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Privilege and Duty

By FLOYD L. WYNNE

Tomorrow is election day. Thousands of voters in Klamath County will go to the polls to cast their ballots.

There will probably be thousands more who do not go to the polls to cast their ballots.

For years, on every hand, we have heard the cry "fulfill your duties as an American-voter!" Today, we have evidence on all sides on just what a vigorous, militant minority can do by way of controlling a country or its policies. Abroad, small groups of active students can control a country, can even pull down its president with well-organized riots.

We see clear evidence of minority groups making policy. Let's stop a moment and ask why?

The reason is quite clear also. The majority of the people are either not interested enough to make their voices heard, or are willing to delegate their responsibility to others.

The same thing happens here when we fail to vote.

We have thus delegated our responsibility as American citizens to others, and in effect, told them, you go and choose for me, I'm either too busy, too lazy or not interested.

Are you interested in what your taxes will be next year? Are you interested in how your county will be run next year, or how your state will be run?

Then it becomes incumbent upon you to let your voice be heard at the polling place.

The wishes and the rights of the majority can only be insured by the minority when the majority permits them to do so. Especially so in this country where we have the secret ballot.

By the same token, no one has or should have the right to tell you how to vote. That's your given right to vote as you please without the necessity of explaining your vote to anyone.

Both sides of the political fence will have well filled slates to select from.

On the measure side, there are two very important ones to people of Klamath Falls and Klamath County. The Charter amendment to install the council-manager form of city government in Klamath Falls is on the ballot.

Speaking for only myself, with the knowledge of operation of the city government that comes from having served a year and a half as a city councilman, I am going to vote for the council-manager plan.

The road tax measure proposes to continue for another five years the three mill levy to continue improvement of roads in the county and city. This program has resulted in the past in the county more than doubling the miles of paved roads, and has resulted in approximately \$30,000 per year going to the city of Klamath Falls for maintenance of streets in the city. It has also resulted in road funds going to the towns of Bonanza, Olinquin, Malin and Merrill for maintenance of their streets.

This measure, too, I'm going to vote for.

This is not an attempt to influence your vote, it simply puts me on record as the way I'm voting.

There are only two things to remember tomorrow. First, that it truly is your duty as a citizen to vote, and second, when you do vote, you can thank God that there is no one there to force you to vote as they want you to, you vote as you please and your conscience dictates.

May Home

By FLORENCE JENKINS

Nearly all of us become curious political experts when an international crisis or near-crisis arises.

So this my corner may be heard from, and it will be. "Go Home, Yanks" into "Go Home, U.S. Citizens" and many other slogans are being used in the country.

There is a very serious situation in the world today. Mr. and Mrs. N. Scott are exposing the situation to the world and nearly killed and the situation is on pay to the world.

As one of the world's staff, Mr. Wayne Scott, commented, "Have goodnight-will travel."

Rock-n-Roll

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP)—Sorrow comes in time to many fine old families. But the tragedy that has fallen on the family of the late Louis and Elaine Lorillard of Newport is indeed almost unbearable.

Their only two children—Pierce

and Dixie, 11—are rock 'n' roll fans.

"We are doing our best to convert them," said Elaine bravely. What makes her plight even more ironic is that she and her husband, an agile offshoot from the proud old Lorillard tobacco tree, are perhaps America's leading missionaries for a pre-rock 'n' roll type of music—the one known as jazz.

In fact they are famous for having brought jazz to Newport, the sedate Rhode Island seaside resort where they dwell in a mansion so large Mrs. Lorillard never has found enough free time to count its rooms.

Until 1954 the most notable music in Newport was the soft slap of surf on Long Island Sound, the gentle murmuring of hardening arteries and the vague noises of dear old ladies reading the novels of Henry James aloud to cure their insomnia.

But in that year the Lorillards staged the first of a series of annual jazz festivals there.

The barriers of the Old Guard—their lorgnettes—were raised at once in an icy wall against the invasion.

"The resentment wasn't so much against the music, as the fact the town was overrun all at once by 3,000 visitors," said Elaine. "But the tradespeople were happy."

"We were boycotted for a time socially, in a very subtle way. I think that's all over now, but frankly I don't care."

The truth is that many of the Old Guard have swung the other way. Many are looking forward to the Fifth Newport jazz festival this summer, at which 60,000 visitors are expected.

It will be featured by a specially created international youth band, made up of young jazz musicians from 17 foreign countries, including two from behind the Iron Curtain. Its concert will be recorded by the Voice of America and broadcast overseas.

"This should be very exciting," said Mrs. Lorillard. "To many Europeans jazz is the only form of culture America has produced."

One thing the festival has brought out: Most jazz lovers today are law-abiding respectable citizens and tend to be in the 35 and over age bracket.

"It's the teen-agers and preteen-agers who go in for rock 'n' roll," sighed Mrs. Lorillard, recalling her own family problem.

Open Letter

Klamath Falls (To The Editor)

I am submitting an open letter, not to the Klamath Union High School Board, Mr. Reed, but to you.

During the 16 years you served on the KUHS Board, I considered you to be a good board member, and in sympathy with any phase of the school program which contributed to the students' well rounded high school education.

You state in your recent letter to the board that if the public insists on all the "fringe benefits" of the school, that the public will have to foot the bill. I am not surprised that you hold such views. In the first place, you have no children in school. Therefore your advice to the school board to "cut out" non-essentials" effects you not one whit.

You refer to the "fringe benefits" as "expensive trimmings" and state that these could be eliminated from the curriculum. May I remind you, Mr. Reed, that we have one of the finest school systems in the West—perhaps in the United States. Just how long can we maintain our school program with your so-called "fringes" being cut to the bone, or completely eliminated?

As an example—the music department. Please stop to consider the worth of this department, with music students directed by our very fine faculty under the able guidance of Mr. Andrew Loney. You acknowledge that we have one of the finest music departments in the state. Are we to deny the music students that which they can do so well and so thoroughly enjoy?

Has it ever occurred to you what music alone can do to give the child a sense of participation and achievement in a program in which many may excel? As you say, music is basically cultural. All the more reason why it should not be eliminated from our curriculum.

I wonder, Mr. Reed, if you realize that some children do not possess the ability to carry their basic subjects satisfactorily. Often these same students are outstanding in extra-curricular subjects, such as physical education, music, art, etc. Frequently we find pupils have much native ability for the cultural subjects. Are we to deny them that which they are able to do and enjoy?

While space will not permit comments on all your listed "fringe benefits," I should like to mention another subject as one upon which you comment—Audio-Visual Education. May I ask you, Mr. Reed, where you obtained your information for the following: "Teachers are led to believe that they no longer need to know a subject thoroughly. All they need to know is how to run a sound projector. And students are led to believe that they can learn everything that is to be learned by merely looking at pictures and listening to 'canned lectures.'"

Now, who gives such ideas to pupils and teachers? Surely supervisors are not guilty. If they are, they are working against their own interests. This is absurd. Of course this might be true if the teacher has no interest in her work. But she who is just one teacher working against her own welfare in such a fashion. This situation, I'm sure, does not exist in Klamath Falls. Our teachers are conscientious and hard working people. In spite of your accusations the Portland schools are emphasizing more and more the value of teaching by Audio-Visual methods, in ever increasing amounts.

I have watched the growth of our school system from a village type of one with a large enrollment. I can truthfully say we have a school system of which we can be justly proud. In the time Mr. Dunbar became superintendent—1905—to the present time there has been a steady improvement that has kept pace with the increasing enrollment. Our schools rank with the best. Our superintendent, supervisors and teachers work endless hours to maintain the best schools possible. This, in spite of the fact that many citizens think school employees have very short hours. Let us not envy these people any increase in salary which they so justly deserve. They receive much less than they earn.

Of course schools cost money. The better the schools the greater the cost. But I ask you, Mr. Reed—are we going to deny our children the best that the schools can give them for the sake of a few tax dollars?

My question to you Mr. Reed is: Do you want to return to the horse and buggy? If so, our schools are doomed. The best is none too good for our children. Let us give them the best.

Upon what authority do I speak? Simply 37 years of experience in the Klamath Falls schools.

Augusta Parker Dunbar

School Teacher

Klamath Falls (To The Editor)

I am a school teacher employed by the Elementary School District of this city. I have desired to become a school teacher since my sophomore year in high school.

In choosing this profession, I have only one regret, that of not teaching during the six years following my graduation from college.

My only excuse for not teaching during this six year period is partly due to money and a feeling of independence, gained from the experiences offered by sitting in the rear seat of a Navy Hell-diver for a couple of years during World War II.

In the fall of 1955 I was employed as a salesman in the Portland area, and I add in all humility, a successful salesman. However, after six years away from college, I was not satisfied with the course my life was taking. As a result of this dissatisfaction, I took a few days off from work and did a considerable amount of thinking. Thinking, which I now consider of a positive nature. The result of this thinking led me to one conclusion. I would pursue that which was my original vocation, school teaching.

I wanted to teach school. I wanted to instruct young people, to help them prepare for a useful and full life, to teach them of the life which only America can give them.

In pursuit of this goal I placed my name and credentials with the OEA placement bureau in Portland. As a result of this action, within a week's time I was approached by no less than half a dozen school administrators (I'm sure it was a larger number, but I will use this conservative figure) seeking my immediate employment. The majority of these men called my home, some from a distance of two to three hundred miles away, some more than once. None of these men had ever set eyes on me.

I found myself in a position of being able to select, to a certain degree, more or less what I considered to be a good school district. After weighing the various positions offered to me, I chose Klamath Falls.

I chose Klamath Falls for reasons which I believe the parents, businessmen, taxpayers and the kids of this community have a right to know.

First: Mr. Gralapp was able to give a definite yes or no to my interrogations. He impressed me as a man with a mission and the knowledge to successfully carry out that mission, that of good solid education.

Second: It was reported to me, by competent administrators in the educational field, that Klamath Falls had one of the top educational systems in the state of Oregon.

Third: I had, at this time, a wife and two children (I now have three children) to support. I had to receive enough wages to meet the most rudimentary obligations in caring for my family. Klamath Falls was able to do this.

I may have had other motives at the time, but these will suffice for now.

My original intent was to stay a year, two at the most. However, I have come to not only like, but enjoy being in Klamath Falls. I have arrived at a feeling of self respect, not obtained before, because of the respect I hold for my work and the work of my co-workers. I enjoy teaching in Klamath Falls.

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