

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.

So There! To the Editor: Hello everybody. Yep, I'm still kickin'.

I am wondering why there are so many lonely, sad-appearing people strolling on Medford's walks when they could be at the Fifty Plus club Fridays from noon 'til 4 p.m., playing games or visiting with close to a hundred friends.

April first was the time to pay a dollar for the second quarter membership, but it isn't too late.

If you don't cotton to having so many friends, dig up some sort of musical instrument and hie you to 601 East Jackson st. Thursdays from 1 'til 4 p.m. All of us who can sardine into that tiny pink building get there and have heap big fun.

This same little group is about to swing a rummage sale May 23 and since there are less than two dozen of us, supposing all you people dig up something to help out.

Going back to the subject of our Fifty Plus club, we usually pack our own lunches, but the first Friday in each month it Pot Luck day and each brings a covered dish.

So stop being so self centered and come to the N.E. corner of Fifth and Oakdale and pay us a visit. If you do not like us-go on strolling along with the corners of your mouths turned downward, and you won't get to hear our jokes, either.

Pearl Spackman Jacksonville, Ore.

Damn the Hyperbole: Full Speed Ahead! To the Editor: Honored and Reviled Sir:

Your "Communications" section has become monotonously repetitious. The same incongruous paragraphs, doubtless misled by the puerility of the editorial page in general, clutter that area beyond commensuration.

Therefore we ask that you determine who, among your entourage, is qualified to take the initiative without a referendum, that is - and accomplish the elimination, or at least the diminution, of these petty controversies.

Yours for a better, not bigger, MT. Frank O'Pinion (Real name on file) Phoenix

Editor's note: Just wait until the election is over.

Critics Answered

To the Editor: Thank you, M. J. Olsen, of Route 4, Box 325, Medford, for your letter to the editor in regard to my property tax relief proposal.

Even though you distorted and misquoted my proposal it is evident you are concerned about taxes, as I am concerned. I have never, and have repeatedly stated this, approved of an additional tax unless it relieved the burden of an existing tax.

The only plan I would work for is one that not only guaranteed to relieve the property tax burden but would be so written that the legislature could not take away the relief. This would be true property tax relief.

Marina S. Gardiner's letter to the editor Tuesday in regard to my property tax relief proposal asked for data. No Marina, you know the state doesn't levy any prop-

The Medical Roundup

by Walter Alvarez Emeritus Consultant in Medicine Mayo Clinic Emeritus Professor of Medicine Mayo Clinic (Register and Tribune Syndicate, 1962)

Electroencephalograms

Each day I get letters from people all over the country and the world wherever my column is published - letters saying that they have a child who, for years, was a terrible problem, perhaps with temper tantrums and records made of their child; these showed little "storms" called seizure discharges.

Now, many people are writing to ask me where they can get the electric records made, and I am sorry to say often I cannot help them because they write from some village and do not tell me what is their nearest large city.

As I write this, I get a letter from Gov. Edmond G. Brown of California in which he says he has now ordered that all delinquents who have committed a senseless crime of violence have electroencephalograms made, and already the police doctors are finding young men who were not primarily bad - they were primarily ill with a brain that was not working well.

In the Day's News

Highlight in the news: Russian astronaut Gherman Titov, in a piece written for Pravda when he returned to Moscow from his visit to the U.S.A., says:

"I returned home, heaved in a lungful of clear spring air and told the comrades welcoming me that despite all the comforts of America THERE IS NO LAND ON EARTH BETTER THAN OUR DEAR WONDERFUL SOVIET HOMELAND."

COMMENT

Sir Walter Scott, in his Lay of the Last Minstrel, put it better than it has ever been done before or since. So let's allow Sir Walter to do the commenting:

"Breathes there the man, with soul so dead, / Who never to himself hath said / 'This is my own, my native land!'"

"If such there breathe, go mark him well; / For him no minstrel raptures swell; / High though his titles, proud his name, / Boundless his wealth as wish can claim - / Despite those titles, power and pelf, / The wretch, centered all in self, / Living, shall forfeit fair renown, / And doubly dying shall go down / To the vile dust from which he sprung, / Unwept, unhonored and unsung."

Suppose

Suppose our own John Glenn had gone to Russia. Suppose he had been given a reception as warm and friendly as Titov was given here. Suppose he had come back and intimated that Russia is better than the U.S.A.

What would have happened? You know what would have happened. Using language more modern and less musical than Sir Walter Scott used, his name would have been MUD!

It would have been the same with Titov if he had done likewise. BUT - After giving proper credit to his own, his native land, Titov added:

"I will never forget the friendly smiles and hearty handshakes of the ordinary Americans WHO ARE WELL DISPOSED TO OUR COUNTRY."

In those words, he did his Boy Scout deed for a better world. LET'S leave it like this: If the ordinary Russians and the ordinary Americans could just get together on their own, they would reach an agreement that would end all this conquest of the world business.

ready many of these delinquents have been found to be primarily ill with a badly-functioning brain. Can Dilantin Be Tried? Many poor people cannot afford electroencephalograms which often cost around \$30, and many people who live far from a medical school do not know where they can get electroencephalograms made.

My answer is "Yes," the local doctor can try giving dilantin, perhaps from two to four capsules a day for a couple of weeks. Usually, when the drug is needed and is going to work well, it works beautifully within 24 hours.

Sometimes if the child is at school, his teacher will soon telephone the parents to say, "What happened to your boy? Today, for the first time, he is well behaved, he is brighter, he is writing better, and he is not picking fights with other children."

Official Praises Oregon Educators

Salem - (UPI) - A Ford Foundation official said Tuesday the foundation gave Oregon a \$3.5 million grant to improve education because educators in the state displayed very high leadership qualities and because the state was willing to accept grant conditions.

Dr. Lester Nelson of New York said the foundation feels the success of Oregon's accelerated program to improve classroom teaching and teacher training is probable.

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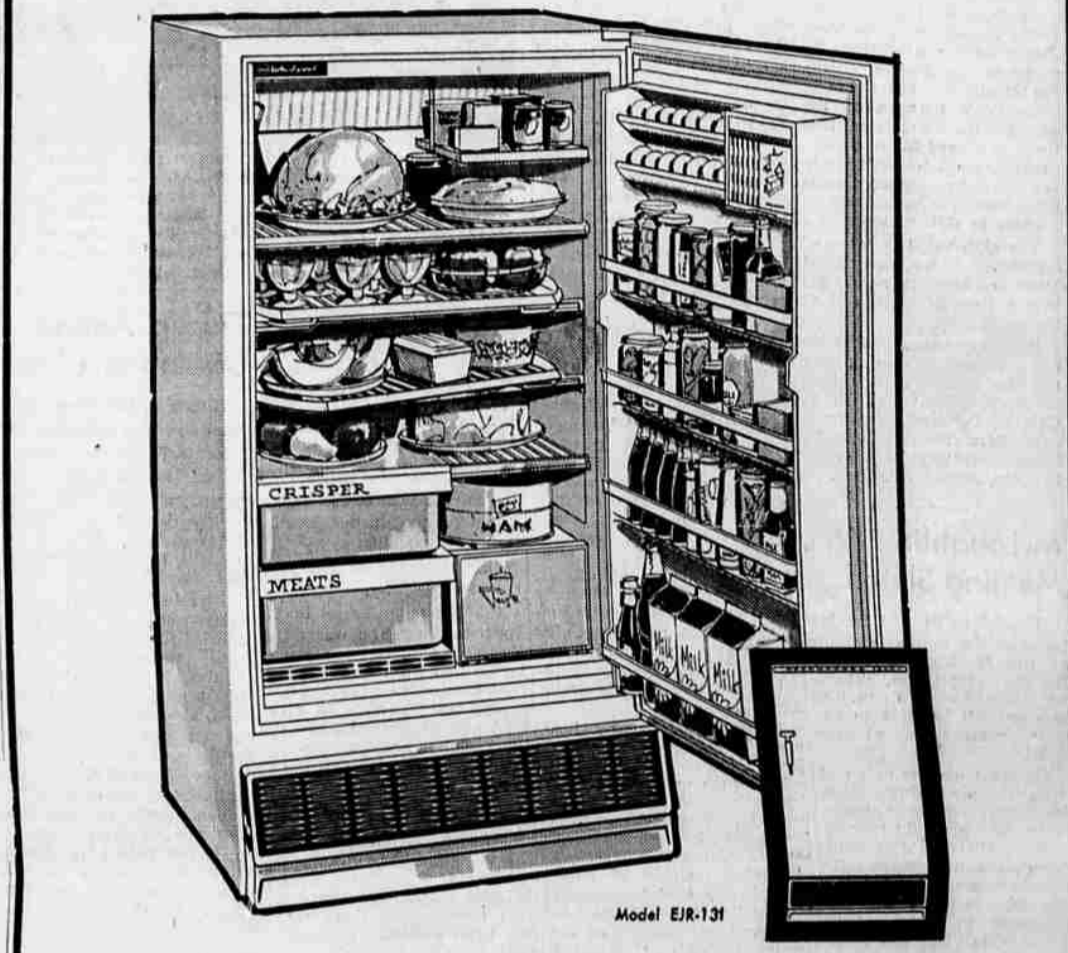
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