

English Teachers
Speak at Meeting
Phoenix—A lecture-discussion on prejudice was given at a meeting of the Phoenix Parent Teachers association Thursday night by Dr. Richard H. Byrns and Walter J. Arron of Southern Oregon college.

Dr. Byrns is associate professor of English and Arron is an instructor in English at the school. They also showed slides on "Eskimo Folklore." Refreshments were served by fifth grade mothers.

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Emotional Instability of Americans In Face of Danger Worries Clergyman

By LOUIS CASSELS

United Press Correspondent
Philadelphia — "My greatest concern is the emotional instability which the American people have displayed in reacting to the danger of attack by Russia."

That is a clergyman's answer to the question which the United Press put to six prominent Americans from various walks of life:

"What troubles you most as you look at America today?"

The clergyman is the Rev. Dr. Eugene Caron Blake, stated clerk of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., recently retired president of the National Council of Churches.

Blake is a big, bull-shouldered man whose hair is getting very sparse on top. He does not wear his piety on his sleeve. Interviewing him, in the downtown Philadelphia office from which he administers the affairs of his two million-member denomination, you could easily take him for a corporation executive rather than a distinguished preacher.

Emotionalism a Problem

His answers, like the man himself, did not appear at first glance to be distinctively "religious." But hear him out.

"I know," he said, "that you expected me to say that I'm concerned about the state of morality in America, or the depth of our religious revival, or something like that. I am concerned about those things, but the thing that disturbs me most is this emotional volatility which seems to be widespread in our country."

"A few months ago, we were acting as if we had no fears whatever. We were moved mainly by a desire for economy in defense and foreign aid, for tax cuts, for an easier life all around. Now we act as if fear is our only motivation. We are ready to spend any amount of money, to sacrifice almost any of our national values in order to build missiles in a hurry."

Blake said he cannot see

any logical justification for this "hysterical fluctuation" in national mood.

"In my judgment, the Sputniks have not materially increased our peril."

"We have been in very real danger ever since the Russians developed atomic weapons. We will continue to be in danger, no matter how many missiles of our own we build, so long as a few men in the Kremlin possess the power to plunge the world into a war that would destroy civilization."

Live With Danger

The basic problem facing Americans, he continued, is "to learn to live with this danger, calmly and realistically," so that "our nation can make a reasoned response that will minimize the threat of war which we cannot eliminate altogether."

Does religion have a solution for this problem?

"Yes, but it's not an easy, patent medicine answer."

"I learned from combat troops in wartime that there are two philosophies which can enable a man to live courageously with chronic danger."

"One is fatalism—the belief that 'I'll get mine when my number is up, and not before.' This can produce a stoic calm in the individual, but on a national basis, it does not lead to much initiative or effort in trying to avert disaster."

"The other antidote to fear—the one which I most earnestly commend to Americans today—that what theologian Reinhold Niebuhr calls 'Christian nonchalance.'"

"This doesn't mean that we ignore our danger, nor that we count on God to keep us ahead of Russia in the arms race. It means only that we take very seriously the Christian assurance that death is not the end, that the basic values of human life are spiritual values which cannot be destroyed by hydrogen bombs or space missiles."

Children Learn Fear of Dentist From Parents

(Editor's note: This is the last in a series of articles answering questions most frequently asked dentists. It is published in cooperation with the Southern Oregon Dental Society and the American Dental Association in observance of National Children's Dental Health week this week.)

Doctor, my little boy has been worried about going to the dentist. Don't you think it would be better if we waited until he was a little older?

Children learn fear of the dentist largely from their parents. The father or mother who threatens a visit to the dentist as punishment for misbehavior is instilling a fear that may color the youngster's attitude on dental health all his life.

The first visit to the dentist should come when the child is between two and three years of age, when all his first teeth have appeared.

It is important that he view the dentist as a friend so that he will never be afraid of dental care.

Early in Morning
Most dentists prefer to see younger children early in the morning when the children are wide awake. Youngsters cooperate better when they are not tired. It is also a time of day when the dental office is usually not too busy and more time can be spent with the child.

Most dentists also prefer that the mother stay in the reception room and that she let the dentist do the talking to the child.

Periodic dental visits begun at an early age in most cases prevent serious and complicated dental defects later.

If a child's front tooth is

broken or pushed out of place in an accident, the child should be taken to the dentist immediately.

In smaller children, an accident to a front tooth is more likely to push it out of position than to cause it to break. In many cases, if a front tooth is pushed up into the gum, it will re-erupt and resume its former position.

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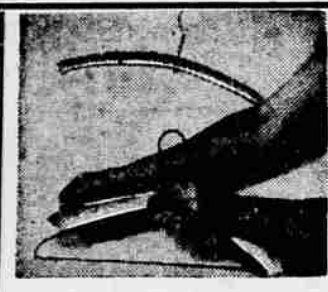
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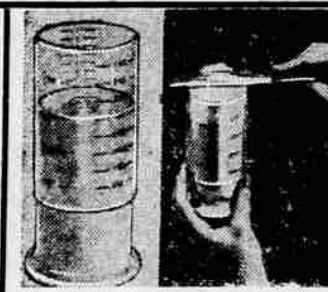
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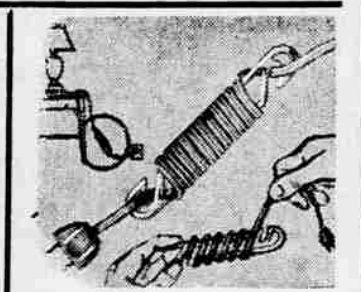
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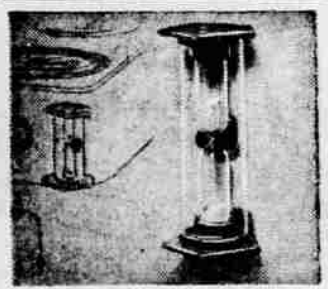
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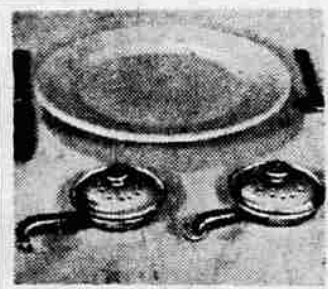
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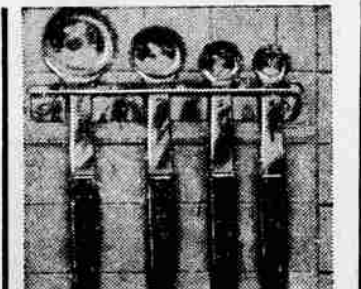
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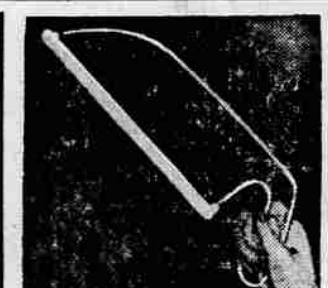
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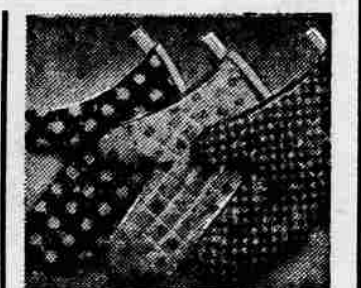
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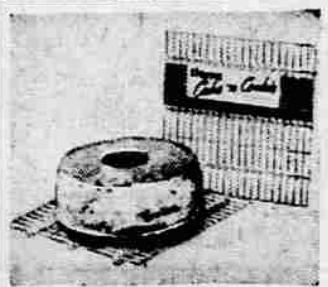
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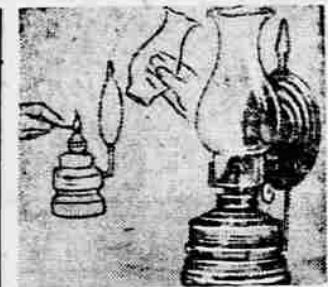
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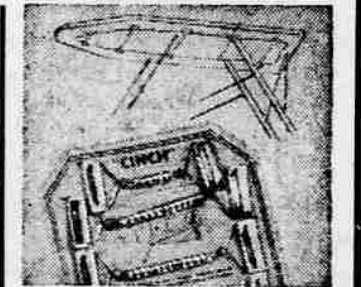
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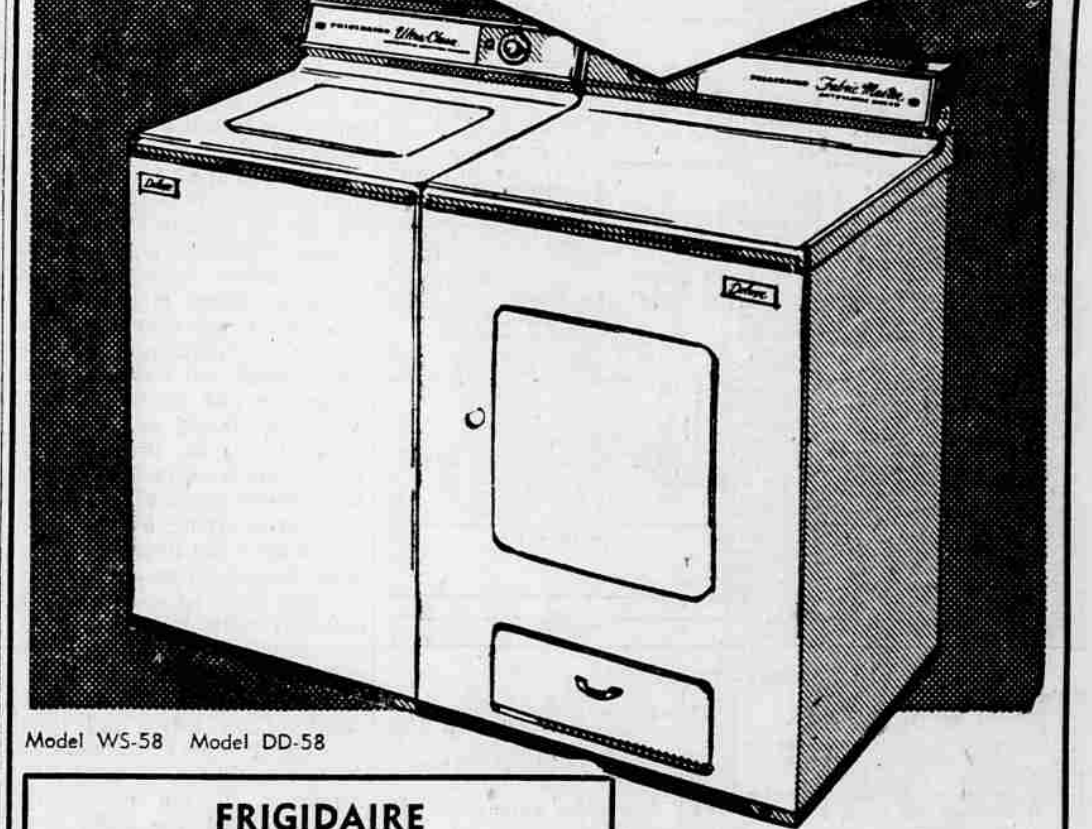
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