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Following Dad
To the Editor:
Summer time is here again, I'm sittin' here and wishin' That far away from hunts of men We could just go fishin'.

I see the brook we knew so well
Runnin' past us laughin'
Of all the secrets it could tell
Of "whopper" sly and bafflin'.

I'd clamber over rocks and logs
And under wooden fences,
Get chased by farmers irate dogs,
And take some awful chances.

I'd wade ice water to my neck
And fall off slippery rocks,
Come up lookin' like a wreck
With "craw dads" in my socks.

My goal at last came into view,
My heart was light and glad,
For though it took an hour
or two

I'd followed Dear Old Dad!
Myrtle Keaster,
Portland, Ore.

Feeding a Dead Horse
To the Editor: I am glad that Mr. Pritchard was naive enough to hold up as a shining example such leaders of the union as Sacco, Vanzetti, Mooney. They were what may be called the positive type. Positive that anyone who opposed the union should be dead.

It is not the unions that I am fighting, but the ones that govern the organizations and their methods. Mr. Pritchard, I don't give a darn for what happened 50 years ago. I am sorely oppressed by the burdens being laid upon the working man today, and by the labor leaders. They don't even have to have a gun to hold a man up for a half a month's wages when he gets a job. Our lawmakers have provided the weapon - the closed shop.

The unions fought tooth and claw against the best legislation that has ever been enacted for the worker - the Taft-Hartley law, a law that guarantees against discrimination, against you being

fired if the boss doesn't like the way you part your hair. But the thing that galls the union is, it prohibits them from gouging you for contributions to any cause, such as a million buck mansion for a leader here or a fleet of Cadillacs for another there.

During the war the unions pulled 14,000 strikes and caused 36 million idle man days per year. No credit to them that we won the war. In 1959, there were 3,700 strikes and 69 million idle man days. That year's lost time would build 10 dams such as we want on the Rogue. The union's battle cry has always been less work and more money. Man was made to struggle for his existence. Take away his cause to struggle and you have destroyed him as an individual.

Small cases to exist as a nation long before we become one fingered button pushers. I will admit the worker is riding the gravy train but why does he have to pay so much to get on and ante up every mile of the way. We are still feeding a horse that has been dead for 20 years. Let's bury the critter.

George Brown,
Box 259,
Prospect

Mental Illness
To the Editor: At least 1 person in every 10 - 18,000,000 people in all - has some form of mental or emotional illness (mild to severe) that needs psychiatric treatment.

With good care and treatment, at least 7 out of 10 patients can leave mental hospitals partially or totally recovered. Data from a number of states show that about 75 per cent of those admitted are discharged within the first year. The chances of partial or total recovery from the serious mentalcrippler schizophrenia, have jumped from 20 per cent to 70 per cent in the last 40 years. In the past, readmission rates have been as high as 35 per cent of the patients discharged within a year. Research has shown that this figure can be reduced to about 10 per cent with thorough rehabilitation service.

including medical, social and vocational after-care.

Schizophrenia falls between 15 and 35 years of age. Involuntal psychosis falls between 45 and 60. Manic-depressive psychosis falls between 35-50. Severe alcoholism between 25 to 45. Psychoneuroses between 25 to 45. Mental illness occurs at all ages, including childhood.

Since facial expressions often reflect emotions, some mental patients will obviously appear to be different. However, in most instances it would be impossible to separate normal from mentally ill persons in a large group providing they were similarly dressed.

It is safe to say that not even one mentally ill person in a hundred is dangerous. About 30 per cent of depressed patients may be potentially dangerous to themselves because of suicidal thoughts. "Cast from shackles which bound them, this bell shall ring out hope for the mentally ill and victory over mental illness."
Medford
(Name on File)

Concentration Camps
To the Editor: Another ultra-liberal on the rampage, Mr. Ray Pritchard (MT 2-10-63), worried about a U. S. senator, a secret society and a dog food commentator making the United States into a concentration camp.

If you really want to worry about this concentration camp business Mr. Pritchard, don't waste grey hairs on any amateurs. I hear that there is an outfit headquartered in Moscow, who have had us in mind for quite a spell. They are experienced along these lines, too, and have many camps thriving today. Why, they have one real close, just off Florida, Florida, as someone said, is a non-Communist country 80 miles from Cuba. These Communists are such experts that they have solved all the problems. No big business, no "vested interests," no labor corruption, no business corruption, no freedom, no strikes.

Why, they haven't had a strike since that one in Hungary. A lot of malcontents left through Berlin but they solved that, just built a wall. Now, I doubt if Technocracy would stand much of a chance against them. Lately (last 30 years) democracy hasn't done too well either. Now a republic with a good constitution might just make out pretty well, but we must have lost them or else they've been pretty well liberalized lately.

Yep, if it's concentration camps Mr. Pritchard, I would not worry about amateurs. We've had lots of U. S. senators, secret societies and plenty of dog food but very few concentration camps. Now don't let this Communist thing worry you, after all, they are clear across the ocean, well, across 90 miles of it anyhow.
James K. Shafer
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Medford

Stratagems of Debate
To the Editor: Abuse, insinuations and false accusation are stratagems of a debater who has run out of legitimate arguments. When he associates these with references identifying his opponent in public discussion without directly naming him, he compounds his mischief with a lack of candor, forthrightness and possibly even courage. James K. Shafer's letter of 2/10 was of that kind.

"Liberal," "world traveler," "education received in the east" (as though that were something awful - actually obtained also in the south, west and abroad), "white shirts laundered more cheaply than sport shirts," "irrelevant" - these were some of his relatively innocuous references to me, though my name was not mentioned. However, the rest of his letter unfortunately consisted mostly of matter falling in to the categories cited in the opening sentence, above.

Mr. Shafer's ill-humored remarks evidently were triggered by my assertion that most of his comment has been irrelevant. Well, to a bogle himself of the charge he needs only to cease being irrelevant and, instead, to stick to the subjects at issue.

Our present discussion began with my query about the spectrum of phobias characteristic of a number of writers in these columns. Mr. Shafer among them. Subsequently, seeking to justify himself, he rambled all over the lot with more, assorted irrelevancies (i.e., matters not applicable or germane to our discussion). When he professed his belief in brotherhood - with certain limitations, and in the Constitution - up to a point,

I suggested that Jesus' teachings put no such limitations upon brotherhood; nor the Constitution, upon liberty and justice. But Mr. Shafer continues to indulge his predilection for irrelevancies instead of confining himself to these points. His dispute, really, is not with me but with our Lord's plain teachings on brotherhood and the equally clear provisions of the Constitution.

Brotherhood, liberty and justice are indivisible and of universal application. Any attempt to limit, restrict or distort them constitutes a denial of them. These are the facts with which I have been chiefly concerned. They are not opinions, whether Mr. Shafer's or mine. And as facts, they are irrefutable and no arguments on his part or mine can deny or diminish them.

I pray that Mr. Shafer may learn to accept the Gospel and the Constitution in all their fullness, and to live like Lincoln, "with malice toward none, with charity for all" - and thus enlarge his own soul and the sun total of good in the world.

Arnold Eugene Jenny
Rogue Valley Manor
Medford

Answers Question
To the Editor: What do I mean when I say, "There is no 'ism like Americanism'"?

Americanism means life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Life that is free from the threat of Communism or any other ism that is foreign to the American concept of a free society. Liberty to worship as one desires; to vote without intimidation, and to move about free from fear; pursuit of happiness, to strive for economic well-being and obtain a liberal education without discrimination because of race, religion or nationality.

David Frisch
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White City, Ore.

Need Good Tonic
To the Editor: We have been taught to take evil seriously even though it was not our fault that sin exists. Evil is an effect of desire, passion and lust, which might be cured if women were not such shocking lofty souls. Women are indeed delightful to see and are necessary.

The secure, motherly image of woman, that tradition has cherished has given place to the new woman, something unknown, disturbing and problematic. In any case it was man who has produced the decisive turning point in woman. They should never allow woman to carry the blame alone.

Man is like unto a narrow necked bottle in sharing the blame of woman's actions. The less they have in them, the more noise they make getting out of a tight spot. Women are soul savers and have been criticized desperately. For it is their strength which men condemn in their morals of what they are trying to save the souls from.

Since it was woman who first sinned, God put man in the lead and woman to follow him. But where are our men leading the women? Most Christians are weak and anemic, weak from parasites fasting on the life they lead. What Christians really need is a good tonic of the Sermon on the Mount.

E. Dykes,
Eagle Point, Ore.

Kennedy's Tax Program
To the Editor: Tax Cut? Reports out of Washington say that Kennedy wonders why people do not show more interest in his tax program.

He calls it a tax cut (to get votes), but check the tax to be paid under Kennedy's Tax Bill. People have come to the conclusion that it should be known as Kennedy's Tax Increase Measure. I am sure, for the citizens of Oregon, that it will be a tax increase.

For those citizens that own their homes and contribute to church and community... it is a tax increase!

For the lumber industry, it is a tremendous tax increase. The same is true for the farmer. This takes in most of the people of Oregon.

If you live in an apartment, own no property, do not help your neighbor or church, you will get a very small tax cut.

So, let's call it by its right name, Kennedy's Tax Increase program.
Fayette I. Bristol,
5090 Rogue River Hwy.,
Grants Pass, Ore.

Wish They Were Here
To the Editor: Recently, some friends of ours, an Army physician and his wife, took a trip to California, their purpose being, to find a desirable community in which to

live and practice after the doctor is discharged from the Army.

We, being Oregonians, faithful and true (even though we live in Texas), suggested that as long as they were going as far as Residing they might as well look in on southern Oregon. There, we told them, you will find a truly marvelous place to live, work, school your children in first-rate schools and so on.

Not satisfied with California, they followed our suggestion. They fell in love with the beauty and charm that Oregon offers, even though it was raining "pitchforks."

Being strangers, yet wanting to know more about Medford, they telephoned a physician, in the same field as our friend, and he graciously welcomed them into his home to discuss Medford, the surrounding area and its need, if any, for another doctor.

I can't begin to tell you how proud we felt when our friends, upon their return, called to tell us that we didn't exaggerate about Oregon's beauty and her friendly people.

I wish I were there!
Annes Herman,
(Mrs. Charles Herman),
3207 Mumm lane,
El Paso, Tex.

Best Forgotten

To the Editor: When I replied to Mr. Raymond D. Roberts' letter (Communications, Feb. 5) it was not my intention to start a personal vendetta with him. It still isn't.

I will point out, however, that while my figures did not agree with his, the very figures Mr. Roberts quotes repudiate his own contention that a control bill is not needed.

As far as waste in the cost of legislation is concerned, I would suggest that both Mr. Roberts and myself could better turn our guns... er, typewriters on a much more foolish bit of legislation now pending. I refer to the archaic Sunday closing law, which is a relic of the past and, along with all other such Blue Laws, is best forgotten. This last statement I clearly identify as opinion and not fact.

W. L. Stevens Jr.,
52 West Vilas rd.,
Central Point, Ore.

Asked a Question

To the Editor: I have been asked, "What about that verse in the Bible that says, if they hit you on one cheek turn the other?"

I once heard about an Irishman who had the answer and I give you the story as it was given to me. Bully hit Irishman on one cheek, Irishman turned the other cheek. Bully hit Irishman on the other cheek, Irishman beat the "you-know-what-out-of-bully. Bully respected Irishman forever after.

If all of the free nations of the world would unitedly do likewise to all of the bully nations that are trying to rob them of their God given rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, we think the cold war would end "pretty soon quick."

There is only one word in a bully's dictionary that he understands and that word is force.

My Bible tells me about a bully that was so wicked the Lord had to strike him blind before he would depart from his wicked ways, and thereafter, that man became the Lord's most beloved apostle and served Him faithfully unto death. Acts 9:1-19; 2 Tim. 4:6-9.

Excuse please, the bit- Irish that shows.

Mrs. Alice I. Black,
812 Newtown st.,
Medford

Presents His Views

To the Editor: This is a copy of a letter which I sent to a constituent who was concerned about CD (civil defense). It pretty well states my views.

L. W. Newbury
State Senator

I sincerely appreciate your letter on the subject of Civil Defense. Certainly your concern is justified and is shared by us all.

First of all let me make my position eminently clear. My opposition to the civil defense budget is not based upon the philosophy of the peace movement as presented by the Eugene Peace Information Center or any other group advocating peace at any price.

My criticism of civil defense on the state level has been of its lack of accomplishment and of its expenditures. I feel that we as taxpayers are not getting value received for our dollars. This is not entirely the fault of our state directors since they must necessarily look to the Federal Government for guidance. The Federal Program has been confused. They started on a program of evacuation which is now generally agreed to be impossible and ridiculous but this program cost us several hundred thousand dollars. Now the program has switched to one of fallout shelters, this program on the state level alone cost \$390,000 during this biennial and they are requesting \$410,000 for the next two years.

Testimony before our committee indicates that this program is now in doubt on the Federal level and may be altered or abandoned. The Director of Civil Defense admitted that they did not warn the people of Oregon of the Oct. 12 storm because they did not know of it until it actually hit. The assistance that Civil Defense claims to have offered after the storm only amounted to offering communications to the state agencies. The actual disaster relief was carried on by long established agencies of government, which until disaster hits, are known as the police department, water department, electric department, street or road department, etc.

As your representative in the Senate and as a member of the committee on ways and means, it is my duty to see that you are getting value received for your tax dollar not only in the area of Civil Defense but in all areas of State government. During the campaign people indicated to me that they wanted expenditures cut. This is absolutely necessary, otherwise we are faced with the prospect of much higher taxes on the state level.

Again thank you for your letter, I hope my comments will be of help in understanding my position.

L. W. Newbury
State Senator

Radiation Fallout Shelters

To the Editor: Reading about "shelters" brings some vague and apprehensive thoughts, whys, wheres, for whom? etc.

From sources we presume, "radiation fallout poses no threat to human health," from OSU radiation specialist, J. R. Prince, and other sources.

If true, why all the scare added to the already overburdened public emotions and confusions? And why added millions of tax dollars? Who'll get them, shelters and dollars?

If in a courthouse or capitol building, who'll get into the shelter and by what authority will others be kept out, and how? The judge, the governor, wouldn't leave his family out; the janitor must get in to keep the place clean, if not sanitary; the sheriff must be there to keep order; clerk to keep records; a cook to prepare food; waiters to serve meals; or would each "eat himself," a saying when one tends to his own hunger needs. Who'll be the chosen few?

A recollection comes to me of the Chicago Iroquois theater tragedy about 1905. Over 600 persons died, mostly trampled and crushed in the pandemonium when one word, "fire," was screamed. Bodies were piled higher than the door tops in vain efforts to escape. I saw truckloads of bodies, men, women and children's feet and legs extending from grocery delivery wagons, police wagons, every kind of rig that could be pressed into service to haul the dead to morgues. Bodies were tossed into wagons like hunks of wood.

Who would prevent similar cataclysms at shelter entrances, and how? Law requires outside doors of public buildings to "open out," since the Iroquois catastrophe. At schools, pupils, teachers nor parents, crazed mothers, could control nor be controlled. Shelters might cause more deaths than they'd prevent.

Instead of shelters from foreign enemy radiation fallout, we do need shields against methods used to acquire wealth and power by some posing as good American citizens.

In her letters to the editor,

Medford Mail Tribune 3/27/60, 3/4/63, and others, Mrs. Marie Bosworth sounds, and thousands of other warnings have been sounded, as to where the missile race is leading... Must civilized, Christianized, educated man destroy the hopes man's struggled for up through the grief and pain, and ignorance of centuries?
John E. Gribble,
Medford

Appreciate Interest
To the Editor: We are grateful for the opportunity to present the adult education curricula to the Rogue valley community.

We particularly appreciate your keen interest and efforts in presenting such attractive lectures.

We sincerely appreciate your friendly assistance and participation in this program.
Lindsay M. Vinzell,
Director
Adult and Vocational Education

Proposes Boycott
To the Editor: Will all who object to the tall billboard monstrosity at 10th st. and the freeway, please boycott those business firms?

Or at least we, the public, should voice our disapproval to all business firms who thus create such objectionable structures.

(Name on File),
Medford

"Well Flip My Wig"

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Poets' Corner

Conducted by
Arnold Eugene Jenny

Winter Delight
When the red sun is setting in the west
And winter day draws swiftly down to night,
A deep nostalgia fills my restless heart
Not even beauty's fullness can requite.

Such longing is not for a yesterday
Far off and glowing through the years,
But for a rapture glimpsed and never known -
A haunting loveliness akin to tears.
—Elizabeth Olsen
Portland, Ore.

Evening Came
All day a huge cloud capped Tillamook Head.
We read poems: heard Sibelius and William
Faulkner on records; rejoiced with great minds;
walked the wild dunes; heard meadowlarks
scatter their polished song; saw young deer
fear against dune-grass, powdery forms
fused with the landscape...

Evening came:
the long fog, lifting, left a fringe of waves
white below blue horizon of the sea.
We stood and watched the sun: it set,
incredibly red, leaving no afterglow...
And someone spoke some lines of poetry.
—William Eberman
Portland, Ore.

Cold War
Hear Winter rage his propaganda.
Listening, you'd think
He had Sweet Summer blitzed and Autumn
Prisoned - barred in a long forever.

Almost he had me fooled, I cried,
"If icicles will free my beard some day,
The Sun's bright shears will clear the eaves -
Only then can icicles be beautiful!
Hear me, Ice-tyrant! There'll be a fire -
Some day the Sun! Fire! Sun!
Never-thawing icicles I hate!"

From underneath the glacial curtain
A sound too muted for a despot's ear:
"We're here - down here - your seasons -
- Your underground resistance!"
Love those icicles on your beard
And on the eaves. Soon they'll drip
Before a fire-clatter to the porch.
—Matthea Montgomery
Ashland, Ore.

O, Little Bundles of Delight!
The day is gloomy,
Mist abounds;
The world is clothed in hazy light.
Comes the sound
But near my window
Of cherry, musical delight.

A little group
Of tiny birds
Flutters and twitters cheerily -
No wit deterred by gloomy hush,
But flit around the sleeping bush -
In gay and happy, sheer delight.

O, darling birds,
O cheerful hearts!
Your music to one's soul imparts
A gayness to the gloomy day,
So that our burdens fall away -
O, little bundles of delight!
—Kenneth F. Osthimer
Medford

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