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THE RETORT POLITE

Recently the News published a short news story explaining the News Publishing company does not own the lot immediately east of the News building which had been fenced in by Mrs. Molly Glathart. Fencing the lot cut off a parking space, improved at the expense of the city, with dimensions of 50x75 feet. A News reporter met Mrs. Glathart who said she felt hurt because of the story "Tell the boss," said Mrs. Glathart "I'm pretty sore about that article. Whenever the paper prints anything about me, I want to see it on the front page." Mrs. Glathart wins hands down and there is nothing left to say except the dumb fence is still there.

WHAT WILL BE NEXT?

A week ago the permanent board of managers of the Fort Hays Historical park held a meeting at Hays. No member of the park board of the Hays Chamber of Commerce was present. Although the state college must have been notified in advance of the meeting here attended by Kirk Meechem of the Kansas State Historical Society, Topeka, and President Farrell of the Kansas State College, Manhattan, no effort was made to get in touch with any members of the chamber of commerce park board until an hour before the meeting according to information obtained by the News from the secretary's office of the chamber of commerce. Although telephone calls were put in at offices of members of the local park board, none of the members could be found in time for them to attend the meeting. Clearly this was gross negligence on the part of someone responsible to notify the Hays park committee members. President Rarick told the News after the meeting no business, other than routine, was transacted and that no important questions which might be regarded as controversial, were discussed. Now let's see just how this checks with the facts: Today the members of the chamber of commerce committee received through the mail duplicate copies of the minutes of this meeting. Probably the most important of all questions since the park was established has had to do with the boundary lines of the park. Here is what the minutes say:

"Marking the boundaries of the park: This has not been done because of the necessity of a survey to determine the boundaries and the possibility of some changes in the areas to include in the park area some portions lying along the creek and to exclude some more open spaces. There was some discussion of the possibility of handling various types of recreation and amusement in connection with these areas. It was noted that Mr. Cammack had agreed with Mr. Aicher that if the tennis courts could be placed on the Experiment station ground some of the open spaces might be exchanged for the area where the courts are now located. . . . Mr. Farrell moved that the chairman of the park board of managers, the superintendent of the experiment station and the chairman of the park committee of the Hays chamber of commerce constitute a committee to make a careful study of the subject of boundaries."

There is in President Rarick's office a blueprint that shows 241 and a fraction acres were set aside as a state park by order of the board of regents in 1933. A survey was made at the time by James Rouse of the state college and Clarence Loredisch, county engineer. A number of blueprints were made but all of them apparently were lost except one retained by the News and it was this copy which was placed in trust with Dr. Rarick, chairman of the park board. The statement in the minutes of the meeting that a survey is needed to determine the boundary line is indeed news. The reader may form his own conclusions as to what plans may be on foot to change these boundary lines, already fixed and agreed upon. The hint that a "trade" is on foot to return to Mr. Aicher the only recreation grounds, aside from the golf course, in the park area and a new tract is to be selected, means Mr. Aicher wants the tennis courts on the south side of Big Creek returned to him. That is just what Mr. Aicher always has wanted—all the ground on the south side of the creek. That is why he has bitterly opposed for the last twelve years any plan to enlarge the park area so that it would be a park in fact and not merely one in name. Mr. Aicher has steadfastly fought—and this word is used advisedly—the best efforts of Hays citizens to retain for Western Kansas a public park that was set aside by the United States government when the old Fort Hays military reservation was turned over to the state of Kansas for three specific purposes: a state school, a public park and a state farm. For thirty years the requirement for a public park was ignored and it was not until Hays citizens began demanding the state live up to its obligations that reasonable park concessions finally were obtained. If there isn't a plan now again to subordinate the park, why is it stated a survey is required to run the boundary lines which already

have been run and the entire park area determined? There are 241 acres set aside for this park and it would be folly for Hays to sit idly by and witness once again the gobbling up of this area so wisely set aside for recreational purposes. It is a priceless heritage not only to Hays but to Western Kansas and its best interests must be protected at any costs. More than \$200,000 already has been expended in improvements and while it is conceded much money was wasted, the boundary lines, so everyone had believed, at least were intact until this new suggestion of the shifting about of "acreage." There is one thing sure and that is every time a "trade" is made, the park will hold the sack. The late President Lewis was a warm advocate of the park. In him the park had a friend. One cannot be so sure about President Rarick. His policy is one of peace with "Louie" Aicher at any price and the resolution adopted does not lend strength to the belief he will try to preserve the park and constantly keep in mind its future welfare. The News purposes to publish all information relating to the park. No facts will be withheld to which the News has access. The only solution to the park problem as this department has pointed out before is to take its supervision entirely out of the hands of the Fort Hays Experiment Station and the Fort Hays State College. The late "Patsy" Deane, well known rancher and citizen of Hays, when told in 1933 the boundary lines of the park and the acreage to be set aside had been agreed upon, remarked that, unless stakes were driven in the ground and permanent markers set out that "only God will know where that park is in ten years from now." How fast that prophesy of Mr. Deane's is being fulfilled!