

# ... Communications ...

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## Going to Seed

To the Editor: This is the way we are taught to live.

Get as much as you can for as little as you can give; buy low, sell high; work at an easy job at high pay; loan out money you did not earn at a high rate of interest, or for as much interest as you can get; have the government give you money; hire laborers to work for you cheap and get as much as you can from the products of their labor; cheat on your income tax if you can; chisel or steal from the public if you can get away with it; have a racket; marry a rich husband and later divorce him and get a "settlement"; or, at least, if you can manage it, get on public or private charity rolls. To wit: Get something for nothing or for as little as possible,

even if you must work hard to get it! This includes all degrees of the practice of harlotry.

All of which is an American idea of "freedom" or "democracy." It is called "free enterprise" and also "rugged individualism"; the legitimate and respected goal of everyone so believing is "to get rich" or at least to have "a high standard of living" and "to feather his or her own nest" and guarantee future security as far as possible.

In so doing, there has resulted the slow wearing down of all modesty, all honesty and all fair play between individuals, and even the creeping into the popular and accepted language of the words and

terminology of gangland and hoodlums.

Is it any wonder that a nation with such mores and folkways has a crime rate that is increasing four times as fast as its rate of population increase? Formal religion does not help, is given only lip service, its superstitions and dogmas are tacitly accepted as each week it serves as "recreation" and entertainment for the increasingly elaborate, beautiful, and expensive church-temples. Of course, such Christianity has a minimum influence upon men.

Capitalist-Christian society has passed its zenith and is going to seed, and what one witnesses as evils is evidence of the rot. Of course this is not a popular statement. To be a Daniel in a lion's den requires faith or else foolhardiness, for capitalists are lions to all socialists, and all the little pups even are dangerous.

If present trends continue, i.e. reaction versus socialism or the United States and West Europe versus rest of World, the former in less than a few generations, barring nuclear war, will turn out to be the mud holes of the earth.

Ralph McKinnis,  
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Ashland, Ore.

**Filthy Creek**  
To the Editor: Why doesn't the city council do something about Bear creek? It is the filthiest creek I have ever seen.

When the freeway is finished, people going through Medford will say, "Why don't they do something about that eyesore?"

It would be nice if they would stop dumping sewage in it and stock it with trout or catfish.  
(Name on File),  
Medford.

**Unleashed Lump**

To the Editor: Several times during the past year and a half I expressed my appreciation and commendation of some of your more outstanding editorials - and there have been many others to which my response was, in effect, "that hit the nail on the head." "Timely and well said" or just a hearty "Amen, brother!" G.H.B. has evoked a similar response on several occasions, notably with his "McCarthy Reincarnate" of 6/11 and again, with his "Spiritual Void" of 6/29 - this latter, an especially perceptive and well reasoned commentary on the recent Billy Graham meetings in Chicago.

Appropos of the 6/29 editorial, there was a significant comment by the eminent Bishop James A. Pike of California, in the MT 12/6/60: "Although church membership is at an all-time high, the rolls include millions... who are not committed followers of Jesus Christ, and who look upon the church as

a social club rather than a division in the army of the Lord. The church is meant to be the leaven in the lump, but in America today it is not transforming society, it is being conformed to society."

"Deep in the heart of our 'religious boom' has been the idea that 'religion is good for you.' Instead of adhering to Christian principles of righteousness and moral responsibility, we have often dealt with our religion in terms of a 'cheap tranquilizer.' A living Christianity will disturb peace of mind as much as it will provide for it."

In similar vein, Dr. Raymond E. Balcomb of First Methodist Church, Corvallis, said (9/7/58): "The greatest danger facing (the church) is substituting respectability for religion... Instead of being something dynamic and transforming, religion has tended to degenerate into a 'decent formula wherewith to embellish a comfortable life.'"

With regard to the Graham "crusade" in Chicago which occasioned G.H.B.'s comment, the distinguished undenominational "Christian Century" pointed out 6/27: "The Billy Graham meetings are taking on the features of a rally rather than a crusade. Buses and other forms of transportation are used to assemble people from a wide area." That was true also of the Graham meetings in Madison Square Garden, New York, several years ago when my church sent busloads of some 40 miles from our Long Island suburb. That, too, was largely a rally of church people rather than a crusade to win sinners outside the churches.

Arnold Eugene Jenny  
Rogue Valley Manor  
Medford

**'Rightists' in History**

To the Editor: We read and hear so much about the extremists, especially extreme rightists. There seems to be a need of more extreme rightists. The Manchester (N.H.) Union Leader recently said the Christian world as we know it today or the United States would not exist if it hadn't been for extreme rightists.

If Moses hadn't been an extreme rightist, the Jews would still be in Egyptian bondage. If Christ hadn't been an extreme rightist, He wouldn't have died on the cross and there wouldn't have been any Christian religion. The way of the Lord is right.

If Columbus hadn't been an extreme rightist, he would never have discovered America. He would have listened to the non-extremists who insisted the world was flat.

If George Washington had not been an extremist, he never would have left his home at Mt. Vernon to lead a forlorn hope for freedom.

If Patrick Henry hadn't been an extreme rightist, he never would have stood up and said, "Give me liberty or give me death."

If the farmers around Concord and Lexington hadn't been extremists, they never would have tried to oppose the mighty British Empire.

President Kennedy and ex-President Eisenhower say nowadays that extreme rightists are bad people and should

be discouraged. As a matter of fact, President Kennedy wouldn't be in the White House today if his father hadn't been extremely dedicated to Jack's being there and if he hadn't been extremely rich.

You don't see a good driver going down the highway on the left or middle, but stays on the right of the highway, and to the extreme right when turning a corner.

We need some EXTREMELY intelligent and EXTREMELY dedicated men and women to furnish us EXTREMELY good leadership if we are to survive.

Are we going to the left, middle of the road or right? Mrs. Ernest Santo,  
104 Lozier Lane,  
Medford.

**Minstrel Show**

To the Editor: I wish to thank Victor Croxton for scouting for Grange talent, the Salvation Army for the use of the tambourines, Hub Freu of Upper Applegate and Mrs. Maryann of Grants Pass, who helped with the accompaniment, the Merlin Dixie Band, and Ralph Eitel, who took time off to play the banjo, and to all the Grangers and members of their families who gave so freely of their time and talent to make the minstrel show both a success and a pleasure. Thank you.

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**One Nation Under God**

To the Editor: The administration's program for Federal Aid to Education is certainly proving to be well thought out. Not the least of its advantages is the way it fits into the State Department's foreign policy. Notwithstanding the Supreme Court's record of decisions in favor of Communism, whoever deployed that august body into outlawing the non-denominational prayer adopted by the schools in New York, certainly stuck a knife right into the very heart of the Constitution of the United States.

Prayers to God are offensive to atheistic communist nations. And the atheistic communist nations' good opinion of us is obviously more important than our own self respect, and than our allegiance to the God of our fathers, under whose guidance this nation was founded. Now that we have displayed to the world our devotion to atheism, will the Communist nations take us in their hearts and accept us as blood brothers? Can we now discontinue our preparations for defense against them - or, should we build them up, so that we can help Red China defend herself against that ruthless killer, Chiang Kai-shek?

If there have been any doubts about the Supreme Court's affection for Communism, their decision to prohibit a simple non-sectarian prayer in our public schools should dispel that doubt. Every government has within itself the seeds of its own destruction. Could this be the coup de grace? In the Senate and in the House of Representatives disgusted criticism of the Supreme Court's action crosses party lines, as reported in recent issues of The Mail

## Summer Reading Program for Children Is Under Way in Libraries in County

Displays in the children's department of the Public Library of Medford and Jackson County the past few weeks have included a case filled with small flags of other counties, a large old fashioned globe, and many colorful travel folders.

The purpose of the displays is to generate interest in the summer reading program sponsored by the library, the theme of which this summer is "Around the World with Books."

The program, which takes place in all branch libraries as well as the main one, is designed to cultivate in children the habit of reading. In addition, it provides an educational reading base for the children, according to Omar Bacon, librarian.

Boys and girls from 6 to 14 years old are eligible to join the reading club. Those eight years old and older, are asked to read three travel books and any other seven books they desire. The six and seven-year olds may read only 10 books.

After reading a book, the child gives a short resume of the story to the librarian. She then records the name of the book and its author in a reading record book. Each child

will end. The artwork connected with the program was done by Phyllis Morse. She decorates the certificates and handles other artwork.

Many children have entered into it with enthusiasm, Bacon said, and led that it is hoped that participation in the summer program will start children toward good reading habits that will stay with them.

Of 7,000 registered children in the departments throughout the county, approximately 1,400 of them are registered in the program, or about 20 per cent.

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Each child has a circle with his name on it that is posted in the library. As he reads a book, a small black dot is pasted on the circle.

Since the beginning of the reading program June 1, many children have already read 10 books, and a great many have read more than the required number. Some have read only a few, but have ample time to complete the number before July 14, when the reading program

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## Two Men Appear In District Court

William Baldwin Jr., 36, of route 1, box 460, Central Point, was bound over to the grand jury after appearing in Jackson county district court Friday on charges of assault with a dangerous weapon.

Baldwin is being held in the county jail in lieu of \$1,500 bail.

He is charged with striking Luther Laverne Lambert, Prospect, in a Shady Cove tavern June 26. Lambert was treated at a local hospital and released.

State police arrested Baldwin on a warrant from district court Thursday.

Robert Arthur Berry, Trail Creek, Ore., will be tried by a district court July 18 on charges of pointing a firearm at another person, and on July 19 on vagrancy charges. He was released on his own recognizance after appearing in district court.

Berry also was arrested by state police Thursday on a district court warrant. He is accused of pointing a firearm at some neighborhood children and using foul and obscene language at the same time.

**Weighmasters Receive Long Service Awards**

Otis L. Dewey and Carl R. Kliever, state highway department weighmasters, recently received service pins for long service to the department.

Dewey's award was for 25 years of service, while Kliever received a 15-year award. Presentations were made by chief weighmaster Clinton Deyo, Salem.

Tribune Rep. Roy A. Taylor (D-N.C.) and Sen. J. Glenn Beall (R-Md.) are both offering bills in their respective houses to make ineffective this court action.

Is it too much for us to hope for a new Supreme Court, composed of decent Christian Americans?

Bruce Y. Kleinsmid,  
1719 S.E. Portland Dr.,  
Grants Pass, Ore.

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## Poets' Corner

Conducted by Arnold Eugene Jenny

**The Love of Country**  
Breathes there a man with a soul so dead,  
Who never to himself hath said,  
This is my own, my native land!  
Whose heart hath beat within him burned  
As home his footsteps he hath turned,  
From wandering on a foreign strand?  
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, concentrated all in self,  
Living, shall forfeit fair renown,  
And doubly dying, shall go down  
To the vile dust, from whence he sprang,  
Unwept, unhonored, and unsung.  
-Sir Walter Scott

**Lead, Kindly Light**  
Lead, kindly Light, amid 'th' encircling gloom,  
Lead thou me on!  
The night is dark, and I am far from home,  
Lead thou me on!  
Keep thou my feet; I do not step as free,  
The distant scene, one step enough for me.

I was not ever thus, nor prayed that thou  
Shouldst lead me on;  
I loved to choose and see my path; but now  
Lead thou me on!  
I loved the parish day, and, spite of fears,  
Pride ruled my will: remember not past years!

So long thy pow'r hath blest me, sure it still  
Will lead me on;  
O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till  
The night is gone,  
And with the morn those angel faces smile,  
Which I have loved, long since, and lost awhile!  
-Cardinal John Henry Newman  
(Suggested by Anna M. Streed, Medford)

**Hope**  
I walked today in fallow fields  
Where hopes lay withered and sere,  
That yesterday were fragrant and fair  
With much that to me was dear.

The beauty that mantles the earth and sky  
Is gray with the pallor of death.  
The music that flowed from the strings of my heart  
Is gone like a passing breath.

My being is plunged like a plummet of stone  
Down the abyss that yawns at my side.  
Despair has thrown around me its stygian shroud  
And carries me down on its tide.

Yet into the depths that swallow me up  
An Omnipotent Hand is thrust,  
That shall yet lift me up into fragrant fields  
That are blooming with hope and trust.  
-Frank Roberts  
Medford

**For Me The Thistle-down**  
For me the thistle-down shall blow  
On wide and weary lands;  
Wherever living waters flow  
There proud the thistle stands.

For it was written in the book:  
The thistle is my flower,  
To bloom in low and lifted nook  
And all my hills to shower.

And who shall say that thistles are  
Not harvest fit for praise,  
When rain and sun and wind and star  
Sustain them all their days?  
-Charles Olaf Olsen  
Portland, Ore.

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