

# ... Communications ...

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## Perfect Portrait

To the Editor: Tucked away on the bottom of page 10 of Wednesday's Medford Mail Tribune where it won't show much, is a very important bit of news for every citizen of Oregon! I quote:

### "MAHONEY REGRETS VOTE ON TAX BILL"

"Portland—State Senator Thomas D. Mahoney (D-Portland) told Governor Mark Hatfield Monday he regrets voting for the tax bill passed by the 1963 Legislature. "He asked the governor to call a special session of the legislature to repeal the law if the current petition drive to secure a referendum fails. The legislator has signed one of the petitions. "In a letter to Hatfield, Mahoney said he would ask the lawmakers to pass the bill again at special session, after attaching a clause referring it to the people. He said voters should have a voice in this important matter."

What goes? Now that the people are up in arms and thousands signing petitions for a referendum, has Senator Mahoney seen the handwriting on the wall come time for reelection?

Governor Hatfield admits it is a bad law, "a mess" he calls it, but he didn't veto "the mess," and now tells the people if the referendum gives the people a chance to vote it down they will have an even worse tax bill! He also said the people had a right to vote on this tax bill.

These are the men elected to represent us—the people of Oregon! With such legislators in office, raising their own salaries besides spending our money at \$18 a day for 140 days, to fight among themselves, how can Oregon hope to have more people and corporations move here to help develop our state?

These lawmakers must have guessed the people would not take this tax bill without protest because they voted money and even set a date for a

## special election, which will cost money that could be used toward helping on the budget.

But those protesting feel that the expense of one election is the lesser of two evils. If they don't protest now they will have this tax burden put on their back for YEARS!

### "MAHONEY REGRETS VOTE ON TAX BILL"

The time has come for our legislators to quit fighting among themselves at taxpayers' expense and get down to business of passing a more acceptable tax bill, otherwise there may be some new faces in Salem come a general election! Petitions don't lie.

Someone in your office has a sense of humor—maybe an accident. He put Senator Mahoney's news right next to the Doan ad, "Oh, my poor aching back"—a perfect portrait of an Oregon taxpayer.

I suppose you won't print this letter, but hope springs eternal!

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### Things Are Happening

To the Editor: I'm a far cry from a good writer, but this I must say.

The "thing" the P.U.C. is trying to put over on the log truck drivers is shameful. It would be a sad day and a gross injustice to let a handful of government officials, be it state or federal, dictate to a man how many hours he can devote to making a living for himself and his family.

In a logging area the truck driver is already at a disadvantage, having to battle the elements. Since nature puts an automatic limit on the logging season, the truck driver must make his living in 9 months to compensate for a 3 months lay off.

It seems to me this ruling would infringe on another of our civil rights.

If a man wants to put in 20 hours a day at his job, be it servicing his truck or what have you, it should be up to him. He should have to answer to no one but himself

## and his employer.

Next they'll be telling the farmer how many hours he can farm. Sounds funny doesn't it?

Don't say it can't happen. All one has to do is look around. These things are happening all the time because we let them!

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### Jacksonville Liked

To the Editor: We have been coming to this area every summer for the past eight years, having been drawn to the valley and surrounding mountains not only by its climate and beauty, but by its colorful history, particularly the Jacksonville country.

It makes us most happy to see that measures are being taken to restore the old buildings and put Jacksonville on the map as an historical attraction tourist-wise.

Among the many people who have worked so hard to achieve this it would seem to us that Mr. George McNe should receive special mention for his Jacksonville Stage Coach Line and Pioneer Village, the authenticity of which is a refreshing change from the commercialism of such replicas one sees in other areas.

We wonder if the state or federal government, or some philanthropic organization, could not subsidize some of this effort to preserve this very interesting part of Oregon history?

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### They Can't Do It!

To the Editor: For months now I have read the dozens of organized hate attacks by the John Birchers and other right wing addeletes in this column.

They are trying to destroy our faith in our government by the people, our Supreme Court, our President, and any part of the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and Bill of Rights that does not meet with their twisted philosophy of hate.

They ridicule the President of the United States by such names as "coward, stupid, betrayer of America," and many other epithets. This they say about a man who has won Navy and Marine Corps medals as well as a purple heart. Is a man stupid who graduates cum laude from Harvard? Who wins the 1957 Pulitzer Prize for literature? Who was elected to his office by the people of the United States, obviously not Birchers?

These 100 per cent, double-dyed, triple-distilled, flag-waving super-patriots wish to mold the minds of real Americans to their way of thinking. They can't do it!

These bigots attack any attempt at arms negotiations. What do they want? Unlimited nuclear warfare that can destroy the world?

They ridicule and call traitorous the attempts of conscientious men of good will to halt atmospheric nuclear testing because of radiation and the inevitable explosion which comes with war-mongering.

How happy the Communists must be to see in print statements from Birchers. Quote "Kennedy's civil rights bill, which is part and parcel of the Communist drive to destroy the sovereignty of the United States." What rot!

President Kennedy is obligated under law to uphold the Constitution of the United States and to give all citizens equal rights and opportunities regardless of race or color. He is doing just that, and poison venom dripping from rabid rightists is not going to change it.

I believe in the Constitution of the United States and the Bill of Rights. I have faith in our President, John F. Kennedy, a brave, intelligent family man who carries the awesome power of life and death to every creature on this planet. Therefore I support my country and my President in this crucial hour.

Can you Birchers say as much?

Howard Spahn  
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### Not Too Late

To the Editor: Answering Lydia Burnham's article of Aug. 21. Yes, Lydia, as tobacco and liquor destroys the body, so does unbelief destroy the soul. Read what unbelief caused the great apostle Paul to do and how it marred his soul. (1 Tim. 1:11-17). As to your words "immortal soul," the Bible teaches no such thing. The word immortal appears only once in all the Bible and refers to God. "God formed man of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and man became a living soul." (Gen. 2:7.) Man had conditional immortality only, for God warned that disobedience

## would bring death (Gen. 2:17), implying that man has a mortal soul. Satan, "said to the woman, ye shall not surely die" (Gen. 3:4), implying that man has an immortal soul. Christ, referring to these Scriptures, said: Satan is a liar. (John 8:44.)

These are facts set forth by God with His inspired Word, the truth. I could quote many world famous people, but their words, like yours and mine, are worthless when pitted against the inspired Word of God who created the heavens and the earth and all things therein.

Christ said: "The words I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life... He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: He that believeth not the Son shall not see life." (John 6:63; 3:36.)

Yes, Lydia, unbelief almost destroyed the great apostle Paul, it left a thorn in his flesh and many scars upon his soul that only the blood of Christ can erase. Some day you will understand. I pray it is not too late for you or others who read this.

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### Back The President

To the Editor: In reply to a letter (M.T. 8/18/63) let me say that the remarks used by a Negro recently on T.V., as cited, is an age old gimmick employed by most all parties at one time or another and has been accepted as a legitimate bid for votes.

To quote a paragraph of said letter, "The Kennedy dynasty has just about sunk the ship of state in trying to keep their campaign promises. Do they think the Republican party will be foolish enough to compound this

## by making more?"

So, at last it revealed that there is a Party who considers it foolish to keep campaign promises. Thanks, it has long been suspected, but in answer to the question, the answer is yes.

If, by "ship of state," the writer refers to State's Rights, let me say The "ship" States' Rights is about as mythical as is the "Flying Dutchman."

If, by the question the action taken on the Bill of Rights is referred to let us bear in mind the 14th amendment to the Constitution of the U.S. went into effect July 28, 1868. The party in power at that time was the Union Party, composed of both Republicans and Democrats, and that Congress was at that time predominantly Republican.

The pitiful thing is that no administration until the present one had the intestinal fortitude (you know what I mean) to enforce it. And by this did not each President fail in their sworn duty to uphold the constitution?

The Supreme Court mandate during the Eisenhower administration was a noble act but lacked the follow up, thus leaving it up to the present administration to save our country from ridicule the world over by making equality a reality.

I am proud of Kennedy's stand on many issues. He broke down the religious barrier and has the racial problem well under control. All that is needed now is for the public to lay down their party prejudice and back the President for upholding the Constitution.

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## Inside and Out

To the Editor: There are people, as well as trees, mountains, etc., that have to pay, in destruction or health, for the convenience of super highways, natural gas, etc.

Since digging the pipe line through Blackwell Hill, for natural gas, first started I have had to be in the house with the doors and windows shut and the iontron or air conditioner operating constantly, and miserable day after day from the small amount of dust I did breathe.

After spending two months (April and May) in the house from another allergy, I look forward to fall when I can be outdoors.

As a friend of mine said "I would a lot rather be on the outside looking in, instead of on the inside looking out."

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### Heaven

To the Editor: My thoughts still are turned to that inextinguishable subject, Heaven.

I am thinking of the year 6,983, five thousand years hence. In this period so much progress will have been made in the field of human relations that all prejudices towards one another will have disappeared. Even races will have gone with only one remaining, which I presume will be white, unless a new blend of colors will appear.

It is going to make recognition of one's forebears and descendants up in Heaven quite difficult. It may be necessary to use a numbering system.

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## Gullible American

To the Editor: Recently I read a book entitled "The Truth About the John Birch Society" in which the author documented many of the activities of this far right group. One of the items mentioned was the Society's use of the Robert Welch letters-to-the-editor mill. According to Author Vahan, the Birchers' leader, Mr. Welch, writes a good many "form" letters to editors which are mailed to the various branches of the Society. Then the members pattern letters after the form and mail them to editors. Vahan documented this, leaving little doubt that this is done.

Having a little experience in newspapers, this writer must extend some sympathy to editors, such as the Mail Tribune's, who have to print letters from people who probably don't mean what they say, or at most, don't know

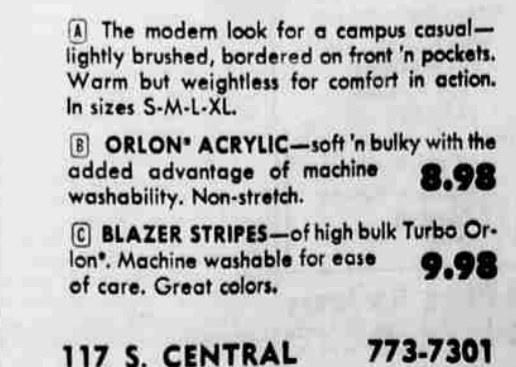
## anything at all about what they write.

The John Birchers are making a point, though. They are showing Mr. Average Citizen that he doesn't know how the Communists get their point across. Mr. Average Citizen

fails to realize that the Birch Society is using many of the same tactics. So we'll change his name to Mr. Gullible American.

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### Flight by Radar

Deep in some cavern of eternal night  
A Lilliputian flyer in brown fur  
Is sleeping, upside down. Not till the light  
Of outer day has vanished does he stir —  
Ready to take off on his nightly flight.

### Losed from his hangar, he starts signalling:

Intense, staccato, super-sonic cries  
Are hurled to space: the echoes, answering,  
Are his unerring pilots as he flies  
Out through the blackened cave, still trumpeting  
His high-pitched radar signals which no ear —  
Except it be another bat's — can hear.  
—Mary Boyd Wagner  
New York, N.Y.

### Late Summer

The trees are murmuring — a lonely sound,  
Green whisperings of feathered tenants fled,  
Spring is recalled when songs of birds abound:  
Deep-hid in leaves, they build the fledgling's bed,  
The hungry open beaks, the search for food;  
Alert and watchful lest a lurking thief  
Should in their absence harm their helpless brood;  
Time of their growth and winging forth, so brief,  
The boughs are still as green as in the spring,  
Quiet and emptiness alone foretell  
Fulfillment, fruitage which all autumns bring  
With their enchantment — swift and golden spell.  
As sure as winters go, springs will appear,  
And birds will nest in trees another year.  
—Blanche Ellis Norvell  
The Manor, Medford

### Business Sans Cash

Today's first customer was a tiny girl  
Who wanted a small box for her hamster  
And, after completing our transaction,  
Thanked us gravely and left —  
Permitting us to wait on our second customer,  
Who wanted some nails  
And said he forgot to bring his money —  
He'd pay tomorrow.

### The morning was well under way

After our third customer  
Returned a quart of paint  
And requested his two-sixty back.  
—Leo E. Schottland  
Bethpage, L.I., N.Y.

\*From the author's collection, "The Compleat Hardware Merchant."

### Sea Mist In The Cornfield

Down in the cornfield, hoeing, hoeing,  
Steady as ever a boy could be,  
Yet through his head, like sea mist blowing,  
Whirl and eddy his dreams of the sea:

### Dreams of a wet deck rising, falling

(Dreams are wings that feather and grow),  
Always the ebb-tide pulling, calling:  
Boys may dream, but they needs must hoe.

### Long corn aisles and an endless motion —

What wide spaces lie over that hill?  
Cities and wharves with their feet in the ocean,  
Windy voices that never are still.

### Dust on hoe, and the wheeling ravens;

Dust on the feet that shall yet be free;  
Sails all set for the unknown havens,  
Thoughts that are thistledown, wafting to sea.

### Summer again and the pollen blowing:

Never a lad was so steady and good,  
But his heart was a stream to the deep sea flowing —  
The boy has gone, as we knew he would.  
—Frances Holmstrom  
(Submitted by the deceased author's son, Rolf Holmstrom, Medford)