

Communications

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Thanks

To the Editor: I wish to express my thanks to the Tribune as well as to the many people attending our first organizational meeting of the Rogue Valley Aquarium Society, held in my home in Central Point, Sunday, March 24.

Too, for the wonderful cooperation shown us by the local chapter of the Central Point Jaycees, Gay Hall, and Warren Hull, of the American Legion Post, in answering our call for the chairs we so badly needed.

Wayne Beattie,
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Commission Is Right

To the Editor: This is a letter written in good faith concerning the Oregon State Game Commission and some of the so-called "sportsmen" and their clubs. These clubs and sportsmen are continually knocking the commission and the well known deer season, claiming this is the reason for deer shortage. In the first place states back east have had success on the same type of method and control. In the second place, 15 or 20 years ago we had approximately one-third the human population that we have today.

The migrating deer will not inhabit the area if there is not sufficient wild life feed. This brings up another sore point—the so-called free stock range. This sure does cut down on the deer feed, which 15 or 20 years ago was not needed by ranchers. I know of acres and acres of government land that now feed cattle and sheep until there is very little food left for deer.

Getting back to the old gripers (sportsmen clubs). One buck is good for 20 deer per season. One doe is good for only one buck in season, but if she doesn't get that buck she is drag. It is common

knowledge that if stock (domestic or wild) cannot be bred they go to market, otherwise you cannot improve your herd.

Simple math will prove the commission right. Put 1000 doe, still having ample game feed, put 100 bucks in same area and they will multiply, approximately double the following year. You may kill 100 doe still having ample game and breeding stock. But if you take the same fenced area and same amount of deer—

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

ONCE UPON A TIME there was a college professor who was considered the world's greatest authority on fish. He knew the name of every species of fish, probably, in all the world. Unfortunately, he could NOT remember the names of the boys in his classes.

Aware that he was winning the reputation of an eccentric, he vowed one fall to memorize the name of every newly registered freshman. It was a project, however, he soon had to abandon. For he discovered that every time he remembered the name of a freshman, he forgot the name of a fish!

The owner of a spanking new pleasure boat was not averse to female companionship on his moonlight cruises. The way he'd lure a debutante aboard was to assure her, "You'll be crazy about my new boat. Incidentally, I wonder if you know that I named it after you."

No girl could resist a pitch like that! It was only when she saw the boat tied up at the dock that she realized she had been had. The letters on the stern read "AFTER YOU."

An avant-garde poet had a thin volume of his poems published some months ago. Asked last week how the book was selling, he admitted, "Not so good. I haven't been buying so many copies lately."

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kill 100 bucks—what do you have?—is a deflating herd. My hat is off to the game commission in this respect.

I suggest the sportsmen and their clubs clean their own back yard and in their own areas.

(Name on File),
Central Point, Ore.

Media Ownerships

To the Editor: A U.P.I. dispatch in the S.F. Chronicle dated in Washington, March 14, concerned the House anti-trust sub-committee inquiry into concentration of ownership of news media. On the subject Emanuel Celler (Dem.-N.Y.) asked Chairman Minow of the Federal Communications Commission if he considered significant findings that "three newspaper chains own 45 dailies, 25 magazines, 10 AM radio stations, 7 FM stations, 12 TV stations, 2 press services, several photo serv-

ices, and several feature syndicates." Minow replied that, "It was more than significant, it could be dangerous."

Cells later identified the three groups as the Hearst, Scripps-Howard, and S. I. Newhouse organizations.

The N.Y. Times had a report on this investigation also. It reported that the investigation states there were 80 communities where the only paper owned the only radio station; in four communities the sole radio station, TV station, and newspaper were all in the same hands. Celler noted, "Only 3 per cent of the cities in the U.S. had genuinely competitive daily newspapers, separately owned and published, editorially independent, and that in 1909 there were 689 cities with daily paper competition, today only 52."

In the Oregon Journal, a Newhouse organ, there was a blackout on this news except that they quoted Stanford Smith, American Newspaper Publishers Association general manager, as saying, "...More media voices compete for the attention of the U.S. public today than ever before."

How absurd can absurdity be?

Frank Crum,
White City, Ore.

Deliver Us

To the Editor: Some dramas in real life draw upon our concern for fellow humans so deeply that efforts to put them out of mind seem unsympathetic, unloving, and cruel. One of those is the recent episode sprung upon us which was the tragedy when two women's lives were nearly terminated in Medford. Briefly the report as heard: Ages 29 and 36; a bottle of wine; a battle of wine wits; a suicide pact; a tragic fact; a phone call; a hurried police visit; slashed wrists; blood flowing; an ambulance; two hospital entrants; two sobered women; a sobered public; a sobered grocery market seller of wine wine. How sober did he get? How sober will the imbibers get? How sober will the public get?

Were those two women solely to blame in that near tragedy? God gave us all in His word some vital commands and facts: "Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, ... at the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder." "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise."

We remember, Mr. Editor, the ads sing of the "virtues" of wine and beer to make us "sociable jolly good fellows." Our highly advertised grocery markets sell it in their "saloon department." Sure, it's easy to get, "looks and tastes good." If the market that sold this serpent-bite wine is sorry, they haven't said so publicly. We have heard them say, "People want it, and if I don't sell it someone else will." Cain said, "Am I my brother's keeper?" Another said, "Who makes himself the motive for another's fault is guilty of the same." Can we conclude that the ill-gotten filthy lucre gain from its sale is a controlling factor?

When, Mr. Editor, will the public get sober enough to rise up en masse against the iniquity, the liquor traffic—even sold in our groceries?

And when will some honorable principled Christian men build a sizeable market we aren't ashamed to enter; or to send our children for fear lest they learn to think, from the presence of the wine and beer compartment, that it's all right to drink, get muddled, agree on suicide pacts, etc., etc.?—and the etceteras are dark.

Deliver us, Lord, from evil.
H. R. Bulman,
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Medford

Be Happy

To the Editor: Hi Folks. The scales in the depot tell me I have lost 51 pounds, so as I don't take up so much blubber space in the mirror, I got up nerve to look in. That ol' hen looking outta there wasn't the jolly me I usta was, she resembles Aunt Sherepta from Podunk Town, and I can think of other names, too.

By the way, you communicators write such interesting letters, and then, some of you put your name on file. I so like to know the writers, but I won't bother the editor to dig'em out for me. You should be proud to be even a small part of our good paper. I am, and I love to get calls and personal letters from people who like, or do not like, my style. Sometimes I get some "dillies." I know that isn't a word, but it is almost like one, and one can fasten any ol' meaning onto it.

Senator Morse says report-

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ers have failed to report events truthfully.

Be that as it may—I believe it is better that we do not know the truth if by keeping us informed, our enemies are also in the know. We have got to trust our leaders, and the closer mouthed they are, the more our enemies are kept guessing. If they guess we are able to be "firstest with the mostest," perhaps they'll be less cheerful about hating us. At least, they can have the pleasure of hating us quietly.

When they tell untruths about us, I think we should disregard it entirely. Such actions on their part shows a very crude, ignorant nature. If they aren't capable of friendship, we could follow Christ's method of wiping their dust off our feet.

I am remembering that it's maple sugar time back home. Then I had to read of the disastrous weather back there, and I say "Hurrah for Oregon." Be happy.

Pearl Spackman,
Jacksonville, Ore.

Omnes Cognosco

To the Editor, and to his erudite side kick, the Sage of Barneby Hill: he who says in effect, "Omnes Cognosco,"

"You ignorant denizens of the Oregon hinterlands, keep silent when Caesar speaks."

When Miss Streed cited testimony from a former Russian officer of the NKVD, Mr. Jenny likened it to calling on the devil to certify to the character of a Christian saint. Perhaps Mr. J. has not had sufficient experience with Christian saints and the devil to know that sometimes the devil inadvertently witnesses to saintly character.

Pilate, speaking of Jesus, whom he condemned to be crucified, said, "I find no fault in him." Likewise, the high priests, who demanded the crucifixion, said, "He saved others, himself he cannot save." Yes, he saved others, but he could not save himself without belying the principle of his willing sacrifice.

If we are to discount all the testimony of former communists because of what they were before they turned to the truth, how great will be our loss of knowledge of communists and their ways.

As to the Russians who are visiting the United States under the guise of Russian Orthodox priests, there are some questions and answers. When the Russian Orthodox sought

admission to the World Council of Churches, some questions were asked. The Rev. Frederick Brown Harris, chaplain of the U.S. Senate, gives us some of their answers, both from their spoken and written answers.

1. "The noble and truly human aims of the Soviet regime we sincerely recognize as established by God and expressing the will of the people. Our church calls upon all its faithful children honestly to submit to the regime in all things." (This from a regime that denies the existence of God.)

2. "The United States interfered in the internal affairs of the Korean people. Any interference in such family affairs can be prompted only by selfish quest for advantage. The Russian Orthodox Church condemned this intervention and the inhuman annihilation of the peaceful population of Korea by the American Air Forces who disseminated Colorado beetles and resorted to the use of bacteriological weapons."

3. "We condemn certain foreign circles (the U.S.) for attempts to destroy the people's democracy in Hungary."

4. "Capitalistic America, the trans-Atlantic octopus, is trying to fasten its greedy tentacles around the whole globe ... The freedom of the Western democrats is but liberty to rob, coerce and slaughter."

These are the people for whom Mr. Jenny and others like him, have warm words of commendation and brotherhood. In contrast, there are only condemnation and ridicule for the poor deluded paranoiac right enders such as Streed, Howard, Shafer, Powell and all Conservatives. What a strange way to fight communism!

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LUNCH ON BEATS
Portland, Maine—(UPI)—Police have been ordered either to bring their lunches or dine at restaurants on their beats. The new edict was issued Tuesday because some patrolmen had been abandoning their posts for a half hour to lunch at home.

NATHAN LEOPOLD CITED
Washington—(UPI)—Nathan Leopold, 1924 Chicago "thrill killer," has been cited by the National Science Foundation for research in the social sciences. The 59-year-old Leopold, who recently completed his parole, was among three students at the University of Puerto Rico who received honorable mentions for scholarship.

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