Book watchdog group planned

The formation of a Decency Reading League in southern Lancaster County will have a two - fold purpose — that of "weeding out" undesirable literature and making good books available.

The Rev. John Smith, Kirk-wood, pastor of the Colerain Baptist Church, explained that his presence before the Solanco School Board Monday night, objecting to a particular book on file, was not an indication that league proponents are solely concerned with the reading matter in the school library.

Instead, he said, this cumpaign is to eventually become an area wide project aimed at removing undesirable literature from the book stands and at the same time seeing to it that literature with an educational value is made available in the schools.

"Since the story appeared in

the Tuesday morning newspaper," the Rev. Mr. Smith said, "I have had a number of telephone calls from persons deploring the fact that the school library is so low on books."

SEEKING GOOD BOOKS

As a result, he said, our purpose is to make an attempt to have good books made available to the students.

The Rev. Mr. Smith, at Monday night's session of the school board, had with him a copy of J. D. Salinger's "Catcher in the Rye," and asked the board how they could object to using the Bible in the schools while allowing Salinger's book to be read.

He was informed by Thomas S. Hamill, supervising principal, the matter had been discussed previously by the board and an investigation revealed most Pennsylvania colleges and universities recom-

mend the novel for high school reading.

Tuesday evening the Rev. Mr. Smith said "I recognize the fact that while this book has been included on the college list, I still feel that it contributes nothing of a literary value to the high school students."

He added that the book was listed on the library file at Solanco but was not on the library shelf Monday evening.

So far, the minister reported, "I have talked to a number of people in the area and there hasn't been one person who openly opposed the campaign."

We expect, he said, to obtain the cooperation not only of the school board but the area parent teacher organizations and business people in Quarry-ville and Oxford as well. He said drug stores in these two communities handle most of the

paper back book business in the southern end.

CONTACTING OHIO SOURCE

It is still premature to discuss the organization, he added. We intend to go about this by contacting the league's central headquarters, in Cincinnati, Ohio, which will provide the ways and means of setting up a local organization.

The Rev. Mr. Smith said that once he receives word from the headquarters and determines the proper procedure to follow he will contact those persons interested and call a meeting when initial steps will be taken to form a local league.

"Our action does not indicate that the southern end of the county is being flooded by undesirable literature," he added.

"Instead, we are taking the initiative now and perhaps the task will become less difficult," he stated.

Pastor Tells Why W He Asks Book Ban He

Wants to Insure 'Decent' Literature for Solanco Youths

> By RAY LeROUX New Era Staff Writer

A Baptist minister who has announced he will form a Decency Reading League to "weed out" what he terms "indecent literature" told why today he was forming such a group and what its initial steps will be. The Rev. John Smith said he

of will attempt to unite small id groups of concerned people ines to an organized group "along ng the lines of a national, non-denominational league." REASON FOR ACTION

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tt. good and he has discovered by "small groups" in the county that are concerned and have attempted to do something in the past. The Rev. Mr. Smith, pastor of the Colerain Bantist ser tor of the Colerain Baptist Church in Kirkwood, said he is asking these groups to join him.

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or, the Rev. Mr. Smith said he was not sure on the exact link that WASHINGTON (AP) - tinue would exist between the na-Although Gov. William W. "CON tional organization and his pro-Scranton says he is not a posed Lancaster County group. He has written for information on the organization and operation of a reading league and said today he will call an organizational meeting soon. The

of Rev. Mr. Smith also said he has asked for specific information on J. D. Salinger's "The Catch-2 er in the Rye" and whatever other book criticisms are available. The campaign in Lancaster County, he said, is not limited to one area or one school and is designed to keep "indecent

guage" away from young people. at's OBJECTS TO NOVEL rns He had objected to Salinger's

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ll— able material" are being sent 20 to the Rev. Mr. Smith, a native the of Paris, Tenn. He said they will be used for information and om to influence business establishhis ments that sell books against at stocking "indecent literature."

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REV. JOHN SMITH

The league has national head-quarters in Cincinnati, Ohio, but

candidate for the presidency, his name will be placed in nomination at the Republican convention in July, one of his backers said today. Rep. James G. Fulton, a convention delegate, said he will

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SCRANTON COMMENT

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popular. Earlier in the day Scranton all a called for changes in President gress -See SOLON-Page 2

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the boot to a reserve captain day, for failing to supply his postal ZIP code number. It's the work of "bureaucratic buffoons," says Rep. F. Ed-

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Panel to discuss library censors

By HAROLD R. JENKINS Director,

Lancaster Free Public Library This morning I am to take part in a panel discussion on the subject of censorship as it applies to public libraries. In preparing for this discussion I have reviewed my career as a librarian and have considered the various influences that have been brought to bear on my efforts to provide a well-rounded collection of books. For the purpose of this discussion I have considered the term censorship in its broadest sense as faultfinding, as adverse criticism.

It is only after we have expanded the meaning of the term censor ship that we can see the interest that is generated on the part of patrons — and librarians as well - to purify the library collection; make the li-



to H. R. Jenkins

brary serve the needs of its community as the critic understands those needs.

I am reminded of the time I spoke to a friend about how well my library was then serving the needs of a minority group in our community where before it had not served those needs at all. This friend promptly remarked that my library lacked something he called integrity. "Integrity!" I exclaimed. "That is exactly what we are developing here. The word "integrity" means to be complete. By serving the interests of all groups we make this library that much more complete."

This friend, not being a librarian, was judging my public

library collection as he would judge my personal collection of books. He felt that my public library should reflect my thinking, my interests. In a sense he is right. My professional think-

LIBRARY HOURS

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Adult and Young People's Department - Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Children's Department -Monday, 12 noon to 8:30 p. m. Tuesday through Friday, 12 noon to 6 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

County Department-Rear of building at 125 N. Duke St. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Issues of the Lancaster Intelligencer Journal, New Era and Sunday News are on file at the Lancaster Free Public Library in bound files or on microfilm.

ing is concerned with the reading interests of all the people in the community I serve. My professional interest is in making every effort to supply the reading material required to serve those interests.

Children, for instance, like to read the Hardy books, the Carolyn Keene mysteries. There are adults who thoroughly enjoy reading Grace Livingston Hill's books. Along with the people who like to read these books there are those who would act as critics, who would strongly oppose the inclusion of such books in a library collection.

Individuals are not the only ones who act as critics.

While I was a librarian in Virginia I came across a very fine distinction as to what should be included or not in-

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As a librarian I am guided From this it would appear by certain general principles that our critics should point to that are nicely expressed in the our lack of material to support Library Bill of Rights. Books their point of view, rather than and other reading matter se- to complain about our ability lected for our library are chos- to serve those who have a dif-

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Letters to the editor

A censor? By what authority

Editor, Intelligencer Journal:

How fortunate the citizens of southern Lancaster County are! They have the Rev. John Smith and his "Decency Reading League" to tell them what they can read. Perhaps if these citizens continue to be a docile and silent flock, the good pastor eventually will tell them what they can write, and ultimately, what they can think. But with his drive to censor books he is making good progress in the latter direction already.

Upon what authority does Rev. Smith assume the responsibility for purging libraries and news stands? Apparently it is not upon legal authority, for he seems to show little respect for the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States and its stricture against abridging the freedom of the press. Apparently it is not upon scholarly authority, for he indicates that he cares little for the judgments of reputable educators and literary critics. Perhaps it is his title and his position that give him the right to dictate what his parishioners (and all other residents besides) shall Tead.

The most unfortunate aspect of this unfortunate situation is that the Rev. Smith and his "League" are doubtless wall-intentioned folk. No doubt they imagine they are being friends to literature in particular and to the life of the mind and spirit in general But in this writer's opinion, with "friends" like this, literature and the life of the mind don't need enemies

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'Decency Book' Unit Hit as Censorship

Editor, New Era: One sincerely marvels at the credulity of individuals professing, "It can't happen here" when he reads about such events as the formation of a "Decency Reading League." Surely anyone who supports such a proposition has not given due consideration to

which incites or caters to sensuality for its own sake. With "Catcher in the Rye," this is clearly not the case. There are numerous passages in which the author could, if he

desired, insert graphic and de-

tailed descriptions of the "hero's

First, obscene material has

been officially defined as that

desires," if not his actions. This he does not do: it would ruin the novel; it would destroy the emphasis. Instead he chooses suspicion of a most misguided youth, to whom immorality is no more alluring than morality. Secondly, to equate the credentials of the Bible and Salinger's work in the schools is inaccurate. The Bible has not

been banned from libraries as literature. It is its official use as a sole moral standard, its presentation as a dogma by a government agency, that has been prohibited. The Bible, as a literary work in a library, compels no one to open its covers. Such, also, is the status of "Catcher in the Rye." Thirdly, such prohibition is a

form of censorship, not the oft-

disparaged political type, but a sort that could prove every bit as pernicious. This act, in effect, says: "Here is an area of thought that is forbidden. Here is an attitude of a segment of our populace, or an articulate opinion of an attitude, that is not allowed to be known." By such standards, the muck-

raking novels of the early part of the century could also be banned, for the problems they illustrate are not always nice. Surely, ignorance solves no problems. Admittedly, one's own restraints upon one's own chil-

dren's reading are one's own business. But for a few self-appointed judges to decide for everyone is another matter altogether If anything personally objectionable to anyone were denied all, there would be little left.

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Book banning is a matter of concern for every person interested in reading and the dissemnation of knowledge.

The Rev. Mr. Smith says that he is not interested in censorship. only in banning certain indecent books. He then goes on to say that he wishes to ban J. D. Salinger's The Catcher in the Rye because of the presence of "certain words" and "a complete absence of style."

We are told that certain colleges and universities list this book among those recommended for high school students to read before entering college. I believe our local high school suggests it for seniors to read, for one mother of a senior girl asked me sometime ago what it is about this book that recommends it for reading lists. She read it because she had heard considerable criticism of it and wanted to know what her daughter was reading. I said I'd read the book and try to tell her. I've read the book and I think I could answer the question, at least for my own satisfaction. (If anyone is concerned, I'll be glad to try to give you my answer.)

My concern here is that each person in a position to make decisions about perpetuating books which some would ban or withhold from the young have satisfactory reasons for making these decisions.

Let's not get frightened by the objections of a few whose concept of "Christian reading" might limit their offspring to reading only the inane and obviously innocuous, protecting them from ent of the realities of 20th century existence. On the other hand, unless . I., to we can find worth in a book, let's not be too ready to mouth the sentiments of booksellers and peddlers of pessimism in praising it.

Having heard the language of some very young children as they passed me on the streets of Elizabethtown, and having read the obscenity on a stop sign at an intersection in one of the "nice" residential areas of our town, as well as similar postings in similarly obvious places, I wonder really how many of our high school seniors would not understand Holden Caulfield and could not profit by reading "The Catch-

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160 Teachers at SolancoOppose Curb on Books

Against Any Group Trying to Select Classroom Materials

The Solanco Education Association has taken its strongest possible stand in opposition to formation of will aid in a Citizens for Decent Literature group.

The Kirkwood minister forming the group, the Rev. John T. Smith, said this morning he "expected" the teachers ac-

tion.

The 160 - member teachers group adopted a resolution condemning any attempt by any group to select what educational materials should be used in Balan schools. The resolution has been given to Supervising Principal Thomas S. Hamill and the Solanco Area School Board.

UNANIMOUS ACTION

Carl R. Beck, 11 Cedar Drive. Willow Street R2, a science teacher at Solanco Junior-Senior High School, and president of SEA, said the resolution was adopted unanimously by the high school faculty and overwhelmingly by the entire membership of the group. He also said the resolution

was "the strongest stand" the SEA could take. The text of the resolution reads:

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co Area faculty that any successful attempt of this sort will place the Solanco School Board in an impossible situation when, in the future, any individual or group of individuals may demand the 'weeding out' of any book for any one of various reasons."

PRESENTED TO BOARD Hamill said the resolution was presented to the board in a closed committee meeting.

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d to Editor, Intelligencer Journal: er persons. There are times You carried a news item in when some screening needs to the June 13 paper stating "So- be done in our libraries and lanco area teachers fight book book stands, unless we have no censors." I am not a member care for the morals of our po- of The Citizens For Decent Lit- youth. Certainly we want good erature, but it is very obvious educational works in our librarthat there should be some furth- ies. And there is enough good er thinking on this matter. I books. Just because a book is no do not know who are the mem- well-written does not make it

Literature, but I would safely as- As to the teachers wanting izen sume that they are the parents the school board to leave the and other persons interested in choice of educational materials part-the welfare of our youth. in the hands of professional em It would take strange reason-ployes, thereby preserving acaac- ing to think that parents should demic freedom and denying any as have no responsibility in what group the right to force their but our youth are reading in school direction on another individual ever or at home. In this period of or group, I would say this: If Did increasing juvenile delinquency, I hired a carpenter to build a d to it should be a concern of every house, I would expect him to to can get citizen. I am not trying to say know how to build a good house nounce the the teachers have no interest And I would expect to pay him mur- in the youth under their instruc- for his work. But If he insisted get tion; but are the wishes and on telling me what I wanted knowledge of the parents to be and needed in the house; I egro disregarded as unworthy of WOULD GET ME ANOTHER consideration? It is true that CARPENTER QUICK. Even if not all parents have the edu- he wanted to preserve profes-

ould them children and made ents of the parents are not so e to THEM responsible for their far below that of the teachers, al training. They mostly appreci-but that they also can know stent ate our schools and we all have what is good literature; or at it to the added responsibility of pay-least safe literature. Is it poslike ing our school taxes that our sible that freedom we want to youth might have proper train-preserve is the FREEDOM TO ing in school. Certainly a part DO AS WE PLEASE. No one vects of sald taxes is needed to pay has that right in this world and the the teachers employed by the disregard the rights and wishes of others. May I yet say that He There is no scarcity of litera- I appreciate good teachers and edon ture in this country, and much trust they will reconsider their lays. of it good. But unfortunately desire in this matter. We hope h to there is also a flood of vile and for a working together for the

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Censorship of books vs. the right to read

Editor, Intelligencer Journal:

When "For Clear Thinking" advocates the censorship of books, he belies his delightfully letter (printed in your July 1 ront column) is a veritable model of fuzzy thinking on the subject the of the Right to Read. Allow me has to document this charge. an-

parents to exercise their ref the sponsbility to supervise their ment children's reading by condoning irresponsible subversion of the professional responsibilities of the teachers and librarians. Why? Does FCT believe teachers and librarians to be "vile and indecent" people, and thus unfit to select books intelligently and responsibly. Not at all! FCT andiadmits that teachers and library of ians are trained, professional still people who are more capable than most of us to make judgcialthese than the people who have been would approve of.

cent trained to do so. ature." But the analogy is ob- read. supervised. FCT should know can't read the blueprints.

FCT wants "safe" literature. and the glory of the printed Thus they will be "safe" and word. Books of all kinds in- my children will not be sorry. variably challenge all kinds of readers, and this is just the

to read "Mother Goose" and the Bible and a lot in between. put on modest pen name. Indeed, his I will guide their reading by to the reading books to them, by buy- risks i ing books for them, by recom- able p mending books to them, and by ways discussing with them the books well a they read at home and in twiligh "For Clear Thinking" (here-school. I think that by so doing never after abbreviated FCT) urges I can pretty effectively "supervise" their reading. But I will not storm the local schools and libraries, literally or figuratively, and pull off the shelf books that I, personally, happen to disapprove of. I think I can trust and respect professional teachers and librarians even if I do not always agree with them. And I can trust by children to a reasonable extent because their tastes have been formed at home as well as in school. I know that I cannot give them complete protection ments about what is most prof- against "unsafe books" - whatitable to read. He also acknowl- ever they are; that is impossiedges that they have certain ble. And this is still another Chi- inalienable rights to exercise flaw in FCT's cogitations. To ne in their professional responsibili- do the impossible — protect vot- ties free from the carping and everyone's children from everyslav- the criticism of the unknowl- thing — he advocates the ridicthe edgeable. The only catch is ulous - allow everyone's chilhas that, as FCT sees it, everyone dren to read only the books that for- and anyone is better equipped he and other amateurs, individ-Ana- to make judgments about books ually and in "committees",

rival campaign of Gov. William

This is the real immorality. ilean FCT compares the Solanco FCT charges that no one has they area teachers and librarians to the right to Do As He Pleases, d by arrogant carpenters because yet he very much wants to Do for a they have had the temerity to As He Pleases, when it comes oppose the vigilante tactics of to supervising the books my "The Citizens for Decent Liter-children (as well as his) will

viously false. A teacher or li- FCT ends his letter with a brarian is trained and experi-plea for cooperation. Cooperaenced in planning and supervis- tion, however, is best secured ing and assisting the people when people know what they are they service, where as a car-doing. Therefore, I urge FCT penter usually carries out the to let those who know what they t we plans of others and is himself are doing - professional teachers and librarians - continue that you don't dismiss your to be responsible for meeting architect because you yourself the needs and interests of all of their publics. As for FCT himself, and other well-intentioned But "safe" according to whom? "protectors" of the public Some people see dangers in morals, they are of course free "Mother Goose - after all, to observe and criticize the ef-Georgie Porgie did kiss all those forts of teachers and librarians; girls. Others see dangers in but until they become as comthe Bible - after all, "The petent to exercise a judgment Song of Solomon," however it is as these professionals, they interpreted, is literally pretty should confine their actual "suerotic. "Safe" books? There pervision" to the needs and inare none, and this is the power terests of their own children.

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