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A SATISFACTORY SOLUTION

NOW that the school authorities have agreed with Mayor Shaw that it would be a good thing to place the proposed Latta Park community building on the edge of the Dilworth school playground, perhaps a satisfactory solution to the months-old controversy has been found.

Much of the land now used for the school playground belongs to the Park & Recreation Commission. Hence, there should be no question over title to the property or the building.

Furthermore, the playground is just a short distance from the second site selected by the commission after protests were made against the original site. Thus the utility of the building, insofar as that utility is determined by location, would be unimpaired.

One objection to the Shaw proposal which might be raised by Dilworth parents and teachers appears to have been answered in advance by an official of the consulting firm employed recently by the

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THE MEANING OF THE CROSS

(A Holy Week Guest Editorial)

By DR. HERBERT SPADON

Pastor, Little Church on the Lane

WHAT would the world be like without the message of the Resurrection? We live in a world that is dreadfully commonplace. We travel about in our little grooves of action and thought. This in itself is bad enough. But the fact that we want it so even worse. How quickly the maiden and the youth with their dreams and ambitions asthma, succumb to the drenchings of the commonplace.

Modern literature presents our generation as fighting a dreary and losing battle. It shows a society that is dying. Faith is gone. Joy is gone. Ideals are gone. Virtue is gone. Men are seekers of gold rather than seekers of God. Cynicism has settled upon the middle-aged and sophistication upon youth. Men try to seize what they can out of life. So our novelists picture this as

Dull of eye and ear, heavy-hearted, this generation surely needs to know the way to victory. Philosophers pride of theories and legislators derive more machinery. Our vast social machine creaks heavily on. But there's no joy in it all.

Jesus Christ said, "In the world ye shall have tribulation, but of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

From The Louisville Courier-Journal

LEAVE THIS FIGHT TO THE IRISH

THE HOUSE has repented at leisure of what *The New York Times* called its "Donnybrook Fair" mood, and repealed the Irish unity provision it tacked onto an ECA appropriations bill. We are relieved to see this accession of common sense in a matter that is essentially none of our affair. We trust it will extend also to Mayor O'Dwyer and his excitable Hibernians, who are preparing a variety of quaint insults for the visit of Ulster's Prime Minister, and to all other cities having among their populations a group whose forebears came from Ireland.

The partition between Ulster and Ireland is a complex struggle, a grouping of old griefs and political complications. In one that the people of Ulster have approved, repeated elections and one, incidentally, that proved remarkably useful to this country and the whole allied world during the war in which an essentially defiant Ulster allowed others to fight for their right to neutrality. Without Ulster as an acting partner an invaluable base would have been lost to Britain and the U. S., and in all probability there would at the moment be no Ulster left to agitate against partition.

A solution to the partition problem can

be found in the City School Board. He wrote:

"It is our belief that the loss of play space by the construction of the proposed building would be more than offset by the demand of the students for the indoor play space at times when it would not be used for recreation purposes."

Dr. E. H. Garinger, city school superintendent, has added his personal endorsement to that of the school consultants.

It might be wise for Dr. Garinger and Mr. Shaw to check with the several families living near the playground site to find out what they think of the idea. Otherwise, a new hornets' nest may be stirred up.

If they are agreeable, and if there is no protest from Dilworth parents and teachers, then the Park & Recreation Commission will doubtless proceed. The important thing is to build the community center, and to keep faith with the Charlotte voters who approved the project last year. Mayor Shaw's suggestion will do both, we believe.

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Such is the promise to us. In the midst of tribulation, we can have the assurance of the day's battle and victory in the Cross and Resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord. Time changed that first Easter morn. A new page was turned up on the calendar of eternity.

For us that can be victory over self through the indwelling Christ.

For us there is a new measuring rod of conduct, the love of God.

For us there should be an end to looking for the evil in men, and a beginning of looking for the good.

For us there is the knowledge that "Not by might, nor by power, but by My spirit, saith the Lord," is the way to ultimate victory. Eternity will prove that the meek inherit the earth.

For us there is victory in Christ Jesus over the last enemy of mankind, death. This same Christ who conquered death has promised the same victory to those who live for Him, "because I live ye shall live also."

come in time and with the gradual lessening of suspicion and ill-will between both areas of a determinedly emotional small nation. It cannot be enforced by outside agitation and it is indeed remarkably impudent of a few of our office-holders to suppose that we are ordained to hang together the heads of the separated parties. As for the Hibernian societies now so assiduously agitating against the visit of an elected foreign official to several cities in this country— isn't it about time their members decided once and for all which nation possesses their citizenship? If they are American they ought to agitate a little less about the domestic affairs of a foreign nation. If they are still Irishmen, they could probably do a much better job of partition on the Culd Bod than they are doing here, and with less embarrassment to a nation which has given them dual citizenship over three or four generations.

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King Evans of Hendersonville is fined \$25 by Judge Sam Cathey for demanding service from an Asheville Negro cafe. Looks as if segregation might work both ways in them that hills.—Greensboro *Daily News*.

'He's Got Kind Of A Commitment To Me Too'



Collected By Bill Sharpe

TURPENTINE Drippings

A Sight In The World

(Horace Hera, Stanis News & Press).

Stand on the Square a few minutes in the evening, and it's a sight in the world to see how close some girls can sit to the driver of the car.

Mysteries Coming Up

A lady tells us she heard this conversation in a beauty parlor:

Said one woman to another: "The just-same-day this afternoon business is going to burst. Just think! If one were to be dropped on this community it would blow every one of us up!"

And the older lady said: "Yes, and with all the blackout, there would be no way in the world of us telling who did it."

O, Rare Creature

(Galeberry, Newark Record).

A few months back we suffered a severe loss. Old George, a fat old wog, had been a long time here. When last cleaned our office passed him on his great reward, to that land where we are told there is no dirt or dust. All of us loved old George—especially his smile, his kind heart, his best cleaner, but his was a radiant, cheerful personality—just to have him around made you feel good.

One early morning the office door opened and in walked old George, who pronounced himself George's son-in-law, saying, "I've got bad news for you, George died last evening."

After we had appropriately mourned, one strong young man from the office asked, "What had he come to see us because he wished to take over the cleaning job?" I'll try to reconstruct as nearly as possible what he said:

"He's fat—in fact, he's practically a prima donna. She will have \$2 a month from Social Security and that's about all. Rose (she's my wife) can't stand him. He's a real pain in the neck."

Before he left, George's son over I must have made some old fashioned "ivey hominy"—try to get a "mess" or two from someone who knows how to make it.

He's That Dog Again

(Hartville, Messenger).

An old dog walked into a bar, "Hi," said the man, pointing to his furry friend, "Hi."

The bartender was not convinced: "The man is not the top of a ballpark?" The dog answered, "I'm not, I'm a regular street dog."

"Well, I've never had a dog at any fine hotel that would claim to be a genuine fashion dog," the bartender said.

"I'm not," the dog replied. "Excellent," replied the bartender, "and how about the longest hitter in baseball?"

At this point the bartender was disgusted.

"Wotta fake," he snorted, and with that he threw the dog and his friend out into the street. As the dog picked himself up, he said, "I'm not a dog, I'm a man."

Then when the bird looked out in the audience he added: "But the same old crowd."

Compensation

(Strech, Endina, Mullins Enterprise).

A lone town is one in which there is not much to see—but, brother, what you hear makes up for it!

Familiar Patrons

(Berrien Herald).

In a city there was a tavern right next door to the church. One Saturday night the tavern burned down, and the owner, who had kept it open by the hour, was returning to his church home.

Came Sunday morning and time for the church service. When the choir began to file in, the organist let out a squeak: "Oh, new choir girls today. When the processional came, the organist stopped the piano with another screech shouted: "A new bartender, too."

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Washington

ONCE again the Senate "Cotton Elmer" has burst upon us after this column corrected the version of Gen. Bradley's secret testimony on the possibility of war that Thomas has now ordered a Senate subcommittee to investigate.

The subcommittee is supposed to find out how this column got Gen. Bradley's secret testimony, Gen. Thomas had reported to the press that the chief of staff was not worried about war with Russia. To keep the record straight, the subcommittee will have a word-by-word account of Bradley's remarks, which differed considerably from Gen. Thomas' version.

To investigate this column, "Cotton Elmer" named three Senators

from the South, Robert T. McCall of Tennessee, John Stennis of Mississippi, and Frank P. Johnson of Alabama.

They are now checking on all the secret transcripts to find which one might have slipped into Drew Pearson's hands.

What stumps the investigators, however, is that the column also quoted Gen. Thomas in his record—which doesn't appear in the biographical transcript.

So far the subcommittee suspects a certain Republican Senator of making the statement to Pearson, but the subcommittee that its chief suspect wasn't even present during Bradley's testimony.

Meanwhile, this column serves notice that any time a newspaper official is misquoted on anything the public is entitled to know about, this column will do its best to get the true facts.

Leave This Fight To The Irish

(Moore, Journal).

My lifetime has spanned the years from time

ever a woman and child in China wore a pig tail, till now when not one wears a pig tail. And

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