



Horse sense
By ERNEST V. JANNER

• You bet I'm celebrating the Fourth of July! This is the only country in earth where a kid can spend \$200 just to look poor and where a guy is free to fight everybody except his enemies.

• I want to congratulate Mayor Jerry Sweeney for bringing up the matter of parking meter removal from city streets at the council meeting Monday night—and Chief of Police Dean Gilman for admitting they're a pain in the neck. The council voted down the proposal to cover them for two months and then submit the issue to a vote of the people. One councilman's remarks should be remembered: "See the people running the city or is the council running the city?" Election time would be a good time to remember that statement. Another councilman, admitting that meters are for the purpose of raising revenue and not for traffic control, asked: "The names collected in fines and from the parking meters is used to purchase a new police car. If the meters are removed, where will the money come from to purchase a new police car?" He has never understood that the cost of maintaining the meters exceeds the income derived from them, and that meters, unless needed to control a bad parking situation, are a money-losing proposition. It must be embarrassing to Chief Gilman to spend so much of his time gathering up these nickels and pennies to finance the purchase of a police car he needs to enforce the law. Maybe he should also pay for the car's gasoline by selling cotton candy at the county fair next month!



"No! No! Not After All I've Done For You!"

The mail pouch

EDITOR:

The Environmental Improvement Program of the National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc., and Sears, Roebuck and Co., is a nationwide "action" program aimed at improving the quality of the environment.

Through the program local garden clubs in every state work individually or in groups to initiate projects of environmental impact in the areas of air and water pollution abatement, solid waste disposal, beautification and civic development, ecological study centers and courses for students, preservation of open space, litter control programs and other environmental problems to encourage the cooperation of officials in an effort to help solve them.

If you were a stranger passing through our community for the first time, would you think its general appearance is Good? Fair? Poor?

In our rural approaches, are those inevitable residues of modern agriculture, haywire, lubricant containers, used filter cartridges and old tires allowed to accumulate in ugly prominence?

- Are down and tangled fences, collapsed corrals, and sheds left to blot the landscape?
 - Do the venerable remains of once-useful machines lie where they fell in vacant disarray?
 - Are the unavoidable, unsightly areas of industry or business screened from view?
 - Entering our town, are there unattractive or needless signs?
 - Are streets and sidewalks in good repair?
 - Are residential areas attractive, clean and well kept?
 - Are there any abandoned, deteriorating structures in the business district?
 - Do pleasantly planted public parks provide recreation facilities for all ages?
 - Are public restrooms clean and sanitary?
 - Are schools well kept and landscaped with beauty, practicality and economy all in mind?
- These questions may indicate some attributes or deficiencies of our community.

EIP COMMITTEE
Bill Rawlins, Rita Wolf, Alberta Johannes, Edwin Cutting, Jane Rawlins—for the Heppner Garden Club.

EDITOR:

Friday, June 14th, I was driving up the John Day River Highway heading for the Spray-Heppner Road. An unidentified flying object broke the window opposite the driver and went into the window behind me, breaking it. I suspected it was a rifle bullet but I did not stick around to find out.

Saturday morning I tried to report the accident and/or incident in Heppner but the police office was closed so I went to the sheriff's office. They didn't even give sympathy, but merely repeated the statement that you do not have to report accidents unless there is \$200 damage.

I guess that the police, like the people, do not want to get involved.

FR. FRANCIS A. HERBERT
Bonnet Ferry, Idaho.

EDITOR:

What is wrong with our local law enforcement offices? On the morning of June 27, I observed two boys in my neighborhood on bikes between the hours of 12:30 a.m. and 1 a.m. When they were aware of my presence they ran and hid, and before the local police could be summoned they had sped away.

When the officer on duty arrived I explained what I had observed and described their appearance and bikes; however, due to the poor lighting and distance involved I could not identify them. The officer advised me that he had just observed two boys on bikes up on Court Street prior to his arrival at my home.

The following morning I talked with the chief of police and explained what had happened and questioned him as to why, when juveniles are observed at wee hours in the morning they are not stopped, identified, and their parents notified. He advised me that it was useless as they receive no cooperation from parents and some of them become rate.

I am quite certain that the number of parents who would become rate are few; in fact, the average parent would be thankful to the officer when so advised.

Dad and Mom, when you have sent your children off to bed have you ever taken the time to check on them, or do you care? Perhaps you may be shocked to learn that your little darlings might not be safely tucked in bed. Extra precaution could save you a lot of grief and heartbreak.

The local law enforcement offices seem to have the attitude that it is easier to turn their heads than fulfill their duties in order to avoid stepping on someone's toes or upsetting some parents.

Heppner has a curfew. The curfew has been in effect for many years. Why isn't it enforced?

CROSSROADS REPORT

DEAR EDITOR:

I see where a chicken Congress hasn't yet got up the nerve to float Independence Day to the nearest Monday to create another three-day work break for postal employees and other slaves.

We already have two traditional and four contrived three-day weekends, and there are 30 more special days which could be moved to Mondays.

And with just a little more space-age legislation, we could make every day a holiday and totally eliminate work and mail service.

D. E. SCOTT,
Crossroads, U.S.A.

Quote/Unquote

"Women's Lib is just a lot of foolishness. It's the men who are discriminated against. They can't bear children, and no one's likely to do anything about that."—Golda Meir, Prime Minister of Israel.

Mayor of Hardman

DEAR MISTER EDITOR:

The fellows were talking about Independence Day during the session at the country store Saturday night, and it was general agreed that the Fourth is a better name for the holidays. Independence gives the idea of being someone on your own, and Ed Doolittle, and they're precious little of that going on in this country these days.

Bill Weatherford, who was on released time from his wash house, was for calling it the Fourth for a different reason. He said Independence Day makes a fellow think of the country's start, and of hard times she went through in them early years. Nobody likes to think of sacrifice and suffering, Bill declared, cause that takes away from the holiday spirit. We can call it the Fourth and celebrate without taking any mind to what we are celebrating, was Bill's word.

Actual, Mister Editor, ever single one of the fellows is a old time flag waver that gets choked up when he sees Old Glory run up a pole. They carry on during the session about what's wrong with their country, but they don't want anybody else poking on her.

And they can still see a heap that's right with America. Like everybody else, they get discouraged sometime with the way Americans treat America, but to them the Fourth of July is a time for rejoicing and serious thought about this land of the not so free and the not so brave. Like ever American, they're worried about their country.

Ed Gentry, the Terror of Willow Creek, said he was mostly worried about man's apple pie. He said he won't be surprised to find out it has chemicals in it that is hazardous to pure health, cause there don't seem to be anything that ain't been tampered with.

Ed had saw last month where the Boy Scouts was lying about their membership to get more federal money for their programs. When you get the Boy Scouts lying, the hot dogs made of cereal and wedded motherhood the exception stand of the rule, they ain't much hope for man's apple pie in the American way of life, was Ed's words.

Furthermore, goes on The Terror, with everybody on the take the wonder is that anybody was surprised to hear about the scout leaders counting boys that ain't there. It looks like all good old Yankee know-how means these days is get it any way you can.

Ed really got on the soap box and let the hammer down. We get towns incorporating to get revenue sharing, he said, and we get corporations that keeps one set of books for the Government and another set for stockholders. They berry money to pay stock dividends so they can charge the interest off as a loss and raise the price of what they sell so they can maintain a reasonable profit. And if they slip a \$100,000 or so to their favorite politician, it's all for the greatest good of the greatest number.

Mister Editor, Ed's speech just shows the problems you get into with a "informed electorate." I saw where somebody said the Watergate mess is the voters' fault for electing weak people. That's another way of saying America has met her enemy, and he is us.

Yours truly,
MAYOR ROY.



Presbyterians

purge "sexist"

Trinity

By LESTER KINSOLVING

Are the widely beloved hymns "Fairer Lord Jesus," "Faith of Our Fathers" and "Once to Every Man and Nation" in need of revision because of "sex-exclusive language?"

Do the terms "God of our Fathers" and "If a Man is in Christ"—as well as the Nicene Creed really constitute "sexist language?" Why, yes indeed—according to the National Convention Workbook ("Blue Book") of the 13 million member United Presbyterian Church. For this denomination's General Assembly voted in 1971 that "the so-called generic usages of masculine nouns, pronouns and adjectives are no longer acceptable in any church documents."

Accordingly, 36 pages of the current Blue Book is devoted to a Women's Lib designed purgation of the denomination's worship book. The cost of this endeavor is estimated at \$20,000—drawn from the national headquarters' income which has since 1972 plummeted 25 per cent from \$60 million to a current \$30 million.

"Wouldn't it be nice," asks the "Presbyterian Journal" wistfully, "if the Church didn't have to be the first to jump on every silly band wagon that came along?"

But this Blue Book section manifests that all-consuming fad to be "relevant"—even to Women's Lib, the comic relief of the sick and violent satires that Golda Meir has described as "billy."

How the Holy Trinity will emerge from such preposterous Presbyterian foolishness boggles the mind.

Can we imagine reciting (with a straight face): "In the name of the Mother, the Daughter, and Miss (whoops) Ms. Holy Ghost." Or: "In the name of the Elderly Person, the Younger Person and the sexless Holy Spirit."

Independent of such massive liturgical imbecility—from a denomination traditionally renowned for scholarship—is that this kind of stuff has already been disclaimed by one of Women's Lib's theological vanguard, Professor Mary Daly of Boston College.

Dr. Daly delicately described this Presbyterian effort as "half-assed changes."

Professor Daly appeared at the Presbyterian General Assemblies (both the Northern and Southern Presbyterians were in Louisville, simultaneously) to address the concurrent convention of the Religion Newswriters Association.

Excerpts from her address:

She corrected St. Paul's ideal of "In Christ, there is only male."

"For women to seek leadership in the Catholic Church is as absurd as a black seeking leadership in the Klu Klux Klan: 'If you can rape a woman in the street, you can rape the land.' . . . Radical Feminism is not concerned with an equal slice of the pie but with power'—and not a phallic thrusting. . . . We have been drained by the Draculas of patriarchy. . . . It's a wonderful thing to see a karate class where a woman first learns to make a fist!"

"God is process—process is what matters. God is a Verb. Personality is not a noun. I am a verb."

"As for my book 'The Church and the Second Sex,' almost every page has something with which I now disagree." (Dr. Daly wrote this book only seven years ago—a time period she refers to as "light years ago.")

Dr. Daly accepted this column's vehement apology for having described her recently as "a prominent Catholic theologian." (She continues teaching at the Jesuit-owned Boston College and her recent adoption of Radical Feminism as a new religion was not widely announced.)

Dr. Daly affirmed that "there is nothing wrong with changing history to herstory."

But she scoffed when I asked her if a man who had hernias should be expected to refer to them as hernias.

P.S. The following is the Curfew Adopted by the City Council of Heppner, in 1962. Is this too much to live with? If not, let's see that it's enforced.

ORDINANCE NO. 27A

Section 1. It shall be unlawful for persons under the age of 18 years to be upon any street or in any public place in the City of Heppner between 12:00 o'clock A.M. (12 A.M.) and 5:00 o'clock A.M. (5 A.M.) on Friday and Saturday nights, and between 12:00 o'clock P.M. (12 P.M.) and 1:00 o'clock A.M. (1:00 A.M.) on any other night, except when accompanied by his or her parent or legal guardian, or in proceeding directly to or from his work in the regular course of employment, where such employment has been approved by competent authority in the procedure outlined by statutes of the State of Oregon. If questioned by a law enforcement officer, the burden of proving the right to be upon any street, or in any public place, during the hours above specified shall be upon the minor.

Section 2. If any such child is found upon the streets or in any public place in violation of this ordinance, and such violation is his first offense, it shall be the duty of the police officer forthwith to place such child under custody and to take such child, or cause him to be taken, to his home. The parent, guardian, or other person having the custody and care of such child shall be notified of such violation.

Section 3. After having been notified that any child in his care, custody, or control has once violated the provisions of this ordinance, any parent, guardian, or other responsible adult person who shall knowingly allow his child or ward to be a second time upon the streets or at any public place in violation of the provisions of this ordinance, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$2.00 nor more than \$50.00, or by imprisonment in the City Jail for a term of not less than 1 day nor more than 25 days, or by both fine and imprisonment.

Section 4. Whenever any child shall be found committing a second offense under the provisions of this ordinance tending to render such child dependent or delinquent, an appropriate complaint shall be filed with the Juvenile Court for such further proceedings as such Court may deem appropriate under the circumstances.

EDITOR:

The letter to the editor signed by Rev. Robert A. Alstott of Hermiston in the May 10 issue of your newspaper is based on a series of falsehoods perpetrated by a Dr. Forrest C. Stevenson, Jr., of Brighton, Mich.

Because to such research as described by Rev. Alstott has taken place at Stanford University, a full retraction was obtained from Dr. Stevenson which is enclosed. We would be pleased if you would correct the record by publishing his full retraction which I append to this letter.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER
Stanford, Ca.

(ED. NOTE—Dr. Forrest Stevenson's retraction and apology is published herewith.)

DEAR DR. RAYFLICK,

On prior occasion I have published and given circulation to a statement which alleged that a process for producing vaccines from live aborted babies was developed at Stanford University, and that you justified such a process as an alternative to the "senseless slaughter" of animals from which vaccines were previously made. I now understand that no such process was developed at Stanford University and that you made no such statement. Instead, I understand that you are the originator of a process whereby vaccines are produced from a culture consisting of a strain of cells originally taken from the lungs of a single surgically aborted female fetus of four months gestation in 1962. I apologize for any embarrassment which these misstatements may have caused to you or to Stanford University. I assure you that I have ceased publication of this statement and I intend not to repeat it on any future occasion.

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