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You Sure You're Really Got the Heat Turned On?

If You Want to Say Ain't

Go To It, Professor Says

By ROBERT C. RUARK

NEW YORK

A COUPLE of recent efforts from on high have caused a lot of... In fine it is the professor's idea that language is merely a set of symbols to allow people to commu-

Concerning the vulnerability of science, Albert Hall shows as how the scientific mind has my view for complete control of the H-bomb. I think it would be safe in his hands, for here is a scientist who intimates that his associates have become drunk on their own acceptance of the immutable fact.

Dr. Stenden says that when a scientist thinks of himself as a man he is often a modest and full person, but when he thinks of himself as a scientist he automatically attributes to himself a delightful array of such qualities as accuracy, objectivity, and intellectual curiosity, tolerance and a kind of restrained emotion.

I felt this deeply the other day when Dr. Robert Millikan announced that he was sure he could even make a hydrogen bomb. It was the same way I felt about the H-bomb making tour, and the common denominator in fractions. Maybe two and two for me. This fellow Fuchs, the German atomic scientist who sold secrets to the Russians, is this a scientist? He has a split personality? Is this science?

Doctors Hall and Stenden, my thought and a heavy sale for your books.

Homework Assignments Depend On Student Ability

By HENRY C. MCFADYEN

ALBEMARLE

SOME WEEKS AGO I wrote a column in this paper called "Homework is Hard to Do at Home." I don't know what sort of reaction it had in other communities where this column appeared, but here at home it stirred up a spirited and intelligent controversy. It was easy to see that there were at least two sides to the question with a lot of people in between.

Here is one serious defect in homework. Where the assignments call for questions to be answered or problems to be worked, there is the possibility that lazy students will do the work for the more diligent. I have heard it rumored among students that this sort of thing has occurred. They are all saying that it happened even back in the good old days when they were in high school. Teachers do not want to have the work done right in the class where the teacher can see it.

Furthermore, written work should not be assigned unless it is going to be read by the teacher. My feeling is that if a student is not a student, he will not do much studying unless they will have to write something. Teachers do not want to have schools have from 120 to 150 students a day. Nobody who thinks a teacher can check 140 pieces of written work a day has never tried it.

But when He breaks through it becomes the source of joy and hope and strength.

The church is all too prone of think of herself a vault for the preservation of orthodoxy which eventually contains only the carcass of religion. Then God sends a true saint who shakes the church to her foundations and the church is reborn.

A resurrection experience is the greatest need of society today. When the body of Christ was laid in the grave, the seal of Imperial Rome was broken on the boulder which closed the mouth of the cave. But He came forth and began His stately march down the centuries.

Fear grips the heart of man today. Force seems to be the arbiter of human destiny. But Faith shouts that the living Christ and His spiritual reign shall yet be dominant. As the prophet said: "He will not fail nor be discouraged until He establish justice in the earth." This is a great year for Easter.

WHAT ABOUT TED FRANKLIN WILLARD?

YOUNG BOYS involved in a crime affidavit present a particularly difficult problem for the jury, the court and the public. When the crime is a killing and when the boy faces a death penalty it becomes even more difficult.

Charlotte has such a problem, this week in Ted Franklin Willard. A man is dead and the sixteen-year-old boy admits that he killed him.

I took the efficient County Police only 24 hours to find the boy, despite the fact they were virtually without clues. He readily confessed.

Like many killers, Ted says he doesn't know why he did it. He declares that he did not mean to kill 49-year-old John F. Johnson, but John F. Johnson is dead.

And so what about Ted Franklin Willard? Ted is almost a perfect case history for a juvenile delinquent.

He comes from a broken family. He reads mystery stories. He played hooky from school. He was arrested for stealing equipment from automobiles.

None of these things alone is sufficient to make a killer of boy. None of them excuses Ted's crime. He killed and admits it, although he insists it was not premeditated.

And so what about Ted Franklin Willard? Who is to blame? His parents? Society in general? The mystery stories he read? Or simply, Ted Franklin Willard himself?

ASSASSINATION BY INNUEUDO

STEWART ALSOP, the columnist, is author of this political story going the rounds in Washington. It seems that some of Senator Claude Pepper's opponents are touring the Florida backwoods describing the Senator in these terms:

"Why, J. Edgar Hoover, the whole FBI and every member of Congress knows that Claude Pepper is a worthless parasite—a shameless extortionist. Moreover, there is reason to believe that he practices nepotism with his own family and that his sister has been a Shepian in silver New York. Finally—and this is hard to believe—it is well known that the Pepper was married by regularly practiced—another breathless pause—'cellibacy'."

As Alsop points out, Pepper is certainly uninhibited, and he must have been a bachelor at some time, or another. It so happens that he has never employed a sis-

ter-in-law on his Senate office pay roll, and his sister has never acted on a Broadway stage.

Yet explanations and denials mean little to people who think in monosyllables, and who are all too ready to believe the worst about any public figure in these frenzied times. This particular campaign against Pepper is described by Alsop as "character assassination by innuendo," and is basically like the effort to embarrass the Administration by destroying Secretary of State Dean Acheson.

Thinking Americans will understand the real nature of such tactics, and will recognize that they are used by weak and unethical men because such men are either unwilling or unable to keep the debate on issues.

MR. TRUMAN IS RIGHT

PRESIDENT TRUMAN is right in refusing to open Federal loyalty files to a Senatorial subcommittee. The arguments against it are unanswerable:

- 1. It would handicap the FBI and embarrass its informants.
2. It would do great damage to the reputations of many innocent people.
3. It would violate a long-standing tradition dating back to Washington that

the Congress can not require the President to surrender executive papers if he deems it against the public interest.

4. It would bypass the loyalty review program already set up and working.

The McCarthys and Wherrys in Congress may insinuate that Mr. Truman's refusal to show the files is evidence that he wants to keep something hidden. The American people will know better.

RIGHT MAN FOR THE JOB

DELEGATES to the New York Safety Exposition last week were given these astounding statistics:

Beginning with 1907, when car wrecks claimed 966 persons, through last year, when there were 11,800 highway deaths, a grand total of 877,880 persons have been killed by automobiles in the United States.

The dead of all this country's wars, from the Revolution through World War II, total only 1,000,000.

Automobiles have killed more people than all our wars put together, and the annual toll is steadily rising. Yet, as a nation, we devote a major portion of our national effort against the Russian threat, and we devote an infinitesimally small portion of our effort to stopping the slaugh-

ter on the highways.

We pass those statistics along by way of introducing our compliments to Governor Scott for appointing a new advisory committee on highway safety headed by John A. Park, publisher of the Raleigh Times.

Mr. Park has been a leader in the battle for greater highway safety for many years, and his newspaper has been used effectively to spread the safety message.

He has also been an outspoken critic of Governor Scott on other issues.

The Governor put politics aside and picked an able man when he tapped Mr. Park to head the committee. Such an effort merits every commendation, whatever of whatever recommendations the committee finally draws up.

THE RECURRENT RESURRECTION

(A Holy Week Guest Editorial)

BY DR. WILLIAM HARRISON WILLIAMS, Director of the Baptist Church

VOLUMES have been written on the possibility of the resurrection. It soon dawned on the apostles that the improbability was not that Christ rose from the dead, but that one of his triumphant personalities should remain in the grave. As Paul said, "Whom God raised up, having loosed the pangs of death; because it was not possible that He should be holden of it." The resurrection of Christ is a fact of history, but it is more than an isolated event. It occurs in various phases of life.

It must come to the individual: There is the constant danger that Christian faith shall consist of childhood memories, or inherited denominational prejudices, or cold formalism. Christ said, "I came that they might have life and have it more abundantly." Sometimes it takes a great sorrow, or a soul wrenching temptation, or a profound religious experience to divest Christ of the ceremonies of death with which we have bound Him.

From The Fayetteville Observer

DUST STORMS

BAD NEWS from the mid-west comes in reports of severe dust storms in Kansas damaging crops and contributing to traffic fatalities.

To those of us old enough to remember, it recalls the grim days of yesteryear when similar dust storms were one of the most depressing features of the depression and touched off the great migration of displaced Americans, the Okies, from the mid-west to the promised land of California.

We recalled that against these dust storms the American Government encouraged a vast system of "shelter belt" planting to break the force of the winds and to save the precious soil from being lifted by the great migration of displaced Americans, the Okies, from the mid-west to the promised land of California.

The dust storms of those days ceased, whether by provident agriculture or by Providence, we do not know. Many of the immigrants returned to their homes and regenerated their ruined lands. Still others found fortune in their new homes.

But whether by the original planters or by new ones, the dust-striken farms "came back" and over a period of years produced the kind of prosperity that "dust bowl" had never known before.

If we are seeing the start of a new cycle of dust depression for the mid-west it is something regrettable, but we have the saving knowledge that the condition is not a permanent one and that the fear of middle America being transformed into the Sahara of the United States is a nightmare which has no foundation in the changing history of climate.



Parody On The Original Gettysburg Re-addressed

(Although the March 15 income tax deadline is past, the following selection lifted from Carl Goever's State Magazine is still of interest. It offers two versions—the original of a speech delivered almost a hundred years ago, and a modern concept of the same document delivered on March 15, 1949.)

By A. Lincoln President of the United States

FOURSCORE and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great Civil War, testing whether that nation or any nation so conceived and so dedicated can long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field as a final resting place of those who gave their lives that that nation might live.

It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this. But, in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate—we cannot consecrate—we cannot hallow—this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract.

The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us—that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion—that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain—that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom—and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

Peoples Platform Georgias Unit Rule

CHARLOTTE

Editor, The News: THREE success of the long battle against denial of the right to vote in the South may hinge upon the Supreme Court's decision in the present case. For Georgia's unit system of voting is the last remaining loophole whereby the United States Supreme Court has against racial discrimination in Southern primaries is defeated.

The danger obviously lies in the fact that if this loophole remains as a result of the county unit system being held constitutional by the Supreme Court, this same method might be used by the southern states to invalidate the High Court decision.

Even since the Democratic "white primary" was declared unconstitutional six years ago, certain states of the South—Alabama and South Carolina—have tried to evade the law. But all of their efforts have been blocked by the Federal Courts. Thus a county unit system bearing the stamp of approval of the United States Supreme Court would supply just the loophole they are looking for. The Georgia county unit system has been attacked previously by the courts. In 1941 an attempt was made to have

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round Other Leaders Withheld Loyalty Files

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Bottle Out Gads

USUALLY fair-minded Senator Sam Rayburn revived memories of crack-cracking Uncle Joe Cannon, by his attack on the House approval of the Kerr bill for bottling natural gas.

Rayburn had colleagues with his deft backhanded maneuver to open a Senate version of the bill through the House.