocent, that liquid that detaches reason, creates misery and poverty, yea! literally takes the bread out of the mouths of babes; if you mean that evil concoction that topples Christian man and woman from the pinnacles of righteousness and gracious living down into the bottomless pit of despair and degradation, shame, hopelessness, then, sir, I am against this Brew of Satan with all my power.

"However, if you mean the oil of conversation, the philosophic wine and ale that is consumed when good fellows get together, that puts a song in the heart and laughter on the lips, and a warm glow of contentment and well being into the eyes, if you mean the Christmas cheer, if you mean the drink that enables a man to magnify his joy and happiness and forget his debts and life's other tragedies, heart-breaks and sorrow; if you mean that drink, sir, the sale of which pours into the treasury untold millions of dollars, which are used to provide tender care for little crippled children, our blind, our pitifully aged and sick and infirm, and to build highways, hospitals, schools, then, Brother, I'm for it!

"This, sir, is my stand. I will not... retract one word nor will I... compromise. You asked for my stand on this issue. There it is."

Does this remind you of anyone you've heard lately?—E.A.

Dennis the Menace



"I DON'T THINK MY EARS ARE SO BIG. AN' I'M NOT A LITTLE PITCHER. I PLAY FIRST BASE!"

Communications

Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer, although under certain circumstances the use of a pen name or initial for publication is permissible. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with a view to clarification and condensation. Letters submitted for publication must not exceed 400 words. The letters printed in this column do not necessarily represent the views of the paper; in fact the contrary is often the case.

Untruth Protested

To the Editor: As secretary for the County Citizens For Home Rule Charter I wish to correct a mis-statement made by William Deatherage in debate at Medford Senior High School, May 14.

Mr. Deatherage said "The name of Ben Day appeared in an advertisement as one of the persons willing to run for Commissioner if Home Rule is adopted." This is not true.

Unfortunately, no records were in my possession while attending the debate so I might answer Mr. Deatherage's false statement. It is also unfortunate that this letter will not reach each person in attendance Monday evening. It is my opinion that this incident is typical of the mis-statements and half-truths used by some opposing the Home Rule Charter and that it is an injustice, not only to Mr. Day, but to the voters of Jackson county attending meetings in a sincere effort to receive factual information on the Charter.

For clarification, I submit the following facts:

I. In the April 29 edition of the Mail Tribune, as well as editions of the Ashland Tidings and Rogue River Times, an advertisement appeared with the following heading: "Who would run for Commissioner if Home Rule is adopted?" The list of persons did NOT include the name of Ben Day.

II. In the April 15 edition of the Medford Mail Tribune, page 2A, the following heading appeared on advertisement: "We endorse Home Rule." The name of Ben Day DID appear in this listing along with 36 names of highly respected and intelligent members of both political parties, including the name of Mr. Deatherage's law partner, Mr. Otto J. Frohnmayer.

The above is a matter of public record. It would have behooved Mr. Deatherage to check the facts before making a positive statement of untruth in public debate.

Mrs. Earl B. Bigalow,
 Secretary,
 Citizens for
 Home Rule Charter,
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 Medford

Taxes and Costs

To the Editor: Under the heading of "What's Wrong?" Mr. Ken Callison in Communications of 5/8 states: "Some businessmen purposely owe taxes and are willing to pay interest rather than borrow operating capital from the bank."

This suggests a novel explanation for a portion of the delinquency in personal property taxes recently reported. In other words, our county government is involuntarily in the banking business, furnishing so-called operating capital to some of the businessmen in the county. The justification is that they are paying interest. This should be reported to the bank that "loves to lend" and some of the delinquency can be collected promptly.

We agree with Mr. Callison that some elected officials are dedicated men and the late Ray Schumacher is a fine example. It was Mr. Schumacher, along with many of his associates, who recommended to our Home Rule committee that the assessor should be appointed and not elected. He attributed a great many of his troubles in straightening out the affairs of the assessor's office to a predecessor elected by the voters of the county.

If Mr. Callison will investigate, I believe he will find that Jackson county pays the maximum salaries permitted under state law for the vari-

Urges Yes Vote

To the Editor: The following residents of the Rogue Valley Manor favor Home Rule Charter. We urge the citizens of this county to study the charter and vote YES on Friday, May 18.

- Miss Clara Hinz
- Miss Laura Hinz
- Dr. Flora Ross
- Mrs. Rease Braley
- Ross Blythe
- Mrs. Beatrice Brooks
- Miss Kathryn Hornebrook
- Mr. and Mrs. Daniel W. Aney
- Ted Coates
- Rogue Valley Manor Medford

She's Delighted

To the Editor: I congratulate the Democratic party of Jackson county on the high calibre of its legislative candidates presented in this year's primary election.

How long has it been since a Democrat has been elected to the Oregon State Senate? Not in the memory of even the old old-timers. In fact not many Democrats over the years have been able to afford the sacrifice of time from jobs, nor the money to campaign.

This time, I am delighted to discover in my Voters Pamphlet that Henry Padgham, one of Jackson county's most outstanding, widely respected and public spirited citizens, is running on the Democratic ticket for the State Senate.

Henry, a native Oregonian, has lived and worked and served in this community for 34 years. He launched and has successfully run his own business and payroll for 29 years.

Along with his wife, Augusta, and their family (reared and educated here), Henry has devoted more of his spare hours to helping people in need, working for civic, philanthropic and educational causes in this community, than any one person I have known.

Because he has given of himself for so long and so unstintingly, he knows the pulse and the needs of his community. He will be the most selfless, the most efficient, and the most dedicated kind of a public servant. He has my vote for the State Senate.

Mrs. Max Wimmer,
 1115 West Second St.,
 Medford

Charter Not "Metro"

To the Editor: Recently there has been an effort to throw a bright red herring before the voters in the form of a scare campaign about "Metro," the "Octopus" whose tentacles are about to embrace us all. It is said that the misguided authors of the Home Rule Charter are working with "1313."

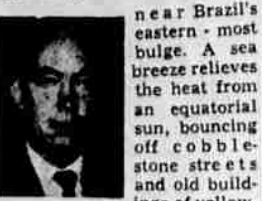
1313 East 60th St., Chicago 37, is the address of the Council of State Governments, which studies the problems of government in metropolitan areas. There are many other such organizations, because the problems of metro government are becoming acute in our country as the population rises, and with it the present confusion of power and responsibility in our crowded regions.

We in Jackson county are fortunate that we do not have such pressing metropolitan problems. As yet ours is a relatively thinly populated county.

Our proposed county charter is NOT a proposal for metro government; it does not propose annexation of all unincorporated land into a consolidated city government, nor does it outline city county consolidation, nor a borough plan, nor many of the other

Fires of Discontent Rising as Peasants Of Pernambuco Face Hunger; Aid Belated

By PHIL NEWSOM
 UPI Foreign News Analyst
 By New World standards, Recife is an ancient city which lies along the Atlantic Ocean



near Brazil's eastern-most breeze. A sea breeze relieves the heat from an equatorial sun, bouncing off cobblestone streets and old buildings of yellowed stucco. It is a haven for smugglers who have found the peddling of American cigarettes, razor blades and automobiles a better living than could be obtained on the parched plains inland.

Away from the waterfront is the swank Portuguese Club where tropical flowers bloom and there is a swimming pool. Among the fashionable homes in the neighborhood

of those of absentee owners of Pernambuco state's vast plantations, worked by tenant farmers increasingly rebellious under the prodding of the Communist-led Peasants League and the pressures of starvation brought on by the drought which grips the whole of northeast Brazil.

The drought extends over eight northeastern states with a population of more than 20 million, and in all of them violence rides close to the surface.

Hungry peasants raided market places and in Pesqueira sacked a warehouse.

Pernambuco officials who seized all available supplies of black beans and corn for distribution to the peasants, estimated that in Recife warehouses there were 2,000 tons of beans controlled by speculators.

Brazilian officials meeting urgently, if belatedly, in Recife knew that only quick action could avert a major explosion among people who earned 50 cents a day and

were being asked to pay 90 cents a pound for beans. The same pressures were upon President Kennedy and Brazilian President Joao Goulart when for 8 1/2 hours they conferred in Washington last month.

Out of that conference came promises of immediate U.S. help and long-range plans calling for each nation to contribute almost equally a total of \$275 million for construction of roads, electric power and educational facilities and irrigation.

But the pressing need was now. As a first step, the U.S. announced this week that 10,000 tons of surplus U.S.

beans would be shipped in by the quickest transportation. Even that was a month away.

Meanwhile, among the peasants who cannot read and hence knew nothing of these plans for their future, the fires were building.

Strictly Personal

By Sydney J. Harris
 Field Enterprises Inc.

RETURN TO THE ANIMALS
 In times of stress, such as ours, the human animal invariably turns away from itself to the contemplation of other animals.

Somewhat, life among the "lower orders" seems higher, more sensible and satisfactory, than our own. Nothing else would account for the recent rash of best-selling books about animal life of all kinds. And this is not a purely American phenomenon; a new issue of "The Bookseller," published in England, lists a dozen and more books about furry, winged and aquatic creatures.

There is, "Timmy, the Story of a Sparrow," by Clare Kipps — and not a children's book, as one might imagine. There is a serious study called "Man and Dolphin," by John C. Lilly, in which man definitely comes in second.

Eight titles in an "Animals of Britain" series are now ready — relating the habits and antics of badgers, horse-shoe bats, hedgehogs, water voles (whatever they are), grey squirrels, red squirrels, otters and grey seals.

People are apparently tired of reading about people. How else account for "The Story of a Goldfish" by Roger Mause, translated, no less, from the French? Or "Penguin Summer," by Eleanor Pettigill, an ornithologist's wife who lived on the Falkland Islands when her husband was filming penguins for Walt Disney?

The trend began, I suppose, a few years ago, with that rather charming book about a lioness cub, called "Born Free." It did so well that a British publisher is now bringing out "Return to the Wild," a story of two lions, by Norman Carr, which is advertised: "From Rhodesia a lion book that is completely different — by a man about two male lions."

And, of course, one of the best-sellers in this country last year was "Ring of Bright Water" by Gavin Maxwell, a tale of two otters. Since then, two publishing firms have offered separate prizes — one of \$5,000 and one for \$7,500 — for the best animal books submitted.

Most such tales are hopelessly anthropomorphic — which is the worst thing a zoologist can say about animal books; that is, they ascribe to animals the mental processes and feelings that are proper only to humans.

Except that, lately, we're not so sure that being "human" is exactly a commendation. Life in the wilds, somehow, seems more rational and even more tender than life in what we ruefully call our "civilization." I shudder to think what a literate dolphin might write about us.



Limerick Time:
 1. There's a lass out in Grand Rapids, Mich.
 To meet whom I never would wish.
 She'd devour ice cream
 Till with colic she'd scream—
 Then order another big dish.

2. A striking young girl in our choir
 Has hair that is tadder than fair.
 One more thing's unique
 And that's her physique
 So it's really a joy to be choir.

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Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

THE CORONER shot a sympathetic glance at the widow dressed in black, with tears streaming down her face. "Can you recall your husband's last words?" he asked gently. "Indeed I can," sobbed the distraught widow. "He said, 'Don't try to scare me with that shotgun. You couldn't hit the side of a barn.'"

Billy Rose tells the story of a well-known ham actor who gave up Broadway and became a surgeon. He removed an appendix so skillfully one morning that several doctors watching him started to applaud. Whereupon he bowed gratefully and cut out the patient's gall bladder for an encore.

Porter's Record:
 To the Editor: This is my first letter to you, but I have been so shocked at some of the letters written about Mr. Porter, and some of the remarks made about him by Mr. Duncan, that I can no longer keep silent.

I do not know Mr. Porter or any of the other candidates, but I do know Mr. Porter's record while he was in Congress, and that's what I'm interested in.

I do not doubt the fact that Mr. Duncan has a charming wife, but it takes more than a charming wife to make a good Congressman.

As for what Mr. Porter