

... 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. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with a view to clarification and condensation. Letters submitted for publication must not exceed 400 words. The letters printed in this column do not necessarily represent the views of the paper; in fact the contrary is often the case.

Maw's Day
To the Editor: Maw's been a handy helper. Cuttin' firewood and such; Hoekin', milkin', sloppin' hogs—Chores that need a woman's touch. I think she wants a little rest. So, come Sunday, I'll allow Her to do the steerin' for a change. And I'll pull on the plow. (Name on file) Medford

Unnecessary Cruelties
To the Editor: This letter is addressed to those of us who are sickened by the documented reports which, for some time now, have emerged from the more reliable and hard-working of our humane societies, concerning the unnecessary abuse, indeed torture, of our animals in many of our 9,000 experimental laboratories, both medical and pharmaceutical, in the United States.

Estimates of the number of small animals used per annum vary from 175 to 300 millions. Even many of our doctors in this country, who previously, and understandably, have hesitated to complain, are becoming vocal over the unspeakable cruelties perpetrated, some times repeatedly on the same animal, and sometimes over a period of years.

There are now several bills before the U.S. Congress with similar aims — the reduction of unnecessary cruelty. They are not anti-vegetarian, but anti-cruelty. Their very number would suggest that people, accustomed to our American system of check and counter-check, are becoming increasingly concerned over what goes on behind the closed doors of the laboratories. England has had a law since 1876 which exercises certain controls over this matter. It is time we turned our attention in the same direction. We have grown too large too fast.

In Washington, D.C., at 1145 19th St. N.W., we have a dedicated group, made up of very largely of men, who call their great organization The Humane Society of the U.S. (H.S.U.S.). Solidly behind the passage of the Federal Humane Slaughter Law, and working hard for it over a period of years, they saw it passed in 1958, in the face of terrific opposition from meat packers, livestock and wool growers, the White House, the Departments of Agriculture and Interior and the Budget Bureau.

So there is hope! But not unless we are organized. We are natively a compassionate people, and we must not allow these laboratory atrocities to continue. Literature describing conditions and practices in named laboratories can be had by writing the above society. (Ask for folder "Proof of Cruelty in Laboratories.") Of the several bills up for consideration, the H.S.U.S. favors H.R. 4856, the Randall Bill, regarded as the strongest, one of the reasons being that its administrator will be drawn from the Justice department. The bill may be had on request. Write postcards (petitions receive scant attention) to our three people at Washington plus Representative Kenneth Roberts (chairman of the investigating committee) asking them to support this bill, and write soon! Mention number of bill.

The undersigned will be glad to answer inquiries and provide addresses. In the event of temporary absence, please leave your telephone number. But please WRITE to Washington!

Ethel L. Marley
Rogue Valley Manor
Medford.

Alternate Route
To the Editor: It seems that there is no agreement on a proposed highway route through Jacksonville. I would like to make a suggestion.

Why not have it come straight up Poorman's Creek to the Sterling Creek road, then on east to the divide of the west branch of Griffin Creek — down Griffin Creek to South Stage road and then on east to Vorhels Crossing? That would make it practically a straight road from Forest Creek to the Griffin Creek Grange hall.

This would make an easy grade and eliminate all the curves and icy spots on Jacksonville hill. The only right-of-way necessary to procure would be a short distance between Sterling Creek road and Applegate highway, as there is a county right-of-way the rest of the distance. Gilbert G. Knips
491 Oak Grove rd.
Medford.

The Issues
To the Editor: "The United Nations... Right or Wrong?" is to be the topic of a talk in Medford this coming Monday, May 13, by Dr. Urban Whitaker of San Francisco State college.

Some Americans are saying we should get out of the U.N. It is my opinion that rather than withdraw we should work to improve its effectiveness. Too many of us are indifferent about the future of the U.N. Such apathy is a threat both to democracy and peace.

Let's face the facts and discuss the issues.
Marjorie Kellogg
Sardine Creek
Gold Hill, Ore.

Liberty Amendment
To the Editor: This is in response to a letter from Mrs. G. S. Jennings (M.T. 5/5/63) regarding the so-called "Liberty Amendment" which was tabled early in this session. Mrs. Jennings is correct that I made the motion in the House Committee on State and Federal Affairs, of which I am vice-chairman.

House Joint Memorial 6 calls for Oregon to request our federal Congress to propose a federal Constitutional amendment to (a) Take the Government out of all business, (b) Sell such business and (c) Abolish income, estate and gift taxes.

Although this may sound wonderful, I did have good reasons for voting as I did on HJM 6:

1) None of the sponsors (Rep. Elder and Ouderirk and Sens. Ireland and Mahoney) were willing to carry the bill on the floor if it got there. Further, they even declined to testify at the hearing.

2) In a public statement they expressed their intent to vote against it themselves.

3) Not a single member of either House expressed interest in seeing it come on for debate, and no member has said they would vote for it.

As to the effect of such action by our Federal Government, it should be pointed out that:

a) The "businesses" to be eliminated would include TVA, Bonneville, Atomic Energy projects, rural electrification, the patent office, and innumerable other necessary assists to private enterprise. Camp White would go, as the Government could not be in such a "business."

b) Inasmuch as this country could no longer stand up to our enemies, it is obvious that eliminating the tax on income, estates and gifts would mean heavily increased excise and corporate taxes, together with a probable 10 per cent federal sales tax on all items.

Clearly this could not help our country by destroying our businesses. Would private corporations "buy out these federal businesses" realizing that corporate taxes would crush corporations? Not likely.

Mr. Willis Stone, the association's "traveling witness," admitted to my question that the income tax proviso was included because it attracted attention although not too practical. In other words, it's just a "gimmick."

Many important measures occupy our time in this session, with 12 and 13 hour days the general rule. There is no point in adding to floor action a measure that is rightly doomed to defeat.

James A. Redden
State Representative,
Jackson county
Salem, Ore.

Secret Heart
To the Editor: It was requested by the late John Vest Wheeler Sr., that this letter be written. We wish to call public attention to the kind, loving care shown by the staff of Sacred Heart Hospital. We feel sure that this is indicative of the entire force of this fine organization.

The late Mr. Wheeler was hopeful for complete success of Sacred Heart Hospital's campaign, for better and more modern facilities, that they may continue to render the excellent care shown to him, and undoubtedly the rest of our community.

Mrs. John Vest Wheeler Sr., and family
29 South Peach
Medford

Mills of God
To the Editor: On Thursday, May 2, President Kennedy substituting for Mrs. Kennedy in addressing a group of congressional wives, quipped: "Mrs. Kennedy is engaged in increasing the gross national product in her own special way." While this remark is considered by some to be in rather poor taste concerning motherhood, it is in keeping with the Keynesian theory of

economics, which ties in the increase in population with expanding markets. And everyone knows how dear to the heart of President Kennedy is the Keynesian theory. So here President Kennedy consistently stays in character.

But... charge an error to those estimable gentlemen on our government payroll whose duty it is to watch over and control all news releases to the public (otherwise known as voters to the administration). For that very same day a news item appeared in the press, headed "U. S. Birth Rate Declines, as Deaths Show Rise." It goes on to show the rate of decline at 3.9 per cent. This about parallels the continued rate of advance in the cost of living. Could there be a connection? "Though the mills of God grind slowly, yet they grind exceeding small."

Bruce Y. KleinSmid
1719 S.E. Portola dr.
Grants Pass, Ore.

Questions
To the Editor: Why is a new survey going to delay construction of the Medford-Provost highway by one year, when the previous survey was taken in few days including Washington's birthday? If the highway commission was seeking the shortest point be-

Ishmael
To the Editor: The attached questions are from the paper, Tuesday, May 7. According to my books, Hulbert's "Story of the Bible," page 88, and "The American College Dictionary," Ishmael, the son of Abraham and Hagar, is the man the Arabians claim descent from.

Am I not correct?
Janice Hooper
Sixth grade student
Jefferson School
1441 Whitman st.
Medford.

P.S.: My father thought Seth was the right answer also.

Editor's note: You are correct. But Seth was one of the three sons of Adam and Eve, and is presumed to be the ancestor of Abraham.

Praise or Dispraise?
To the Editor: Praise or dispraise? Happy are they who can justly praise her who was or is their mother! Mothers are to be praised who became true Christians, and continued so by God's grace. Such was the one who gave the writer, his brother, and our sister, birth and care. The memory of the just is blessed; it is easy to pay them tribute.

Our mother was not famous as the world calls fame. Hers consisted in being a faithful wife and mother, and a true Christian. A writer said, "When love begins to sicken and decay it uses an enforced ceremony; there are no tricks in plain and simple faith." Mother's love did not sicken or decay, hence there were no tricks in her life. Hers was an unalloyed sweetness of demeanor at home or abroad. She never bought presents for husband or children to atone for nasty actions, her Christian grace kept her ever gracious. Mother was a beautiful woman. The beauty of the Lord her God was upon her. It began in her transformed heart, and shone out in all her life. She was neither artificial or superficial. She used no make-up of any kind. Her beautifully combed hair was never distorted by curlers or permanents. She was not proud or vain. I never saw her spend time before a mirror admiring her face or form.

She had no trouble with her appearance. Her beauty with- appearance. Her beauty with- in couldn't remain there. She was never "out of form," or out of sorts. She never looked or acted daggers toward us, so we never feared to go into her presence.

Cowper said, "Affection is my perfect scorn." It was so with our mother. The fashions and foibles of this world didn't sway her steady walk, so in all her 83 years she wore no spike heels, or peek-a-boo waists, or dresses too far from earth and not near enough to heaven.

"Though we were sometimes wayward

She was always kind and good; So patient, gentle, loving When we acted rough or rude; Our childhood griefs and sorrows She would gladly with us share;

And how happy we are to add the rest of the poet's words and say, "Oh, angels tell our mother we'll be there."

Telegrams coined by my brother-in-law and sister, in whose home she spent her last days, came to my brother and family, and to my wife and me in August, 1945. "Mother passed through heaven's portals this afternoon without a struggle." She died as she had lived, full in the faith.
H. R. Bulman
Route 4, Box 316A
Medford

Reflectorized Plates
To the Editor: In your editorial of Friday, May 10, entitled "A Small Laugh for the Senate," you asked an interesting question. "Why do we need reflectorized license plates?"

I ask you to consider the safety angle of this affair. Imagine yourself driving down the freeway some night. Bam! What happened? You just hit a car that was improperly parked alongside the freeway, that's all. Don't you think that if his license plate were reflectorized, you might have avoided this accident?

Another view. Someone is doing something illegal, we can call it speeding, just for argument's sake. As the police car comes after the speed-

er, our criminal turns off his lights, takes a side road, and goes his merry way, leaving a befuddled policeman. If his license plate were reflectorized, the policeman could catch him, or at least get his license number for later apprehension.

I think instead of ridiculing this bill which calls for reflectorized plates, we should all work for its passage.
Jerry Wright,
320 King st.,
Medford

No Fees
To the Editor: Mr. County Commissioner Don Faber, what will you want to do next, put a fence around all the streams and rivers and charge everyone who wants to use them also?

I'm not stingy with my money, but good heavens, anymore you buy a fishing license, and that is not enough, you have to pay for the privilege to get close enough to the lake to use them, or even put your boat in the water to have a little fun.

We have always liked to fish at Willow creek lake but if we have to pay for that privilege we'll find somewhere else to fish.
Mrs. Elmer Goodman,
P.O. Box 264,
Prospect, Ore.

Million Dollar Robbery
To the Editor: Plans for the one million dollar passenger motor vehicle license plate robbery of 1963 have been announced. The people of Oregon can sit back, relax, and enjoy it. The leader of this band of modern day brigands is none other than Coos and Curry counties' own Democratic senator, Richard F. Chapman. The extortion weapon is traffic safety. The million dollar bullets are reflectorized license plates. The victims of this bold daylight holdup are the people of Oregon. We will either pay directly a million dollars for reflectorized license plates, or the Highway Department will suffer a loss to the dedicated highway fund of a million dollars.

Here on the Oregon coast

Labels
To the Editor: It seems that in all ages of the world people have suffered from derisive appellations — "labels" I call them — often contrived by those with closed minds as a substitute for thinking.

In the East, where I grew up, we had them in abundance. We youngsters were enjoined not only to stick to the various occupations followed by our forebears, but were instructed to observe rigidly all the family traditions and community provincialisms in social, political and religious matters. We were taught more or less to take things for granted. I recall that when we kids "played soldier" the enemy was always either the Redcoat or the Graycoat — but we scarcely knew what was behind it all.

Racial prejudices were rampant — the idea of the melting-pot of our national life hadn't fully taken hold. All Redskins

were cruel and would scalp you; all Sheenies were money-mad and about to take over the country; and all fortune-telling Gyps were thieves and would kidnap you. Even the section-hand Micks on the railroad — themselves earlier unwelcome to our shores — complained bitterly: "The Dagoes and Polacks are taking the bread out of our mouths by working too cheap!"

Other sections of our country also applied their labels. The West, for example, early concocted Heathen Chinese, and later came up with such as Wetback, Raghead, Arkie and Okie. "Nigger," alas, is still heard in our land!

Such appellations are, of course, not as prevalent as they once were; yet, one wonders at times if the old saying, "The more things change, the more they are the same," doesn't still apply? It is still

too easy to dismiss with a word something we don't understand — or don't WANT to understand! So many of us are inclined to seek out only those people who have the "good sense" to agree with our own viewpoints. Like the proverbial birds, we prefer to "flock together."

I recall what one, Lord Taylor, wrote: "When people behave strangely in the eyes of their neighbors, there is always a reason for it. Sometimes it is because their ideas are right. Sometimes it is because their ideas are wrong. But always it is because their ideas are different."

If we could only understand the "way" of things! If only the nations would cease their narrow propagandas and strive for WORLD PEACE!

Geo. M. Babcock
427 Hospital dr.
Ashland, Ore.

Poets' Corner
Conducted by
Arnold Eugene Jenny

The Poem Crying To Be Written
I have a feeling that every human being has at least one poem that's crying to be written. . . . But . . . most of the people who would like to write poems aren't able to make the words rhyme or the lines scan (conform to metrical rules).—Margaret E. Sangster in Reader's Digest, January, 1963.

Short Measures
From an Ode
It is not growing like a tree
In bulk, doth make man better be;
Or standing long an oak, three hundred year,
To fall a log at last, dry, bald, and sere:
A lily of a day
Is fairer far in May,
Although it fall and die that night—
It was the plant and flower of light.
In small proportions we just beauties see;
And in short measure life may perfect be.
—Ben Johnson (1573-1637)

Voice Of The Oppressed
You, dear Lord, who fasted forty nights and days
That Satan's hateful thrall might come to naught,
Give strength to hearts that languish by the way
To serve Your righteous cause in deed and thought.
—George S. Whittaker
Grants Pass, Ore.

Nest-cas-pas?
Old, older than Ming
Is the gossamer dark
Of an evening in Spring
In the three-corned park,
When footprints in grass
Are a necklace in jade
And flying geese pass
In a V-plaited braid,
And we sit, you and I,
In a comfortable chair
By a noisy T.V.
Like a hypnotized pair.
—Jesse Osgood
Ashland, Ore.

Bronze In The Saddle
A crisper dawn,
A day too wide
dries out its dew
and he has to ride.
Rolls out this morning —
asks for his pay
(the three days, his)
with as little to say.
His stirrup's creek
is a leathery word.
We neither speak.
So long. He nods
and slaps his bay;
His horse and he
move — one, away.
Bronze in the saddle,
He won't pitch hay.
—Vesta Wells Gustafson
Portland, Ore.

Oh, Shoot!
When I've loaded my brain like a pistol
To fire repartee I'm blind,
If the target, approaches my vision,
I've nothing but blanks on my mind!
—Evelyn D. Young
Mountain View, Calif.

ZALE'S SETS THE FASHION PACE

OUTSTANDING
12-DIAMOND WATCH by Elgin

14K CASE

ANOTHER GREAT VALUE
\$69 plus tax

NO MONEY DOWN
\$1.50 WEEKLY

Now... from the nation's largest jewelers... great fashion news! Magnificent ladies' Elgin... encrusted by 12 fine diamonds... 17 precision jewels... irreplaceable at only \$69!

ZALE'S
Park Shop
218 East Main Ph. 779-1331



Deep in Glamour....
Karastan all wool TABLEAU carpet
brings you beauty on a budget

This is carpet to be happy with. It brings new glamour to your home, new rich texture and sparkling color. Yet no matter how much you walk on it, dance on it, roll party carts across it, nothing disturbs its beauty. Every locked-in loop springs right back. Why break your budget when Karastan's Tableau brings you all this for so little? Small monthly payments take care of a household of wonderful-Tableau by Karastan. Bring your room measurements when you come to select your Tableau.

Men's Fine Clothes
ONE OF AMERICA'S MOST HIGHLY RESPECTED PRODUCERS
OF CUSTOM TAILORED CLOTHES FOR MEN
WILL CONDUCT A TRUNK SHOWING OF THEIR ENTIRE LINE
IN OUR STORE.

Tuesday, May 14
Mr. Ray Gage

We Guarantee to fit the "Hard-to-fit" man or the man who wants an individually styled suit
Suits \$85 - \$205 — Sport Coats \$60 - \$140
Slacks \$29 - \$67
Since 1918

DREWS Manstore

McGuire's
HOME FURNISHERS

"WHERE You Buy Is Just As Important As WHAT You Buy."

220 NO. BARTLETT
Next to Greyhound

For Your Convenience We Invite You To Use Our Parking Lot Next Door