

Between the Bookends

By Nancy Burch
Vernonia City Librarian

Effective Wednesday, February 21, the library will be open for business as usual. No flood damage was suffered by the building or the books, but the library has been used this past week as one of the meeting places for efforts needed to help resolve the problems resulting from flood damages to the community.

No one will be held accountable for books that incurred water damage beyond repair, but please try to keep lists of the books that could not be saved so those titles can be pulled from the card files. The State Library will be sending some information on restoration of books (drying methods, etc.) which will be available shortly.

Since the library was closed today, (Monday) a shopping trip to Costco and to Barnes and Noble was on the agenda. New books by

Jonathan and Faye Kellerman, LaVyrle Spencer, Robin Cook, J.A. Jance, Nancy Taylor Rosenberg, and Lillian Jackson Braun (the cat stories) will all be available when the library reopens.

After the experiences that Vernonia residents suffered this past week and a half, some quotes on adversity, compiled in a book by E.C. MacKenzie, seem appropriate:

"Your character is what you have left when you've lost everything you can lose."

"Trouble is what gives a fellow a chance to discover his strength — or lack of it."

It certainly appears that the citizens of Vernonia have lots of strength and character.

Library Hours: Monday and Friday 1-5 p.m., Wednesday 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m. **Preschool Story Time:** every Wednesday from 10:30-11 a.m.

Letters to the Editor

can and Russian troops train together at Ft. Riley, a Russian government official was destroying an U.S. nuclear silo. On Oct 29, Russian defense minister Pavel Grachev detonated a charge that demolished a U.S. Minuteman silo, about sixty-five miles from Kansas City."

The same article goes on to quote Grachev's boast, "The first foreigner to blow up a U.S. missile silo is the minister of defense of Russia, Now how about that?"

William Perry, U.S. defense secretary also participating remarked, "A great act of symbolic significance."

This should have been front page news, but what paper carried it? This should have shocked congress and the nation to the core. Has the C.F.R., who has been doing the thinking for Washington so easily lulled us to sleep?"

Thank You,
Juneious F. Harty
Scappoose

Pacific presents *Children's Hour*

The Children's Hour, Lillian Hellman's drama set in a girls' boarding school, will be performed by the Pacific University Theater Department March 1-3 and 7-9 in Tom Miles Theater.

Curtain time is 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$3 for students and seniors, available at the door or in advance through the box office by calling (503) 359-2918.

The play follows the events in a boarding school after one of the girls begins spreading a story that two women have an abnormal attachment for one another, according to Merrill Lynn Taylor, who directs the production. It was first performed in 1934 and ran for nearly 700 performances.

Among the cast are Genevieve Gardner and Heather McGarvey, portraying schoolteachers Karen Wright and Martha Dobie; Nikki Abel as Mrs. Lily Mortart; Kelly Larson as Agatha the housekeeper; Steve Gilbert as Dr. Joseph Cardin; Barbary Story as Mrs. Amelia Tilford; Josh Myers as a grocery boy; and Naomi Halsey, Marcy Morgan, Maggie Francisco, Tiffany Taylor, Joy Holt, Tasha Roberts and Elizabeth Edwards as students in the boarding school.

Merrill Lynn Taylor has directed and acted in the Portland area at the New Rose Theater, Artists' Repertory Theater, and Clackamas Community College.

Letters to the Editor

City was ignored during flood crisis

To the Editor:

As an American, I am ashamed! Your city was ignored by every faction of the PEOPLE'S government during the recent floods. All the tax dollars you have sent to the state and federal governments got you nothing! Even your National Guard finds itself without amphibious vehicles to help people in the Columbia River valley.

Now with Sen. Wyden,

more of your tax dollars will be wasted on failed social programs. Now you know why citizen militias are reforming.

Don Schwarz
Stoughton, Mass.

Writer says country is lulled to sleep

To the Editor:

Many centuries before the birth of Christ there lived a Chinese warrior whose name was Sun Tzu. Tzu is well

known today for his teachings on military strategy and the art of warfare.

Military instructors believe his treatises are unsurpassed. One of his dictums reads, "To overcome and defeat an enemy without combat is the acme of great skill." Tzu is teaching his students that a nation can be conquered without force or bloodshed. This is called to conquer by parliamentary procedure.

This is a quote from the Dec. 11, issue of *The American Magazine*, "While Ameri-

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