

# ... Communications ...

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### Why Not Use Talent?

To the Editor: Suppose someone were to give you a sizeable uncut diamond along with all the necessary tools used in turning out a beautiful finished stone. Would you plunge ahead—cutting away—realizing that once the cuts were made the pieces could not be reassembled for another attempt? Probably not. Would you ask your friends and neighbors (all equally inexperienced) how to make the cuts? Probably not.

We have just such a potential jewel right here in our midst. To realize this potential we must proceed with the caution and sureness of a diamond cutter.

On the western slopes of this magnificent valley lies the town of Jacksonville. It is the beginning of our history in southern Oregon. It has aged and mellowed for more than 100 years, and cannot be duplicated in character, history, or setting anywhere else west of the Rocky Mountains.

Should Jacksonville not be treasured, preserved and restored? This has already been answered by countless individuals and organizations who have been and still are working unceasingly to preserve and restore Jacksonville for all to behold.

Could you possibly bring yourself to mount a bulldozer and plow a straight, indestruc-

tible gash through the middle of this heritage, and then pour tons of concrete as a final barrier to assure the wound could never heal?

Our very existence has been preserved by freedom of expression and informed choice. Our program of mass education is unequalled anywhere on earth and an educated man, while not "knowing" everything, certainly knows (among other things) how to research any problem. These basic principles have not been applied to the Jacksonville dilemma of '63.

There are experts who are trained in engineering a highway. We have their valuable talents at work now. However, there are also experts in preserving and restoring the few remaining (intact) towns on the entire west coast. They are willing to help in this dilemma but have not been invited to offer this extremely important point of view. Our future probably lies mostly as a tourist attraction, which makes the historical aspect doubly important to consider.

Why can't we ask for their valuable opinion and advice? Surely alternate routes can be proposed, taking all factors into consideration. In essence, this is all I ask or suggest.

Eugene Bennett  
P. O. Box 328  
Jacksonville, Ore.

### Nine, No Budget, Yes

To the Editor: At a meeting of the Eagle Point Jaycees on the evening of May 2, the Jaycees announced that they will be opposing the ballot calling for nine school board members in the May 6 election, and will be campaigning to get the people of School District 9 to pass the amended school budget on May 14.

Eagle Point Jaycees  
Eagle Point, Ore.

### Liberty Amendment

The Editor and to all Oregon Taxpayers: Would you like to have \$50-\$70-\$80 more each month to save, invest or spend as you please?

Would you like to have the government stop wasting your tax money on such projects as:

- "Studies of Silent Thinking," which cost \$25,585;
- "A stereotactic atlas of the beagle brain," \$9,775;
- "Appointment breaking in a pediatric clinic," \$18,000;
- "Initiation and support of a colony of baboons," \$61,985;
- The study of turtles, \$78,000, and spending \$1,250,000 for a six-year study of the affectional relationship of an infant monkey and its mother—and many more projects just as ridiculous?

Tax Freedom Day arrived at 1:05 p.m. Monday, April 22. Until that time every average American taxpayer worked full time for the government to pay his local, state and federal taxes.

The amount going to the federal government from individuals is about \$40 billion a year.

Just think of the good that you could be doing with that money that the federal government takes from you each year and wastes. Imagine what it would do for the economy if all of these billions of dollars now going into the Internal Revenue department could be free to circulate in the economy.

The Federal government does not need your personal income tax money to run the government. About 17 years ago, Mr. Willis Stone, a brilliant engineer, started the movement to repeal the fed-

eral income tax. He has proved that the government is wasting over \$40 billion a year financing 700 government owned businesses. Each of these competes unfairly with every known phase of private enterprise because every one operates tax free, rent free and overhead free.

Custom duties and a small federal excise tax equally distributed on all commodities and services alike would produce all revenue needed to run our government, and pay off the national debt.

But there are only sixteen states so far smart enough to see this, and that have formally approved the Liberty amendment.

Oregon could be on this list if people would get informed and do something about it.

The Liberty Amendment, or House Bill 6, was introduced this session in our Oregon Legislature and was tabled by a motion by Mr. James Redden.

I don't believe that our legislators are informed on the Liberty Amendment. Let's get them informed! Just a card or letter to Mr. Norman Howard, chairman of the State and Federal Affairs committee, Salem, Oregon, asking him to have House Bill 6 withdrawn from the committee and passed would get Oregon on that smart list.

Mrs. G. S. Jennings  
218 Saginaw dr.  
Medford.

### You ARE City Hall

To the Editor: If you still have Thursday's Medford Mail Tribune around the house I would invite you to read or re-read Eric Allen's editorial concerning the proposed new highway through Jacksonville.

I was equally surprised to learn that the Jacksonville city council had reversed their decision and now approves the new route which will split the historic city in two parts. In some ways this will be worse than the absurdity of Medford's bisection by the Southern Pacific Railroad tracks that don't even serve the travelling public.

As important as they are to the economy, logging trucks pounding smack-dab through Southern Oregon's most important museum-piece of the old west aren't going to contribute anything to the mood, decor nor the tradition which so many people of Oregon have tried so hard to preserve.

When a new highway BY-PASSES a city by going around or, as in Medford's case, ABOVE a city, it can be condoned in the name of progress, perhaps. But the only justification I've heard for the proposed highway cutting THROUGH our picturesque neighboring city is that the route surveys out well.

I can't help joining Eric Allen's wonderment at the "rush job" this project is getting . . . and in the face of the considerable citizenry's indignation, I wonder more at the city council's sudden acquiescence to the proposal of the State Highway Commission.

YOU don't have to worry about fighting city hall, fellows. You ARE city hall. Win Marks  
KBOY  
Medford

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### Not Images

To the Editor: "Charity unites but doctrines divide."—Emanuel Swedenborg.

As long as Christian sects insist on rigid adherence to doctrines, the church will be divided against itself—and as long as the church is divided against itself the life called Charity will suffer.

### SEPARATION

Come, let us worship God—Not images.

Confide to Him, we know He'll save the day

If we will sense the bond That is so close

Between Us. Nothing Standing in the way.

To separate the tie That is our blessing,

Which is so doing,

Cleaves the hearts of men And leaves them filled with

Loneliness and longing,

Conducting all—the search That never ends.

The search for One who has No earthly equal—

No mundane parts

Nor representatives

Except pulsations soft

And voices subtle

No channel but the gentle Heart receives.

Then shall we find and share

The resurrection

And span the gap that True communion bridges.

So come, and reunite

The old connection,

And let us worship God—Not images.

Thelma Carson  
Prospect, Ore.

### Dictation

To the Editor: I want to say how refreshing it is to know that one like yourself, who is not personally involved in the Jacksonville proposed highway mess, can stand up for justice when there is so much at stake for this little historical town. This is sadly contrary to what some of our own local citizens are doing in putting their own personal gain before the interests of the town.

Also, always to hold my greatest esteem, although I do not know him personally, is Mr. Floyd Wyatt of the city council, who also believes that a "take it or leave it" ultimatum is not the answer and will not be swayed by such pressure and undemocratic procedures.

People are being purposely misinformed by logging truck propaganda, and even to the extent of being told by direct letter from the highway commissioner that only two houses were being affected, instead of the truth that 14 or more houses and a large trailer park actually were being affected. And this was no misinterpretation, for I personally read the letter signed by Glenn Jackson making this statement.

Then the fact that upon finding that the decision was again being put into the city council's lap by this "either or" ultimatum, the community as a whole was not informed, but, instead, a petition was put into circulation by those who were for the highway going as proposed (and most of them stand to have personal gain), and not one word was said "out loud" so that a real, honest poll could be presented for the council's consideration.

They say one should always look for the good in things, and being a believer in this, I feel the only good coming

out of this kind of injustice and "you'll take this or nothing" ultimatums from our highway commissions, etc., can make one feel relief that we no longer need fear the coming of Communism.

Let's stand together and write or wire our Governor and fight dictation from commissions.

(Property owner, also not personally affected by proposed highway).

Velva Cosler  
Jacksonville, Ore.

### Broadcast Liked

To the Editor: Everyone in this area can now hear just what we as Americans are facing by tuning in to KRVC (Ashland), 1350 KC five times weekly, or really 10 times weekly, the same message at 7:45 to 8:15 a.m. is re-broadcast at 8:30 p.m.

Let's rally to this very fine broadcast.

(Name on file).  
Central Point, Ore.

### Success

To the Editor: The success of the observance of National Library week in Jackson county, April 21-27, was due, in no small part, to the wonderful cooperation in publishing announcements and news stories of the various events by the Medford Mail Tribune.

In this era of constantly expanding educational horizons, National Library week affords all the citizens of our county an opportunity to learn, as this year's slogan

stated, "Read—The fifth freedom . . . enjoy it!"

Mrs. Jean Deaver  
Chairman, National Library Week and President, Friends of The Library  
3008 Old Stage rd.  
Central Point, Ore.

### Pro-Con U.N.

To the Editor: I know (1) a teacher who, each day, faces students who suspect that there may be NO world tomorrow, and that there is nothing they can do about it, (2) a parent who secretly shares his child's suspicions, (3) a taxpayer who is concerned about the effect of world cooperation on the American economy, (4) a wage-earner who is frustrated by the whole question of world peace through international cooperation, (5) a physician, lawyer, cleric or businessman who does not "have time" to be concerned, (6) a student who hopes for peace in which to live a life.

Some of them once had a great faith that the United Nations would keep the peace. The conflict and controversy about the UN leaves them discouraged and in doubt. They ask, "Is the United Nations right or wrong?" They believe the United Nations is in danger from the far right and the far left—here and abroad. They asked for help in formulating their own independent answers.

The few citizens who belong to the local United Na-

tions Association have made arrangements at great expense and effort to set up a one day program for the Valley. On May 13, they are bringing Dr. Urban Whitaker, International Relations Professor at San Francisco State university, to Ashland and Medford.

At the Jackson House in Medford at luncheon at noon and at dinner 6:30 p.m., Dr. Whitaker will debate or discuss with local and imported opponents of the UN. Those wishing to be heard on the negative side are asked to contact the organization in advance by calling Marie Bosworth, phone 899-1270. Questions will be heard from the floor if time permits. Mr. George Bell will moderate the question period.

Marie Bosworth  
Program Chairman,  
Oregon United Nations Assn  
Medford Chapter  
Medford.

## Convention of Civil Service Workers Set

The Oregon state federation of chapters, National Association of Retired Civil Service employees, will hold its state convention in Portland, May 8 and 9.

Keynote speaker will be Thomas J. McKegney, Washington, D.C., supervisor of chapters, who will speak at the Wednesday evening banquet.

W. M. Houston, Milwaukie, is state president. There are 13 chapters in Oregon involving about 1,500 members. Among the other state officers are Earl F. Malbourn, Medford, first vice-president, and Edwin Eggers, Medford, and Ralph C. King, Grants Pass, executive committee members.

Activities are planned for the wives of delegates, it was stated.

## Poets' Corner

Conducted by  
**Arnold Eugene Jenny**

### Poetry: Oldest of the Arts

Anyone who studies the history of civilization will find it difficult to escape the conclusion that poetry has always held a central position in human culture . . . Poetry, far from being artificial or unnecessary, appears to be the oldest and most universal of the arts. — Jacob Korg.

### Song On May Morning

Now the bright morning star, Day's harbinger,  
Comes dancing from the east, and leads with her  
The flowery May, who from her green lap throws  
The yellow cowslip and the pale primrose.  
Hail, bounteous May, that dost inspire  
Mirth, and youth, and warm desire!  
Woods and groves are of thy dressing;  
Hill and dale doth boast thy blessing.  
Thus we salute thee with our early song,  
And welcome thee, and wish thee long.  
John Milton (1608-1674)

### Diminuendo

I have seen  
Its sparse pale blooms  
Beside dark tenements,  
and felt the plum tree beckon me,  
or any other passer-by, to note  
that beauty fares as best it can  
when unattended in  
the crowded worlds  
of snared  
men.

—Lloyd B. Halverson  
Medford.

### On the Loss of the Nuclear Submarine "Thresher"

With All Hands, Off Cape Cod  
Time was when men and lordly ships  
Ventured upon the seven seas;  
They signed on for long, two-year trips,  
And hoisted canvas to the breeze  
That carried them to the Unknown.

The great sperm-whale and precious seal,  
They sought 'midst dangers of the deep;  
The currents tugged at steersman's wheel;  
The call, "Reef sail!" rang through their sleep  
—A sleep above the great Unknown.

The whales are gone, the seals are few,  
And ships and men who sought them, too  
Now we have nuclear "subs" that sweep  
Faster than monsters of the deep  
To plough the wastes of the Unknown.

Man, like a fish, swims in the sea,  
And, like a bird, glides through the air;  
Foredoomed a wanderer to be  
To seek life's mystery everywhere  
Throughout vast space of the Unknown.

In upper space, dark storm-clouds race,  
Below, the fierce sea drives in foam;  
Below, in depths of watery space,  
The "Thresher" finds last resting place.  
— A grave within the great Unknown.

Another mystery of the deep;  
Another saga of the sea . . .  
The sea its mysteries will keep  
Mocking man's plans, or prayers, or plea,  
Since it is part of the Unknown!

The "Thresher" lies deep in the sea,  
Where square-rigged ships once hailed Cape Cod;  
A saga and a mystery  
For those who dared the sea and God.  
The elemental, vast Unknown . . .  
—Kenneth F. Osthimer  
Medford, Ore.

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