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LET'S HAVE HARMONY!

By CHARLES V. STANTON

The meeting held Monday night by the board of district directors apparently did much to ease the tension in our school system. It was a gathering conducted in the tradition of the American town meeting. Interested people had opportunity to air their opinions and their gripe. The school directors were given the benefit of public thinking, and also were able to quiet unfounded rumors and put the finger on erroneous information.

It is possible the meeting will eliminate some of the causes for friction, enabling the system to operate more smoothly in the future.

As previously mentioned in this column, most of the trouble appears to stem from a conflict of personalities rather than from questions of efficiency.

Director Clarenbach has been critical of some management policies. Criticism is a desirable quality. It appears that it has not been the criticism itself that has created dissension, but rather the director's manners and methods. Mr. Clarenbach, it would seem, has all the qualifications necessary for valuable contribution to school district control if he only will moderate his attitude.

Perhaps the public airing of opinion will bring about a better spirit of cooperation and, by drawing complaints into the open, result in improved relations between the board, the school staff and the general public.

It is our personal hope that City Superintendent Elliott will cancel his resignation and continue to give the district the benefit of his efficient services.

JUSTIFIABLE COMPLAINT

Les Nielsen, Roseburg grocer, has a justifiable complaint against the press, in general.

Food stores are adversely affected by news concerning increases in commodity prices. Newspapers give considerable space to every boost in prices, but seldom mention decreases.

In other words, when the cost of living goes up it makes news. When costs go down, headlines, if any, are in small type.

Currently, Nielsen points out, prices have declined on soaps, margarine, salad oils, and other commodities containing fats and oils. One reason for this drop is the abundant cotton crop, estimated at 16 million bales this year as compared with 10 million bales last year. As oil from cottonseed is used in many commodities, the prospect of abundant supply results in lower prices. But such information fails to make the front pages of our newspapers, whereas a boost of a few cents in the price of soap would provide plenty of material for headline and editorial writers.

Nielsen has a good point in his criticism. It is one the press faces in many other facets of life. The average citizen, for instance, may go along year after year contributing his bit to society and seldom get his name in the paper. But if he gets drunk and beats up his wife he draws the bold-faced type.

DEER RODEO IS PROPOSED

Complaints are increasing concerning agricultural damage by deer. Kill reports by hunters indicate that our deer population has moved from high elevations to the settled valleys.

One explanation is that for a number of years we have protected the deer. They have lost much of their fear of man. Finding ample food in the agricultural area, they have remained in the settled communities, rearing their young, until the bulk of the population has become more or less permanently located. Then we had winters with heavy snow, which brought down still more deer to find ample forage on valley farms.

An interesting suggestion has been made that might have some merit. We have several riding groups in the county. By building large corrals and getting cooperation from riders, deer could be herded into traps and transplanted from low to high elevations.

It might be an interesting experiment.



It wasn't Ed's idea to lug home two years' worth of the "Practical Builder." Said the lender to me, "You ought to find a lot of ideas in there." Said Ed appreciatively, "That's what I'm afraid of. She has too many now. She gets the ideas and I do the work, and they're all 'five minute jobs'."

Well, there are lots of ideas in the "Practical Builder," a sizeable enough. An "electrically operated" "darning" bed. S. S. Sant, ask Ed for that. Will our home be a "Plain Jane or a Shick Chick?" Well, personally, I prefer plain Jane to slick chicks, everything else being equal. Mercy, I don't want too many saving gadgets and gizmos. I remember slumping down on the top step of the stairs over our 3-bedroom flat in Detroit, and thinking, "I'd like to live in a cabin in the woods and just have a broom!" Eighteen years after, I pretty near got my wish. This place was a mess for about six weeks after we drove up to it, accompanied by a huge van full of furniture. We paid seven cents a pound on the furniture and then sold buffet, china, and I don't know what all after we got here. If a person could just see ahead when it comes to moving! It costs so much to start

over with furnishings, as we did in California. Yet I wish we had started earlier when we came here. Let's go back to the "Practical Builder." If you think you have troubles, you should read what subscribers "Ask Elmer." My, I'm glad I'm not a "Ladies' Condensation" due to faulty action between walls, cracking plaster, warping woodwork, owners who want to add a room or some other "five minute job!" after the price and plans have been agreed upon, uncertainty about materials.

Here's a prefabricated chimney that costs only \$60 when a constructed one costs \$100. Where's my pencil? If I could just move a fireplace!

A whole series of articles by and about that wizard, Hazel Dell Brown, who dreams up the delectable "Inland" advertisements in the women's pages. She tries them out first too. Her ideas are just the yeast to the minds of women readers. Many a good one I owe to her.

Here's a quotation from Abraham Lincoln used in an advertisement: "I like to see a man proud of the place in which he lives. I like to see a man live in his place who will be proud of him."

Keep That Eagle Eye Open Or We'll Lose Our Shirt



Fulton Lewis Jr.

WASHINGTON REPORT

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WASHINGTON — It seems that I've got my work cut out for me when I get to Europe. Ever since I noted in this space recently that a lot of countries were getting U. S. dollars so they could live in a better style than you and I are accustomed to, mail has been pouring in from travelers who agree.

For instance, there was the West Virginia ex-state department employee who got tired of living on what amounted to a \$102,000-a-year salary while doing nothing in Germany. He chucked the whole thing and quit, and then gave me a lot of ideas on where to look and what to look for when I get there.

Another individual, in private employment, who travels out of San Francisco all over the Orient and Europe, has tipped me off to a number of names and addresses of State department incompetents who are living high off the hog on us taxpayers.

Since this individual has to acquire visas and such for his travel overseas I won't mention his name, except to say again that any interested congressional committee can have it in executive session. One committee has already written for the name and address of the West Virginia citizen who was smart enough to know when he had wasted enough taxpayers' money for the State department.

The man is a lawyer, prominent, speaks French and German, has traveled in Europe, Africa, Norway, Austria and the British Isles. Here is something he discovered in London: for instance, that he absorbed some of my time while there.

"I have seen employees of the embassy in London, already paid a fancy salary in dollars, being furnished with fifteen or sixteen room houses, twenty minutes by automobile from Grosvenor square. The houses are completely furnished at the expense of the government. Food can be purchased through the commissary, which is part of the embassy, at prices which we here in America haven't enjoyed for a great many months."

"Every conceivable amount and kind of American foodstuffs are available — eggs and bacon are shipped from Denmark at bargain prices; liquor of all kinds is available and costs about \$2.50 a bottle compared to London prices of \$45. Bourbon is brought over from America. French wines from Paris and most American families have several servants."

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

(Continued from page One)

charged that 90 percent of India's army is poised on his country's borders. He accused the Indian press of inciting war against Pakistan.

Here's the other side: "An Indian government spokesman in New Delhi (capital of Hindu India) said the 90 percent figure was 'not quite correct' and added that 'Pakistan is bound to exaggerate.' He said India is taking defensive measures because of threats of a holy war from Moslem Pakistan."

The people of India (which then included Pakistan) eventually got the British off their necks. The first thing they did after that was to split up into Moslem Pakistan and Hindu India. Now the Moslems of Pakistan and the Hindus of India are at the point of flying at each other's throats.

Tragic, isn't it?

Similar tragedy stalks all of Asia. The poor devils of Asia are slowly getting their necks out from under the heel of European colonialism. The British led off by getting out of India. The Dutch, not because they want to but because they realize they HAVE TO, are getting out of Indonesia.

The time isn't far off when the French will be thrown out of Indochina. We got voluntarily out of the Philippines.

But it looks as if all of Asia is about to put its neck under the heel of Russian Communism — which is as alien to Asia now as European colonialism was two or three centuries ago when it got started.

Now let's take a look at U. S. Starting off with highly localized self-government, we've reached the point where WASHINGTON is the big boss.

All favors come from Washington — which is run by politicians. In order to FORCE FAVORs out of the politicians who run Washington and therefore run our lives, we've divided ourselves up into gangs. Big business has its N. A. M. and its U. S. C. C. Big labor has its A. F. L. and its C. I. O. The farmers have the farm bloc.

In the process of bludgeoning special favors out of the politicians in Washington, these organizations ("pressure groups") is the generic term for them: FIGHT BITTERLY WITH EACH OTHER, thus enabling the politicians to run everybody.

Do you reckon we're much better off than Asia?

My! My! Am I not getting to be the cynical old has-been?

I'm ashamed of it—but reading the news from day to day and seeing people everywhere playing into the hands of the demagogues and the despots and the thimble-riggers, and the opportunists, one can't help getting cynical at times.

If the general run of common people the world over could only learn to THINK STRAIGHT, what a different world it would be!

T-H Law Communist Builder, AFL Head Says

WASHINGTON — (AP)—Pledging a continuing fight for repeal of the Taft-Hartley labor act, AFL President William Green says its authors "make more Communists in one day than a soapbox orator makes on the streets in a month."

Green told a convention of the AFL, Retail Clerks association that no law ever passed has caused such "widespread resentment" among American workers as the Taft-Hartley act.

He declared the act has put workers in a state of mind similar to that which "turned the workers of Yugoslavia to communism."

He added that keeps on end growth and expands, we can then understand why communists might spread in America.

manager for C. C. Jackson, and J. A. Albertson, head of the Albertson food store chain.

Portland City Attorney Okays Dog Race Betting

PORTLAND — (AP)—Alexander G. Brown, Portland's city attorney, does not think that betting on dog races is a violation of the state's anti-lottery statutes.

When he gave that opinion to the city council, commissioner J. E. Bennett accused him of "sabotaging" efforts to ban dog racing in Portland.

Bennett had instructed Brown to prepare a case to test the validity of the state racing act.

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NW Delegates Seek Air Service

WALLA WALLA — (AP)—Representatives of Oregon, Washington and Idaho cities have called for expansion of commercial air service in the Pacific Northwest.

They testified at a civil aeronautics board hearing involving application of Empire Airlines for route extensions to Seattle and Portland. Application of West Coast Airlines for the same route and United Air Lines' Pendleton-Walla Walla-Spokane route. The hearing continued Saturday.

Carvel Linden, chairman of the Oregon aviation committee, urged close commercial ties between Portland and the inland areas of Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

Member of commerce Secretary George Prescott of Ellensburg and Gerald Shumway of the Ephrata chamber listed the problems of their communities which lack commercial transport service.

Needed For Personnel Bill Nader, assistant district manager of the Columbia river District Bureau of Reclamation at Ephrata, testified that air transportation was needed for bureau personnel continuously traveling between Ephrata and the cities of Seattle and Boise.

O. R. Hicks, transportation manager for Sun Valley, said many tourists there would use air service if facilities were adequate.

Another witness was Mayor Harley H. Crispin of Gooding, Idaho, which provides the nearest airport to the atomic reactor station at Arco.

Others heard included city officials from Lewiston, Idaho and Ontario, Ore., and two Boise businessmen, Walter Riter, district