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Harnett Still Committee

When the Harnett Board of County Commissioners held its organization meeting this week, among its appointments were members to the Still Committee.

That's right, Still Committee. Minutes of the meeting list R. L. Mangum and W. L. Byrd as the duly elected Still Committeemen.

An initial check of the Harnett County courthouse failed to produce one who could define the Still Committee's duties. Did its name come from lack of activity? Or its immobility?

At last Mrs. Inez Harrington the County Register of Deeds, explained. "It's for seeing that captured whiskey stills are destroyed and properly disposed of," she said.

Is the committee kept busy? What is the liquor situation in prohibitory Harnett that makes a committee on liquor-making equipment a necessary agency of government?

Well, during November, 20 stills were captured. With cold weather here and Christmas coming on, maybe there was an unusual bit of mash-stirring last month, but no one remarked on it.

At any rate, the Still Committee in Harnett is far from still. The ink on its records, like the county's woods and the citizenry's pantries, is seldom dry.

From the Sanford Herald.

Frederick OTHMAN

WASHINGTON. — The time has come for a little straight talk about blueses and how to keep them dry. I mean there have been some bitter complaints about my treatment in print of Rep. Ezekiel C. Gathings (D-Ark.) and his investigation of feckly literature.

The main kicks about my dispatches on this interesting subject claimed they were entirely too irreverent. Said I didn't show enough respect for a group of Congressmen conscientiously trying to do a good deed for their country. The lawyers somehow managed to put in the record for all to see the list of books they thought too warm for public view; since then, according to my book dealer, there has been a rushing demand for every title on the list.

My own theory, with all respect to Rep. Gathings and friends, is that this nation has some good, solid laws about obscenity in print. All they need is a little enforcing. The stenographers on the committee, including two lovely ladies, are sterling characters everyone, but I'll thank them to let me decide for myself what is fit to read. For this privilege I've got to thank one of the greatest judges in this land. If the censors kindly will sit still, I'll recall for them a little literary history:

Back in the '20's James Joyce, the Irish novelist, published in Paris a book called "Ulysses." It concerned the everyday lives of some ordinary folk in Dublin and it not only told what they did, but attempted to show what they were thinking about. This resulted in some exceedingly complicated language; it also turned up some of the frankest talk ever put in print.

For 15 years "Ulysses" was banned in America. Literary milepost it may have been, but anybody who sold it here was a criminal, subject to a jail sentence for peddling smut. In the depths of the depression, Random House, Inc. of New York, took the "Ulysses" case to court.

In December, 1933, the same week that Prohibition was repealed, District Judge John M. Woolsey handed down what has become a monumental decision on "Ulysses." He ruled in effect, that a book of artistic integrity, such as this one, could not be banned, no matter how frank its language. The judge's decision in itself was a piece of literature, which I commend to the Congressmen.

Studying "Ulysses," he said, was a heavy task. He read it carefully as a whole and then read the passages blue-lined by the censors. "In spite of its unusual frankness," he continued, "I do not detect anywhere the leer of the sensualist. I hold, therefore, that it is not pornographic."

The judge went on to say (and I hope the lawmakers are listening closely) that the law — any law — is concerned with governing normal people only. No normal person he said, could possibly have his mental outlook warped by reading "Ulysses." He then added his famous last line:

"In many places the effect of 'Ulysses' on the reader undoubtedly is somewhat emetic, but nowhere does it tend to be an aphrodisiac."

"There you have it, censors. The law now takes care of dirt for dirt's sake in print, but when an author conscientiously tries to tell the truth in a book, it is beyond the clammy hands of those who would burn it.

A number of such honest books have been mentioned in evidence before the committee, but so long as Judge Woolsey's decision stands they'll remain in print. One other thing: don't buy a copy of "Ulysses" if you're looking for purient reading; you'll be badly stung, no matter what the blueses claim.

These Days



Sokolsky

By JAMES MCGRANERY

When James P. McGranery was appointed Attorney General of the United States last April, I said in a radio broadcast: "McGranery is a likeable person and a friend of mine, and although we have been on opposite sides of most questions, I would say that he will try to do a decent job."

I immediately received a large mail attacking my judgment of the man. Yet, the fact is that he has established an enviable record of having restored the reputation of the Department of Justice as the law enforcement arm of the government. It would be too much to say that he has been able, in this short time, to clean out all the corrupt personnel and the incompetent time-serverers who settled down in safe berths over a 20 year period.

But for the first time since Harlan Stone was Attorney General (1924), the FBI has been properly used by an Attorney General. For 20 years at least, the most effective agency of government, limited as to its functions by law, subordinate to the Attorney General, has diligently been gathering data on criminals, spies and subversives only to find that adequately prepared cases got lost in the Department of Justice.

James McGranery has resurrected many of these cases and either put them on the docket or if the statute of limitations had already run, he has handed the cases to Congressional committees for investigation. He has cooperated with the chief Committee of Congress in this manner as he has with the McCarran Committee. It had been the habit of the Department of Justice heretofore to resist the search by Congressional committees for data.

In the matter of American employees of the United Nations who are subversives or who engage in espionage, the Department of Justice did an amazingly swift and competent job since James McGranery became Attorney General. He appointed Roy M. Cohn a special assistant to ferret out these cases. Roy Cohn is one of a handful of lawyers who are expert in this field.

The story goes that the Federal Grand Jury ran away in this case and resisted interference by the Department of Justice. It will be found, if the subject is ever investigated, that tremendous pressure was put on the Attorney General to drop the investigation of UN subversives and even to dismiss Cohn. However, Cohn remained on the job; the cooperation between the Department of Justice and the McCarran Committee was a wonderful example of teamwork against subversives. Had a similar effort been made years ago, the spy Arthur Adams would not have escaped.

I once heard James McGranery say that he would not be Attorney General long enough to try the cases that need their day in court, but that before he left office, he would put them on the docket for his successor to handle. The case of even Attmore is in point. Anyone who has read the full testimony before the Tydings Committee and the McCarran Committee must have felt that the confusions and contradictions required further investigation. Senator Pat McCarran recommended that the Department of Justice deal with the Attmore case before a grand jury.

It would be wrong in the American sense of justice to assume that Attmore cannot clear himself or that he is guilty of anything, even perjury, before it is so proved. On the other hand, when contradictions give rise to the assumption of perjury, the place to deal with the matter is not in the State Department or the President's office, but before a Federal Grand Jury. This is now being done.

Usually, when a Cabinet officer passes into retirement, after the opposite party has been elected, no one sheds a tear and the farewell is not too fond. However, McGranery's short tenure in office has been so exceptional that it has attracted attention.

He came in as a makeshift to save President Truman embarrassment when his predecessor, J. Howard McGrath, was forced out under circumstances which still require clarification. He could have sat on his hands waiting for the appointment of his successor. He had on prospects of reappointment by either Adlai Stevenson or General Eisenhower.

Yet, he has exposed and dismissed crooks, brought cases to the light of day, fought subversives, put the limelight on spies, and created a host of personal and political enemies who will not forget that he smashed their nefarious careers.

LIONS BOARD TO MEET
The Board of Directors of the Dunn Lions Club will meet tonight at the Commercial Bank at 7:30. It was announced today by President J. N. Stephenson. He urges all members of the board to attend as well as any club members who wish to make up a meeting.

MISTER BREGER



"I KNEW it would come to this—37 prizes but nothing to eat!"

The WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

By BREW PEARSON

WASHINGTON. — Inside reason why General Eisenhower sent his apologies to the U. S. troops which were kept standing for inspection in the Korean cold was because an overzealous brass had ordered the men to wear dress uniforms, not winter uniforms.

Dress uniforms has no ear flaps and, as a result of waiting two hours and fifteen minutes in bitter cold, a lot of ears and noses were frozen.

Naturally when the troops saw their visitors in nondress uniforms with ear flaps, while they wore dress uniforms, there was resentment.

Eisenhower hit the ceiling when he heard what had happened, sent his apologies for keeping the troops waiting.

IN KOREA WITH IKE
MODEST UNCLE OMAR—When Charles E. Wilson was up at the front with ROK troops, he saw them shooting tracer bullets into the side of a hill. "What are those little red balls?" asked the new Secretary of Defense, who apparently has a lot to learn about defense but is learning the hard way. Meeting his son, Maj. John Eisenhower, in Korea, Ike told him he celebrated his election as president by buying Mrs. John a new fur coat.

In Seoul Ike slept in General Van Fleet's own bedroom, while Van Fleet slept on a cot in the laundry. Gen. Omar Bradley slept in the guest room which is on the street side. The secret didn't consider it safe for Ike to sleep in a room on the street, but didn't seem to mind what happened to Uncle Omar. Uncle Omar, incidentally, got pushed around more than any other VIP in the party—chiefly as a result of his own modesty, partly because some officials in Korea didn't recognize him. The unassuming man from Moberly, Mo., usually found himself looking over the shoulders of photographers.

Herb Brownell, the new Attorney General, left his clothes in Seoul because of the hurried getaway.

IKES SECURITY — It was Jim Rowley, head of Ike's secret service squad, who vetoed the proposed parade through Seoul. Despite the fact that President Rhee had arrested 20,000 people as security risks, Rowley learned that the Communists had smuggled about 200 agents into the capital. So he decreed: "no parades." On the last day of Ike's visit, Dr. Syngman Rhee was frantic because Gen. Eisenhower had not returned Rhee's call. The President of Korea had called on Ike, but Ike had not called on him or posed for a photo with him. So Rhee kept sending the head of the Korean army to see Eisenhower, urging

Some people are still laughing and some are still chewing nails over Gringo politics at the inauguration of the new President of Mexico.

The hospitable Mexicans have a habit of inviting all sorts of people to their inaugurations, regardless of government protocol. Thus Gen. Alberto Salinas, Mexican Military Attaché, sent a special plane for Gen. Harry Vaughan, aide to the President, for Gen. C. J. Mara, aide

CUTIES



"It's lucky for you he's a prize fighter. Anyone else you might have killed."

Walter Winchell In New York

MAN ABOUT TOWN

Gov. Adlai Stevenson's former wife is escorted about town by a prominent Wall Streeter, who cannot be named now. These two chaps (Hag & Hair) divided the Red Skeltons. The Lindberghs' lad Jon and a debutant (first-named Marilyn) are a Mistlewosome. Latin Quarter cutie Beverly Richards is on a plane to Mexican her "Chick." He says: "Put it in the paper Big!" Otto Kahn's dgtr Claire and her Lieut. groom are reported editing a story. Gloria Swanson won't name her new pulse-pounder. A businessman. Gloria DeHaven's romance (this week) is P. Pittera, director of the Motor Sports Show. She believes Brevity Being the Soul of "It" Recently divorced Mrs. George (Dorothy) Ross, the publicist, has acquaintances Gasping Brenda Frazier's "Shipwreck" Kelly is sailing smoothly with the ex-wife of a socialite E. Harling Chandler. What 20-odd about that Guy being turned into a Gay in Copenag-en? We saw a Cavanagh being turned into a hatcheck girl.

How about the Joan-John case (around here) about 3 years ago? In which a gal became a Pop. "He" recently became a Pop. His girl was the Girl Friend, who persuaded him (or her) to get the operation. According to a medico (who performed a sex-switch) one out of every 1,000 babies is born a pseudo-hermaphrodite. Not all are as pronounced as the case of George-Christine but 1 in 1,000 has elements of both sexes. The doc also said: "Humans are fustier about the pedigree of hoes than of their children."

From a sports page: "Sugar Ray has never come right out and said: 'I quit' or 'I retire'." This col'm published his retirement from the ring months ago and on the ABC (radio) Sunday night, Nov. 30th, after we reported on our earlier teevcasts) he would fight Turpin in London Coronation Eve. He telephoned me: "Humans are fustier about the pedigree of hoes than of their children."

The recent Canadian stock market crackup (which flattened thousands of U. S. investors) is blamed on draft-dodger Serge Rubenstein, whose deception has been mysteriously stalled for years. He sold "short" and allegedly made 10-million bux. The Securities Exchange Comish (here) enjoined him from operating here on a deal—so he went to The Dominion where there's no SEC. Here's a tip for Sidney Fields' never-dull Mirror col'm: "Only Human"; Barbara Stetsen (the top Ford Agency model) and husband Kenneth Fritzjoefsen had a Blessed-Shvent—first Mrs. Miller will quit Cover-Galing (for missionary work) when Daddy grads from Divinity school.

There's a Cold War in the fashion business to determine who designs Marnie's inaugural frock. Her make-over (Mollie Parris) doesn't make ev'g' gowns so the field is wide open. Now, Girls. No screeching!

When I have tried to talk to him about his strange behavior he says he doesn't understand himself. He is afraid of so many things — afraid he won't be a success, afraid he won't be able to find an apartment, etc. Yet he still insists he loves me and wants to get married, even though he can't show gladness about it.

Tom has always been sweet and considerate in every way and I had thought it would be mutual joy planning the wedding but obviously Tom finds no joy in it. I am just plain bewildered. I want to marry him. In fact I love him too much to give him up — but do you think we should marry, while he feels this way? I am almost inclined to believe mother when she says he'd like to back out — even though she is prejudiced, as I am her youngest and the last to marry. Please give me your opinion at once.

IS MAN REALIST, GIRL DAY DREAMER
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VISITORS FROM RICHMOND
Mr. and Mrs. W. B. McNeil and children, Alma and Wilma from Richmond visited Mrs. Marnie Ray over the weekend.

The Worry Clinic

By DR. GEORGE W. CRANE

NOTICE THE TWO KINDS OF DISHONESTY THAT ARE CURRENTLY PRACTICED IN AMERICA. ONE COMES FROM THE COMMERCIAL; THE OTHER FROM THE PROFESSIONAL FIELD. IT'S TRAGIC THAT MEN WILL WASTE THEIR INTELLIGENCE, TRYING TO EVOLVE NEW METHODS FOR CHEATING, WHEN THAT SAME ENERGY AND STUDY WOULD PUSH THEM TO THE FOREFRONT IN LEGITIMATE FIELDS OF HUMAN ACTIVITY.

Case F-347: William T., aged 55, is a manufacturing executive. "Dr. Crane, we recently manufactured a safety razor sharper," he said. "We have sold nearly a million of them already."

"But we got an order for \$375 worth from a fellow in Virginia. He wanted the order sent, C. O. D. I asked Dunn ana Bradstreet for a financial rating on this man, for he is a new account and I knew nothing about him."

"They called me on the phone a few hours later to give me an oral report, they didn't want to put their comments down in black and white."

CROOKS IN BUSINESS
"They said positively we should not send the order, even though it was marked C. O. D., for this fellow has been working that stunt for years."

"He orders a shipment of goods in this fashion, but after it arrives, he refuses to accept the order."

"Meanwhile, the company that shipped the merchandise has gone to the trouble of packing the goods, labeling them, and then will be forced to pay for the roundtrip shipping charges."

"This scoundrel then makes the shipper an offer to take the goods at half the usual wholesale price, or at least at an extra discount that equals the roundtrip shipping charges."

"Some companies used to accept his offer rather than bring their goods back for re-packing."

"But at last we have this fellow's number so reputable business firms who come to us for his financial rating, are now advised to ignore

ENGAGED TO WONDERFUL BOY, GIRL IS SHOCKED BY HIS BIVALENT ATTITUDE TOWARD MARRIAGE
DEAR MARY HAWORTH: I am engaged to marry Tom, a wonderful boy whom I love very much. But now that we have set a date for the wedding, two months away, he has grown very cool towards the prospect of marriage. He says he loves me, but he acts differently. And he makes constant pessimistic remarks about other marriages — how they have failed, etc.

While I am anxiously planning for the wedding, he seems pallidly indifferent. In fact, he grows sullen and angry almost, when I speak of the wedding. He expresses no joy whatsoever about our future, which is a decided shock to me. My mother has noticed the change and says he no longer wishes to marry me or he wouldn't act this way.

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his order entirely." PETTY CROOKS
Isn't it tragic that people will waste their intelligence in scheming how to hoodwink their fellowmen, when that same amount of time and ingenuity would help them forge to the top in legitimate business enterprises?

Here in Chicago a book store owner recently informed me of a crooked stunt employed by occasional college professors.

"Professor Blank came in here and sold me \$242 worth of new textbooks yesterday," the book dealer spoke disgustedly.

"As you know, Dr. Crane, it is customary for a professor to order a new book for a 10-day examination. If he decides to adopt it for class use, he is then entitled to his examination copy as a free desk copy."

"If he doesn't adopt, then he is supposed to pay for the text, or else return it to the publisher from whom it was ordered."

"But this crooked professor writes for every new textbook that comes out, even if it isn't in his field. Then he comes over here to me to sell them."

"I despise him, but he has large classes and I feel compelled to purchase his book, lest he blacklist me with his students and tell them to patronize my rival book dealer."

"And the publishing houses don't want to press him too hard, either, lest they possibly spoil a future classroom adoption. So he gets away with this petty thievery."

"We book store dealers confront this kind of textbook racketeering all over the country. Because the value of any one book may not be over \$5 to \$6, no publisher makes an issue of it. But I wish you would present these facts to the reading public."

"Just think of sending teen-agers to sit in the classes of such petty crooks! These professors often affect smug superiority, but they are really no better than pickpockets!"

(Always write to "Dr. Crane, enclosing a long 3c stamped, addressed envelope and a dime to cover typing and printing costs when you send for one of his psychological charts.)

Mary Haworth's Mail

By America's Foremost Personal Affairs Counselor

TRUMAN HONORS SECURITY OFFICER



PRESIDENT TRUMAN congratulates Rear Adm. Sidney Souers after presenting him with a Distinguished Service medal at a White House ceremony. The admiral was first director of the Central Intelligence Agency and now a consultant on security and intelligence affairs. He was praised for his "effective security program." (International)