

Poets' Corner

Conducted by

Arnold Eugene Jenny

Recessional Stanzas 1-2

God of our fathers, known of old,
Lord of our far-flung battle-line,
Beneath whose awful hand we hold
Dominion over palm and pine —
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget — lest we forget!

The tumult and the shooting dies;
The captains and the kings depart:
Still stands Thine ancient sacrifice,
An humble and a contrite heart.
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget — lest we forget!

—Rudyard Kipling
(Suggested by J. Earl Collins, The Manor, Medford)

No Man is An Island

No man is an island, entire unto itself;
Every man is a piece of the Continent,
A part of the Main;
Any man's death diminishes Me,
because I am involved in Man;
And therefore never send to know for whom
the Bell tolls; It Tolls For Thee.

—John Donne (1573-1631)
(Suggested by Mrs. Muriel W. Shorridge, Medford)

In Present Dark, for Future Need: A Sonnet Sequence Sonnet IV

When time begins to weave its intricate
And calculating web about our life,
It spins a thread so fine and delicate
We barely note the touch in worldly strife.
But still the presence, gossamer and light,
And what we thought at first bright noon becomes
A day that rushes headlong into night,
Where dreams dissolve at sound of muffled drums.
A network loomed, securely bound by years,
And even though we struggle with a might
To tear the fabric from our face, our fears
Soon tell us that the veil has drawn too tight.
And so, as autumn leaves drop one by one,
We, too, resign ourselves to what is done.

—Lloyd B. Halverson
Medford

*Begun 11/17, to be continued.

Intemperant

Ripe days have mellowed into Autumn wine.
Summer's grapes hang shriveled on the vine.
Drunk and disorderly the foliage lies,
dismaying sight to temperant eyes.

(In the cities such disarray's forbidden.
On the rubbish heap the leaves are hidden).

In the country and the restless woods,
beneath bare trees, like discarded goods,
careless leaves just drift and lie,
to delight the children shuffling by.

—Winifred Heiskell Layton
Salem, Ore.

Ancient Claim

The sea-companioned sand was a many-tracked maze
When the crowd departed on divergent ways.
The tide reached forward in rhythmic flow
Through the amber haze after sunset glow,
And erased all footprints from the darkening shore
In an ancient claim that began
Before a footprint was made by man.

—Ruth H. Cowley
Tigard, Ore.

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 an eye to clarification and condensation. Letters submitted for publication must not exceed 400 words.

Book Return Asked

To the Editor: By accident a library book, "Extinct and Vanishing Mammals of the World," was sold at the National Association of Retired Civil Employees rummage sale at the Fehl building Friday, Nov. 22. It is a rather large and heavy book, and in the back was a pocket and library card showing date due in December.

Under "Lost and Found," an advertisement in the Medford Tribune of Sunday, Nov. 24, asked for return of the book to the Public Library. As the book has not come in yet we are hoping this Communication will be read and purchaser of the book will return it to the Medford Public Library, where he will be reimbursed what he paid for the book.

John Gribble,
139 Kenwood Ave.,
Medford

Hope

To the Editor: It may be years before historians will be able to give us a full assessment of President Kennedy's great contribution to our country and to the world. However, the deep shock and grief over his cruel assassination felt throughout our nation and around the world is clear evidence that, as the New York Times pointed out editorially (11/25):

"The cause of this nearly universal sorrow... (lies in) President Kennedy's projection to all the world of his and his country's deep concern for humanity, for freedom and for peace." And as many a commentator already has declared, there can be little doubt that John F. Kennedy will be reckoned among our truly great presidents, his brief tenure in that exalted and awesome office notwithstanding.

In a hospital bedside interview, Governor Connally suggested that President Kennedy may accomplish more in death than was possible in his short life-time or term of office. That, it seems to me, is a very real and hopeful possibility. The astute columnist, Eric Sevareid, evidently was thinking along the same line when he wrote (MT 12/1):

"We are deeply infiltrated by the Negro-haters, the white-haters, the foreign-haters, the city-haters, government-haters, the haters of the rich and the haters of the poor, those of the political right who hate and those of the left..."

"If the death of our vibrant young leader, our happy prince, our symbol of America's youthful hope and belief, can bring us to our senses, then John Kennedy will have done far, far more for his people than he will ever know."

In one of my earliest letters to appear here (11-23-60), I commented on a shocking exhibition of disrespect by a largely juvenile audience at a local theater:

"The newsreel had brief shots of Senator (president-elect) Kennedy and Vice President Nixon... Mr. Kennedy was booed loudly while only a few lusty whistles indicated approbation. These demonstrations were reversed when Mr. Nixon appeared alone. When the two greeted each other very cordially and, smiling broadly, shook hands warmly... the children fell into puzzled silence. Obviously, (they) reflected only the political coloration of their parents."

How refreshing, and hopeful, now to read in these columns, in letters from the principal of Eagle Point High School and students at Medford High, of the deep respect of our young people for the memory of President Kennedy and his tragic and untimely death!

Arnold Eugene Jenny
Rogue Valley Manor
Medford.

Fight Develops Over Portland Elm

PORTLAND (UPI) — Portland's 63-year-old Flanders Street elm must go, say city fathers.

Not so, say tree lovers led by architect Lewis Crutcher. The City Council voted 3-2 Thursday to condemn the old tree, which was planted at NW Flanders and 22nd in 1900.

City Engineer L. H. Rosenthal said the elm's roots had ripped up 100 feet of sewer line and caused \$1,800 worth of damage. But architect Lewis Crutcher, who lives across the street from the tree, said "we will form a ring around the tree and protect it with our lives if necessary."

Rules Governing Basic School Funds Review Slated

SALEM (UPI) — Regulations governing allocation of basic school support funds to schools enrolling parochial students part time will be considered again by the State Board of Education here Dec. 12-13.

The formula was tabled in October to give superintendents an opportunity to discuss the plan with the board.

Atty. Gen. Robert Y. Thornton has ruled public school districts, in making basic claims, may include the average daily membership of nonpublic pupils attending public schools on a part time basis. Thornton also recommended

that the board adopt rules and regulations governing computation of shared time in distributing the basic money.

Also on the agenda is a partial plan for school district reorganization in Douglas County. The proposal would establish administrative school district 19, made up of school district 8-Canyonville, and school district 19-Myrtle Creek.

The controversial Polk-Yamhill reorganization plan also is before the board again. Yamhill County officials have rejected the proposed reorganization, and suggested an arbitration board be established.

Other items up for action include: —Requests from local school districts for supplemental funds

to pay for hiring substitutes for teachers attending workshops. Schools requesting supplemental funds are Lane County district 52-Bethel, Jackson County district 549C-Medford, and Clackamas County district UHS-Milwaukie.

—Reconsider an allocation of 1963-64 biennial appropriations for community college capital construction.

—Declaration of existence of an emergency because of a short supply of elementary teachers. Each year since 1943 the state board has authorized issuance of emergency elementary certification. During the 1962-63 school year 1,785 such certificates were issued, and to date 1,530 have been issued for the 1963-64 school year.

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

FORMER President Herbert Hoover regales fishing companions with the story of an angler who loved to boast of his phenomenal catches to increasingly skeptical acquaintances. Enraged by their thinly veiled insinuations that he was a liar, he bought a pair of scales, installed them in his library and made his friends watch while he actually weighed the fish he had caught.



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A hen observed the undisciplined behavior of her youngest chick with obvious disapproval. "If your father could see you now," she cackled disgustedly, "he'd turn over in his grave."

OPTIMISTS, FRONT AND CENTER!

"Let us be of good cheer, remembering that the misfortunes hardest to bear are those which never come."—James Russell Lowell.

"Write it in your heart that every day is the best day of the year."—Ralph Waldo Emerson.

"I decline to accept the end of man. I believe that man will not merely endure; he will prevail. He is immortal, not because he alone among creatures has an inexhaustible voice, but because he has a soul, a spirit capable of compassion and sacrifice and endurance."—William Faulkner.

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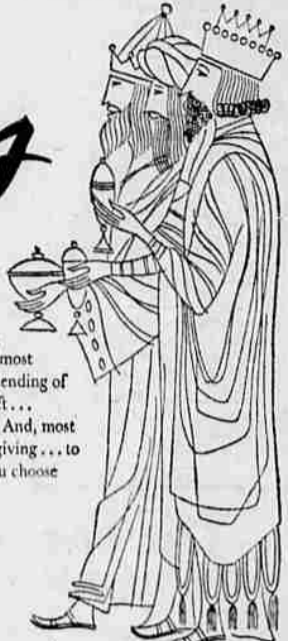
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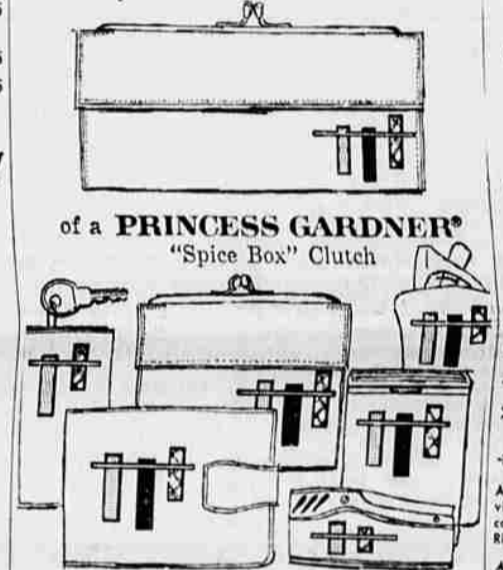
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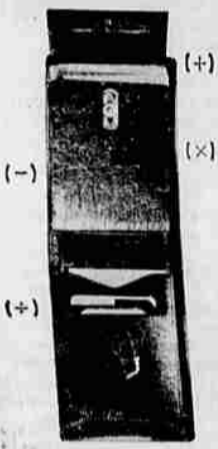
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Suggestions Noted To Reduce Number Of Holiday Thefts

Medford merchants and shoppers were warned by Police Chief Charles Champlin today that the Christmas shopping season offers increased opportunities for thieves, pickpockets, check forgers and shoplifters.

In cooperation with Don McNeil, manager of the Medford Chamber of Commerce, the police chief issued a series of security suggestions to aid merchants in preventing crimes worked against them during the Christmas shopping season.

First on the list is a recommendation that all stores maintain an adequate sales force during rush periods, particularly during lunch and dinner hours to avoid creating an inviting situation for shoplifting.

Merchants and shoppers also are advised to watch out for loiterers, particularly those with large empty bags. Anyone with reason to suspect shoplifting or a pickpocket is urged to call the police department.

Spotters Are Suggested

The bulletin which has gone out from the police department to merchants also suggests that merchants, if possible, use clerk spotters to control shoplifting.

Other suggested precautions include: avoid display of extravaluable merchandise in the immediate vicinity of exits where thieves can "snatch and run," guard against disturbances among customers as they may be a cover for thefts, prohibit use of stock room entrance by the public, caution employees about leaving purses in unprotected areas and demand original sales slips on all goods presented for refund.

"Till-tapping" thefts, according to the police department, are more prevalent during the busy season. For this reason merchants are asked to make frequent deposits during banking hours. Night deposits should be avoided during this season, Chief Champlin stated. He also asked firms not to open safes or count money in the presence of strangers.

Registers Attended

Have cash registers attended at all times and have safes lighted and exposed to the view of the police patrolman on the beat. If it cannot be readily seen by the patrolman, make it a point to contact your police department and advise them of the location, Champlin urged. Premises and the surround-

ing area also should be adequately lighted at night, the police chief reminded, and concluded the list of precautions with this one — "Don't leave loaded open trucks in parking area unguarded and especially with the keys in the ignition."

Urging merchants and the public to observe the suggested security precautions, McNeil stated: "We are greatly indebted to Police Chief Champlin for providing us with a useful guide for strengthening security measures during the Christmas shopping season. Many of the crimes which have been perpetrated here in the past against business and the public could have been prevented if the sensible precautions which Chief Champlin recommends had been followed."

Three Nurses Plan To Leave Positions

The Jackson County Health Department will lose three public health nurses by early in January, County Judge Earl A. Miller reported Friday.

Dr. A. Erin Merkel, Jackson County Public Health Officer, said Miss Mary Ellen Bell, Miss Elizabeth McCallard and Mrs. Joan Bass plan to resign the first of the year. Mrs. Bass will resign Dec. 31 and the other two nurses on Jan. 3.

About three months ago Dr. Merkel hired Miss Gayle Long and Miss Phyllis Hurley as replacements, and a third is being considered. This will give the local staff six public health nurses, one clinic nurse and a supervising nurse.

Pacific Fruit Plans Rail Car Purchase

The Pacific Fruit Express will put 1,000 more mechanical refrigerator rail cars into service next year, Leland J. Ziesmer, general traffic agent for Union Pacific Railroad in Medford, has announced.

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