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An Important Decision

In a few weeks Montanans will be making a decision — an important one. We will be deciding June 6 whether or not we want a new Montana Constitution.

At this writing, citizen interest in the proposed document is minimal. There seems to be more discussion over who is spending or attempting to raise money to promote it or kill it than the contents.

Soon, if you have not already, you will be receiving a copy of the proposed charter with an explanation of each section. These are being mailed by county clerk and recorders to every registered voter.

We urge each of you to take the time to read and study it. We will warn you that it, like too many documents these days, gets a little technical at times; but the fundamentals are explained in fairly plain language.

Before making up your mind you should read it and study it and also remember a few things while you are doing it.

First, the document represents a compromise between extremes. Therefore if you are expecting radical changes you may be disappointed. Conversely, for those of you who are quite content with the present Montana Constitution, there are some important changes.

Second, the important thing to remember is that while certain sections appear to broaden the scope of powers for various branches of state and local government; the check and balance concept still remains and is vested either in the people who must vote in changes possible or these changes must be approved by the legislature.

Third, if you vote for the new constitution you must realize it basically does two things. It puts more power directly in the hands of the people and while ridding the legislature of much detail work in governing cities and counties, it increases our individual responsibility to elect and support good legislators.

And finally, don't fret too much about possible changes which can be, without too much imagination, distorted out of proportion. We appreciate that change, particularly if it is too fast or too abrupt, is naturally resisted; but change will come eventually. The new constitution, we believe provides for the citizens of Montana to have a more effective and directive voice in how and when these changes will be made. We urge you to read and study the proposed constitution, not with the idea of picking it apart, but with the idea of assessing in your own mind the positive proposals it contains to make our state and local government more responsive and more responsible. This is the only justification for a new constitution and should be the measure by which you decide its fate. — FL

Giant Libby Dam Nearly Finished

LIBBY — Libby Dam Builders is within 20,000 cubic yards of completing the main structure of Libby dam. Although no concrete was poured in the past week engineering surveys of the giant structure show the "almost finished" point has been reached.

The Corps of Engineers is also anticipating work will start about June 1 on the power house structure at the dam. Behind the dam the level of the Kootenai River has reached 2,226 feet, enough to truly start calling the reservoir pool Lake Koocanusa. The slack water point is near Big Creek about eight miles south of Rexford.

When the level reaches 2,230 feet it will be at the piers of Reservoir Bridge.

Administrative Officer Nelson Morrow reported 1,358 men working Monday, down 24 from the previous week. Contractor reports were: Atlas Engineering Co., 4; Knowlton Brown, 2; Collins Construction Co., 68; Kearney Brothers, 12; Peter Kiewit Sons, 211; Libby Dam Builders, 652; Lincoln Electric Cooperative, 3; Montana Highway Department, 2; Murphy Brothers, 38; Pacific Power & Light Co., 1; S & T, Renton, 5; Schumacher Investment Co., 4; Stewart-Erickson, 243; Kay Sumpter, Libby, 2, and Herman West Co., 15.

Rollo L. Fisher

WHITEFISH — Funeral services for Rollo (Jack) L. Fisher, 54, were conducted from the Austin Chapel Monday with Rev. Robert Laird of the First United Presbyterian Church officiating.

Pallbearers were Les Dyck, Ken Hall, Bill Hallstrom, Thor Jackola, Don Sommerfield and Bill Winstead. Interment was in Whitefish Cemetery.

New Construction Near $2 Million In Kalispell

With new construction starts in Kalispell standing at a valuation of $1,836,075 for the first third of the year, the city has moved into fourth place of record for building permits. City Engineer L. B. "Pete" McClintick listed 23 permits issued in April for $600,825.

Largest was the $321,000 permit issued to Pacific Power and Light Co. for its new telephone exchange center to go up just north of the existing building. Fees of $1,413 were turned over to City Treasurer Meva Boberg.

In the first four months of this year there have been 60 permits issued. This contrasts with 46 permits valued at $317,810 issued in the same period in 1972. The city has already passed the total 1971 valuation of $1,419,460. The all-time record year was 1967, valuation of $4,302,332, followed by 1970, $2,349,236 and 1965, $2,285,300.

Corps Lists Area Flood Projects

The Corps of Engineers has approved seven additional flood control projects in Western Montana as a part of Operation Foresight as requested by Sen. Mike Mansfield and Sen. Lee Metcalf.

The major project in Flathead County is repair of the Lybeck dyke northeast of Kalispell. Riprap is being hauled to the site now from a quarry south of Kalispell. The levee is to be raised to prevent the river from overtopping it and flowing into the Evergreen area. Estimated cost is $67,700.

In Lincoln County work will be done on abutments of the McGinnis Meadows Road bridge on the Fisher River 31 miles southeast of Libby at a cost of $4,000.

Other projects are: Repair Blackfoot River bank in two places five miles northwest of Helmville, $9,500.

Morrell Creek repair upstream from the Clearwater River, $7,600.

Repair banks of O'Brien Creek two miles east of Missoula, $3,200.

Repair banks of Petty Creek, 20 miles west of Missoula, $5,600.

Repair Clark Fork River banks, 11 miles northwest of Plains along the Eddy Creek Road, $7,600.

The corps has advised the senators snowpack and water supply conditions have not changed significantly since March 1 when measurements were at or near record levels. Total cost of the potential pre-flood emergency activity comes to $152,000.

Help Keep The Flathead Neat and Clean Don't Litter

Ann Landers World Of Personal Problems

Dear Ann Landers: Our son is three years old. For the past six months he has been waking up between 3 and 4 o'clock in the morning — screaming. He says he is afraid of the dark. I try to comfort him and tell him there is nothing to be afraid of but it usually takes about 15 minutes to quiet him down.

This past week my husband has been very short-tempered about these nightly outbursts. He works hard and needs his sleep. He says it's my fault because I have been catering to the boy — that from now on the child will get a hard spanking when he screams at night and then he'll learn not to bother us. The last three nights it has been worse than ever. After the spankings the child cried for at least a half an hour.

I have pleaded with my husband to leave a small light on but he says the boy will be a sissy, that he has to learn there is nothing to be afraid of. This problem is creating trouble between my husband and me. I wish you would tell me who is right and what should be done about the child's fear of the dark and the nightly screaming spells. — Michigan Mother.

Dear Mother: The child's fear of the dark and the nightly screaming spells are symptoms of other problems. I hope you can persuade your husband to go with you to a counselor to discuss it. If he won't go — go without him. I suggest a dim light in the boy's room until he settles down. The spankings should be terminated immediately. They will only add to the child's anxieties and he has enough already.

Dear Ann Landers: What is wrong with a man who has to use swear words in every sentence? It's "hell" this and "damn" that — every time he opens his mouth it's some kind of cussing. He can't even ask a friend "How are you?" It has to be, "How in the HELL are you?" After a few drinks his talk gets really blue. And it's worse when he's on the telephone.

He refuses to accept any suggestions from me because I'm a "dummy." You, on the other hand, are smart because your picture is in the paper every day. I would consider it a big favor if you'd tell this bubblehead to clean up his mouth. Thank you. — Only His Wife

Dear Only: Swearing is a habit. People like your husband become hell and damn deaf. They don't even hear themselves say it. Strong language is often used to beef up weak ideas. Show me an inveterate cusser and I'll show you a person who lacks confidence in himself.

Dear Ann Landers: I just read the letter from "Mum" who complains that her two beautiful daughters don't have any dates because they are tall. She said all the tall guys are taken by the "sawed-off, runty dames," and she thinks it's a dirty shame. I happen to be a girl five feet tall and I date a lot — short boys as well as tall ones. It doesn't make any difference to me. I have observed that many tall girls are popular, so maybe "Mum's" statuesque beauties have rotten personalities to go with their beautiful faces. Tell her, will you please? — Happy Pee Wee

Dear Happy: It would be a waste of time. If love is blind, mother love is also deaf and dumb.

Our Readers Sound Off

Action Denies 121 Knowledge Of The Bible

Dear sir:

In reading about the recent case of the Bible study course which was offered as an elective to students at the high school and which was withdrawn as an offering by the school board, I came finally to focus on the 121 students who had signed up for the course.

I came to think of them as 121 human beings who have feelings and thoughts and attitudes, as 121 human beings who have been denied something they obviously thought might be of benefit to them in some way.

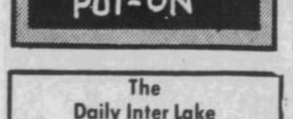
What concerns me is this: Apparently some other person or persons thought that studying the Bible would not benefit those 121 students and convinced the school board that those students would best be denied.

I trust that school board has thought enough of those students to get them together and explain to them how they were wrong in thinking that such a course might be good for them.

To not do so — to ignore them — is to show again the contempt for students we all of us in education have been guilty of over the years. I too have been guilty in this but I'm trying to change — to see with Martin Buber that "the treasure that is hidden in each child is something irreducibly personal."

Sincerely,
Paul Coughlin
Kalispell, Mont.

today's FUNNY



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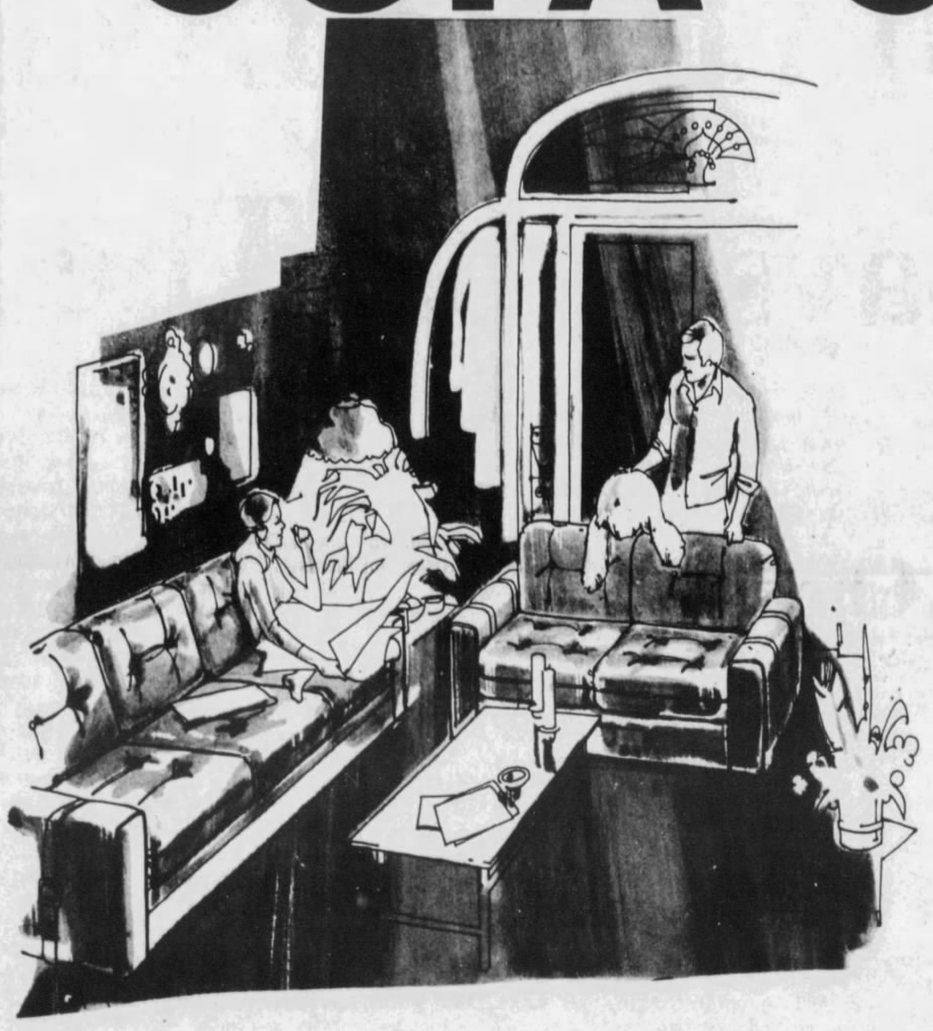

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