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Eugene, Oregon
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Mr. and Mrs. Ted Brammer
Nyssa, Oregon

Dear Friends:

May I use your "Letters" column to express my gratitude to the many friends who sent messages of encouragement to me during my recent visit to the hospital. Anyone who has been in a similar situation will know how much it means to be remembered at such a critical time.

I came over here to Eugene for what I thought was a minor operation. I was in the hospital seven days, during which time they found a more serious condition. So in three weeks I re-entered for this second operation.

I had the operation on June 27 and was dismissed on July 15. So, all in all, I've spent 25 days as a guest in the hospital where our daughter works. I have no idea how long I'll have to remain here in Eugene, but I am hoping to be able to be back in Nyssa by August. That will give me about three weeks to become acclimated, as well as to get in shape for the new school year.

Ted, I was pleased with the stand you took in relation to the road signs. I like people who have the willingness or courage to stand up and be counted. Lots of times you go out on a limb to take a stand on some issue or other, knowing full well that there will be those lying back waiting to take a crack at you.

I've reread the two issues of the paper which referred to this episode and I must confess I can't see where you owe anyone an apology.

Sincerely yours,
FRANK C. PARR

Ontario, Oregon
July 19, 1963

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Brammer
Gate City Journal
Nyssa, Oregon

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Brammer:

As we here at Treasure Valley Community college come to the close of our first year of operation, allow me to thank you on behalf of the administration, faculty and students of the college for the excellent support we have received from you in the way of news coverage. I feel sure the success of this first year was due in measure to the part you played in letting the public know more about the college.

As the college starts into its second year of operation, the future looks bright and I know it will be a success with your continued cooperation. Once again, may I say, THANK YOU.

Educationally yours,
TREASURE VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
James H. Roberts, Jr.
Registrar

Joint Meeting Held By Methodist Women

Meeting jointly last Thursday were circles of the Methodist Woman's Society of Christian Service. Mrs. Gilbert Klinkenberg was program chairman, honoring parents of Missionaries and deaconesses and informing members regarding the work and qualifications of these workers.

Miss Judy Wilson, who attended the recent school of missions as one of five girls from the western district, told of activities, impressions and goals from the teenagers' viewpoint.

Mrs. Paul Ludlow briefly reviewed the books to be used in the forthcoming studies. Routine business was conducted and members of the Fulton circle had a brief meeting. This circle, with Mrs. Eugene Butzer and Mrs. Irma Myers, acting hostesses, served refreshments to the 21 ladies attending.

LABOR FACTS

DID YOU KNOW...

BETWEEN 1890 AND 1913, WHEN THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR WAS ESTABLISHED WITH ITS BUREAUS OF IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION, MORE THAN 12,500,000 IMMIGRANTS ARRIVED ON OUR SHORES! THE SIZE OF THE LABOR FORCE DOUBLED!

ALMOST ALL OF THE IMMIGRANTS WERE LABORERS, FARM HANDS OR OTHER UNSKILLED WORKERS, AND THEY WERE HELPFUL IN STAFFING THE GROWING FACTORY SYSTEM OF AMERICA.

TODAY...

MOST OF THE IMMIGRANTS TO AMERICA ARE HIGHLY SKILLED. SINCE 1952 ALONE, OVER 100,000 ENGINEERS, NURSES, DOCTORS, PHYSICISTS, SCIENTISTS, TOOL AND DIE MAKERS AND OTHER SKILLED WORKERS HAVE IMMIGRATED TO AMERICA!



IT'S YOUR LAW

By Oregon State Bar

Citizens Have Right To Sue Government

"The sovereign can do no wrong" still means that no one can sue the United States, the state or other government agencies or their employees without consent.

But the law has given up much of the government's "sovereign immunity" to allow one to sue an agency for injuries or damages suffered.

As a citizen you may have claims against your government for damages, overpaid taxes, license renewal or anything else. If so, be sure to follow strictly all the legal procedures and conditions like filing your claim in the city council or with a government agency.

The Federal Tort Claims Act allows one to sue the United States for injuries such as when an army or postal truck runs into you or you get hurt in a national park or in a federal building, or a military plane falls on your house, etc.

This law makes the United States liable in many cases when a federal employee harms you by lack of due care or negligence while he is on the job. The act does not allow suits for certain intentional misconduct such as assault, battery, false imprisonment and the like.

The law allows any federal agency to settle cases involving less than \$1000. If your claim is for more, you can sue in a federal court. Bring claims or suits within two years after injury.

Some agencies have you make your claim on a proper form in which you state facts about your injury or damage. Some agencies may pay the smaller claims from funds on hand.

If the agency people do not think the harm is their fault, they may turn down your claim and then it is up to you—if you wish to go further—to prove your case.

Sometimes a just claim does not fall under any provision of the law. In that case as a last resort, you as a losing claimant, may have Congress itself pass a private bill to pay for your injuries or damages.

The Federal Tort Act was passed to keep down the number of private bills going through Congress. So if you have a claim not covered, you should make sure it is otherwise a fair and just claim.

(Oregon lawyers offer this column as a public service. No person should apply or interpret any law without the aid of an attorney, who is completely advised of the facts involved. Even a slight variance in facts may change the application of the law.)

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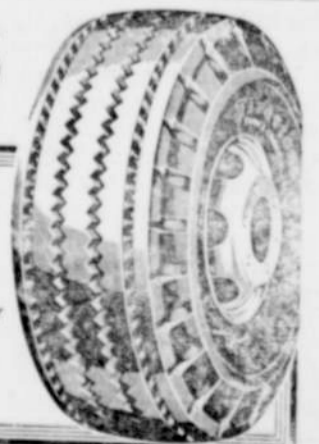
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From This Corner...

By T. M. B.

Have received several favorable comments on "What Kind of Nut Is He?" (June 11 issue of the Journal) and am sorry that it was not original. Credit should have been given to Associated Oregon Industries. Don't know who actually wrote it. . . . Have since seen it in several other publications.

It would be hard to disagree with most of the things "He" wants to do. But when it comes to doing them without using government help that is available—it is a different matter. Most of us desire no government aid for the other fellow or town but when it is for us or our town that places a different complexion on the matter.

Within the past year nearly \$1 million in government funds has been made available for projects in towns within 20 miles of my desk. Other taxpayers, many thousands of miles distant, have helped pay for these without having any voice in the matter. If we are to cut down on federal spending and make our federal government responsible for a sound fiscal policy, the ECONOMY, like CHARITY, must start at home.

An article in the El Dorado (Kan.) Times cites that there are more people on relief than during the great depression and the cost exceeds \$100 a year per family. This in spite of social security, unemployment compensation and all other welfare measures.

There are more people in the U.S. today than then but we are supposed to have prosperity today. The huge number of unemployed is blamed almost totally on automation but some authorities who have made a study of these non-workers feel government policies have encouraged idleness.

In many cases the unemployed pay is so near what can be made working that there is no incentive to look for, or accept, work when available.

In Blairtown, N.J., (where unemployment offices serving the area reported 1500 people receiving unemployment checks weekly) the weekly newspaper offered to publish free ads for those seeking work. Result—one ad placed—that of a high school senior wanting work of any kind. And he had run the ad two previous weeks before the free offer.

CALIFORNIA VERDICT . . .

"The John Birch society is neither secret, fascist, subversive, un-American nor anti-Semitic," a California legislative body has decided. And "most of its members are not mentally unstable, crackpots or hysterical about the threats of Communism." This recently appeared in the left-wing New York Post.

There are some leaders we do not admire nor do we endorse some methods they attempt to use to accomplish their purpose. Neither do we admire the attempts to smear all those who lean to conservatism and are far from the

socialistic trends of our present national leaders.

A recent letter by a local writer saying Goldwater and Castro "belonged in the same sack" would be like a conservative saying Kennedy and Khrushchev belonged in the same camp. It's time people began to stand up for right and good government instead of for anything advocated by their political party!

PEACE WITH KHRUSHCHEV?

Can we actually be planning a nuclear test ban with the Russians, based solely upon their promise to refrain? Are we to let them lull us into another period of false security while they continue to gain on us? Shall we spend \$40 billion to get a man on the moon ahead of them for the "glory and excitement" while they gain control of inner space? We can only hope our elected representatives are more practical than the White House dreamers.

DOMESTIC TROUBLES . . .

Since most of us have concluded that it is too late to take drastic action about the Cuban situation, and, since the administration says we are in no immediate danger from the Communists infiltrating Latin American countries, we look closer home to the troubles brewing from civil rights legislation and a threatened railroad strike.

Locally, we'll be thinking more of the railroad strike, if it is permitted to take place. Business will be slowed and it will hit us in the pocketbook where it hurts most. But restricting legislation can be passed hurriedly to place unions in the same position as industry.

Nationally, the racial problem is something else. The Negroes have been encouraged so strongly that many of them are no longer wanting equality but wanting rights the whites do not have. The North is becoming aware that it is not just a problem in the South.

We believe too much of the trouble started from a desire for political gain and not from love of our colored fellowman. We cannot believe it is right to spend millions of taxpayers' dollars to force the integration of one Negro into an all-white southern university and ignore the welfare of both white and colored in Cambridge, Md., and some northern cities where demonstrations had previously caused bloodshed.

We believe the exclusions of some small businesses are proposed to gain support for the entire civil rights bill. We do not believe that the U.S. attorney general is sincere if he thinks the Supreme court would hold this part of the law legal, based merely on the size of the business.

We believe in race RIGHTS but do not believe they can be accomplished by race RIOTS!

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