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How To Be An "Informer"

(Recorder-Herald, Salmon, Idaho)

Almost every week, the employees of a weekly newspaper hear the common complaints, "How come you didn't have anything in the paper about my trip last week?" or "Why did you fail to mention so-and-so being guests at our house?" These and similar queries are heard, and the questioner is usually surprised at our answer.

The truth of the matter is, we probably didn't know a darn thing about it. You might have done something that is certainly worthy of publication, but if the staff of your newspaper didn't hear about it, you won't see it in print. No weekly newspaper has a staff of reporters large enough to know everything that happens in its circulation area. It must rely on the hundreds of "informers" who tell us who ate dinner with whom, who went on a trip, and the like. Sure, your newspaper usually hears about the bigger stories — wrecks, deaths, fires and the other things that make large headlines. But the social events and local news that tell readers what you and your neighbors are doing is something our "informers" must furnish. We hear about some of them, but we can't be expected to learn the facts concerning all of them.

Your local newspaper wants ALL the news about its community. A good newspaper, full of local news events, is a great asset to any community. People like to know what their friends and neighbors are doing—and your newspaper is anxious to tell the news and give you a better newspaper to read. Everyone is invited to help.

Next time you are asked because mention of your activities was not made in the paper, stop for a minute and think if you remembered to tell your newspaper the facts so they could make up a story for printing.

We are looking for "informers" and it's easy to become one. When you or your family or your friends go anywhere or do anything that others would like to hear about, tell your newspaper about it.

Why not make a New Year resolution (even if it is a bit late) and determine to be an "informer" during 1953. You'll read a better newspaper because of your help and the readers and the staff of your newspaper will appreciate your help in getting "all the news fit to print."

Along The EDITOR'S BEET

Hon. Sam Cook, M.C.
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sam:

Now that you have stepped into a responsible position as U. S. Representative from Oregon's second district, many of us realize that your responsibilities are great, but the pressure from groups and individuals

here at home will be much greater. We have frequently pitied the Congressman or Senator, rather than condemned him, regardless of his political party and actions with which we might disagree, because of the thousands of things that most certainly keep him from performing his duties to the limit of his abilities.

We are glad that you kept your promises as a minimum during during the recent political campaign although there were some criticisms about your generalization of issues. More than anything else were are thankful you refrained from touting the "forgotten man" whether he be a reliever, a wage-earner, a small businessman or an industrialist.

For many years we have attempted to learn just who is the forgotten man and it must be that others are likewise confused. We Americans are a peculiar lot, but thank God for our peculiarities! As individuals, none of us see ourselves as part of any particular group. When the politicians shout about the poor working man, the average employee knows the words are directed at someone less fortunate; the small businessman considers himself an industrialist and doesn't catalog himself a part of the group to be pitied or given special favors. For the actual industrialist, we cannot speak, for we know not of his thoughts or his emotions.

Perhaps, if the American people must be divided into groups—heaven forbid—the wage earners, the small businessman (and that includes farmers like those in this area) and

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the industrialists, the middle group has found itself in a squeeze through their failure to make themselves heard. It is possible that for too long they have maintained a golden silence and adhered to the theory that it is more profitable to listen.

As individuals, few, if any of them, have asked for special favors and indications are they do not want them. Neither do they expect to shirk any responsibility for the tremendous tax burden. Although they have not spoken very loudly for several years, possibly because of their reluctance to offend one or both of the other groups, and possibly because they are "too busy," many have spoken individually and gotten nowhere.

All of this leads up to a thought we had when we wrote "Dear Sam." That thought is the shifting burden of responsibility to millions of individual employees in the middle group, if they must be classified—who must perform the duties of tax collectors, insurance adjusters, welfare workers, truant officers, government statisticians and body guards, all without remuneration and in addition to efforts to make a livelihood. They perform those duties, not because of the threats of fines, jail terms or padlocked businesses, but because they are the type who are willing to try to do what is right.

We know not of your efforts in previous years to halt our Oregon legislature's aping of the federal system of heaping more duties and responsibilities on the "small businessman" or the "middle group." Soft-spoken, though they are, they are unorganized and without lobbyists, but they represent that cross-section of American free enterprise that is unafraid to gripe to high heaven in conversations with their associates and fight with all that's in them against any forces that might endanger their country.

It's just a suggestion, Mr. Congressman, but if there is time away from duties expected of you like investigating appropriations for new roads, big dams, little dams, lower taxes, higher taxes, war plants, government jobs, speaking engagements, ad infinitum, please consider the thousands of soft voices that speak loudly only at election time.

Another suggestion is that you not acknowledge this letter, but use that time to confer with any deputy collector of internal revenue serving a rural area. Most of them—at least those we have known—are hard-working, honest men and they share our opinions about the burden of duties as unpaid government employees, who are collecting taxes, filing reports and receiving fines without trial by judge or jury.

We repeat that we include farmers, like those in the lower Snake river valley, with the small business men. Few of them will ask for any special funds or tax money from the 84th Congress, but many of them are asking for relief—not relief in the sense of handouts, but relief from state and federal usurpation.

CHURCH NOTES

ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Frank C. Coley, Pastor
South 2nd and Beece Ave.
10 a. m., Sunday school.
11 a. m., morning worship.
8 p. m., evangelistic service.
Tues., 8 p. m., prayer service.
Fri., 8 p. m., young people.

THE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
Robert Jackson, Pastor
10 a. m., Sunday school.
11 p. m., morning worship.
7 p. m., N.Y.P.S. and Junior meetings.
7:45 p. m., evangelistic service.

COMMUNITY METHODIST CHURCH
Dr. H. G. McCallister, Minister
9:45 a. m., church school.
11 a. m., morning worship.
7 p. m., Youth Fellowship.

L. D. S. 2nd WARD
D. Hubert Christensen, Bishop
9:15 a. m., priesthood meeting.
10:30 a. m., Sunday school.
8 p. m., sacrament meeting.
Tuesday, 2 p. m., relief society.
Wednesday, 4 p. m., primary; 8 p. m., M.I.A.

FIRST Church of Christ CHRISTIAN
Austin J. Hollingsworth, Minister
10 a. m., church school. Elvin

IDEAL GAS And APPLIANCE



LOCAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Vane Rusco and Roger and Vane visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Goddard, Sr. in Netie.

Mrs. Phillip Wilson and daughter, Ballou, superintendent.
11 a. m., morning worship, directed by minister.
7 p. m., Christian Youth Fellowship.
8 p. m., evening worship.

FREE METHODIST CHURCH
Adrian, Oregon
10 a. m., church school.
11 a. m., morning worship.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Parma, Idaho
McConnell Ave.
O. E. Robinson, Minister
10 a. m., Bible study.
11 a. m., morning worship.
8 p. m., Sunday evening service.
Wednesday, 8 p. m., Bible study.

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
C. T. Crenshaw, Rector
9:45 a. m., Sunday school.
11 a. m., baby communion and address.

MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Elder Haskell Dane, Pastor
10 a. m., Sunday school.
11 a. m., morning worship.
8 p. m., evening worship.
Wednesday, 8 p. m., prayer service.

L. D. S. 1st WARD
Gordon Ray, Bishop
9:15 a. m., priesthood meeting.
10:30 a. m., Sunday school.
7:30 p. m., sacrament meeting.
Tuesday, 2 p. m., relief society.
Wednesday, 4 p. m., primary; 7:30 p. m., M. I. A.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
Fifth Street and Park Avenue
John L. Briehl, Pastor
10 a. m., Sunday school.
11 a. m., divine worship.
Wed., 8 p. m., Christian education class.
You are cordially invited to worship with us.

CATHOLIC CHURCH
Park Avenue and Third Street
Rembert Ahles, O. F. M.
Mass Sunday at 8 and 10 a. m. and daily at 8 a. m.
9 a. m., Catechism classes.

ADRIAN COMMUNITY CHURCH
Henry E. Moore, Pastor
10 a. m., Bible school.
11 a. m., morning worship.
11 a. m., junior church.

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
Christian Center Mission
East 2nd and Ehrgood
10 a. m., Sunday school.
11 a. m., morning worship.
7:30 p. m., evangelistic service.

CHURCH RECEIVES GIFT
A gift was presented to St. Hubert's Catholic church Sunday by the Rev. Father Sebastian of Spokane. The presentation was a set of plaques, "Students of the Cross."

EPISCOPAL PASTOR HONORED AT DINNER
A partial dinner Sunday afternoon at the St. Paul's Episcopal church will compliment the Rev. and Mrs. Claire T. Crenshaw who depart next week for Bend, where Rev. Crenshaw has accepted the pastorate of the Episcopal church.

NEW CHURCH FLOOR
Work was begun Monday evening on the laying of a new hardwood floor in St. Paul's Episcopal church. The activity is the project of the Couples club chairmanned by Wesley Browne, Bill Schreman and Bernard Eastman.

Janice Rae, came from the hospital last Tuesday to stay at the home of Mrs. Wilson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Russell. Phillip left Sunday for Klamath Falls where he is attending school.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Shaw and Larry and Den were week-end visitors in Homedale at the home of Mrs. Shaw's parents, Rev. and Mrs. E. J. Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Shuster of Huntington visited Monday at the Finley Shuster home.

Visitors at the J. R. Winchell home are Mr. and Mrs. Norville Robbins and son, Lurelle Eugene. Mrs. Robbins and the baby left the hospital Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Peterson went to Boise Saturday where their son, Grant of Grandview underwent surgery at the St. Alphonsus hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Pearson and Eileen, Mrs. Nera L. Jackson and Mr. and Mrs. Wilton Jackson and family enjoyed a turkey dinner together Sunday at the Jackson home.

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WASHINGTON P—Republican leaders in the appropriations and tax bills start, set their sights for

LAUNDRY DRIES IN RECORD TIME!

The greatest washday news in years—is still the electric clothes dryer. If you've put off the purchase of one of these grand labor-saving appliances as "something that can wait" consider for a moment what you are missing.

In one month, approximately 218 pounds of clothes have to be washed, dried, ironed and put away. This is for an average family of five persons. The electric clothes dryer eliminates the most tedious part of laundry operations—the lugging of heavy baskets of wet clothes to basement or outdoor lines, stooping and stretching to hang up and take down the hundreds of individual pieces of the family wash.

And with the electric clothes dryer, you don't have to wait on favorable weather. Any day, any hour of the day is perfect, when you have an electric clothes dryer. Place the damp-dry clothes from the washing machine into the dryer, and the clothes are fluffy dry in a matter of minutes.

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WALLGREN REPORTS THEFT

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