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Gas And Lightning Equal A Veto

A man who walks about holding aloft a lightning rod in a thunderstorm does not complain when the bolt strikes. For Senate brass, however, it is different. When Mr. Eisenhower's veto struck through clouds of suspicion at senators grasping the natural gas bill, they howled. What was more ludicrous, they howled "politics."

to extract federal regulation from private enterprise. The Federal Power Commission was eager to be rid of its regulatory power. The only danger involved, one which wise industry leadership could have defanged quickly, was price gouging. Unwillingness of its proponents to push the bill on its own merits by acceptable means lowered it into the same grave with the Dixon-Yates contract which also had commensurate aims. Dixon-Yates died because its backers—the administration in this instance—flaunted ethical standards in attempting to ram it through. If the political complexion of the nation is such that such legislation cannot be advanced on its own merits, it would be better to make that admission and wear the yoke of control. In the case of Dixon-Yates and the gas bill, there has been no true test of how "free enterprise" legislation, fairly advanced, would fare.

Eisenhower Stock: Two Little Flies

EISENHOWER political stock zoomed sky-high after the doctors' optimistic report on the state of his health. Although still picking at the anointed fly in the President's earlier statement that his own feelings would outweigh the medical report in his decision, the GOP high command was elated. The strategists are certain that with Eisenhower's name on it the ballot would be transformed into an Annie Oakley to the White House. But in this certainty there is still another fly. How would voters react to the President's heart history? Polls say it would make little difference. Some leading Democrats, however, say they will bear down on the health issue if the President runs again. Sen. Magnuson (D-Wash.) said Mr. Eisenhower will be "fair game" if he announces, Sen. Morse (D-Ore.) talking about the "disadvantage of having a part-time President's decision. This attitude, however, suggested to some GOP quarters that a way be found to completely remove health as an issue. Brilliant minds conversed, and a brilliant scheme resulted. Let the President tell the people that they know all about his health, that he is unsure where his duty lies, and that he is placing himself at the disposal of the people and his

party. Predicted result: A tidal wave of telegrams, a first ballot nomination at the GOP convention and a well high perfect political response — "the people have answered" — to Democratic efforts to make hay out of the health issue. Strictly as to its political efficacy, this plan appears to have only one fault. We don't believe the President will buy it. If his own responsibility must outweigh the doctors' predictions, it must also have precedence over any emotional appeal to the voters. More than once, the President has indicated the question of his physical fitness would be a legitimate and necessary subject of public discussion. He has, in fact, talked about his health with consistent frankness. Campaigners of both parties would do well to resign, in attitude if the President runs again, his health will be inseparable from the great issues at stake, particularly with reference to the choice of his running mate. No attempt should be made by GOP sleight of hand artists to obscure that fact, or by Democrats to make a political kettle drum out of it. It is a sober matter that deserves sober consideration.

Busybodies Just Love Old Miscellany

IT is time to plant Irish potatoes, onions and English peas," the item said ominously. We have considered this carefully and concluded that it also is time for somebody in Charlotte to form an Anti-Busybody Committee. More particularly, the most dangerous species which may be called, without doing them complete justice, the Spring Busybodies. About this time of year they come out of hibernation. One clear day, one reading over 40 degrees, that's all it takes. More precisely, they do not "come" out of hibernation. They explode. The simply cannot wait. They shout "SPRING IS HERE!" into the face of a howling, spitting gale. They are beside themselves. But they are all around the Peaceable Souls. Sole purpose of the Spring Busybodies is to see that miscellany—those things that actually don't have to be done—multiply more rapidly and ere done. GUESS WHO, another name for Peaceable Souls, gets the job of feeding, watering and fertilizing Miscellany. Grand strategy of Spring Busybodies is to smother Peaceable in Miscellany of their own making, such as grass. The strategy always works. Peaceable

Souls are maged, goaded and threatened and nagged. Accordingly they form Oh-The-Wonder-Of-Miscellany clubs, submit to forced feedings of the busybody virus and then fan out like a legion of Typhoid Marys—whining, wheedling, and threatening economic reprisals which they've inflicted everybody but shut-ins re- sult in behind prison walls. Thus grass is planted, watered and fertilized so that it may eat, watered and fertilized from March until the night before Thanksgiving. These trees are pruned into symmetrical shapes so that Peaceable Souls will know how to keep them pruned forever. Thus anemic, maybe—maybe not flowering plants are lowered into the ground where they may be pampered with sprays, tickled with rakes, shaved from sun and guarded from frost. This anemic, maybe—maybe not flowering plants are lowered into the ground where they may be pampered with sprays, tickled with rakes, shaved from sun and guarded from frost. Thus the optimum time for contemplation—say eight hours a day in spring and 12 in summer—is reduced to scattered moments of illicit snoozing in dark basements. Thus miscellany breeds greedily. Thus will the busybodies inherit the earth, unless somebody forms a committee to busybody them. We're too busy getting that grass seed in.

From The London Times

FAIRIES AT THE BOTTOM OF THE GARDEN

THERE are fairies at the bottom of the garden" is mercifully less often proclaimed than it was some 20 to 30 years ago. Today, apart from the slight nausea that is produced, the statement is out of date; in Western Germany there are fairies on the telephone. In Stuttgart, we are told, the subscriber has only to dial a particular number to ensure a selection of fairy stories. The reader at first supposes that this refers to no more than a helpful suggestion. Sherlock Holmes once telegraphed to Watson, who was at his wife's end, "Why not tell them of the Cornish horror?" So we imagine a voice saying, "Have you tried Ah! Baba lately?" or "What about the Ugly Duckling?" But there is much more in it than that for the poor, harassed parent, whose stock of bedtime stories has run down. The instant he has dialed the voice "we cannot help fancying it rather too mellifluous a voice) will set off at the beginning and go on to the end. And it has a wonderful field open to it. The brothers Grimm—presumably first in their own country, the ANAXIAN NURSERY; Perrault, Hans Andersen, and all Andrew Lang's fairy books of many colours; here is indeed richness. In seven other German cities the subscriber can have a news bulletin at any time of the day or night,

but you would hesitate between that dreary recital and the BRAVE TIN SOLDIER? There are, to be sure, some details that we should like to know. Suppose the story on tap for that particular night is one that the parent has too often essayed so that a peevish little person says "I've had that one!" Or suppose again that the story is one that the parent deems unsuitable. He can picture him dialing the operator and saying in timid propitiation: "My little girl has a wolf complex and Little Red Riding Hood is hardly..."; or perhaps in a bolder mood: "I'm surprised at your putting on Little Claus and Big Claus—a most immoral story in which wickedness consistently triumphs." In course of time, no doubt, there will be a regular library of stories, each with its separate number, so that the most exigent child or parent may be satisfied. There is one little point which is important. The late Mr. G. A. Henty, otherwise so highly esteemed, used to make his readers, now septuagenarians at the least, boil with rage by addressing them in his prefaces as "My dear lads." The voice must not on any account begin "Dear children." There is only one proper beginning. "Once upon a time."

Teen-Age Rebels—1

Puberty: The Critical Way-Station in Child Development

By JOSEPH WHITNEY

Editors' Note: This is the first of a series of six articles on problems common to teen-agers and their parents. They were prepared by Joseph Whitney, author of "Mirror of Your Mind," to meet a rising demand for information on the physical and emotional changes that make this disturbing but vital transition among so many teen-agers.

THERE are seven dynamic changes in the average life of the average individual: Learning to walk; learning to talk; starting to school; puberty; marriage; parenthood and retirement. MOST DIFFICULT Probably the most important, certainly the most difficult and most complained about is puberty, the beginning of manhood and womanhood. It inevitably rings the bell for another round in the battle of the ages—teen-agers vs. parent.

This way-station in life between childhood and adolescence is a difficult and sometimes critical period when bodily and glandular changes awaken new drives and impulses in the growing youngster.

TRANSITION During this complex period of transition, youngsters who are forever grateful for parental confidence and understanding, even though they may not appreciate this consideration at the time. When a child reaches this stage, his starts to become real. His road ahead is smoothed and illuminated by wise and understanding parents.

A friend of mine with an only child ran head-on into puberty with his 13-year-old son on a few weeks ago. The boy became more and more trying at home. Finally, one afternoon he slammed out the back door after being corrected for an unmanly remark to his mother.

BOILING POINT His father's temper rose to the boiling point and he started after him. However, he checked himself as he reached the door and he rolled out into the back yard. Junior was sitting on the ground with his back against a tree — one and sobbing. His father stood beside him and let him cry. Finally he reached into his pocket and handed the youngster a handkerchief.

The boy took it without a word, dried his eyes and tried to stifle a cry. "What's the matter, son?" "Nehh," he muttered. "Well, maybe I wouldn't," the father replied. "But I used to have a rough time, too, when I was about your age. It's good to cry out some times."

The boy stared off into space. His chin was squared at a rebellious angle. "You're growing up now," his father continued. "and you'll learn more and more that we have to face the things that irritate us in order to enjoy the things we like."

People's Platform Mutton Better Than Vintage 1956 Liberalism Editors, The News: Charlotte, N.C. This is a liberal that politicians can put our money to better advantage than we can. In short, the liberal believes in the "welfare state"—the oldest and most reactionary of social organizations. In antiquity, Babylon, Greece, and Rome tried it. Hitler and Mussolini tried it, and the Communist countries today are trying it. Always it ends in slavery.

THE TRUE LIBERALS The actions and thoughts of the 1956 liberal are essentially opposed to individual freedom (don't forget the "free" part), although he sincerely "thinks" quite the opposite is true. Most of the time he pays only lip homage to the federal constitution which restricts government function in very specific language. Pin the liberal's tongue to his chest and usually admit that he believes that government should have unlimited power to do what it thinks best.

Our founding fathers, the true or "classic" liberals, abhorred the "unlimited power" concept and preferred a limited one. Remembering well the autocratic government of England to which they had just fled, they looked with understandable suspicion upon government. As a matter of fact, they even looked with suspicion at a lesser talent, usually admit that he believes that government should have unlimited power to do what it thinks best.

LOST FAITH The 1956 liberal optimizes one who has lost faith in the great American ideal. He says "he believes that free men can manage their own affairs, but when he says it, he winks his eye. He believes that free men can manage their own affairs, but when he says it, he winks his eye. He believes that free men can manage their own affairs, but when he says it, he winks his eye.

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Charlotte Teen-Agers Leaving School

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FRIENDS AGAIN The boy stood up and handed the tear-stained handkerchief back to his Dad. They walked into the

house together — friends. There is no substitute for an understanding parent when a child reaches puberty. How do you recognize this time of life? Well, when the glandular processes of puberty begin to function, there is a startlingly sudden phase of rapid growth. During these dramatic spurts, children often grow three to four inches a year, with yearly weight increases up to 15 pounds. Girls begin this transition about age 11, and boys approximately two years

Do Not Mistake America's Temper Salisbury Editors, The News: IN reference to the letter you printed from one John V. Myers on Feb. 13, 1956, may we, the people, ask Mr. Myers one question? In his letter Mr. Myers stated that he is slated to become a member of the House Committee on Un-American Activities on March 12 in Charlotte and he further stated, "I wish to inform my friends and people of this state that I shall reveal before this committee neither my political beliefs and associations nor those of anyone else."

ably he asked one simple question: "Are you now or have you ever been a member of the Communist Party that advocates the overthrow of our democratic government?" My question, Mr. Myers, is how will you answer that question as stated above? Without a doubt you will, as others have stated on your so-called constitutional rights.

TRUTH NATURE We, the 1956 liberal is naive. Again he pays lip service to the eternal wisdom of our founding fathers, but he really thinks they, and much of what they taught us, is old fashioned and obsolete. The simple soul would much prefer to take a courageous and honorable stand in the face of adversity, than to be a member of any social, political, judicial, and economic quack-repeal, "quacks."

There is a definite trend to embrace the races of men in the term brotherhood, irrespective of the differences in the races. Well, superficially thinking, there is much in attaching that significance to the term. In fact, we are urged by the moral and spiritual professional leaders to do so. But we are not failing to think through this inclusive brotherhood doctrine.

PRURY I'm not by any means as pure as 99.14 Ivory, and during my party of 23 years I've done a little bit of just about everything, which would have allowed a good number of nominations against. But could I be

LEGAL PARTY Mr. Myers, we do not believe this committee is coming to Charlotte to find out whether you are a Democrat or Republican or a member of any social, political, party that does not advocate the overthrow of our democratic government. In your letter you implied that this committee attacks labor unions, universities, and the Baptist College that employs you. This implication couldn't be more correct. The moral and spiritual professional leaders to do so. But we are not failing to think through this inclusive brotherhood doctrine.

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FASCINATION In time boys and girls learn to overcome their supposed antipathy toward the other sex. This begins a period when young people start paying attention to themselves and how they look. Boys discover that the noisy, giggling girls down the street hold peculiar fascinations. Girls become boy-struck. Both become interested in looking presentable.

A Faulty Edition Of Brotherhood Pittsboro Editors, The News: THIS is Brotherhood Week. And, of course, much we are urged by the moral and spiritual professional leaders to do so. But we are not failing to think through this inclusive brotherhood doctrine.

Good Intentions THE hundreds of millions of ordinary folk who have suffered under the misrule of the two wars of our generation did not enter those wars from greed. Indeed they neither wanted nor intended war. They wanted and intended peace. Yet, as these pages have abundantly shown, the people themselves generally have approved or imposed the policies which produced the wars—Sir Norman Angell in "After All, It's Only War" and Sir Norman Angell.

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