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Library Report

By FLOYD L. WYNNE

The facts are now all on the table.

That's the way it should be when dealing with the affairs of the public.

The statement of the Klamath County Library Board published in Wednesday's newspaper cleared the air considerably as regards the dismissal of Miss Evelyn Cooper.

And sitting through the statements of both Miss Cooper and the county library board it becomes apparent that (first) the library board was well within its rights in asking for Miss Cooper's dismissal, (second) Miss Cooper was well within her rights in protesting the manner in which the dismissal occurred.

First, let's clear the air on one point, there were no charges of misappropriation or wrong doing directed at Miss Cooper by anyone. Everyone concerned was high in their praise of Miss Cooper as a reference librarian, and agreed that she was one of the finest in this field.

I met with the library board Tuesday evening during some of its deliberations, and approached their viewpoint in a skeptical manner.

However, they documented their criticisms with letters and vouchers and opinions to show that the administrative end of the county library was not being run in the manner which they thought best.

I reviewed with them the events leading up to the dismissal notice to Miss Cooper and subsequent events.

There is some area for criticism of the board. Admittedly, they had not been holding board meetings with monthly regularity as desired. Prior to this year, meetings had been held approximately three to four times a year, although the chairman of the board apparently worked closely with Miss Cooper.

Also, at no time prior to notifying Miss Cooper that she was dismissed, had the board or any of its members notified her that unless some things were corrected she would be dismissed.

They had, however, expressed dissatisfaction with some phases of the administration of the library and demanded that these be changed.

Also, my criticism of hasty action by the board still stands. It seems unrealistic to confront a person who has been employed for nine years in a position with a demand for resignation, then ask for that person in the same night to turn in the keys and clear out all personal effects.

She should have been given until December 15, or about 30 days to clear up her affairs and turn things over to either her successor or the board.

Changing of the locks the very next day did have some intimation of distrust of Miss Cooper in it, but again, after consulting with the board I am convinced that they were acting only in what they deemed the best interests of the library and the board and as they stated, "were uncertain of the location of all master keys."

The board's reluctance to state actual reasons for dismissal I'm convinced was predicated not on any desire to deprive the public of information in the case, but was based on (1) handling the situation in as fair a manner as possible for Miss Cooper, and (2) avoiding any undue publicity.

While the board has thrown some question on the ability of Miss Cooper as an administrator, it certainly has commended her on her ability as a reference librarian. This point has been clearly emphasized by the board.

As an excellent reference librarian, Miss Cooper certainly will be a valuable asset for some library where her services can be utilized fully along this line.

The library board has expressed full intentions now to hold monthly meetings and keep abreast of the library's needs and management more fully.

Also, the county court which has been extremely busy and unable to give the problem the concentration it needed, has now taken the time to clarify the picture and put the board in good operating condition.

This is good, and will continue to ensure the public of Klamath County high quality service in the library and museum.

Want To Retire?

By NELSON REED

Saw an ad the other day for a book: "How To Retire and Enjoy It." Smelled a mouse. Nobody who is enjoying retirement labors over a book, and then sweats blood

trying to sell it for \$3.50. Heck, that's work.

Ad says book tells how to finance retirement. Too late. Got to have that all figured out before it happens. Book has chapters on How To Cut Down Cost of Living and Save Money.

Does the sap think anybody enjoys doing that? Sure makes a liar out of the title.

Ad says it has a chapter on How To Develop Hidden Skills. No trick to that. Every time faucet drips, furnace quits, roof leaks, paint peels, car stutters, lawn mower unravels, Hidden Skills Spring to Light! Sometimes takes real professional mechanic hours to repair damage done by Hidden Skills.

Another chapter tells how to develop hobbies. Jeppers, who wants to take up something silly that interferes with his hunting and fishing?

Another chapter is entitled How to Preserve Mental Health. Heck, that's a cinch. Just quit reading all the news, listening to the fool commentators, and throw all your bills in the wastebasket without opening them.

Book has no answer to most urgent problem: How to Keep Other Saps Who Aren't Retired From Always Trying To Worry You Into Another Job. Answer to that would be worth real money.

Secession?

Territorial Enterprise

That the Union's 31st state may, by a process of schizogenesis, produce the 50th loomed as a possibility this week with the revival of the old partition question in many parts of California and the publication of a long editorial discussion of the matter in the influential San Francisco Chronicle which also conducting a readers' poll in an effort to learn its circulation area's sentiments in the matter.

Whether any of the mass circulation Southern California newspapers will conduct a similar poll remains a matter of speculation.

The partition proposal was expunged last spring after a burial of many years by State Senator George Miller during the course of a legislative study of the state's perennial water problems.

"I, for one, would hate to admit that the only solution left in our present water dispute is to saw the state in half," said Senator Miller. "But the current attitude among some of the Southern California representatives is irritating some people into thinking about just such a separation."

This was in reference to allegedly arrogant actions of Southernlanders who, boasting that "we have the votes," threatened to legislate some of Northern California's water rights out of existence when refused water priorities they had demanded.

Proponents of partition argue that the two ends of California are philosophically and culturally far apart, having different customs, manners, mores and aims.

"We have the culture, they have the population," say the Northerners in a coincidental repetition of the Southeastern states' arguments in the years preceding the Civil War. "By sheer weight of votes they'll soon be able to legislate Northern California out of existence by acquiring control of our water rights."

To this, in an echo of the late Benito Mussolini's speech accompanying his declaration of war in 1940, the Southerners say: "Ours is the future, theirs is the past. Our growth is dependent on the acquisition of more water sources and if Northern California is thus turned into a desert—that must regretfully be chalked up to the demands of progress."

This is not the first time in the

state's history that such a radical move has been advocated. In 1855 the Assembly endorsed "An Act to create three states (Colorado, Shasta and California) out of the Territory of California." It died in the Senate.

Then in 1859 Governor Weller signed "An Act granting the consent of the Legislature to the formation of a different Government for the Southern Counties of the State." This time the move was "indefinitely postponed."

While legal authorities point out that such severance is, under present laws, feasible, an exact line of demarcation would be difficult to fix, with water rights again looming large in the decision.

In the Chronicle's poll the separation arguments are summed up as:

Dissimilarities between the interests, the cultures and general points of view in the North and South make partition desirable.

The size and extent of the California population, and its alarming rate of growth, argue for partition to reduce government unwieldiness.

The constant shift toward Southern California political domination of the state is a threat to the North which can best be met by separation.

The state of mind is such in the South as to favor a split.

Major anti-separation arguments are listed as:

The loss of prestige and power that would result in Congress in a compelling reason against separation.

The recent election of a Northern California governor and senator indicates that the threat of Southern political domination is exaggerated.

Partition would be detrimental to both sections.

Many names have been suggested for the new state that would be created if partition was accomplished, among them South California, Nixonia, Chandler and Fremont.

Among state flag designs already conceived are, for the North, a representation of an early Native Son together with father and mother and, for the South, a modernistic interpretation of a nine dollar bill.

Joy And Peace

Editor's Note: This is another of a series of guest editorials written by pastors of Klamath Falls churches on the meaning of Christmas.

By JOHN PEDERSEN
Director
Klamath Falls Gospel Mission

As we read the text, John 1:1-20 today we realize that this verse reveals a tremendous transformation.

In the first verse of this chapter, we are told that the Word was with God and the Word was God. In the 14th verse we find the Word becomes flesh as God took on Him the form of Man.

You may ask why? We read further in this chapter, verse 29, that John the Baptist sees Jesus coming onto him and says, "Behold! the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world," so we realize His coming into the world was for the purpose of making Himself known as the perfect sacrifice, able to set men free from their bondage and enslavement to sin.

As we approach this Christmas season, we find people bound and disturbed by the season itself rather than having experienced the reality of being set free by His coming.

How wonderful it would be if each one of us would honestly consider what His coming has meant to us as individuals, that this Christmas season might be one of

real joy and peace in the individual heart of each one of us.

Era Of Cat

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP)—In our house we have entered the era of the third cat.

When you have a child in a house you often measure time by the pets.

Rather fondly I look back now at the time our daughter Tracy had her very first live pet—a period known as the Era of the First Turtle.

It was a tiny inoffensive grave-digger turtle with a thoughtful mien, and its watery reign in our kitchen was of a remarkably brief duration.

It was a nice turtle. But, as turtles go, it went.

"I want a kitty or a dog," said Tracy.

"Or," she added, "a birdie."

Frankly, I wanted to get her a dog, but man's best friend is verboten in the apartment development in which we live.

So we entered the Era of the First Cat. I forget her name but she was a Siamese, and Tracy was very young and tried to hug her to death. To save the cat we had to find her another home.

After a time we got another cat, another Siamese. It—and I speak advisedly—was a magnificent animal named Ralph Beauty Marble Candy, and roughly the size of a Shetland pony.

The Era of the Second Cat was pretty short. We have no mice in our house, and I got a little tired of watching Ralph Beauty stalk Tracy instead, pounce on her and carry her to the top of the bookcase. If there is anything I can't stand, it's clankmarks on a freshly painted bookcase.

Ralph Beauty, with the help of a retired lion tamer, was coaxed into a cage and granted to an adventurous family in the hinterland. Actually he didn't fit into New York City. He was too big.

Well, months and months had passed, and again Tracy set up the cry, "I want a cat." A friend went to a humane shelter and found an orphan kitty, and now we are in the Era of the Third Cat.

She is black with white paws and white throat and looks like Adolf Hitler, if you can imagine Hitler wearing his moustache under his mouth instead of under his nose. She has a tiny black dot on the very tip of her nose, and therefore is known as Lady Dot.

She is batty and independent, fights her image in the hall mirror. Reaches up to try to turn the knob on the television set if she doesn't like the program.

She has eyes like light shining through the slits in yellow buttons, she has clawed up about \$1,500 worth of furniture and two neighbor children. My shower is her chosen powder room.

But for some wild incomprehensible reason everybody in the family knows the Era of the Third Cat is going to go on for a long while.

I have always held that anybody who really likes a cat lacks one brand of common sense. I still feel that way. But Lady Dot is here to stay. Who needs common sense?

United Press International
VANDEBERG AFB, Calif.—An Air Force spokesman, on the successful firing of two 50-ton Thor intermediate range ballistic weapons into the Atlantic and Pacific oceans:

"The missiles went right down the pickle barrel."

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.—Dr. Dale Alford, write-in candidate who defeated U.S. Rep. Brooks Hays (D-Ark.) in the November election, on efforts to deny him a seat in Congress:

"D-Day has arrived in this cold war to test our American traditional way of life. I pledged to the voters...to fight for our states rights. I was honestly elected."

NORFOLK, Va.—Judge Savory E. Amato, dismissing disorderly conduct charges lodged against a woman for kissing a sailor in public:

"If kissing is disorderly, there are a lot of people in trouble."

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Harlo



Midwest Not Isolated In Shadow Of Atom War

By BEM PRICE

WASHINGTON (AP)—In the threatening shadow of an atomic war, the isolation-minded Midwest is no longer isolated.

Four of the six proposed bases for launching intercontinental ballistic missiles will be located in the cattle, wheat and tall corn country, the bread basket of the nation. The other two will be on the West Coast.

In war, the hunter is also the hunted—the best offensive weapons become prime targets, too. Thus, the location of the ICBM launching sites in the Midwest could turn that section into a major battleground.

The sites of the proposed bases were announced recently by the Pentagon. Six Air Force bases will be used.

Under present Department of Defense policy the Air Force has operational control over both intermediate range (1,500 nautical miles) missiles and the intercontinental range missile (5,000 nautical miles).

Of course, the United States does not now have an operational ICBM nor an operational ICBM. But ICBM missiles are being delivered to England and the Atlas passed its first test over the full intercontinental range with flying colors late last month.

Here are the Air Force bases selected as missile launching sites: Forbes Base near Topeka, Kansas, Cook Base near Lompoc, California, Warren Base near Cheyenne, Wyoming, Fairchild Base in Washington State, Offutt Field near Omaha, Nebraska, and Lowry near Denver, Colorado.

Offutt, Cook, Warren and Fairchild have been classed as Atlas ICBM bases, while Lowry has been designated to handle the huge Titan ICBM if and when it becomes operational.

The Air Force has yet to say what missile the Forbes base is to handle.

Both the Atlas and Titan are liquid fueled missiles. They use a kerosene based fuel combined with liquid oxygen.

Meanwhile the Air Force is working on a solid propelled ICBM known as the Minuteman which can be loaded and shot like a Roman candle.

The chief of the Air Force's mis-

prise attack, the Russian objective would be to knock out as much of the United States' retaliatory power as possible in the initial assault.

This would, of course, mean launching heavy attacks against missile launching bases.

To protect its bases, the United States presently has only the anti-aircraft Nike-Ajax, and Nike-Hercules missiles. Work is under way on an anti-missile missile, the Nike-Zeus.

JUST TOYING: AROUND CHICAGO (UPI)—Employees of a major Chicago department store smiled benignly as they watched a 7-year-old boy doggedly maneuver a tricycle down three flights of escalator stairs and out the main floor entrance.

The Toy Department later reported that the tricycle was a floor model.

Hump Bothers Car Owners, Makers, Too

DETROIT (AP)—The hump through the floor of today's automobiles is bothering car makers as well as owners.

The manufacturers are doing something about it. They may eliminate it within the next couple of years without sacrificing the lower silhouette achieved in car design in the last decade.

The hump provides needed extra space for the car transmission. It has increased in size as the industry's designers lowered the car height. But as it has grown car owners have complained they no longer could offer comfort for six passengers.

Some makers lowered the hump in 1959 models by putting the engine farther forward and lengthening the front compartment space. But few motorists want longer cars.

Serious consideration is being given to moving the transmission to the rear axle area.

This will be the next major design change in America's automobiles but it will not appear before 1961 or 1962.

With the trans-axle the engine is inclined slightly and a narrow shaft carries power to the transmission at the rear.

Engineers, considering the hump or tunnel, thought of moving the entire power plant—engine and transmission—to the rear. This immediately presented other problems, including the redistribution of weight.

In any event it appears now that the trans-axle plan has been agreed upon as best adapted to the job of leveling off the car floor.

The rise of Maya civilization in Mexico and Central America dates from 500 B.C.

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