

PRAYER FOR TODAY

O Jesus Christ, Lord of history, in Whose right hand I place my life, grant that in these troubled times I may live in confidence, joy and peace. Help me to understand that in You I have an unshakable foundation, a treasure that neither moth nor rust can corrupt or thieves break in and steal. Help me to witness by the quality of my life to that indestructible life which not only surpasses this world but also transforms it; through Christ. Amen.

—Arthur Freeman, Bethlehem, Pa., professor of Biblical theology, Moravian Theological Seminary.

EDITORIALS

The Unignorable Issue

The Vietnam war, while developing into one of the longest and costliest conflicts this nation has ever engaged in, has oddly become the forgotten, or certainly neglected, issue of the 1968 presidential campaign.

This is true despite the fact that it was the widespread dissension and general unease created by the war that was responsible for the biggest political surprise of a surprising year—President Johnson's decision not to run for a second term.

It remains true despite Vice President Humphrey's recent statement pledging a conditional bombing halt, which can hardly be called a radically departure from the President's own oft-stated policy.

Candidate Richard Nixon sticks to his original position that the war is not a suitable subject for discussion or debate as long as the Paris peace talks continue, though at least one of his supporters has chided him for using the talks as a shield.

Candidate George Wallace facetiously disposes of the whole thing by saying he would leave it up to the generals.

Perhaps it is because the war is such a frustrating dilemma of such long standing that people have, almost unconsciously, put it out of their minds and seized upon the emotionally charged issue of "law and order," which can mean anything anybody wants it to mean.

Since the disease of the war itself seems incurable, we are concentrating on one of the war-related symptoms that disturbs the domestic tranquility—the rise of a tide of dissent and rebellion that, in its own frustration, at times skirts the edge of treason.

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DOING NO FAVORS!

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Permit me to make a few comments concerning the letter of Rev. Gerald C. Hammon, pastor First Christian Church.

First, may I correct the Times-Herald and Mr. Hammon who have both implied that the Decency Committee is hand-picked by the Mayor. This committee came about through and invitation by the Mayor for all interested citizens to attend a meeting when the topless issue was confronting our city. All these members are strictly volunteers and, to my knowledge, the mayor has "handpicked" no one.

Mr. Hammon, your term "ordering the library board to appear before her committee" was ill used. The library board was "extended an invitation," not to appear "before" this committee, but to meet with them in discussion of this particular book in question.

Never, Mr. Hammon, has the library board or staff been accused of peddling obscene literature. We have only asked questions

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

In response to the editorial reprint from the San Diego Dispatch, I wish to voice the following observations:

I, too, watched in horror.

I watched the life of a man, a mere mortal man, ebb away on my TV screen. But I never forgot that he was just that—a mere mortal man, and no more god than the Oakland, Vallejo and Fairfield cops whose life blood ebbed in our streets and courtrooms at the hands of other mere mortal men named Rice, Anderson, Cleaver, et al. Add a few judges' names at random.

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I would like to let the governing board of the Vallejo Unified School District know that there are people in the community who attended the recent meeting at Hogan who felt that the meeting was handled justly. I watched as each person approached the microphone and felt that Mr. Phil Album was fair in giving each their turn.

My understanding of the meeting was that it was called in order to give all (not just voter, not just adults, but all, students included) an opportunity to express their feelings, desires and demands.

I am proud of our school board. They are not paid, their reward is the satisfaction of giving every child in Vallejo the best education possible.

I've attended board meetings regularly for the past several years and have seen the board insulted and maligned and yet they continue to serve their community with dignity.

MRS. DONNA LENZI

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

The current controversy over the "filthy" books at the Vallejo Library is an item of great importance. Down through the generations the hydra of censorship has reared its heads. Censorship above the norm we now hold to would lead to a strangulation and stagnation of the intellect.

The effect of base and pornographic reading material can be considerably offset by intelligent parental influence. The lack of this influence is inherent in the emphatic statistics of our times in the incidence of venereal disease and the number of children born out of wedlock. The fault for this situation is ours, and ours alone. By keeping a double standard and not providing our children with enlightenment, we contribute greatly to their path toward debasement.

It is my opinion that the Vallejo Library Board is justified in providing all types of reading material, scholarly, pleasure and informational books to the public.

I appreciate deeply the concern of the mayor but the approach to this problem must be education. Through the urging of the parents in our school district, the Vallejo School Board is shortly going to implement a family life relationship program in our schools. This course is geared to each grade and will do much to give the young, as they are growing up to maturity, a criteria on clean living and a wholesome idea of sex and marriage.

We must face the painful facts of our over permissive attitudes toward our children. The high rate of divorce and bastardy is an overwhelming indictment against us for not fulfilling our parental obligations. We must face these problems squarely; they will not be surmounted by neglect or ignorance.

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If we can enlighten and show by example the better way...

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

To the Rev. Mr. Gerald Hammon:

In your recent contribution to this portion of our city paper, you were instrumental in many ways of proving how ill-informed you are in certain matters concerning the Mayor's Citizens for Decency Committee in Vallejo and the obscenity in our library.

To begin with your attack on our great mayor and her stand against such books as Hippie Papers, that deals in the very filth of the underworld of those who live in sex-perversion, being placed on the shelves of our public library. I say, "Thank God" for a civic leader who has enough concern for the mental health of our community as to take a stand against this type of literature in our library. She is to be commended for speaking out against filth and perversion when and wherever it peaks up its monstrous head. That, apparently is more than the good citizens can say concerning one of its clergymen. This madeup idea that the mayor hand-picked her committee for decency is an untruth as well, inasmuch as these good citizens came voluntarily of their own accord and not because they were called upon by the mayor.

They protested this "Underworld Press" book because they considered it dangerous for their children to feed their minds on, and being taxpayers they felt their rights in protesting literature of this nature being on our library shelves. And then your implications that these citizens came symbolizing some form of Nazism or Communistic force in our society, seeking to burn books, and prey upon the rights of others by requesting filthy books removed from the library is ridiculous. Countries such as Red China and Nazi Germany are what they are because of moral decay in their ranks and anti-Christ teachings in their books. In past world history, every nation that fell, did so because of perversion and indecency in their society and those terrible wrongs were eventually protected by law.

This is happening in America and this is our greatest fear. We are following a dangerous path Mr. Hammon and we worship gods of secularism and materialism and do daily oblation to the goddess of sex as did the Romans to Diana, their sex symbol. This, not the cry for Godly, goodly, and decent living and spiritual strength, is destroying our society. You say freedom demands responsibility, and it does. The responsibility to snuff the fires that seek to further ignite the filth and perversion in our world. The responsibility to stand in the gap and make of the hedge of good morals and decency in our community. Our present laws do not forbid such books being purchased by their tax dollars and sold in public places. The laws do not forbid a man or woman desiring their children to read such junk to buy them and let them read them. But that same law gives private citizens the right to protest against such books being purchased by their tax dollars and placed in a library financed by those tax dollars. When this freedom is taken away, then we have lost our rights and freedom of decency.

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If the silence of the candidates on Vietnam has the approval of the people, and it seems to, it is perhaps because the people sense, even if they don't want to believe it, that none of the three has any better plan for an honorable resolution to the war than the man who now occupies the White House.

But the war is there. It exists. It is killing young Americans by the hundreds every week as it has done for 200 weeks and is draining the nation's wealth by the billions every month as it has done for half a hundred months. Its strain on our own democracy is obvious; what it has accomplished in the way of democracy for the Vietnamese is, from the most optimistic view, highly dubious.

The war can be ignored between now and Nov. 5, and between then and Jan. 20. But when the next man sits down at the desk where, as Harry Truman said, the buck stops, what should be the No. 1 issue of the campaign, but isn't, most definitely—and the nation—will have to face.

Amateurs Best Thieves

A Chicago-based insurance publication has come up with an interesting footnote to the annual spate of reports from the FBI on the alarming increase in crime.

According to the Journal of American Insurance, it's not the man with the mask and gun but the employe with the white or blue collar who presents American business with its major theft problem.

Losses due to employes helping themselves to unauthorized fringe benefits are rising at the rate of 15 per cent for a total take in the very big money bracket. Staff pilfering cost banks alone \$13.7 million last year — almost twice the \$7.2 million bank robbers made off with.

In the retail field, employes are also far ahead of their professional competition, stealing twice as much as shoplifters.

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Mr. Hammon, how any minister can even hint at the idea that the Bible contains sections that could be judged obscene is unthinkable. This borders on blasphemy. While this is beside the point, I would just like for you to cite these sections that are obscene, and do you mean to say that God had the purpose of obscenity in mind when He included them in the canon?

You stated that the libraries cannot step in for parents who have no concern for their children. I wholeheartedly agree with this, but you must also agree that the librarians nor anyone else have the right to undermine the teachings of parents by placing a book of this nature in the youth section of the library.

I say, Mr. Hammon, in contrast to what you said, that decency begins in the "heart" of the individual. You called our move a tragedy, but the tragedy I see is that this book ever got in the library in the first place. But a greater tragedy than this is that one who calls himself a "Christian and a clergyman" would support something like this.

Prayerfully,
BILL H. LEWIS,
Pastor, Castlewold Baptist Church

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

As a result of articles seen in your paper concerning the books being allowed on our public library shelves, we want to cast our vote against such trash.

As a Christian family, we want to be able to find good and decent books in our library. Our three teenagers have been raised to read and taught how to select their reading material. There are hundreds of others who have not had any such guidance.

Many will read these books anyway but at least may it never be said, "I got it from the Vallejo Library."

Thank you for always presenting these issues to the public.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. McAllister
760 West I St., Benicia

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Having seen and discussed the book "Hippies On Parade," I want to voice my disapproval of such a book in our public library. A book of this type is morally degrading as is all the Hippie movement and has no educational value to child or mature adult.

It is about time concerned citizens raised their voices to be heard above the opinion of a few who don't seem to care what kind of books our children or grandchildren read.

Yours truly,
CURTIS L. LAW

man, and no more cops than the Oakland, Vallejo and Fairfield cops whose life blood ebbed in our streets and courtrooms at the hands of other mere mortal men named Rice, Anderson, Cleaver, et al. Add a few judges' names at random.

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We called on Dr. Earl Warren, and he fed us Nightshade and Belladonna and told us we were regaining our strength. After having been rescued from FDR, we sought out more of his ilk and entrusted our fates to them.

We send our youth to college to absorb not only the perverted idealism, but the gore and vomit of our most prolific pornographers.

We look upon pillagers and looters as we would one of our own children, going through a phase of growing up. We see here not the red face of the communism that has threatened to bury us and take possession of our children's minds, rather we see the black face of a disgruntled American citizen who, rightly or wrongly, feels the world owes him more than he had been able to collect.

We hear the justices of our land assuring rebels that if they disagree with a law, they have the moral right to disregard it. Then, we resist the removal, or even the suggestion that we attempt the removal, of such justices. We watch in a disassociated way while our leaders debate whether to replace such a justice with another of the same stripe.

We glorify the culture that produced our death-struggle, and try to foist it, in the name of democracy, on other countries we consider less fortunate.

I love this land, its ideals, its traditions, its goals, but I fear that in its effort to destroy itself it will destroy me, too. We are committing national suicide, aided and abetted by the enemy who made no bones about his intentions, and knows his survival depends on our death. God bless us, God help us, God pity us.

D. W. KING

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I would like to strongly voice my disapproval of such a book as "Hippies On Parade" being in our public library. It is morally degrading and of no educational value.

The newsstands are filled with enough trash on display without having it slowly filter in our public library where all our young people have access to it.

I cast my vote with Mayor Douglas in taking a stand to clean this matter up.

A CONCERNED CITIZEN

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Hats off to Vallejo! We are newcomers of one month, and wish to express our gratitude for the courteous and friendliness that has been shown to me and my husband. No matter whom we have stopped and asked for a direction, whether it be, bus or taxi driver or a man on the street, regardless of color of his skin, in the markets and stores the sales people have greeted us with a friendly smile, and rendered excellent service. We have done a great deal of traveling, and in both large cities and small towns, but have never experienced pleasanter people. Coming to Vallejo was just by accident. We could tell you much more, but space does not allow us.

Sincerely yours,
MRS. THOMAS W. WALLACE

and a wholesome idea of sex and marriage.

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If we can enlighten and show by example the bitter price paid for immoral conduct in sex, or crime perpetration, and the crime against oneself in the usage of drugs we cannot fail to immeasurably strengthen America to face and surmount her problems now and in the future.

I cannot in all conscience feel I have a right to impose my will on others as to what they should read. I as a father can only guide my children and give them, when they are individually ready for them, the illustrations of the pitfalls of immoral actions and thoughts. For, as the child is the father to the man, the thought is father to the deed. A clean and reverent mind is a natural prerequisite of a good citizen.

MATTHEW SILVERMAN

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE

The Napa County Heart Association wishes to thank the Vallejo Times-Herald, News-Chronicle for the cooperation shown us in publicizing the Third Annual Heart Sing held September 14, 1968.

This event is one of our major fund-raising activities and we recognize much of its success is dependent on advance publicity. We are grateful for your assistance in this area.

Yours truly,
DOUGLAS HAMILTON, D.D.S.,
President
BARBARA HICKS
Publicity Chairman

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

We wish to pay tribute to a wonderful youth organization, the Y.D.C. (Youth Development Club). We had the privilege of attending their talent show Sept. 20, where approximately 200 were in attendance. The group's behavior and the talent they displayed were outstanding.

Mrs. Darlene Barnhart is to be highly commended for her guidance and direction of this organization.

We highly recommend that the community support the creative functions of these young people by turning out and supporting them in person. You will be glad you did.

Our only regret was that every group, participating could not receive an award, as they were all outstanding.

RICH & JEWEL WATSON
161 El Poco Palace

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

As a parent and member of the Solano Council for Retarded Children and Adults, I would like to thank the Times-Herald for running the article last Monday asking for donations of clothing and furniture.

I also would like to thank the people who responded to the article and donated many useful items to our Thrift Store located at 725 Marin St. Thanks also to the volunteers who work so faithfully in our store.

We are still in great need of children's clothing and furniture, also nicknacks are in great demand.

A GRATEFUL PARENT

and perversion in our world. The responsibility of good morals and decency in our community. Our present laws do not forbid such books being purchased by their tax dollars and sold in public places. The laws do not forbid a man or woman desiring their children to read such junk to buy them and let them read them. But that same law gives private citizens the right to protest against such books being purchased by their tax dollars and placed in a library financed by those tax dollars. When this freedom is taken away, then we have lost our rights and freedom of decency.

And thirdly, saying that "even the Bible contains sections that could be judged obscene" hinges on destroying the divinity of the Word of God, and helps me to further understand your position in the matter. Now you preach this Bible, teach it, practice it in daily living, I suppose, and yet you seek to bring it down to the same low evil level as this ungodly book. Evidently you have not read in it where it says that "all scripture is given by inspiration of God." That Holy men of old wrote as they were moved on by the Holy Spirit.

Mr. Hammon, this kind of expression represents to the good people of Vallejo and the world, that caliber of clergy, professional clergy, in America, that knows very little of the experience of salvation. Had you experienced personally the teachings of the Bible, you could hardly be so hypocritical as to uphold any form of obscenity, or the library board, or any other function that would seek to cripple the minds of young men and women, boys and girls.

A very disturbed pastor,
REVEREND JOHN MARONEY
Pentecostal Church of God
1505 Georgia St.

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Re: San Diego Dispatch, editorial reprinted in Times-Herald on September 25, 1968.

I sincerely wish to stand up and be counted as an American Citizen.

I believe in the Democratic system where we believe in the rights of all citizens. I agree with most of the points made by the publisher of the Dispatch. We had an example of anarchy in Vallejo last week, when according to our local press that about one-hundred and fifty militant students could force the temporary closing of the Vallejo High School, thus preventing sixteen hundred others from attending classes. The minority groups do have rights but so do the other ninety-eight per cent of the population have rights.

Why do the courts and the news media so strongly defend the rights of the militant groups who loot, burn and murder and so little is done or said about the victims of these acts?

Why does the news media consistently make reference to acts of "Peaceful Demonstrations". Particularly when streets are blocked, or cars overturned, someone prevented from entering a public or private building?

I have checked at least five dictionaries and all give the same definition for the four letter word "RIOT". Quote, "A disturbance of the peace by an assembly of three or more persons." Why or how can anyone call these demonstrations peaceful? It is time for good people to fight back against violence, crime, pornography, dope, arson, looting and muggings. We do not need more legislation but we do need more responsible judges, public officials and public spirited citizens. Crime CAN be stopped and must be stopped before all that is good goes down the drain.

Sincerely,
BERT WICHELS
193 Bay View Avenue

PRAYER FOR TODAY

O God of all men, Who didst create every man free to live his life in Thy great and good world, I thank Thee that Thou hast made me free. Give me insight and judgment to exercise well this God-given capacity for choice. Give me understanding so that I may be concerned about those of my fellows who have been enslaved by other men. Give me tolerance so that I may not judge harshly those who fritter away their freedom so blithely and then cry out from their chains. Give me faith so that I may translate my freedom into the kind of life Thou hast provided through Jesus Christ. Amen. — Hoover Rupert, Ann Arbor, Mich., minister, First United Methodist Church.

EDITORIALS

Subtle Police Muscles

There would be a lot less loose talk about "police brutality" if policemen knew how to handle lawbreakers and suspects with more subtle forms of physical persuasion than they customarily employ.

One man thinks so, and he ought to know. He works in the city—Los Angeles. His name's Koga. He's a cop.

Too often, contends officer Robert L. Koga in an interview in the Los Angeles Times, standard training leaves police with no alternative but to rely on brute force or guns in situations he believes could be resolved much more surely and safely with a few simple hand and body holds.

Officers are not intent on being brutal, says Koga, but their instinct for self-preservation is as strong as anybody else's.

Thus when confronted by a man who "looks like he could eat nails and says, 'You've got to take me the hard way,' what do you do under typical training methods?" he asks, and answers, "You go to an equalizer—a gun or a nightstick."

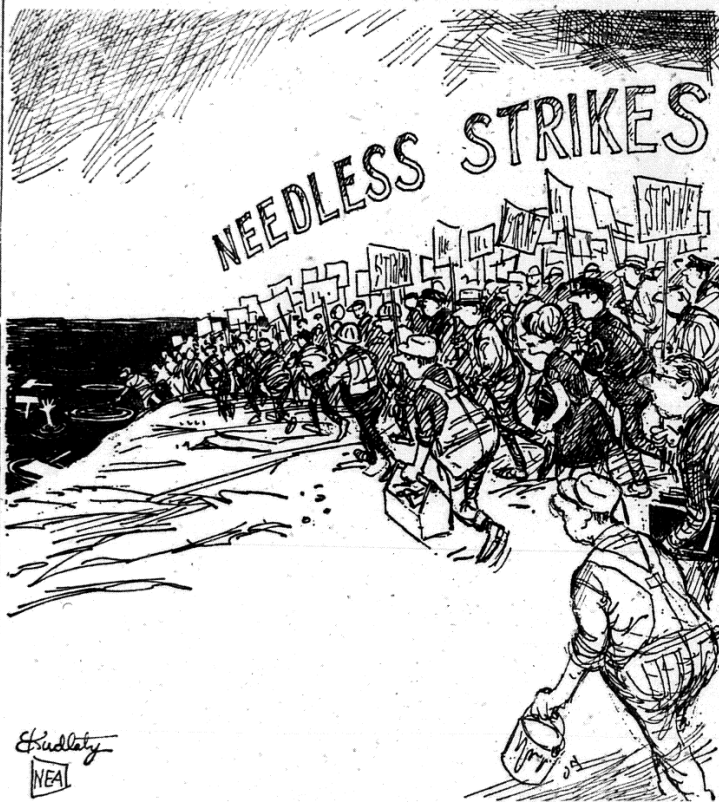
These, he says, are more often than not a hazard to the officer himself. If the suspect resists, the officer may be accused of brutality. Unless he loses the fight, in which case he may be dead.

An instructor at the Los Angeles Police Academy, Koga, of Japanese descent, has come up with "The Koga Method of Police Weaponless Control and Defense Techniques," a blending of judo, karate and various other Oriental systems of self-defense.

Take the matter of putting people in paddy wagons, which occupied so much police energy in Chicago this summer. Simply by stiffening his (or her) body, an arrestee can turn the process into a shocking spectacle of several beefy policemen manhandling a defenseless

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

In regard to the staff of the Vallejo Public Library procuring and in the library for general issue some books that Mayor Douglas and her Decency Committee disapprove of:

I am in accord with Dugald Gillies, comments on the matter in his column in the Times-Herald of Sunday, Sept. 29; also with Rev. Hammon's remark as reported at the Library Board meeting Sept. 26 to the effect that he holds no brief for obscenity but fears censorship more; and save for a matter of wording in one instance I agree with his opinion as expressed in his letter to the Editor in Opinions of the People, Monday, Sept. 30.

It seems that the beef activists and spokesmen for or to the Mayor Committee are some ministers of basic "fundamentalistic" persuasion religiously speaking and that the Committee's zeal is largely dominated by their particular variety of religio-moral concepts of decency and freedom and that the Committee as a whole is relying

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I hope I don't offend any of you parents by this article, but the young ladies and young men of today have to face the facts of life. This letter is directed to young ladies who are hot-headed and won't listen to their parents.

Some parents find it difficult to tell their children about the facts of life, particularly concerning the area of out-of-wedlock births. Sex is going to enter our lives sooner or later and those who travel the "sooner" route should make the effort to learn about birth control. It is not fair to a child to be born without a legal father.

Young people and their parents should talk these problems over and a consultation with a doctor may also be advisable.

It is not wise to have children and then get married when you are young. What will you have to look forward to later on in life?

Boys should feel a responsibility in this area as it is cruel to take advantage of a girl if you don't want her or the baby. Society always places the greatest blame on the girl and during this most difficult time she is made to feel she is the lowest person on earth.

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

AN OPEN LETTER TO "REV." GERALD C. HAMMON, FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH.
Dear Mr. Hammon:

It is unfortunate that you, as a pastor should write such an article as you did in OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE on September 30th. In the first place you do not have the facts of the matter regarding the filthy book issued by our library to young people.

Your attack upon me is not warranted as I did not do what you stated, namely "ordering" the Library Board to "appear before her Committee." I do not know where you got the propaganda contained in your letter, about book burning and peddling obscene literature by the Library Board none of which was even discussed in the Committee meeting or elsewhere that I know of.

I do hope that you will read the book in question, "The Hippie Papers" and then re-evaluate your position as to who can decide what is filth and pornography. Certainly you must be an educated man and certainly God gave you the power to know right from wrong.

Your imagination seems to have run wild when you talk about benevolent dictatorships. There have been none. Your remarks about the "Bible containing sections that could be judged obscene" shows that you have not approached the study of the Bible with the proper attitude becoming to a minister with a calling for this field.

Your innuendoes about "examples changing communities attitudes" rather than by seeking through power and intimidation to force their views on the rest of the community shows your complete lack of understanding of the situation which confronts us.

I am sorry for you, Mr. Hammon and pray that God will open your heart and mind to truth and cause you to stand up for good morals for our children and also that you may know right from wrong and that you will in future get your facts before publicly insulting people who are trying to make our City a place of family living in peace and happiness under God.

Yours very truly,
MAYOR FLORENCE E. DOUGLAS

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I would like very much to appeal to all parents of our so-called minority race to please be present Thursday night, Oct. 17, at the Vallejo Senior High PTA Open House, to get first hand information of what your student does during a school day.

This will be a proving ground for all black parents to see if you are interested in your child's daily routine at school.

The tension is so high right now at Vallejo High School that you can sense it as soon as you enter the administration building, and this shouldn't be. It is time for students to get down to their studying and problems such as certain demands be attended by the intelligent black parents that are prepared to help solve the problems.

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I read the letter of Oct. 7th written by Mrs. Donna Lenzi with a great deal of interest. I have no quarrel with Mrs. Lenzi or with her opinion. Everyone has a right to their personal opinion. I attended a recent school board meeting at Hogan also. With all due respect to Mrs. Lenzi it may not be the same meeting that she speaks of because there is little resemblance.

At this particular meeting the fire marshal, police officer, the school board chairman of the meeting, and many other people who were unidentified, pleaded for the fire exits and the aisles to be cleared. They were ignored for at least 20 minutes while rebellion and chaos took over. When the militants finally decided to allow the meeting to continue they showed their contempt for all by throwing the chairs on the floor as they left. These people do not need Black History classes nearly as much as they need a crash course in plain every day good manners.

The biggest laugh of the evening was when the chairman thanked them for their interest and "co-operation." As school board members these people are not paid, this is true. They run for election and are elected by the majority of the people. They assume certain responsibilities. One of which is to conduct the meetings properly and with a certain amount of good taste and propriety. I do not consider it "dignified" for a board to permit, not one, but a whole group of speakers to insult, curse, degrade and slander not only the board members but every other Caucasian in the room.

I too have attended other board meetings, P.T.A. meetings and other clubs and organizations which have meetings. It is my understanding that there is certain parliamentary procedure which should be observed at such meetings. Any and all speakers should address himself to the chairman and be recognized. He should, at the very least, be respectful in presenting his views. Those who are allowed to speak are not supposed to be whoever is fastest on his feet to the mike, and who can shout the loudest. The voters also have every right to expect the board members to show a fair amount of intestinal fortitude. If they can't stand the heat they had better stay out of the kitchen.

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Unless he loses the fight, in which case he may be dead.

An instructor at the Los Angeles Police Academy, Koga, of Japanese descent, has come up with "The Koga Method of Police Weaponless Control and Defense Techniques," a blending of judo, karate and various other Oriental systems of self-defense.

Take the matter of putting people in paddy wagons, which occupied so much police energy in Chicago this summer. Simply by stiffening his (or her) body, an arrestee can turn the process into a shocking spectacle of several beefy policemen manhandling a defenseless victim.

Koga recommends a special hand grip which, by pressing on a certain nerve, can deliver an exquisite sensation of pain when necessary and make the most recalcitrant suspect docile.

Koga claims his methods "could do half a policeman's work" without resort to brute force or weaponry.

Even if it would only do a fraction, it bears looking into by police in every city.

Trash Becomes Asset

It's not often that one little idea promises to solve so many big problems.

Take the plan of a mechanical engineer in Philadelphia that would:

- Dispose of the city's refuse and save it money while doing it;
- Reduce air pollution;
- Reclaim acres of barren land;
- Give a boost to a traffic-hungry railroad;
- Bring extra money into economically depressed communities.

Under Donald Kerr's plan, scheduled to go into operation early next year, shredded and compressed trash from Philadelphia will be hauled about 100 miles by the Reading Railroad to coal areas in Pennsylvania to be used as fill for abandoned strip mines.

The city figures to save more than \$1 million a year by disposing of its rubbish this way rather than incinerating it (last year Philadelphia burned more than 800,000 tons of the stuff), while also benefiting from a reduction of pollutants from its incinerators. The mine pits involved are said to be big enough to take 40 years to fill up.

Kerr, who has formed the Eastern Land Reclamation Company, hopes to get other cities to adopt the idea and is negotiating with six major railroads and owners of landfill sites in six different states. Coal townships joining the plan would receive a small fee for each ton of trash dumped within their limits, and at the same time would be recovering valuable real estate.

"It all seems so logical," says Kerr.

It is. And maybe that's why no one ever thought of it before.

The only question is, what are Americans going to do in the 21st century when all the holes in the ground are filled up?

Times-Herald of Sunday, Sept. 29; also with Rev. Hammon's remark as reported at the Library Board meeting Sept. 26 to the effect that he holds no brief for obscenity but fears censorship more; and save for a matter of wording in one instance I agree with his opinion as expressed in his letter to the Editor in Opinions of the People, Monday, Sept. 30.

It seems that the heifer activists and spokesmen for or to the Mayor Committee are some ministers of basic "fundamentalistic" persuasion religiously speaking and that the Committee's zeal is largely dominated by their particular variety of religio-moral concepts of decency and freedom and that the Committee as a whole is relying more on the generation of uninformed emotionalism for effect than it is on informed intellects and reason. According to the Times-Herald report of the Committee's meeting of Friday, Sept. 27 only four people out of thirty admitted to having read the book that was singled out for special condemnation. I have not read "The Hippie Papers" so I could not intelligently assess its merits or demerits in any way and certainly could not do so had I only heard a few excerpts read from it (out of context necessarily). I wonder if Rev. Bill Lewis, Rev. Moroney or Rev. Bowen would let me read from their pulpits some Sunday morning a selection of excerpts from the Bible . . . selections of my own choosing. (I am a pretty effective reader and an Elder Emeritus). On second thought, wouldn't they allow their sermons are likely on the order of one tenth scripture and nine tenths comment. How about it, Reverends?

As is usual for such committees, the Mayor's Decency Committee directs its zeal and efforts toward the suppression of some societal phase of sexuality that they disapprove of. First it was bare-breasted female entertainers that they mounted a campaign of suppression against, now it is a campaign against some "four letter" sexual words that are used in a book in a manner that violates their sense of propriety. I can remember way back when with such committees and a lot of ministers it was bobbed (short) hair for women and girls, knee-exposing skirts, skimpy bathing suits and female undies displayed in store show-windows.

Let me throw out a broad hint—a thought that is appropriate in any society: If sexual education that accords with reality is neglected in our homes, shunned by the churches, and opposed and banned from the public schools most young people will get sex education where they can find it and it may be good or bad, truth or falsity. Given a sexual education that is in harmony with the sexual realities of life and that provides them with a decent concept of their own biological conception and being we need have little fear that young people will be adversely influenced by books and literature of "The Hippie Papers" type—whatever that is.

We need censorship of what our Library Board and Staff chooses for the shelves of our Public Library for general issue just like we need approval of what is published in the press by the Democratic National Committee or the Republican National Committee or by any church; we don't need it at all. I think we can trust the judgement of Mrs. Joseph, the Library Board and the staff to select books that will give library patrons an opportunity to become acquainted with all facets of reality past and present to the extent funds will permit. An informed citizen; an informed become a responsible citizen; an informed Christian can be a better Christian; and informed ten to twenty year olds can more easily become both.

FOY W. RAGLE

concerning the area of out-of-wedlock births. Sex is going to enter our lives sooner or later and those who travel the "sooner" route should make the effort to learn about birth control. It is not fair to a child to be born without a legal father.

Young people and their parents should talk these problems over and a consultation with a doctor may also be advisable.

It is not wise to have children and then get married when you are young. What will you have to look forward to later on in life?

Boys should feel a responsibility in this area as it is cruel to take advantage of a girl if you don't want her or the baby. Society always places the greatest blame on the girl and during this most difficult time she is made to feel she is the lowest person on earth.

It is a parent's job to discuss matters of sex openly with their children or they may feel guilty the rest of their life if something happens.

I am sorry if this touches anyone the wrong way but more boys and girls should know these things. It may help stem our population and ward off starving and unwanted children.

A CONCERNED TEENAGER

★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Your mother, have you seen her lately? The dearest person here on this earth.

Being a nurse in a convalescent hospital in the East Bay, I often think of mothers and wives under my care . . . calling day after day . . . Why doesn't my son come to see me? Why doesn't my husband come to see me any more and my children?

Day after day these words echo. Put out of the way until they really go out of their mind. Sad, but true.

There is nothing more cruel in this world than to let your own mother down. My mother told me every mother on this earth has a space reserved in heaven.

Have you seen your mother lately? Have you told her lately that you love her?

NICKIE

★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Some months following the untimely death of President John F. Kennedy I wrote a letter to our City Council suggesting that our proposed library be named the John F. Kennedy Memorial Library to honor the memory of his name.

I was most pleased when I was notified some time ago that Councilman Robert Roche introduced this item and it was approved by the council.

Due to an injury I received some time ago, it was impossible for me to attend the regular council meetings. Now the people of Vallejo are faced with another problem . . . namely obscene and filthy books.

I am certain beyond a reasonable doubt that when the name President John F. Kennedy was adopted for the library it was conceived with the thought in mind to further the respect and honor of our late president.

It has been brought to the attention of the people of Vallejo by our mayor, Honorable Florence E. Douglas, the presence on the shelves of our library these books of obscenity and filth.

Is this the way to further the remembrance of our late president? Is this the way we wish to respect and honor his name? I know the people of Vallejo do not think so.

The letters appearing in the Opinions of the People column in the Times-Herald bear this fact out. It is my sincere belief that the Library Board should not permit these books of obscenity and filth on the shelves of our library. If they do we should not permit them to name the facility the John F. Kennedy Memorial Library.

Sincerely,
OLLIE ROSS

I would like very much to appeal to all parents of our so-called minority race to please be present Thursday night, Oct. 17, at the Vallejo Senior High PTA Open House, to get first hand information of what your student does during a school day.

This will be a proving ground for all black parents to see if you are interested in your child's daily routine at school.

The tension is so high right now at Vallejo High School that you can sense it as soon as you enter the administration building, and this shouldn't be. It is time for students to get down to their studying and problems such as certain demands be attended by the intelligent black parents that are prepared to help solve the problems.

Let's try to support and force that black student who is trying so hard in our schools and be seen in big numbers to represent him. We have a lot to be proud of at Vallejo High among our black students. We have a lot to be proud of in the black race, period. When our blacks are stars they aren't cheered because they are black, but because they are the best in the game. As a star in the game he is treated as a human being, but if he isn't a star he is suppressed because he is black. So let's support the schools that our black students attend so that we won't be among those to help suppress them to feel inferior. As parents we should support our children in all walks of life until they are adult enough to be out of school and on their own. Since there are less black students in Vallejo High than white I feel as PTA president that there should be one hundred per cent participation by black parents. The strength will come from the parent, not the student. You as a taxpayer are responsible for what he receives and until he is a taxpayer he is speechless.

A CONCERNED BLACK PARENT
MRS. NATHAN T. MORGAN

★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

There must be space available in the paper for an organization like ours to get free publicity when needed. As I don't know what route to take, I will write this to the Opinions of the People and hope people will see and read this article.

I am a parent of a retarded child, also a member of the Solano Council for Retarded Children and Adults. It is a non-profit organization run by parents who at this time are in great need of help and support as it takes more than our executive board (parents of these children) and other interested parents.

We have children from welfare parents and from local state hospitals. Parents are charged \$30 a month tuition which is applied to the staff member wages but it does not meet all the operational expenses of the day care and our workshop.

Some parents do not realize that it takes a great deal of money to operate an organization like ours. Another thing of great concern which has happened within the past few months is that we have found four break-ins at our Adult Training Center. A saw, adding machine, two sewing machines, our hand irons and an undisclosed sum of money was stolen.

No mention was made in the papers about our loss, yet many smaller break-ins are listed in the paper. We feel people should know about our loss as we are financially unable to replace the items stolen.

So any one wishing to help us replace the stolen articles or help in any way may do so by calling 644-1456 or writing to the Solano Council for Retarded Children, P.O. Box 907, Vallejo.

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Forgive me, Mrs. Lenzi, for not being able to see these things as you see them, but I have misplaced my rose tinted glasses.

AN INTERESTED PARENT

★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Dear Miss Devlin:

I want you to know how much I appreciated the story on Women in the Post Office that appeared in last Sunday's Times-Herald. It was most informative especially to other women of the opportunities for a career in the Post Office.

We also appreciate all the time and interest Mrs. Hunter put into the story.

Thanking you again and with every best wish and kind personal regards, I am,

Most Sincerely,
Thomas J. McCaffrey
Postmaster

★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

While the California Regents are being criticized for abridging "academic freedom," there has not been the same outpouring of criticism for University faculty members who are abridging "academic responsibility."

It certainly is not a responsible use of University authority to dignify as an instructor a convicted felon whose language is strictly from the gutter.

As an object of study, Cleaver and his views may hold some interest but these can be quite adequately studied while the subject remains where the courts have decided he belongs—in jail.

Sincerely,
Joseph Reyes

PRAYER FOR TODAY

O Lord, there seems to be so little we can do about outward happenings. Help us to keep our inner lives quiet and at rest by concentrating on Thee and Thy way for us — the way of forgiveness and concern for others, and confidence sure that Thy mercy and Thy grace can bear us up in the flurries and frustrations and disquiet of an unsettling world. In the midst of it all is Thy presence. Keep us close to Thee, O Lord, and hold us steady on course; in Christ's name. Amen — James W. Kennedy, Cincinnati, O., director and editor, Forward Movement Publications.

EDITORIALS

Role Of Ridicule

When Abbie Hoffman of the yippies stands up before the House Un-American Activities Committee and solemnly asks special leave to go to the bathroom, when Jerry Rubin appears naked to the waist bearing a toy M-16 rifle or when Chicago rioters spread the rumor they're dumping LSD into the water supply to send all Democratic convention delegates on a "trip," they're following a "book" insurgents have used for 500 years.

Few Americans understand the role ridicule has played in revolts.

The lesson was brought home to this reporter by an old Vietnamese song writer Ho Chi Minh sent into the hamlets of North and South Vietnam in the early 1950s, singing and teaching ditties that mocked the French with biting effect.

The current revolt against Hai Tse-tung was spearheaded by historical novels which parodied Mai and his government.

Much of the Mother Goose we read as children was written a few hundred years back to ridicule — and destroy — leaders in England's establishment.

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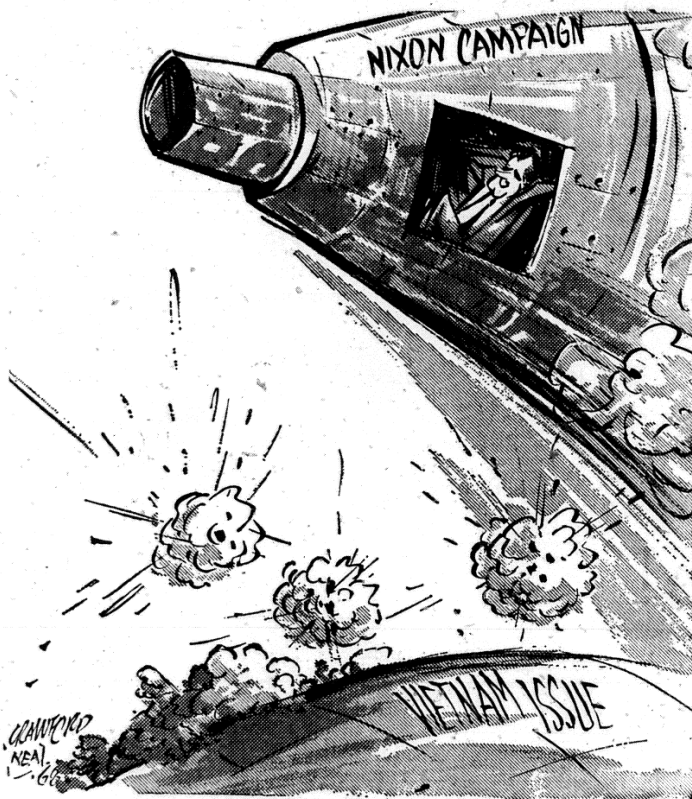
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If insurgents have the strength, this destruction or take-over can be accomplished

Opinions Of The People

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HIGH ATOP EVERYTHING

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

In answer to Foy W. Ragle in OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE, October 14, you seemingly castigated myself and two other ministers for objecting to forcing the citizens of Vallejo to pay tax money for the circulation of a certain book which we felt contained obscene chapters, poems, and paragraphs. (My personal feelings are that it goes beyond obscenity.)

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

This notice is being distributed by a group of concerned parents and not school authorities.

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

First, I should like to identify myself as one of the "responsible" members of the black community. Like Mr. Eldridge Cleaver, I, too, have a culturally deprived background, but, unlike Mr. Cleaver, I have not permitted my environmental wounds from racism, suppression or deprivation to become infected with the worst pathogen of them all, hatred. The theme of Mr. Cleaver's orations appears to be hatred. It seems to me that he is waging a one-man battle against his foes: "The Pig Power," whom he feels, are responsible for the plight of his personal predicament, and under the euphemism of "black rights" struggle. I ask, "what rights is he struggling for?" The right to chastise the ears of his listeners with obscenities, the right to remain free while other parolees do "time" for parole violations lesser than his, or, is it possible that these rights are the same ones I want, namely, to be a "man" enjoying the burdens and blessings of a man? I strongly suspect the former, because, to struggle for the right to enjoy the blessings of a society, one must unescapably bear the burdens of that society. So, I say to Mr. Cleaver, when you dangle the dingle of doom for 20,000,000 blacks, do so cautiously because silence by the black community does not mean sound support for you or your philosophy."

I fail to fathom the silence of the "responsible black element" on issues such as Mr. Cleaver. Surely, he does not represent the millions of his black brothers whom he seems to think are philosophically parallel to him.

To the black community, (and to the whites with beards and long hair) may I quote the following: "He that knoweth and knoweth that he knoweth, is wise, follow him. He that knoweth not and knoweth that he knoweth not is asleep, awaken him. But he that knoweth not and knoweth not that he knoweth not is a fool — shun him."

READER

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

It is always dramatic and most interesting when opposing points of view present a confrontation. There are many such instances in our society today, but the latest one in our community deserves an evaluation. I refer to the differences between the Mayor's Committee for Decency in Vallejo and the Board of Trustees of the Vallejo Public Library.

First off, let me make it clear that I am positive that both sides have dedicated, honest and public-spirited members, and that what they express are views which, in their respective opinions, will serve the best interests of our community.

The current bone of contention is over expending public tax money for purchase of a paperback book, "The Hippie Papers," described by the Mayor's committee as "filthy, pornographic literature." The library defends its inclusion on the open shelf as "an example of expression and living among an important segment of our population."

Both sides have important and valid viewpoints on their shields. And there are also deficiencies, I believe, in the arguments

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

After an absence of 42 years I returned to Vallejo, thinking to go gentle into that good night. But I cannot. Like the protagonists of the current library controversy; I must rant and rage. I am reminded now of the French axiom: "The more things change; the more they remain the same." And I remember that prostitution flourished on lower Georgia and Virginia streets in the old days. There were protagonists in the controversy that arose when they were closed. To those who stoutly maintain that the public library is a fit place for the dissemination of pornographic information, I ask: why not promote the reopening of the houses of prostitution? Or do you prefer diseased and degenerate minds to diseased and degenerate bodies? Do not thunder that I am comparing unlike things; because I am not. The thought has ever been parent to the deed. Dare you argue that "Christian guidance" and "parental counsel" is more effective in preventing juvenile delinquency now than it was 40 years ago? If you do you are either naive or stupid; or both. Leave pornographic books in the library and the kids will read them. Open the "houses" and young men will visit them. Americans are suckers for slogans. Change "censorship rears its ugly head" to: "sensible regulation insures an orderly society"—and think well upon the change. Valenti, the motion picture "czar" bleats: "We will never allow government censorship." Look what has happened to movies. I doubt that you would want your children to look. Or would you? "There must be untrammeled academic freedom," the professors scream. Take a long, hard look at the Berkeley campus. Why not remove the stripe from the middle of the highway? That stripe is regulatory, you know. But it saves lives.

Banning pornography from the public library will not, in time, change the even tenor of the ways public libraries have always known. It never has; but it might save homes—in time. What is pornographic? Why not apply A. Lincoln's gauge: "Don't ever do anything that will give you a feeling of guilt." If the American conscience has descended to the pornographic level; then it really doesn't matter much about the library. Does it?

TOM RUTLEDGE

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I am sure other people in this vicinity have been subjected as I have to a series of prank phone calls at all hours of the day and night.

Frankly, they are not appreciated, especially when my sleep is interrupted. To no answer means continued ringing. Also, who knows when any call might be legitimate? Or an emergency?

It is clear the Police Department nor phone company can control the situation. But parents of teenagers can if they take the time to question their children and if they are guilty, administer a good old-fashioned warming to the seat of the pants. Then surely something more constructive and less annoying for others can be found for them to do.

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If insurgents have the strength, this destruction or take-over can be accomplished by armed force, infiltration or the ballot. Most insurgencies don't have the power.

That's where ridicule comes in.

Ridicule can do terrible things to an institution, make people grow less confident in its worth and its strength. Sincere citizens then begin to reject it. Weak-hearted opponents gain the courage to resist.

Part of the task of making a man—or an establishment—look pumpkin-headed is to egg him (or it) into reactions that appear silly or "stupid" to the public (or television audiences). Thus the foul language, the use of urine bombs and some of the vague "threats" to assassinate high officials.

A police force everyone laughs at isn't effective. Neither is a candidate or legislative body made to appear bumbling.

People begin to doubt officials, candidates, college presidents or congressional bodies who can't keep "a bunch of kids" in order. It's worse when the "kids" make the whole procedure look like something out of a late-late show comedy.

Chomping At Tidbit

Television watching is helping turn America into a nation of snackers, according to Dr. Frederick J. Stare, chairman of the nutrition department at Harvard University's school of public health.

Whether or not snacking is beneficial or harmful, he adds, depends on how it is done. Snacks, he says, become harmful only when they are substituted for or eaten in addition to normal meals.

Too, snacking doesn't always improve the nutritional qualities of a poor diet. This despite the fact it is estimated that 10 to 15 per cent of a person's calorie needs are supplied by snacks.

Snacking can be used to a person's benefit, he says, by making nibbles an integral part of the regular diet. They should come shortly before a meal to help reduce the appetite and counted as part of the regular meal, which will then be diminished accordingly.

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Since you are an elder in a church which is obviously not of the "fundamentalist persuasion" will you please be prepared to explain what the difference is and why "fundamentalist persuasion" is bad. We are not sure we are what you say we are but we are sure we don't want to be had if there is a better way.

For the sake of sparing the Mayor and the Decency Committee of having the name of an "activist" of "fundamentalist persuasion" who relies on "uninformed emotionalism" linked with their number please be informed that I have never been appointed to any committee by the Mayor. I doubt if Mayor Douglas even knew me until the September 27 meeting, which I attended not as a committee member and not at the invitation of the Mayor but at the request of a concerned parent.

REV. KENNETH BOWEN and
BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:
I address this to all parents of boys who are participating in sports for Hogan.

What is the matter with you as parents, if you are so busy that you cannot take an active interest in your son's future, don't be a parent. You may as well let your boys follow Eldridge Cleaver and Huey Newton, for the Devil is a King, too.

I wonder if we don't put our kids on the streets for our own apathy. The meetings are every Tuesday in the Hogan library, 7:30 p.m., every Tuesday until the football season is over.

AN INTERESTED PARENT,
Who puts the interest of our boys first. Incidentally, the only excuse you have for staying home is when you are sick.

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:
To the people of a paper boy's route.

My son delivers the Times-Herald paper and when the people don't get a paper they scream. But when it comes time to pay they say come back.

My son still has \$20 to collect for this month and here it is the 15th and in 10 more days it will be time to turn around and go back. This is not a complaint against the low class people who manage to pay but against the high and mighty who hate to make out a check.

A PAPER BOY'S MOTHER

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE
Members of the Solano Council for Retarded Children and Adults take this opportunity to thank all the people who have donated clothing and furniture to our thrift store.

Our need is still great for good usable clothing, toys, pictures, furniture and miscellaneous items.

The store is located at 725 Marin St. Information on the project may be obtained by calling 642-2017 after 5 p.m.

Thank You,
A PARENT

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We are asking all parents to send a Western Union Public Opinion telegram which costs 95 cents, asking the governor to please sign this bill. Any parent wishing more information or who would be interested in going to see the governor today, may contact Mrs. Ritchie Manner 642-1660 or Mrs. William E. Roach 644-6339.

COMMITTEE FOR
RESPONSIBLE EDUCATION

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I agree with the Rev. James in his statement to It's Rich Column in the paper the other morning when he said, "I am tired of hearing about police brutality." I too am tired of hearing about police brutality.

I wish it didn't exist but it does, not only in California but in other major cities. I'm only thankful that it doesn't happen here in Vallejo. Looking at the other side of the coin, sometimes the police are driven to such action by a certain segment of people who get a pleasure from harrasing the police who are trying their best to keep and uphold law and order.

Yet we have police who instigate violence to get a charge by cracking heads. This is the type of police officer who should be removed from the force and put in another position.

Respectfully Yours,
JOHN L. LEE

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

It is a sad day in America when the President has to remind us to pray. On Oct. 16 we have been asked to observe a national day of prayer. Quote, "Let us use it to thank God for the blessings of human industry and ingenuity and to see His strength, His love and His guidance in the crisis of our spirit."

We ought to pray not only on Oct. 16 but we ought to pray without ceasing every day. We are living in troubled times, unrest on every hand. Our hearts are filled not with love for our fellow man but instead we are filled with hate. My brothers, this ought not to be so.

I John 3-15 "Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer.

I John 4-11 "Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought to love one another."

America heed the words of God who loved us enough to send His Son to die for our sins that we might have eternal life.

If we are to have peace and brotherly love in our beloved America, we must obey God rather than man. In II Chronicles 7-14 God says, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face; and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sins and will heal their land."

Unless we obey and heed God's word, just as nations of old fell when they turned their backs on God and went their own way, so shall doom come to America.

GOLDIE SANDOVAL

...First off, let me make it clear that I am positive that both sides have dedicated, honest and public-spirited members, and that what they express are views which, in their respective opinions, will serve the best interests of our community.

The current bone of contention is over expending public tax money for purchase of a paperback book, "The Hippie Papers," described by the Mayor's committee as "filthy, pornographic literature." The library defends its inclusion on the open shelf as "an example of expression and living among an important segment of our population."

Both sides have important and valid viewpoints on their shields. And there are also deficiencies, I believe, in the arguments presented from each camp.

I personally object to the inclusion of "The Hippie Papers" on the shelf, not because of any qualms of obscenity (but I agree that this is also arguable) but rather on the basis of the book's lack of literary merit.

I would suggest the removal of other material in this fight for morality. I would suggest removing the story of Lot and his daughters from the Old Testament; I would remove such novels as Nana by Zola, Madam Bovary by Flaubert, Anna Karenina by Tolstoy, Moll Flanders by Defoe, Tom Jones by Fielding, and The Scarlet Letter by Hawthorne.

To be consistent, I would remove from all art books, such obscenities as September Morn, The Birth of Venus by Botticelli, the nudes of Degas, Renoir, Toulouse-Lautrec, Gauguin, Van Gogh, etc. How about throwing in The American Gothic, Whistler's Mother, and the Blueboy?

I would remove all recordings of Shakespeare's Degenerate plays such as Anthony and Cleopatra, Hamlet, Othello, A Midsummer Night's Dream.

I would remove recordings of such sensual and erotic music as Orpheus in the Underworld, Samson and Delilah, Gaite Parisienne, Bacchanale.

I would remove all copies of Petty's Calendars.

I would cancel all subscriptions to Esquire, Playboy, American Health, and the PTA Magazine.

Thus with all of these blank spaces on the shelves available I would replenish the cancellations with framed reproductions (excuse the expression) of bluenoses.

The only difficulty with all this, Mr. Editor, is that instead of a library we would have a morgue.

Censoriously yours,
GERRY SAVANROLA

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:
Library Board of Trustees
Vallejo Public Library
Gentlemen:

Quite obviously the freedom to read is under attack in our city.

We are appalled at the thought that a self-appointed group would presume to control our or our children's reading material. I refer of course to Mayor Douglas' Decency Committee. With complete respect for the office of Mayor we submit that the choice of books is a personal matter.

Books contain many ideas and many points of view. To preserve our American tradition of free exchange of thought it is absolutely essential that our Public Library make available material that expresses all opinions.

We urge you to stand firm against any attempted interference with our access to ideas and opinions as expressed in books.

MR. and MRS. P. E. SCHMIDT
1901 Sereno Drive

...OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:
I am sure other people in this vicinity have been subjected as I have to a series of prank phone calls at all hours of the day and night.

Frankly, they are not appreciated, especially when my sleep is interrupted. To no answer means continued ringing. Also, who knows when any call might be legitimate? Or an emergency?

It is clear the Police Department nor phone company can control the situation. But parents of teenagers can if they take the time to question their children and if they are guilty, administer a good old-fashioned warming to the seat of the pants. Then surely something more constructive and less annoying for others can be found for them to do.

F. R.

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

This is a protest about the Opinions of the People page. You say that letters are supposed to be 200 words or less, yet every week you have letters running twice that much and this week you had a couple of blockbusters from ministers, one of them over 700 words long!

I've got nothing against ministers but I've never seen one yet who could or would say in 100 words what could be said in 10.

And there are others, too, who spout their dull philosophies and prejudices to the tune of several hundred words.

Please, for the sake of your faithful readers, make the contributors to this page stay within reasonable limits. You say at the top of the page that you will—now let's see you do it.

BORED WITH SOUND AND FURY

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

It now seems evident that, in order to promote local tranquility, provide full, realistic information and education for young and old, prove that we are incapable of being drawn or inclined to evil by any thought, deed, or illustration, effectively repel the hydra-headed monster of Censorship—the luridly written Hippie papers will be enshrined in our new library. Perhaps the aims might be furthered by providing a room, fully reminiscent of the Haight-Ashbury district, with actual samples of all the different forms of "Pot." A typically attired (?) and thoroughly odorized Hippie manikin, plus a film of the pot-users reactions while on one of their "trips" and of their orgies in the grass might add a realistic touch!

How far along this ultra-permissive road are we prepared to travel? Some time ago, the Vallejo Times-Herald copied, and quite recently, and pertinently re-printed an article from the San Diego Dispatch. In vivid, trenchant language, this editorial called attention to the intractable evidence of our almost complete indifference to the common and long-accepted concepts of morality, decency, responsibility and patriotism. High on the list of causes contributing to our delinquency and degeneration is the frenzied craze for individual freedom and liberty, with utter disregard for the wishes or welfare of the majority, and with equal disregard for the responsibilities and duties which always go hand in hand with rights and privileges.

Surely the interests and wishes of the vast majority of Vallejoans whose votes authorized and whose taxes will pay for the new culture center in the heart of what was once Vallejo's disreputable shantytown, would be well served by the quiet removal of the offensive Hippie papers. And the real liberty and freedom on which our great nation was founded would neither be endangered or curtailed.

AUSTIN O'MALLEY

PRAYER FOR TODAY

O God, we thank Thee for fresh starts, new beginnings, and for all creativity that makes possible new life. Thou hast said, "Behold, I make all things new." Thou art to us a thousand doors through which we may pass to more abundant living. Help us not only to believe in these doors, but to go through them into the new world that Thou art always waiting to give us, through Christ. Amen. -W. Kenneth Pope, Dallas, Texas, bishop, The United Methodist Church.

EDITORIALS

Tax Relief Needed Now

A meaningful tax reform affecting property and homes has been needed ever since the concept of using the assessed value of land as a main source of governmental revenue was developed.

The principle may be sound, but in recent years at least, its application has been extended to the point that now land is used as security for virtually everything.

This year, however, California voters are offered two tax relief measures, which for the first time in 36 years represent an effort at achieving a major tax reform aimed at relieving the tax burden on homes and property.

Both proposals appear on the Nov. 5 general election ballot. One is identified as Proposition 1-a. The other is Proposition 9, better known as the Watson Amendment.

Both ostensibly have the same objective: To provide direct and immediate property tax relief for California homeowners and renters.

Basically, Proposition 1-a provides a direct cash payment of \$70 for property tax relief to each homeowner this fiscal year and for succeeding years each homeowner will receive an exemption of \$750 in assessed value from property taxes on his dwelling.

The measure further provides that the present property tax on household belongings will be eliminated and businessmen will receive a 15 per cent reduction in their business inventory taxes. It also appropriates sums to compensate local governments for revenues lost by virtue of the tax relief provided by the measure.

Proposition 9 is somewhat more complex. It establishes a limitation on ad valorem taxes on property by reducing in stages individual land tax bills to one per cent of the market value of the property.

This would be accomplished by reducing annual taxes on property levied to pay the

Opinions Of The People

Anyone in the Greater Vallejo Area is privileged to send letters to "Opinions of the People," an open forum of public opinion. Opinions in this column, however, do not necessarily represent the policy of the publisher. Letters must be confined to 200 words or less and addressed to The Editor, Times-Herald. You must sign your name and address, but your name will not be published if you make such a request.

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Dear Sir: Living in this world today is a great challenge. One of the main problems is trying to understand and help our fellow man. Maybe if we took time to work for, and not against our community and what it stands for, we might prosper.

In Solano county for example, much progress has been shown in the industrial area. Compiled thus far this year are fifty nine new firms, eight expansions on existing industry, two thousand three hundred new jobs, three hundred and fifty new seasonal jobs, and an investment of one hundred and fifty two million dollars. This area also has a good political approach on how to get industry here and keep it happy. This shows that some citizens are trying to improve their small part of the world.

If more of our citizens would realize the importance of working together, regardless of color or creed, surely some good must come of it.

It doesn't matter if you are black or white, Catholic, Protestant, or Jewish. You are a person and what you do effects others around you. Social relationship is very important. Be a good neighbor, a good friend, and a good citizen. Take an active part in politics, education, beautifying your neighborhood or city. Each individual act that a person does to help something or someone is a form of improvement. Little things build better things. One person can not do all these things by himself. Thus we must learn to work together.

This is not a solution to all world problems, but it might be a start. We should learn to work together as a community first, then we may be capable of handling major events such as war and violence.

MRS. C. HICKENBOTTOM

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

What a pleasure to discover that we have a decency committee in Vallejo. Now I have a body of decent people to whom I may address my remarks. Here are some suggestions which I hope you will consider when you meet together:

- 1. Concerning the servicemen in Vallejo, is there a place where the single man can go for a good decent entertainment? Can the married man find decent housing and is his family warmly welcomed when he comes to worship with us in our churches? And what if he is black?
2. About the impoverished elderly in our city, what about decent housing, decent food, decent medical care and a decent place to gather for recreation or just to sit in the sun? Not everyone can walk to the city park or the library square.
3. Race relations. Would you call the present situation decent? You who are interested in decency, is there something that can be done to improve race relations before it is too late?
4. Human habitation. Do all the people in Vallejo live in decent housing? Is it decent when the only houses available to most black people are the shacks and run down barns which no one else wants? Overcrowding rats.

LABOR IS FOR WALLACE HUMPHREY IS GAINING LAW AND ORDER WHERE'S MCCARTHY? BIG BUSINESS LE MAY HUMPHREY IS TIED TO THE ADMINISTRATION STOP THE BOMBING WAR PARTY BIG BUSINESS AGNEW REMEMBER TRUMAN IN 1948 PEACE WITH HONOR CIVIL RIGHTS POLLS SHOW--- IT'LL BE THROWN INTO THE HOUSE I'LL END THE WAR! WALLACE IS SLIPPING NUCLEAR BOMBING A LOSER NIXON IS IN! END POVERTY RECESSION PARTY MUSKIE CEASE FIRE FORGOTTEN PEOPLE OKAY, NOW MAKE UP YOUR MINDS-

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

In behalf of fairplay in Mayor Don Pinkerton's bid for the 5th Assembly District. I would like to challenge the authenticity of a poll published by your paper October 24, 1968.

The fact that I have not heard of Manpower Research Group is unimportant; however, the fact that a recent poll conducted in Napa County (by the Pinkerton for Assembly Committee) showed Mayor Don Pinkerton leading in that area, raises some interesting questions. Who paid for this poll? How was it done?, and What is the history of Manpower Research in regards to political polls?

We have not made a survey in the Vallejo area, so we have no comparison there; however, if Manpower Research is possibly so far off in Napa County this could also be true of Solano County.

I am very confident that the poll is not accurate and that Mayor Don Pinkerton's percentages are much higher than the one published by your paper.

It is my honest opinion that as of this week, Mayor Don Pinkerton has overstated his lead.

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Regarding the letter of Rev. Kenneth Bowen and the Bible Baptist Church in OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE of Oct. 21 replying to mine in the same of Oct. 14: Please be assured, Rev. Bowen and Bible Baptist, that no criticism or reproval of any minister, person or church for exercising their freedom of speech and action was intended.

In inviting me to read scripture of my own choosing with comment, at my suggestion, you also invited and apparently expect me to be prepared to do two other things: 1) explain the difference between our "persuasions" or churches, 2) and be prepared to show why "fundamentalist persuasion is bad."

Since I have no intention of being invited into showing why something that I did not say is true I think we had better not arrange for a public scripture reading by me because public expectations, once they are kindled are difficult to abate, as will be the misconception of me that your letter no doubt gave many people.

Rechecking my letter, am unable to see

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

The recent action by the Mayor's "Decency" Committee with our public library, was most courageous and timely. To begin with, the Mayor had in mind every aspect of decency in her manner when she asked the Library Board to appear before her committee. Furthermore, because of complaints from the community, it could be reasonably assumed that others felt that the Library staff was in fact, guilty of peddling obscene literature. As the Library Board knows, there are well established procedures for stocking the shelves of our library with books acceptable to the general public.

This more basic issue however is whether or not the city of Vallejo wishes to take steps toward cleaning up its reading material to the extent of promoting a Book Burning Crusade, if that is what it takes to do the job. A charge of obscenity is very simple to deal with among those with clean minds and hearts. Most important, obscenity is typical in those of a community who wish to eliminate certain policies, rules and or laws that tend to uphold good morals, under the guise of protecting our freedom. Fortunately, we have seen in Nazi Germany and Red China vivid examples of what happens in a society that allows any group within its midst to take over in a so called bid for freedom, without regard to the common decency and maintenance of law and order. We have, and do presently prize our freedom in our country.

Freedom demands not only individual responsibility, but a united responsibility, for the common good of all mankind. The Library Board can take steps for parents who are concerned for their children, by providing books that would not corrupt the mind of an eight or an eighteen year old. Any parent, or group of parents, have the right to be selective about their reading or that of their children when they have a part in the library, community, etc.

I commend the Mayor's committee on decency for wanting Vallejo to be a decent place in which to live. I would only point out that as a Christian I am truly sorry that all our clergymen, don't by their words, seem to be in support of the Mayor's action toward this end. May we look to God and His power to restore our concepts of decency and give to us freedom such as that promised by His Son, Jesus Christ. I only hope that our Library Board and staff will demonstrate a willingness to make our library a truly decent public institution.

Respectfully, F. L. BEAIRD

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An item which ran in the "PG&E Progress" October edition says what I feel much more eloquently than I can say it. This election is so important as its outcome will affect free men and oppressed people everywhere.

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This would be accomplished by reducing annual taxes on property levied to pay the cost of "people related services," such as education and welfare, by 20 per cent a year until all such taxes would be eliminated after July 1, 1973.

Meanwhile, beginning next July 1, annual taxes on property, together with any special ad valorem special assessments, would be limited to one per cent of the market value of the property to provide for the cost of "property related services," such as police, fire, sanitation and water.

Actually, both proposals provide a major tax shift rather than a tax break. Although an immediate property tax reduction appears available under each proposition, the fact remains the revenues thus lost must be obtained from other sources.

Neither tax reform proposal indicates how these lost revenues will be recovered. According to critics of both measures, each proposition inherently implies the promised property tax relief will be accomplished in large part at the cost of a higher sales tax.

Opponents of Proposition 1-a also point out it imposes no ceiling on property tax rates and argue any immediate benefits will be eroded away by a general future upward movement of tax rates.

The Watson Amendment proponents, on the other hand, contend the limitations imposed by Proposition 9 on property tax rates will promote greater efficiency in government as well as fiscal responsibility by forcing taxing agencies to operate within their means.

In reply, opponents maintain Proposition 9 will impair the state's bonding capacity, cripple the public school system, destroy the State Water Project and wipe out the ability of the state and local communities to build new transit systems, water and sewer plants, hospitals, libraries and schools.

The arguments for and against Proposition 1-a and Proposition 9 are thought-provoking and must be weighed on their merits. Perhaps neither measure provides the most effective solution to ease the oppressive tax burden property-holders and homeowners have endured too long.

We will have more to say on this vital subject in another editorial in tomorrow's *Times-Herald*.

Not everyone can walk to the city park or the library square.

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5. Dope peddlers at work in or near both our public high schools. Is it decent when our teenagers complain and nothing is done?

6. Teenagers. Is it decent when they have no place to meet together for fun and recreation? How about giving them the Foley Cultural Center (with proper supervision of course) for dances, parties, recreation and a meeting place? If this building was built with public funds, the teenagers are welcome to my share of the building. Is it decent when only certain people are allowed to use a building owned by the public? Teenagers tell the decency committee and your parents what you think about this!

If you, the decency committee, are able to help change or better any of the conditions I have mentioned above you have my thanks.

CURIOUS

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I think it is time something is done to stop this picketing of grape shipments!

This man Chavez is probably trying to be called a "martyr to the cause." I think he is being punished! The ministers who have been backing him should read their Bibles more and see if there is any basis for depriving anyone of food!

We don't usually see a judgment being meted out so quickly, but in my book, Chavez has had it coming for a long time. If the workers were not being treated right they would have quit a long time ago.

It might be interesting to know where the money is coming from that supports such an organization.

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AGAINST FOOD DESTROYERS

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

A true fact and let's face it, one reason for a lot of unemployment is there are too many married women working in this country. Heads of households and their wives both hold down jobs at a high rate of pay.

A lot of changes could be made by the State of California if there was a limit to everything. It would help create more jobs for others.

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A CITIZEN AND TAXPAYER

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Now, for a short time, arrangements have been made to rid Vallejo streets, alleys and vacant lots of abandoned cars and rusty wrecks that should have been junked long ago.

All those who want to be proud of our city ought to direct the proper authorities to these eye-sores.

Isn't it useless to promote the planting of trees and shrubs to make the avenues more attractive and then allow litter to gather under an abandoned car, where the street sweeper can't reach it?

Every useless vehicle tends to spoil efforts to make Vallejo more beautiful.

Now is the time for everybody to cooperate.

ALETHE BERRY

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It is my honest opinion that as of this week, Mayor Don Pinkerton has overtaken Dunlap's previous lead in the 5th Assembly District and will even increase this lead more before Election Day.

RICHARD T. ROWE
Solano County Chairman
Don Pinkerton for
Assembly

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I hope the kind of people who have been donating good used clothing, furniture, books, pictures and toys will not be annoyed by my weekly articles in the paper.

Our thrift store is operated by what people can donate to us since we are a non-profit organization. We operate the store in order to help keep the doors of our pre-school and workshop open for the retarded children and adults.

We are in financial difficulties with both programs and I am appealing to the community to help us keep our facilities in order to help the retarded feel they have a place to go daily to learn and to enjoy one another.

Our thrift shop is located at 725 Marin St. Information on its operation may be obtained by calling 642-2017 after 5 p.m.

A PARENT

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I was favorably impressed by Jenkin Lloyd Jones' article "Accentuate the Positive" printed in Sunday's *Times-Herald*. This is the feeling of so many. Surely with the amount of money poured out, someone is benefiting. Yet we hear only the negative side.

I hope the article is reprinted for those who missed it.

MRS. ROBERT THOMAS

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I want to commend Mayor Douglas, Reverends Lewis, Moroney, Bowen and others who uphold righteous attitudes of life and learning.

I regret, however, that another, Foy W. Fagle, is of like mind to Reverend Hammon. He has challenged to intone from our Holy Bible in Christian Churches. I was sickened at the thought of such an occurrence. From the concepts of his letter, his intonation would be nothing less than diabolical.

I still need a shepherd and I am past the young people's age bracket. There is great difference between a man who can "recite" from the Scriptures and one who truly knows the Master. The latter is the one whom I see as counselor.

I pray these devout ministers, who teach, preach, and practice the way of life as given us by divine inspiration of God, will not submit to this unholy challenge.

One who quietly seeks through prayer, a Christlike way of life would not make this challenge but rather would "Pray without ceasing." 1st Thess. 5:17 during these troubled, evil days.

The new group, who formed to dictate public library ethics, asserts that everyone has "the right to challenge." This we will do, hopefully, for the good of all.

MRS. E. V. MATTHEWS

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Since I have no intention of being invited into showing why something that I did not say is true I think we had better not arrange for a public scripture reading by me because public expectations, once they are kindled are difficult to abate, as will be the misconception of me that your letter no doubt gave many people.

Rechecking my letter, am unable to see where I labeled "fundamentalist persuasion" or any other persuasion bad. Nor did I pin that label on any "persuasion's religio-moral concept. Christians and churches do differ somewhat in their concepts of what is right and what is wrong; of what is decent or indecent; of what personal freedom should mean in the areas of freedom of speech, of the press, and of other areas of action.

That little word bad is a regular booby-trap word of unsavory connotations and meanings and I don't go about hanging it on people and people's convictions, not even on hippies. Why someone might think that I think "fundamentalist persuasion" bad in the worst sense of that little word, believe what they thought I thought and believe you to be the same. That would be bad.

FOY W. RAGLE

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Do you ever realize that the day has gone by and wondered what you have accomplished in the hours that have passed? How often have you worried about the condition of the world and wondered what you, as an individual, might do to make them better? Do you feel that you must set an example for your children in responsibility for others? If you have wondered about these questions, you share the concern of the 5,100 members of the California Federation of Women's Clubs, Junior Membership.

If you are a woman between the ages of 18 and 35 you may find the opportunity for using your time and talents by joining other women of similar interests and become a member of the Benejo Junior Women's Club.

Past club projects have included volunteer work for the North Bay Blood Bank, the Solano Council for Retarded Children, patients at Sonoma State Hospital and David S. Grant Hospital, Travis Air Force Base. The Benejo Junior Women's Club has also supported the American Red Cross, Solano County Mental Health Association, National Foundation—March of Dimes, Suicide Prevention, HOPE, CARE, International Hospitality Service and encouraged high school artists by sponsorship in the Hallmark Art Contest.

You may obtain information regarding membership in the Benejo Junior Women's Club by calling Mrs. Robert Perry, 644-8482 or Mrs. Roy MacGreger, 643-8186.

BENEJO JUNIOR WOMEN'S CLUB

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

May we take up a small space in your "Opinions" page to acquaint the public with our fund raising activity? The Vallejo Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association is holding a Rummage Sale, Friday and Saturday, November 1 and 2, 1968, at 739 Marin Street (opposite "old" City Hall).

Our organization, relatively new in Vallejo, is an educational association whose goal is to help business women advance in their chosen field and to do this we need all the help we can get from the community to raise funds required.

Thank you,
Mrs. Lynn ("Bea") Swanson
Chairman, Rummage Sale

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"The blood of free men stains my ballot sheet. Whatever others may do, I shall not carelessly make my mark. I vote not because I can but because I must. Those who died for this . . . my voice in government . . . had a right to expect that I would prepare with every faculty to use it wisely, honestly and courageously. They did not die that fools, blind partisans or the reckless might make a game of free elections.

"Only my secret heart knows whether I justify the definition of 'voter' as they wrote it in the reddening sand. If I love my country as they did, I question my qualifications again and again. I carefully study the issues and candidates to determine what is best . . . not for me or my minority . . . but for my country.

"I will not be confused or deceived by propaganda, slogans or histrionics. I shield my eyes to the glitter of personalities, purge my mind of passion and prejudice, and search diligently for the hidden truth. I must be free of all influences save that of conscience and justice.

"I garden for dreams, but with a realistic spade. My test is not of trend or popularity, but of principle and liberty.

"I vote as if my ballot alone decided the contest; I may lose my preference, but I will not throw away my sacred vote. For within the booth, I hold in my humble hand the living proxy of all my country's honored dead." (Author unknown).

Sincerely,
MRS. F. L. JAMES

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Whoever would presume to dictate the type of literature I or my children should read impugns my integrity, questions my judgment, casts slurs on my powers of discernment, intimates my intellect is inferior, hints that I've not raised my children properly and would pass himself off as a morals judge given the unique position of knowing what is right, good and true for all.

Shall we forbid our library to stock a doctor-authored textbook concerning proper love making techniques for man and wife because a 16-year-old might peek at it?

Should we ban atheist Voltaire? Would we rob youthful inquiring minds of his philosophy, his astuteness, his principles of morals and ethics?

How about Henry Miller? Do we judge him pornographic for his written interludes, of comic sexual fantasy or do we applaud his courageous revelation of man's tragic comic nature and laugh, sometime weep with him at ourselves?

Perhaps we're shirking our responsibility . . . legislating morality so it won't be incumbent upon us to act as responsible leaders in our own homes.

The books in my home run the gamut from "How to Raise and Train Keeshons" to the Bible with stops along the way for "Lady Chatterly's Lover," "Essentials of Marxism," "The Tyranny of Words," "In His Steps," etc.

Read it all! Let the young read it all. If you are confident you have done your job, those impressionable teenagers will take that which is good and keep it and with the breath of kindness and understanding blow the rest away.

WILLIAM H. SCHLUETER