

Horse sense

By ERNEST V. JOINER



● Vice-President Gerald Ford has problems. He wants to be president, and if President Nixon is impeached and removed from office, he will be. But only for the balance of Mr. Nixon's term of office. He would have a powerful lever to secure the nomination on the Republican ticket, and this is where his big problem lies. Probably through party loyalty and certainly through personal loyalty to the president who made him vice-president, he has consistently argued that the president has committed no impeachable offenses. He has publicly stated that Mr. Nixon is innocent, and that the House Judiciary Committee is a "kangaroo court" for having brought impeachment charges to be presented to the House of Representatives. Will the American people vote into office a man who has publicly defended Mr. Nixon, who claims he is innocent of impeachable crimes, and who has characterized members of the judiciary committee as a kangaroo court? Probably not. The American people have had enough of Mr. Nixon, and would undoubtedly reject any man who has put his stamp of approval on this scandalous administration.

● Gerald Ford can be elected President of the United States, and as a Republican, if he will make one speech on nationwide television. I have already written his script. He is free to use it, without credit. Here is how it goes:

● "My fellow Americans. If elected president, I will do nothing. You will be left absolutely alone. There will be no New Deals, Big Deals, Great Societies or New Frontiers. There will be no new concepts, and you will not be browbeaten into accepting new and corrupting social programs. I will lead no crusades. You have already been robbed of your substance and too much of your personal freedom. You need a surcease from the corrupting influence of a power-mad government, and I intend to see that you get it. Since 1802 you have been regulated, manipulated and, freedom-wise, emasculated. You deserve better. As your president I will see that you have four or eight years to catch up and absorb all the crushing burdens that you have had heaped upon you. I will not govern; the Congress will. Whatever Congress does, I will approve. There will be the responsibility because they're closer to you and more easily removed from office when they fall from grace. I will impose no funds voted by Congress and I will exercise no veto power. You are going to be given a vacation from presidential power and from corruption that stems from its use. I will make speeches, great heads of state, water the White House lawn and dedicate any public buildings the Congress votes. What made Calvin Coolidge a great president is that he did nothing, for when a president does nothing, the people are being left alone. I will create no new government agencies, bureaus or departments. I will hire no people to do anything. You need my term of office to regain your sanity, to recover from the injustices this government has done you, to restore your faith and confidence in the Republic—and to forget how close you came to becoming virtual slaves of a government that was headed into despotism. This is the one way I can enrich the lives of all Americans; and, in the end, gain immortality for myself."

● Now that the Morrow County Fair is upon us perhaps the far board and the livestock committee would consider changing some of the rules governing the sale of 4-H and FFA livestock. Those animals will be sold at auction, and not at a sale. Last year, as in past years, the show animals were sold at the prevailing market price plus 10 or 20 cents a pound added. This establishes a ceiling price for the livestock, and one which is totally unrealistic. I am aware of the argument in favor of limiting the price one pays for the youngsters' show animals—that it encourages the young raisers to concentrate on the care and feeding rather than to think in terms of what the animals will bring in money. Ask any rancher if he can divorce money from cattle. Ask him how long he can continue in business if he sells his stock for less than the cost of the feed that goes into them. Youngsters have been encouraged to be happy with a blue ribbon. Great. If the feed store will accept that ribbon in exchange for food for the animal, and if youngsters can exchange the blue ribbon for college tuition, fine. But it occurs to me that one of the most important lessons a young rancher can learn is that of profit and a fair return on time, effort and money invested.

● Only two counties in Oregon, Union and Morrow, have this system of rewarding young people for months of hard work spent in producing superior animals. The other county fairs actually auction off the animals to the highest bidders. What we have here is to auction. It is a sale, with the ceiling price pegged below the cost of raising the animals. That, to me, is an immoral and illogical rule. Why not remove the ceiling on all livestock to be auctioned at the fair? At last year's sale many people went home disgusted because they had come to bid on an animal only to hear the auctioneer announce, "The ceiling price has just been offered for this animal, and it goes to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Doakes." In many cases this was done without the animal even having been brought into the arena.

● I have heard 4-H Club members say that unless they are able to regain the expense of raising their animals they are going to give up their projects. They have enough intelligence to realize they cannot continue to pay the rising costs of livestock production, maintain tedious records, care for and groom the animals—then sell them at a loss. That's a poor incentive for a youngster to enter a business the world so desperately needs.

● It would be well if the "auction" this year were truly an auction, with the stock going to the highest bidder, which is what an auction is all about. But if the sale procedure is to be followed again, why not allow the prospective buyers to deal directly with the owners of the animals? Give the youngsters a chance to bargain with the buyers, and let the youth who raises the animals negotiate the price? It would save a lot of time and all the nonsense of having what I consider to be a mock auction. It would also provide a needed incentive for young people to enter the competition, and they cannot be exposed too early to the process of competition in the marketplace.

● Orville Cutsforth is a man of many skills, accomplishments and talents. He flies airplanes in impossible situations, keeps politicians in hot water, and has been known to build a dam while government red tape ripened. But he can't whistle a canoe out of a log for peanuts. Up at his mountain cabin he has carved a canoe out of a big log with only a chainsaw and an axe. He said he saw one, somewhere. If somebody can make one I can make one, he reasoned. Well, his canoe is afloat. The trouble is, it has a round bottom, and anyone who gets in it is automatically rolled into the water. If he can find a way to keep it upright, "Noah" Cutsforth will be ready for the next flood.



In 1886, Steven Boodie jumped off the Brooklyn Bridge to win a \$200 bet!



"I Intend To Fight It Out Along This Line If It Takes The Rest Of My Term..."

The mail pouch

EDITOR:

I was one of your stalwarts in Sebastopol and have followed you all the way to Heppner. Your editorials, I believe, almost invariably are superb and I endorse them most heartily. There is one, however, written June 13, 1974 on medicine with which I take issue and not because I am a doctor, but because through being misinformed, you inadvertently misrepresented the situation.

First of all, I am not a member of the AMA despite being certified to the eyebrows with all sorts of specialty qualifications. I dropped out of this organization because, as with so many other organizations such as many unions, etc., a great evil has pervaded this body. Its hierarchy has associated itself with our socialistic government and is discarding everything held sacred in medical channels.

2. You state you have no doctor in Heppner, Oregon. I am sorry for this, but I am a staunch believer in the marketplace, and just as you have not those features to attract a Sears Roebuck, a Ross-Atkins or a J. C. Magnin, no doctor and no orthodontist has chosen your community. In as much as this is a country permitting still the freedom of geographical movement, I am ashamed that you waived this one little bit by suggesting that perhaps there is a law requiring a doctor to come to your community. If you reflect on this I am sure you would wish you'd never made that statement, for there are many vultures hovering above us wanting to impose more and more laws such as that. Just make your town a bit more attractive in some way, let your needs be known, and you'll have a doctor.

3. There is no attempt to suppress the number of doctors in America. As a matter of fact, population-wise, the percentage is a very equitable one. There is no question, however, that the doctors, as in any other field of endeavor, do tend to congregate in the most attractive areas weather-wise, population-wise, need-wise, and there is nothing wrong with that.

One of the reasons why fewer people are going into medicine is the inroads the government is making into medical practice. I know many doctors who are now so disillusioned by this harassment of government that they are actually discouraging their children from entering the medical field. I must tell you that I am not one of these doctors, principally because I continue to be enchanted with medicine despite these burdensome discouraging features. This philosophy does not make me saintly and on the other hand doesn't make my colleagues unsaintly. That's just the way it is. My tolerance is being tested though, and any day I may join the "anti" doctors.

4. Foreign doctors are not denied the right to practice in America. Should they have the medical qualifications imposed by the State Boards (and who is better qualified to decide on the qualifications than doctors) then they are permitted licensure. In Santa Rosa, for example, we have two such doctors and they are doing a good job. Many foreign doctors are not coming to America because the opportunity that existed here in many lines of endeavor are now being suppressed by governmental regulations and for that reason perhaps then Switzerland might be more appealing. Matter of fact, I am thinking that that wouldn't be a bad place to go myself.

5. You make reference to the tremendous income of physicians. Let me point out that in a survey made several years ago by Medical Economics the average income for a physician in the United States approximated \$20,000. This amount, for the number of hours put in by the average physician, is ludicrous. I can say unhesitatingly that no doctor ever became wealthy from the practice of medicine. He may have lived comfortably but he could not be wealthy. If you know of any wealth doctors, you can be assured that they came by this wealth from investments that were wisely made.

6. As for the requirement that one belong to the AMA before he is accorded hospital privileges, this is not true. A doctor must meet the eligibility standards evolved from the AMA sources, but membership is not mandatory—qualifications are. As proof of this, I recite my own status wherein I have stated I dropped my membership in the AMA and state and county medical societies because of their intertwined coercive efforts, and yet I function in the highest surgical capacities and occupy respectable positions in all the local hospitals.

7. You damned the AMA, and in many instances I agree that it needs damnation. However, let me eulogize the little known and purposely unmentioned medical organization known as the American Association of Physicians and Surgeons, which is a group who is directly opposing the AMA and trying valiantly to restore medicine to the high level of esteem it once possessed and deserved.

8. Finally, I unhesitatingly state that the bulk of physicians are altruistically inclined and pretty damned noble creatures; that their leadership which had once also been

CROSSROADS REPORT

DEAR EDITOR:

I see where a power-wacky federal judge has commanded the City of Dallas to build a new \$50 million jail for the comfort of its incarcerated citizens.

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Which is a fair sample of today's lawleeches' prodigality with the hard-earned money belonging momentarily to our productive peons.

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A fancier jail wouldn't attract any better class of customer, and the courts turn them loose so fast nowadays that it seems foolish to spend so much money on more luxurious accommodations for lawbreakers.

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

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"Americans are not concerned about getting well any more. They are concerned about what it's going to cost them—will an illness or injury bankrupt them." John A. McMahon, President, American Hospital Assn.

"I just want one word on my tombstone: 'Even.' I was born even, and I want to go out even."—Joe Louis, former boxing champion.

Mayor of Hardman

DEAR MISTER EDITOR:

I allus knowed that if a feller kept his clothes on long enuff he'd be in style soon or late.

Double-breasted suits has been discovered at least twice in the last 30 years, and neckties has gone from wide to narrow to none. And now I see by the papers where my kind of haircut is pulling barbers from depression to boom. Mamas is seeing their boys ears and eyes fer the first time in five year, and now when a feller yeils "crazy woman driver" he can be pritty shore that's what it is.

The styles come and go, Mister Editor, and that's the way it's been since Eve figgered out fig leaves wasn't the only thing to wear. But I can't recollect any time in our history when ever somepon went out of style somebody formed a association to remember it by. Ever time you pick up the paper you see where a convention has been held by some new outfit. The one I saw the other day was the Funny Book Association, and Bug Hookum saw that one to.

Bug bring a clipping to the store Saturday night, and he was telling the fellers about old 10-cent comic books that was bringing \$1,000 apiece at the convention of the Funny Book Association. Furthermore, they had folks there that played the funny book characters in the movies and on the radio, and they were peddling autograph pictures of theselves.

Actual, Mister Editor, the price went up cause the name was changed. All this stuff is called nostalgia now, and the best the fellers could figger it, nostalgia is to funny books and old moving pictures what junk is to antique dealers. Clem Webster said if a man had a gift fer looking ahead at what folks want he could git rich without turning a hand. All he'd have to do is leave everthing on his place jest like it is fer 25 year and then have a antique auction.

General speaking, went on Clem, a farmer or rancher could use his tools and harness till it wore out and sell it fer four times what it cost, provided he'll wait 25 year.

What we ought to do, declared Clem, is built a aging barn on ever farm where we could store junk while it becomes antiques. A barnful of junk would be a better investment than stocks and bonds, cause all they pay you is money and that gits cheaper ever day, was Clem's words. He said antique dealers can swap with one another and double their junk at these meetings neo an over the country this summer.

Ed Doolittle said he had been follering the conventions to, and he had saw where members of the oldest perfession had a first national meeting. Zeke Grubb said lawyers meet all the time. Zeke said law is older than the other cause where else did the chaos that was here in the beginning come from.

While Ed and Zeke argued their perfessions, I recalled seeing a ad that said bring a antique friend to the sale. We bring em to the store ever week.

MAYOR ROY.



'Something beautiful for God'

By LESTER KINSOLVING

In England she has been described poignantly as "something beautiful for God."

And this summer when she visited the U.S., a widely disillusioned nation appeared briefly sanctified by the visit of Mother Teresa, founder of the Missionaries of Charity.

Her devoted ministry to the dying in the horrifying slums of Calcutta has awed—and endeared—the world. One admirer sent her a check for \$500,000, stipulating that it cannot be touched now, but must be used for security for the sisters. Mother Teresa returned the check, with thanks and the observation that God will provide and they must not be overly concerned for the future.

"Don't drill from humble works," she advised the recently founded Co-Workers of Mother Teresa. "Many people would like to do big things, few are willing to do small things."

This observation is especially perceptive in view of the fact that the few people like Mother Teresa can make the rest of us suffer by comparison, almost to the point of guilt. Yet this is the antithesis of what is desired by the genuine saint, who realizes that from the example of the founder of Christianity there is a wide variety of needs and opportunities of service. (Jesus spent nearly 10 times as much of his life in business—carpentry—as in the preaching ministry). And if all people were either ordained or monastic, who would then manufacture the medicine, food and blankets with which Mother Teresa is able to alleviate so much suffering?

Yet there is a problem in many denominations who do not lay claim on almost all of one's social life (like Mormons and Jehovah's Witnesses). All too often when a person has had a moving conversion experience and wants desperately to serve God, his ardor is absolutely quenched by such as offer as: "Fine! We can use you as an usher, or during the every member canvass."

While both of these functions can be important, there is a relatively new organization founded within the church which is proving to be wonderfully simple and simply wonderful. It has no dues, no constitution, no national structure, and no politics. It also has an odd name: FISH. (The Greek word for fish is ichthus, whose letters compile an abbreviation for: Jesus Christ, God's Son, Saviour).

The telephone number for FISH is listed in most city directories—because it has grown, just since 1961, to more than 1,000 chapters, in the U.S., Canada, Africa, Australia and New Zealand.

Most of FISH's services are on an emergency basis, such as transportation to hospitals, or baby sitting, or overnight lodging. But there are other invaluable services on a continuing basis, such as keeping in contact with elderly persons who live alone, meals for shut-ins, reading to the blind, errands for invalids, food and clothing for disaster victims—and even pet care.

Founded in Oxfordshire, England, FISH was brought to the U.S. by the Rev. Robert Howell of the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd in West Springfield, Mass.—who edits the international FISH newsletter. This priest had often asked himself:

"What action of the Church will give credibility to its words of love for a world which has largely already discounted those words as inconsistent with what it has seen in us?"

What can be seen in the devoted labors of thousands of FISH members, as well as Mother Teresa, is a leading justification of organized religion: the miraculous ability, amidst the faults of all human organizations, to produce occasional saints.

noble has now soured should not surprise you, for tell me what walk of life is there now that has not been affected in this manner by the cancerous evil of government that is now exploiting us.

I am sure you're happy to know that I am not a sorehead and am not cancelling my subscription. You do a good job but, as with all of us, once in a while somebody has to keep us straight. In this issue I have felt the need to expose you to more accurate information.

THEO. S. STASHAK, M.D., Santa Rosa, Ca.

EDITOR:

The two main powers that the citizens have left in this country are property rights and voter rights. If we lose either one we'll sure lose the other in a very short time.

The real basic difference between a free society and a slave society today is nothing more than the right to ownership of a private business, the right to decide for oneself his occupation and we would hope the freedom of travel, freedom of speech, freedom of the press, and the right to assemble, a trial by jury, freedom of religion and the freedom of the ballot box to elect our own government and system of punishment.

When we check voter turn-outs across the country it seems that far too many are unconcerned and do not realize the real value of the right to vote. It may soon be a thing of the past with little decision making left to the individual citizen in this computerized and managed society by 1985 according to Colorado's Governor John Vanderhoof. "By 1985 only the governor and lieutenant governor will be elected officials," he said. "All others will be appointed by the governor and confirmed by the senate." Governor Vanderhoof then went on to say, "Counties will be in the process of consolidation. They will all be under home (metro) rule. County commissioners will be a thing of the past."

We will be electing five directors, you might call them, who will serve as policy-making directors. County directors, as well as the sheriffs, assessors and so on.

In this context the governor had reference to the training and placement of appointed public administrators produced by the Public Administration Clearing House in Chicago, better known as "1313." This Rockefeller-financed center has been responsible for the development of a new type of public administrator who now controls all levels of domestic government. Graduates of "1313" include Colorado's Gov. Vanderhoof and most public officials throughout the nation.

State law-makers who have been corrupted by revenue-sharing funds and other "free" money are engaged in illegally reorganizing state governments, passing land use laws, and establishing controls to transform citizens into landless serfs. This non-elected, centralized form of government, called "The Federal Regionalism Concept," promoted in violation of the U.S. Constitution, must be exposed and neutralized or the state will be moved into extinction.

The sheriff, county judge and county commissioners are (Continued on page 6)



"You've Been Charged With Being An All Around Bad Person. How Do You Plead?"

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