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No Comment Made
To the Editor: It is best that no comment be made on the following letter.
David Frisch,
P.O. Box 292,
White City, Ore.

Post Office Department,
Bureau of Operations,
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Frisch:
This will acknowledge your letter of April 24 to the Postmaster General about relocation of the White City, Oregon postal facility.

We regret we must move the postal facility from the Veterans Domiciliary; however, the Post Office Department has no jurisdiction over utilization of the building.

You may be sure that the needs of the veterans will be taken into consideration in arriving at a decision on the new location.

Sincerely yours,
John D. Swygert,
Director, Installations,
Management Division

Deserves Recognition

To the Editor: As a concluding activity to our study of Asia, our class decided to have a Chinese meal. We contacted Mr. Henry Fong at Kim's Restaurant, who very generously offered us a meal with the compliments of Kim's.

We were served an excellent Chinese meal, complete with souvenir chop sticks, which we took home. We feel that a warm, generous gesture such as this deserves recognition.

We wish to publicly thank Mr. Fong for an excellent meal, very pleasantly served.
Ruth Cauton
Secretary, Seventh Grade
Talent Junior High

First of Picnics

To the Editor: In tonight's Tribune I noticed the first of the "State" picnics to be held. "Our" state always left the grounds so clean, I thought maybe our method would help other picnic groups—especially after hearing of one park caretaker ask a teacher, when her pupils scraped all the table leavings, paper and all under the table — "Is this the way you live at home?" They looked sheepish, but did a good job of cleaning up.

Our method is, "Save part of the money to be spent for prizes and treats, and buy candy kisses etc., but do not distribute this until when the picnic is ending, every bit of paper, pop bottles, bottle caps etc. is picked up from our area, and placed in a nearby trash can.

This has worked for years and years and all get a good laugh as kids scramble after the trash. The ones with the most in their boxes or bags get extra prizes. We expect it to work again at our picnics, state and otherwise. At least it is an idea.
(Name on file)
Medford.

Should Be Proud
To the Editor: The people of this district should be proud of the fact that in Senator S. W. Newberry they have, in Salem, a man representing them who has the good sense and the courage to say he voted against submitting the New Constitution of the vote of the people, because he could not "ask the people to vote to deny themselves the right to vote."
John C. Stille,
Shady Cove, Ore.

Deplorable Situation

To the Editor: We hear so much about how badly mistreated the southern Negro is by the whites there. I do not agree with this idea myself. Having lived there for some several years among the Negro I never heard of or witnessed any whites mistreating Negroes. On the contrary, there were some white and Negroes that were pretty good friends.

True, there was segregation in the schools, etc., etc., but this was accepted by both parties as natural, and no one seemed to be offended about it. It wasn't until the Government decided to step in and free the Negro that the trouble started, and now that the Negro has been told he is being mistreated and given some power over the white man, he is getting belligerent with this power just as they did in the Congo.

As for schools for the Negro, they have them there same as the whites, but most decline to use them. They prefer to work in the cotton fields all day. A few desire to make something of themselves, and segregation or not, these few have proven that they can be done.

I do not hold with using force to make races associate with one another as is being done there. I think this is

something to be left up to each individual. This is getting too close to communist tactics to be healthy, and goodness knows we have enough wars and strife in the world today without asking for more. When you start using force and interfering with individual preferences, you are bound to have troubles. I say that the whites there have cause to be offended. I think this is the trouble there more than the whites mistreating Negroes. It truly is a deplorable situation.
(Name on file)
Talgie Point, Ore.

Misleading the Public
To the Editor: Knowing full well that 4 out of 5 council members voted to abandon Portland's C.D. program, the "Journal" nevertheless singles out councilman Stanley Earl as the "major critic" (May 25). This shameful attempt to mislead the public is designed to

undermine the council's solidarity on C.D.

The conservative organ suggests (with overtones of threat) that the council again "review carefully the situation," adding that, "it also would be well if we had more specific leadership from Washington from military and diplomatic leaders — on the role that civil defense is expected to play."

By all means throw Washington's most powerful conservative brass at our rebellious councilmen (individually and privately) and they will surely see the error of their "unpatriotic" action. How dare they treat so lightly more than 10 mountainous years of expensive C.D. literature and TV propaganda! How dare they think for themselves when our finest conservative minds have had the desired program worked out for years! How dare they be intelligent enough to see through the falsehood!

E. L. Foster
5104 NE Cleveland ave.
Portland 11, Ore.

The Voice of Freedom

To the Editor: Alas, that 100 years after the Civil War our Negro citizens are still not really free! At a time when we need more than ever to present a united front to the world, we are yet at odds over the Negro question. Certainly democracy, like charity, should begin at home.

Slavery plagued us for a long time, bolstered by an attitude such as that expressed by the well-known Joaquin Miller in 1882:
"A child cannot but hate the plea of freeing of the Negro to save the union. Slavery and servitude must and will be in some form in all time among all people. Hewers of wood and drawers of water were made by the Almighty to serve their superiors, and the insane attempt to change this inevitable decree is today enslaving the noblest nation that ever existed."

Is the attitude of the segregationist of our day much different? Must it take another 100 years to change it? As to Miller's assertion that the "Almighty" is behind it all, I prefer to agree with what Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt said, in discussing the implications of the First Commandment: "If you believe in one God for all people, then all people are the children of God, and there can be no such thing as racial or national differences having any real significance." Science, too, has confirmed the Biblical statement that we are made to "one blood" to dwell upon the earth.

We vigorously and rightly condemned the Berlin wall; but what of the many "walls" that we have erected against our Negro citizens—hateful restrictions that forced thousands of them to leave the South at the same time that thousands of East Germans were fleeing to the West? Were not these migrations somewhat shamefully comparable?

Admittedly, the South is faced with having to turn over much of its destiny to people with educational and cultural standards well below those of the white man, as did the Colonial nations in Africa. The problem is, indeed, "loaded with dynamite." But it must be solved—and soon!—for the voice of freedom is resounding throughout the world, and we in America would do well to heed it and lend our voices—not by shouting Dixie war-songs of 1862, but by rejoicing together in "Bringing in the Sheaves."
George M. Bubeck
427 Hospital dr.
Ashland, Ore.

A Direct Insult
To the Editor: A word on the "Vile Book," a novel entitled "The Last Temptation of Christ," mentioned in a letter 5-28-63 that our tax dollars pay for. Is it possible the library board selects these books without first reading them? What little I saw and read of it, one can't feature anyone believing in our Lord recommending it. It is a direct insult to our Blessed Saviour and Redeemer who knew no sin.

The filth and obscene literature and pictures one receives through the mail is sickening. There are now five bills in Congress about these obscene literatures and ads. In a recent hearing, the members of the House Appropriation committee expressed their

self as "shocked and amazed." Some of these bills would carry stiff penalties, others would protect postal patrons from obscene mail matter and Communist propaganda, which is coming into our schools and to the youth.

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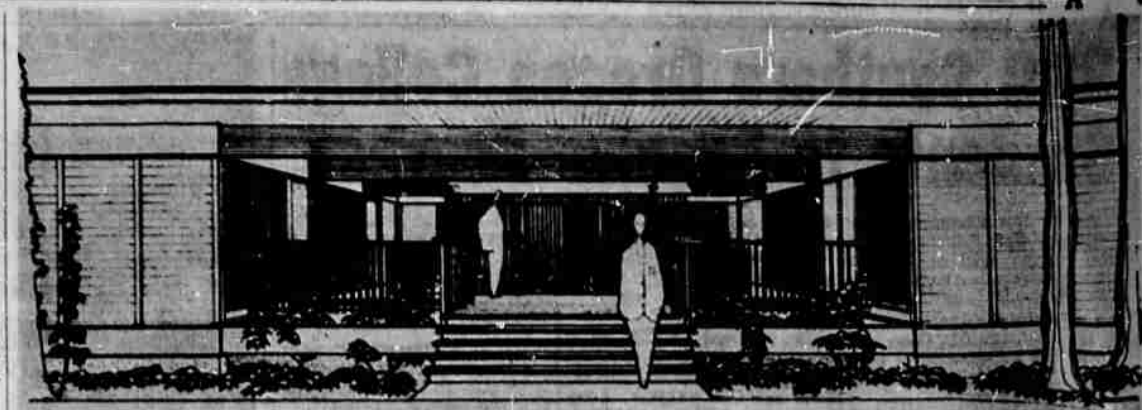
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PROFESSIONAL BUILDING—Work has started on a office building at the corner of Barnett and Murphy rds. in the vicinity of the Rogue Valley hospital. A building permit for the \$55,000 structure was issued last week by the city building department. This is an architect's sketch of the proposed one-story structure of frame construction which will have 4,000 square feet of floor space. The building, owned by Mont Crest Development Company, will be known as the Claude E. McIntyre building. Office space will be available for medical and other offices. It was explained, with occupancy scheduled for Sept. 1. Edson and Pappas, Medford architectural firm, designed the building. Harry Salter is the construction contractor.

Yreka High School Senior Wins Event

Yreka—Marsha Cavin, Yreka High school senior, has won the Yreka Kiwanis club's essay contest "You and the Law."

Second and third places went to Trish Lacey of Montague, also a senior, and Monte Freeman, a junior also from Montague. Receiving honorable mention were Charles Walker, David Alberts, Julianne Herriden, Charlene Cordes, and Hazel Oulsen, all of Yreka.

A total of 100 essays were submitted in the contest which asked students to write their thoughts on a booklet distributed by the Kiwanis club.

in some concentration camp when this show is over.
Mrs. Abbie Buffkin
Route 1, Box 80
Belzoni, Miss.

Sportsmanship?
To the Editor: I am very sure the sportsman was very proud of the fish he caught at the Woodruff Meadows Camp bridge Sunday, but I wonder if he was also proud of the way he cleaned those fish and left the cleanings on the bank. It made a lot of blow flies happy.

That same afternoon a family group went to that same place for a little relaxation taking their little happy go lucky doggie with them. She didn't know any better than to pick up some of the heads. Now we have to wait and wonder if she has been poisoned.

It is nice to have your fish all cleaned and washed to take home, but surely some other way could have been arranged to dispose of the cleanings without causing discomfort to others and endangering the lives of pets.

Isn't God's beautiful creation littered up enough without utter carelessness?
(Name on file)
Shady Cove, Ore.

Freedom To Decide
To the Editor: In reply to Oscar Jacobson's letter of May 31 regarding the accounts of the events following the death of Jesus, no Unitarian has to believe what van Passen or any other individual writes or preaches. Many would take little stock in van Passen's account. The point is, we have the freedom to decide for ourselves what we will or will not believe, and we try to evaluate people by their acts, letting their personal beliefs remain just that — personal.

Unitarians ask no comfort from other religions; they tend to apply the Golden Rule and earnestly wish that some of their Christian associates, especially those with Bible quotients, would do the same.
Elaine K. Barnes
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Medford

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Two questions:
1. What is Memorial Day?
2. How did it get started?

MEMORIAL DAY is a patriotic holiday — a day to honor those members of America's armed forces who have given their lives for their country. Originally, Memorial Day was set aside to honor men who died in the War between the States. Its official observance now includes those who died in the Spanish-American War, in World Wars I and II, and in the Korean War.

Unofficially, it is a day to be devoted lovingly to the memory of everyone's dear departed.

ITS ORIGIN is an interesting story. Memorial Day originated when Southern women scattered spring flowers, lovingly and tearfully, on the graves of soldiers who died during the War between the States. They honored the Northern dead as well as their own dead.

It was not until 1868 that Gen. John A. Logan, as commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, named May 30 as a special day for honoring the graves of the Union soldiers. The G.A.R. had charge of Memorial Day observances in the Northern states for many years. The American Legion took over this duty after World War I.

DURING THE War between the States, the Union enlisted 2,867,000 men who saw service in the field. The Confederates enlisted a total of 1,400,000.

Restaurant Owner Gets Achievement Award

Harold Butler, president of Denny's Restaurants, one of which is located in Medford, has been named recipient of the 1963 Industry Achievement award of The National Foundation of the City of Hope.

The selection was made on the occasion of the Foundation's 50th anniversary. Butler is a resident of Orange county, California.

never forget what they did here."

DECADES LATER, Walt Mason, a writer of syndicated doggerel verses in current slang, rose to greatness with these four lines that are so vividly descriptive of the Memorial Day observances of that time:

"The little green tents
"Where the soldiers sleep
"And the sunbeams play
"And the women weep
"Are covered with flowers today . . ."

I'M AFRAID that if the people of that day, when May 30 was still a living Memorial, could see a modern Memorial Day, they would think it sacrilegious. They might be right.

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