

A Nichol's Worth of . . . Comment On This and That

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Washington—UP—Maybe we shouldn't be too tough on our young people. It is a fact that some of them can't spell.



Even up to college age, they get tangled with the words starting with "I like to," "I go," and "I do." Not to mention "their," "there," and "where."

W. Madison Johnson, publisher of "New Goals In Spelling," offers a few suggestions by Dr. William A. Kottelberger and May E. Lamberton, who worked on the book.

Those ministers claim that a kid shouldn't tussle with spelling a word until it is pronounced correctly and the meaning is clear.

A child seldom will become a good speller if he doesn't link the letters or symbols with the sounds they usually spell.

The experts say that to become a good speller, a child must learn to associate any word he sees in print anywhere—at any time.

There is no sense in teaching complicated words to average persons almost never has use for, the pros say. "Particularly if you don't know the meaning."

A lot of our young make mistakes because carelessness. And if the kids would just read their own writing back, a lot of times they would spot errors and improve their own compositions.

Maybe we have a rule of thumb that isn't according to standards but when our young lady asks us how to spell a word we tell her to "look it up." Often there is a sassy remark like "So you don't know how to spell it." We bet a penny. Parents can lose a lot of pennies that way. But the end result is that if she looks it up herself, and studies the pronunciation she'll remember it the next time. I think we've won her over.

The old method was to make a kid a choice between putting his nose in the corner or running to the blackboard to write down "100 times" some word he has misspelled. All the poor gal or boy does is copy without thinking. No good.

Another thing the experts point out is that parents can help a lot by pronouncing words correctly at home and using good grammar.

As one oldtimer working out of a red school house once put it: "If the kid hears 'ain't got none' or 'ain't got no place' at the supper table he ain't got no place on the speaker's platform."

It Takes Practice
Unless the lad happens to be a Will Rogers or a Herb Shriner—

and the likes of these often practice hard to be ungrammatical. Maybe they shouldn't.

The government has done a lot in the armed forces to cure the illiterates that have come along. At the start of World War II, 473,000 men were bounced because of illiteracy. Finally, it was necessary to set up a program to teach them the simple business of reading and writing.

Almost 1,000 school children in the St. Louis, Mo., language arts center were looked over because they were unable to read. They weren't all dumb. On the contrary about 65 per cent had normal or superior intelligence. About 33 per cent, however, had a physical handicap. Like poor eyesight and affected hearing.

Things like that can be corrected. Our educators can do this. But a lot of learning can be done early at home. Like teaching the youngsters the alphabet. How else can they read the dictionary?

Bedside Court Awards Divorce To Marie McDonald

Hollywood — UP — Hollywood's first boudoir divorce has been won by Marie (The Body) McDonald on testimony that her estranged husband, shoe magnate Harry Karl, beat her in the stomach while she was pregnant.

The beautiful blonde actress, bedridden with pregnancy complications, was granted a divorce from Karl in her San Fernando Valley home Wednesday by Superior Judge Alfred Paonessa, who held court at her bedside.

Paonessa took along a court clerk and a court stenographer for the unusual hearing at the Encino residence. Twenty reporters also were present.

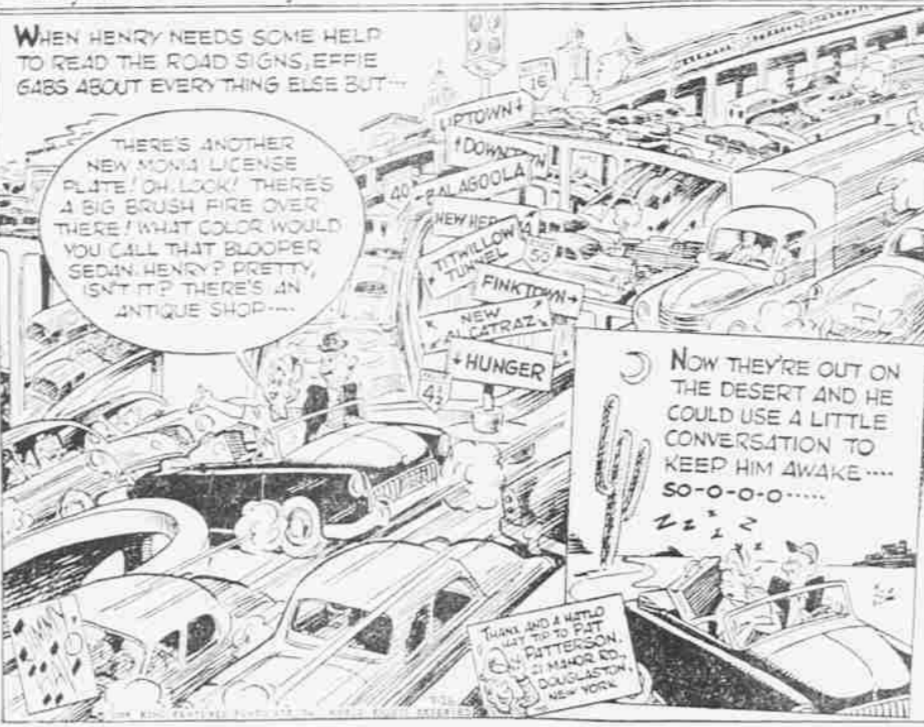
Accusation Repeated
Miss McDonald sobbingly repeated an accusation she made against Karl to police last May 9, she said Karl struck her in the stomach and that she had to be rushed to a hospital for treatment.

Paonessa also awarded her \$500 a month support for the couple's two small adopted children. After her baby is born by caesarian section in September, she will receive \$750 a month child support.

This was her second divorce from Karl. They first were divorced Sept. 18, 1954, but were rewed June 14, 1955. They separated for the last time last March.

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



The Family Council

Editor's Note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, a newspaper editor, a women's page editor and two newspaper writers. These consult with clergymen of all faiths and denominations. All letters are held to complete confidence.

R. P. L. — I want my family in my religion.

Mrs. R. P. L. — This is just his pretext.

R. P. L. — I am a middle-aged man and have had a complete change of heart about religion that seems to be destroying my family life.

When I married I made the terrible mistake of agreeing to raise our children in my wife's religion. I even promised that I would become a convert, but I somehow avoided doing this. At the time, I had no strong religious feelings, but I was so strongly attracted to my wife that I felt that anything associated with her must be good for me.

Now I am feeling an increasingly strong tug toward the religion in which my parents raised me, and I find it maddening to think that my children are growing up in a hostile religion.

I never realized that my religion could become vitally important to me, but this has happened and I find that I feel revulsion toward my wife on account of our religious differences. Unless she agrees to come my way in this matter, I cannot continue to feel anything but estrangement.

Mr. R. P. L. — I would do anything to please my husband, except the thing he demands — that I be faithless to my religion. I can no more turn the children over to a faith that is strange to me than I could turn them over to a strange family or a strange country.

My husband never attached any value to his religion or ever found any fault with mine until his affections began to stray. I think this line is just a cover-up on his part for running away from his family obligations.

The Council — The wife questions the husband's sincerity, and so do we.

It is understandable that he should come to feel the tug of a childhood faith, and that this should become very strong. But it is to be doubted whether religion is the only or even the main influence that is alienating him from his wife and tempting him to run out on his family.

He admits that he placed no value on his religion when he was attracted by physical love, and he admits that he promised to convert and then "somehow" evaded the fulfillment of that promise.

Under those circumstances, if he were now torn by a true return to religion, he would certainly be more understanding of his wife's position than he appears to be.

We are quite certain that if he were to rely on the guidance of a clergyman experienced in such problems, he would approach his family with far more understanding, patience and consideration. We do not suggest that a man should deny his religious values for the sake of convenience, but it is hardly necessary to be as deliberately brutal as this man appears to have been.

We do suspect, therefore, that this man is mislabeling his motivation. He should not blame his weaknesses or waverings or boredom on religion. His story sounds like just a pretext, but if this is due to the fact that he has stated his case poorly and if he still feels that the problem is essentially religious, then he should seek guidance from one who is richly experienced in such problems, a clergyman.

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Court Records

POLICE COURT
Richard Sylvan Simon, failure to stop at stop light, \$5; no operator's license, \$5.

Thomas Keyser Oliver, violation of basic rule, \$10.

DISTRICT COURT
Archie Leonard Cummings, truck speeding, \$12; bail forfeited.

William Milton Houston, passing insufficient clearance, \$12.00.

Lowell Allen Boh, reckless driving, \$100; bail forfeited.

Eda Ruth Wyatt, no operator's license, \$5.

CIRCUIT COURT
Douglas E. Kerby vs. June M. Kerby, divorce complaint.

Alice Palmer vs. L. C. Palmer, divorce complaint.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS
Gerald Wayne Barton, route 1, box 642, Talent, and Miss Gwen Darlene Ferguson, 4244 Bay Lane, Ashland.

4-H Club News

The Chuck's Poultry club held its last meeting July 24, 2 p.m., at its leader, Chuck Taylor's home.

The main topics of discussion were the trip to May's Poultry which we hope to make next week and the Jackson County 4-H Fair which we are now getting ready for.

We are working hard to do our best at the fair this year.

Reporter,
Phyllis Taylor

USE TRIBUNE WANT ADS



TOO CLOSE FOR COMFORT—Pat McCormick, 26-year-old lady bullfighter from Texas, grabs the bull's horn after it caught in her jacket. She was knocked down in the Juarez (Mexico) Plaza dust by the bull, her second. She escaped uninjured and killed the animal. Later she rushed to rescue another lady bullfighter, Bette Ford, who was knocked to the ground suffering a dislocated shoulder. Miss McCormick killed Miss Ford's bull after the rescue.

SHORT FREEDOM

Floyd Wilson, 41-year-old convicted murderer, walked away from a work detail on Alcatraz in San Francisco bay and wasn't found until 12 hours later hiding in a depression near "The Rock's" seawall. His absence caused an area-wide alert putting police, the Coast Guard and the FBI on emergency status.



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