

Letters to the Editor

city limits, the people concerned put up a fight. "That's progress" they are told, and they are not even permitted to vote on the issue. The city takes them in and forgets the whole matter until tax time.

How can it hurt the library to consolidate with something bigger? At least you can have someone on the board which is something we are not privileged to do in annexation cases.

At the time the Scenic Regional Library was formed, I happened to be very much interested and served on the board. Miss Lomax tried her best to interest the City of Washington in it then. If Washington had gone in on it, we might have had the headquarters here, but no we gave that to Union.

This was happening at about the time Our Lady of Lourdes school had its beginning. The children in that end of town have difficulty in getting to Jefferson street, especially the very small children. They do not pass the library daily as the elementary public school and St. Francis children do. We, at Lourdes, had visions of how handy it would be for the bookmobile to stop at Lourdes and serve the children. Well, after Washington sort of "put up a fence" around the library, we found Lourdes could not have the bookmobile either. If there were more rural children in the school, okay, but a head

count showed the majority of pupils were from inside the city limits, but not within walking distance of the library.

So once again we lost to the City of Washington.

That's why I chuckle now when you still want to keep everything for the few and not progress as you tell the rural people.

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P.S. Three cheers for the Woods boy and his bill for cutting grass. He may be mayor someday.

Shoe on Other Foot, And It Pinches!

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To the Editor:

When I read the recent articles in your papers regarding the Scenic Regional Library and how they might take over the Washington public library, it gives one a "chuckle".

Now at last the shoe is on the other foot and it pinches! When the city decides to annex many acres and homes into the