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Old Book

By BILL JENKINS

Not long ago on a quick trip to California we had occasion to spend some time at the home of Ken Carnahan. Ken is a book reviewer for several of the metropolitan papers down that way and lives in one of those lovely homes that are tucked away in a green valley up in the Valley of the Moon country.

Anyway, what with one thing and another, we got to talking about books. Naturally, and somewhere along the line I came out with the statement that I was a great admirer, in my younger days, of the Cappy Ricks stories written by Peter B. Kyne.

Well, not long ago came a package in the mails from Mr. Carnahan and inside were two of the books. One was a short story called "The Go-Getter—A Story That Tells You How To Be One." This one, if you are an admirer of Kyne's, is the one that contains the story of the famous Degree of the Blue Vase.

The other was Cappy Ricks And The Subjugation Of Matt Peasley. A rattling good story written just before World War One concerning the coastwise steamer trade. I'm sure that anyone who ever read it will remember it and those who haven't probably wouldn't give a hoot so I won't go into it.

But I will say that it was certainly refreshing to read these old books again. They were written in a different age. A better age. No where along the line is there any moral or message. All the author wanted to do was tell a good story that would entertain people. The style is simple and uncluttered. There aren't any words that you don't understand. They are good reading.

A very welcome relief from the tripe that is being turned out today.

Maybe we are living in a troubled age. But if we weren't (or aren't) then it isn't the fault of the authors who are unloading their stinking, brain-washing, cluttered up foulness on the public. Aided and abetted, of course, by the publishers.

Or perhaps I shouldn't blame the publishers and authors. Maybe it is the fault of the readers. Authors are going to write and publishers print what will sell. So maybe the trash we are faced with today is our own fault.

I don't know. All I'm sure of is that I'm getting tired of books with "messages" and novels so filled with dull sex and poorly done reasoning that the imagination stultifies after the third chapter. For years I thought the lowest form of reader were those mental incompetents who had to wait for Reader's Digest to boil it down for them before they would tackle anything. But, now, maybe I've come to the conclusion that there is a lower type yet. The fellow who doesn't care about pleasure in reading but does it only because he is "supposed to." And he wants it with pictures. If you doubt it just look at what Mr. Luce has done with Life.

Oh well. Such is life. The next time I see Ken I'm going to ask him if he can scrounge around and find me a copy of Cappy Ricks And The Green Pea Trade.

That was another that I remember with a great deal of delight. My grandfather, at whose ranch home I was initiated into the Ricks series, had wonderful taste in reading matter.

Budget Notes (12)

By FLOYD L. WYNNE

IF YOU have followed the series of articles covering the deliberations of the KUHS Budget Committee, you have probably arrived at your own conclusion as to whether or not the budget proposed for the coming year is a good or a bad one.

MY OWN IMPRESSION is that the actual operating budget is a fairly good one. There are a number of imponderables in the budget which have a tendency to leave the budget committee somewhat in the dark as to actual potential receipts.

While there are some who will argue that receipts should not be a factor in preparation of a budget, in this day and age of burdensome property taxes, this item of receipts is all important.

A regrettable error of \$43,000, discovered after the budget was all but closed, left the board in a difficult position.

This error and other incidents lead me to wonder whether or not the budget isn't thrown together too hurriedly for proper deliberation.

THE COMMITTEE operates on

a constant deadline. We were facing both a deadline for submission of items under the federal matching money program, as well as an election deadline.

This necessity for speedy deliberations is not conducive to the very best budget consideration. Also, in some instances, it did not appear that the individual departmental budgets had been checked out with department heads by anyone prior to their being submitted to the budget committee.

This may not be true, it may simply be a personal impression.

THE GENERAL plant at KUHS appears to be in good condition. A program of constant modernization in lighting and utilization of space appears to be progressing well.

I HAVE PERSONAL objections to the use of federal matching funds in the educational program, and I feel that we are continuing to interpose too many artificial structures between the student and the instructor in the form of supervisors and guidance counselors.

I wish there were some way in which voters could express their desires on this particular point, but voters will be asked only to approve or disapprove the budget, not whether or not they like the idea of federal matching funds.

THIS MAY CAUSE considerable complaint, but, again, in my opinion, the teachers' salaries are adequate as they are now.

And, contrary to most teacher arguments, salaries of teachers must be evaluated alongside of what other professions are being paid in this community, not what is being paid other teachers in other communities.

There was a time when teachers were grossly underpaid and overworked.

However, today, it is my feeling that, in the main, teachers are receiving equitable wages and have fairly good working conditions.

Certainly, everything is not perfect. However, any loud complaints of teachers being grossly underpaid, or being grossly overworked without compensation appear to be unjustified.

Again, these are personal opinions, and must be considered as such.

FINALLY, I would recommend that the budget as proposed be supported at the polls.

The question of federal participation will have to be dealt with by the regular school board.

They are aware of the problem and the need for keeping a tight check-rein on it.

Future candidates for the school board, both KUHS and others, should be carefully evaluated as to their stand on such a subject as federal participation.

Long hours of deliberation and careful scrutiny have gone into the making of the KUHS budget. I believe it merits your support.

Expert Advice

By FLORENCE JENKINS

"You can't mix the shelter-type and the maximum security type detention facilities for juvenile delinquents," Edgar Brewer, consultant for the National Probation and Parole Association, stated in Klamath Falls earlier this week.

After declaring that juvenile crime is costing the nation about \$20 billion a year, he said that it appeared that Klamath County may not have as serious a problem where delinquency is concerned as some other areas.

"Apparently the increase in juvenile delinquency here is about the same as the population increase," he said. That situation may change if the population

jumps by 20,000 to 25,000 in the next decade, he warned.

"Your present program has severe limitations in building and staffing," he said. "The biggest decision to make is what kind of a program you want and the people of this area must make that decision."

The National Probation and Parole Association works on the theory that the child who is dangerous to himself or to others is the only one who should go up for detention. It follows, of course, that the association favors maximum security. Under maximum security, a unit of 15 juveniles requires a staff of four persons for 24-hour surveillance.

On a national basis, Mr. Brewer said, of every 1,000 youngsters who are arrested, 250 come before the court and about 20 percent reach detention. Detention averages from one to 14 days and the facilities amount to a juvenile jail. The time involved is usually that time needed for the transfer of the juvenile criminal to a state institution.

Apparently, Klamath County has gone about this business all wrong, according to the association's theories. The Klamath County Juvenile Home has been a haven for many a rejected and unwanted child. Through the Klamath County Child Guidance Clinic, psychiatric treatment has been provided for months on end for disturbed children.

Fundamentally, it seems that most of us here believe that a child is not necessarily a criminal because he gets into trouble. Under the law, an adult is presumed innocent until proven guilty. When persons convicted of manslaughter in this state can win their freedom in seven and one-half years, it would seem to be worthwhile to work with the youngsters to see that there are fewer murders committed.

The Klamath County Court set aside \$53,000 last year to start a sinking fund for a juvenile home. The members of the court seem inclined to add to that fund this year.

That new building should not be built until it is decided the purpose for which it is to be used. There is no law (yet) which says we cannot provide help for the disturbed youngsters and those who have no homes. Is it going to be necessary to build two juvenile homes and pungle up even more welfare money under the theory that dependent children should come under the welfare department in order to encompass the entire picture?

Obviously, it is going to take a lot of study. We must also take into consideration that free expert advice may not apply to all of the local conditions.

And, personally, we're sick and tired of the experts in both juvenile and medical fields calling children "kids."

Rights Bill

By JAMES MARLOW

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Lyndon Johnson of Texas is thinking in terms of fast Senate action on a civil rights bill, once the House has completed its job, and in terms of a bill with probably five parts.

The tall Texan, leader of the Senate Democrats, appears confident the Senate will get down to business in a hurry after the House has acted and that Congress will produce a good but moderate piece of legislation.

The House, wrangling over a civil rights bill since March 10, should finish up this week in the House, where debate is limited. This will be rather speedy, considering the opposition Southerners put up on a subject like this.

As for the Senate it's an educated guess it will get through with its own bill April 2, a week from Saturday, after debating

civil rights since Feb. 15. There again the Southerners slowed action to a crawl.

The Senate bill may well be different from the House version. But there can be no new civil rights law until both Houses agree on a single bill. So the battle by no means will be over when the Senate finishes in April.

The Senate bill may be a mixture of the Senate's own ideas, some from the proposals of the Eisenhower administration, and some from the House bill.

As Johnson sees it the bill as passed by the Senate may:

1. Have a voting rights section. This means protection for Negro voting rights in the South through a referee system or something similar to it. The Senate hasn't acted on this one yet. The House approved Tuesday the plan for court-appointed federal agents, called referees, to oversee registration, voting and vote-counting in areas where systematic discrimination against Negroes is found.

2. Provide criminal penalties for interstate transportation of any explosive intended for bombing public or private buildings, not just integrated schools. The Senate already has approved this section. The House tackles it today.

3. Make it a federal offense to interfere with court orders. The Senate previously knocked down this idea, but may reinstate it in some form. What form isn't clear yet.

4. Order voting records preserved.

5. Provide education for servicemen's children in areas where schools are closed to avoid integration.

How could Johnson hope to finish up a bill by April 2 if the Senate, where the Southerners have filibustered and blocked, has hardly moved after more than a month of talking?

Johnson is quite an operator in getting Senate action when he wants it. He is the Capitol Hill apostle of the "let's reason together" approach to warring groups of senators.

Furthermore, if Johnson and others in the Senate finally tell the Southerners there to pipe down and let the work go on, the Southerners can hardly claim they haven't had a chance to speak their piece. Shutting them up should be easy once the rest of the Senate really wants to. The Southern opposition totals only a solid 18 out of a total membership of 100.

The Almanac

By United Press International

Today is Wednesday, March 23, the 83rd day of the year, with 283 more in 1960.

The moon is approaching its new phase.

The morning stars are Mars, Jupiter and Saturn.

On this day in history:

In 1743, a London audience heard Handel's Messiah for the first time. King George II, inaugurating a precedent, rose to his feet. The audience followed suit.

In 1794, J. G. Pierson received a patent for the rivet.

In 1858, E. A. Gardner received a patent for the cable car.

In 1929, President Hoover was modernizing the White House. He had a telephone installed on his desk.

In 1942, Japanese-American residents of the Pacific coastal area, mostly native born, were moved from their homes to internment camps.

A thought for today: President Herbert Hoover said: "Older men declare war. But it is youth that must fight and die. And it is youth who must inherit the tribulations, the sorrow and the triumphs that are the aftermath of war."

Quotes

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FT. JACKSON, S.C.—Pvt. J. N. Eldridge, of Tifton, Ga., indicating he wished the Army made use of its policy to let unit commanders hire civilians for kitchen help (KP):

"It's women's work. I didn't join the Army for this."

LONDON — William McCullough, 62, explaining why he spent eight months living in the London subway system:

"It was such a cozy, friendly place."

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



Cherry Rites Set April 5

WASHINGTON (AP)—Wanted: 10 days of warm weather to bring Washington's famed cherry trees into full bloom during the Cherry Blossom Festival April 5-10.

T. Sutton Jett, associate superintendent of National Capital Parks explained today it takes weather with temperatures up in the 70s just about every day for 10 days or two weeks to bring out the blooms.

"Should this unusually unseasonable weather we have been having for three weeks turn springlike, the blooms should be open in all their glory in 10 days or two weeks," he said.

"The trees have most often bloomed during the first week in

April. They have bloomed as late as April 17 and as early as March 15, but these are unusual extremes."

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SENTENCE AGITATORS

MADRID (UPI) — Fourteen anti-Franco agitators were sentenced to prison Tuesday for terms ranging from six months to six years. It was reported. The accused were arrested last June in a police crackdown against organizers of a nationwide strike.

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LA PAZ, Bolivia (AP)—Three ministers quit President Hernan Siles Zuazo's Cabinet Monday night, apparently as an aftermath of the brief police rebellion Saturday in which 16 persons were killed and 106 wounded.

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