

Founding Fathers Failed To Vision Present Times in Right of Petition

By DICK WEST



Washington—(UPI)—Almost everyone agrees that our founding fathers showed great prudence in guaranteeing the right of a citizen to petition the government. But over the years the exercise of that right has sometimes been taken for granted that the founding fathers possibly did not envision.

I have at hand three recent communications from supplicating citizens which would have left the Constitution framers in the dark but which somehow seem to illustrate our times.

The first petition, received by Rep. Morris K. Udall (D-Ariz.), was drafted by Tom Bahti, an Indian trader who describes himself as "a patriotic American interested only in keeping America strong."

He adds, however, that he "wouldn't mind making a little money while pursuing these goals."

"It has come to my attention," Bahti wrote, "that Russia may begin a crash program to outproduce the United States in Hopi pottery and Navajo rugs, two important fields in which we have always maintained a consistent superiority."

"I am therefore asking that you draw up appropriate legislative bills which will produce vast sums of money to spur these long-neglected portions of our national economy."

"If we let those godless Russians close the Hopi pottery and Navajo rug gap, our national posture is bound to suffer."

The second petition was sent to Rep. Frank T. Bow (R-Ohio), by Dr. David E. Howell, an Alliance, Ohio, dentist who reported that he had produced more false teeth than he was able to sell.

"Would it be possible for you to have the government buy my surplus dentures and store them with the surplus crops?" Howell asked.

"Of course, I realize that storage might become a problem, so maybe you could send the surplus dentures overseas as foreign aid."

"This would motivate the people over there to buy our corn on the cob, thus solving the problem of surplus corn and dentures and help the payments balance, too."

"However, this plan might antagonize the dentists and corn growers overseas and cause them to become Communists if we did not subsidize them."

"A patient told me recently that he was getting paid for not growing corn, so perhaps it would be simpler if you would just send me the money and I could go into the non-making-dentures business."

The third petition was devised by George Q. Lewis, director of something called the "National Laugh Foundation."

He is sounding out Congress on the possibility of providing hospital care for "sick" comedians.

Police Week To Be Observed in City

In observance of National Police week the Medford city police department has scheduled an open house at the police station in city hall for Sunday, May 13, from 1 to 9 p.m.

By resolution of Congress the week of May 13 to 19, has been designated as National Police week, according to Charles P. Champlin, chief of police.

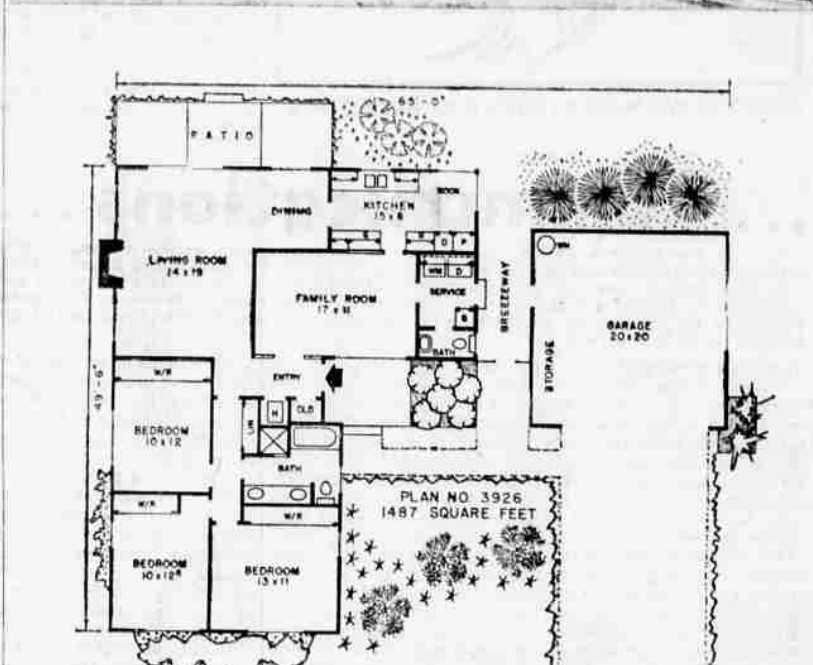
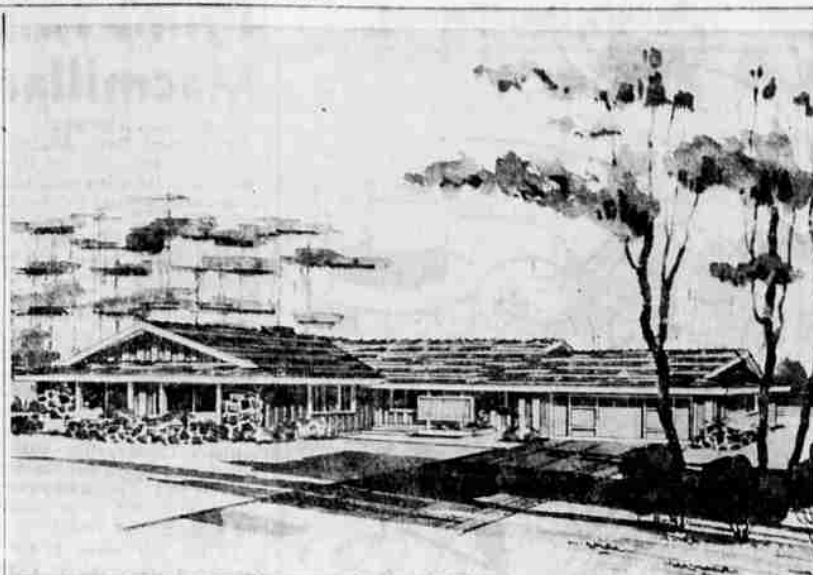
"This event will provide the public with an excellent opportunity to visit the police department quarters and become familiar with the facilities and operation," Chief Champlin said.

Various displays will be arranged for viewing, including police equipment, confiscated weapons, scale model shooting range, and a traffic exhibit.

Police officers will be on hand to conduct visitors on guided tours of the station's facilities, it was stated.

All interested persons, particularly parents with their children, are invited, Chief Champlin said.

SURVEYING MISSILE SITES
Washington—(UPI)—The United States is surveying locations for missile launching sites in the Hawaiian Islands, Alaska and Guam, according to the Air Force.



This Week's Ranch and Modern Home

By HIAWATHA ESTES
There are many little things that add up to make a big difference in any house design. You are liable to overlook several of these items if you are building for the first time. By spending some time in studying this plan, one should become familiar with many of these design ideas.

A wide covered porch protects the front door—and your visitors—from inclement weather. From the center hall entry, one has direct access to the bedroom wing, the living room and the family room-kitchen areas. Both guest and forced air furnace closets open to the entry. The furnace is surrounded by other closets which absorb its noise of operation.

A very short hall leads from the entry to all bedrooms. A linen closet nearly six feet long will be appreciated by any housewife. All bedrooms have an unusual amount of wardrobe. The wardrobe in the 10 by 12 bedroom surrounds this room from noises emitting from the living area.

Features of the family bath include a shower and a tub plus a semi-partitioned water closet and a twin pullman lavatory.

Wide Fireplace
The wide fireplace becomes the center of attention upon entering the living room. A high window on each side allows for easier furniture arrangement. The combining of the living room and the dining

all helps each of these areas appear larger. The addition of the sliding doors from the living room to the patio makes still another contribution to this design's remarkable spaciousness.

OSU Graduation To Be One Day Only

Corvallis—Commencement at Oregon State university has been changed to a one-day Sunday program this year, instead of the two days of the past, with more than 1,800 degrees scheduled to be conferred June 3.

In years past, OSU has had baccalaureate service Sunday morning and graduation exercises on Monday.

This year, the baccalaureate service will be dropped and the graduation exercises moved to Sunday afternoon to enable more parents, relatives and friends to attend.

The 93rd annual commencement will be held in the 10,000-seat coliseum beginning at 1 p.m. (PST), President James H. Jensen announced. A record number of approximately 500 advanced degrees will be conferred this year, he added, including some 80 doctor's degrees and about 400 master's degrees.

The number of bachelor's degrees to be conferred is second only to the record number of 1949-50, big graduation year for World War II veterans.

Boredom Listed as Serious Problem of the Retired

"Boredom is a serious problem for the retired person," Dr. Alvin Fellers, Ashland, president of the Jackson County Inter-Community council, said Tuesday evening at a talk in Medford. "The retired person must find something to do that will keep him interested."

Students To Attend Music in May Event

Several students from Medford and Eagle Point High schools will join 500 other musicians for the annual Music in May festival, May 10 through 12 at the Pacific university campus in Forest Grove.

Students in chorus from Medford will be Kathleen Allen and Joel Gregory. From Eagle Point will be Karen Jossy, Tress Pruett, and Frances Huffman, band, and John Patrick and Glenda Peterson, chorus.

This year, the 15th anniversary year, the high school musicians will gather to play under distinguished conductor orchestra working toward a grand concert on May 12.

Azalea Festival To Include Rodeo

Brookings—A rodeo will again be held in Brookings in conjunction with the 23rd annual Azalea Festival May 26-27.

Many events are being planned for the rodeo, which will take place at 2:30 p.m., Saturday, May 26, including calf roping, wild cow milking, saddle cow riding, steer riding, barrel racing, and a number of events in which children may enter. The rodeo will again be a "jackpot" event, with winners splitting

the prize. The retired person must find something to do that will keep him interested."

Dr. Fellers was the final speaker in a "Preparation for Retirement" series held during the past five weeks by the social and economics issues committee of the Medford branch, American Association of University Women of the Rogue Valley Council on Aging.

The speaker noted that there are three categories of retired people. The retired who is independent, the semi-retired who works parttime, and the retired person who is dependent.

A retired person seeks five things in a community, Dr. Fellers explained. They are: 1, community services available in which he may participate; 2, social activities; 3, cultural pursuits; 4, educational opportunities; and 5, spiritual life.

Remain Anonymous

Dr. Fellers stressed that many retired persons wish to remain anonymous for awhile after they arrive in a new community as they wish to get their home in order before becoming involved in community activities.

He reminded the audience that the community has the responsibility to wholesomely welcome the new retirees, and not to expect too much of them too soon.

The local series, which is planned as a "pilot" program, will be held in other parts of the state by the AAUW. Local

three ways for the various entries. The Eugene Highlanders will entertain at the rodeo, and the Azalea Festival queen and her court will pay a visit.

coordinator was Miss Peggy Ann Hutchinson, committee chairman. It was presented through the cooperation of the adult education department of the Medford public schools.

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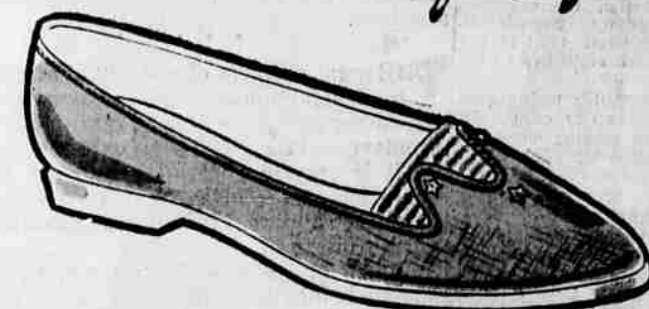
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