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Why Can't Johnny Read?

By CHARLES V. STANTON
Why can't Johnny read?
That question is one currently heard from one end of the land to the other, as people find fault with our educational system.
Our magazines and newspapers are filled with questions and answers, the questions being, "Why can't Johnny read?" and the answers being widely varied.
But to my mind the answer is quite simple.
Perhaps one way of demonstrating my belief would be through the following story:

Johnny and Mary lived on an island.
To reach the mainland they must travel by boat.
On this particular morning the time had come for departure.
Seeing it was time to leave, Johnny passed along a row of leafing trees on his way to board the boat, where he waited for the captain who boarded at a nearby home.
Johnny stood in the bow of the boat as he waited for Mary.

Soon he saw her tripping her way down the path, the bow in her hair casting a brilliant color clearly visible to him as he watched from the bow of the boat.
As Mary came aboard, Johnny, from his place in the bow of the boat, made a deep bow of greeting, a bow Mary returned, the bow in her hair bobbing as she bowed.
Today was to be a great day.

A grand fete was planned on the mainland. It would be no mean feat to remain on their feet all day, Johnny thought. But such is fate, and the ordeal to be meted out to them was one they could meet because they had a strengthening meal of meat sandwiches for their picnic lunch.
As the boat crossed the water on the way to the far shore, Johnny wondered if it would be right for him to write a book about the rite they were about to witness.

Now the boat turned to bear upon the bare spot where it was to land. It must come close to the shore.
Johnny turned to make another bow to Mary, to signify their approach to the dock, but as he did so a bough from an overhanging tree knocked him from his place in the bow of the boat and he was thrown into the water.
As he struggled to the surface, his eye fell upon Mary's bow, as she stood in the bow of the boat to gain a vision of her best beau, knocked into the water by a bough of a blow from a bough.

Now don't you think that would be a fine story for one of our primary readers?
Another question:
How does Johnny EVER learn to read? — Roseburg News-Review.

Warm Welcome . . .
It seems as if every time we've picked up a good magazine the past few months, we have seen a large ad, usually doublepage and in color, inviting us to spend our vacation in Cuba. Yet, day after day, the anti-American insults pour out of Havana. American property is being damaged or threatened with expropriation. If we're really as welcome down there as the ads say, the actions of the Cubans, through their government, sure don't show it.

Prudent Yankees—and in that group we don't include would-be soldiers of fortune—are likely to find their winter sunshine in other countries until Cuba simmers down. Castro and his ad agency ought to get together.—Eugene Register-Guard.

Interchange Cost On Freeway Given
Ashland-Ashland would have to pay \$250,000 if an interchange for Highway 99 freeway is built at Oak st.
This was stated at a meeting Wednesday night attended by state highway engineers. The interchange at Oak st. would cost that much more than the proposed one at Valley View rd., it was explained.

Present plans call for interchanges at Valley View rd. and Highway 66 and an on-off ramp at the southern end of town for the freeway.

Actual location of the freeway in the Ashland area is not known, and money for right of way purchases will not be available until 1962, it was noted at the meeting.

Lost Art of Listening

Children have lost the habit of listening to adult conversation. A generation ago, the admonition was that children were to be "seen and not heard." Today, they are to be neither seen nor heard. They are shooed off to the television set, to watch the flickering picture while the grown-ups talk.
If they aren't told to leave, they do so of their own accord because much of what adults have to say isn't interesting, anyway. In the long ago, of an evening, adult conversation had little competition. It didn't have to be entertaining to hold the young audience.

When the grandparents and friends of the family came to call, the children heard their opinions. Their prejudices, complaints, memories were absorbed by little ears, sometimes absentmindedly, sometimes intently.

Many superstitions and much false information was passed along in this way, but intermingled were the facts, the stories and the creeds which make one family different from another.

Now, we are substituting the facts, stories and even the moral creed as taught by the television set, and it is a poor substitute. Hearing Captain Dudley yell "And be sure to say your prayers" as the applause fades from the last cartoon is no substitute for hearing Grandma tell her religious experiences.

Seeing adventure stories on the 21-inch tube doesn't have the same feeling of personal association as hearing a favorite uncle tell about a hunting trip.

Children should be encouraged to enjoy the "live entertainment" of the front room instead of the canned enjoyment of TV, even though Uncle George can't tell a joke nearly as well as Jack Benny can. We weaken our family ties when we move completely away from the era when sons learned of past tribal glory by hearing the stories told around the campfire. — Oregon Statesman.

Smoke Problem Solved

Smog emanating from the burner at Stockton Box Co., Stockton, Calif., has been eliminated by a device developed by Walter Hogan, Sr., president of California Blowpipe & Steel Co.

J. Don Layson, engineer for the local health district charged with enforcing the county's air pollution ordinance, says the system is the most successful he has seen.

Stockton Box had tried capping its burner with various screens to catch the major particles. This helped.

Mr. Hogan replaced the screens with a roof. He installed a giant fan which sucks the fly ash and large bits into cyclones which return the particles to the incinerator.

Water is injected into the pipe to create steam from the hot smoke. The steam is pulled through scrubbers where it condenses. The resulting black water containing the smallest particles of soot drains into a sump. The remaining smoke—now steam—is pushed out at ground level and vanishes almost immediately.

At the present time the temperature of the burner is controlled manually but an automatic thermostat has been ordered. When it is installed the system will be even more effective since an even temperature will almost always lead to steam only at the end of the process.

Mr. Hogan has applied for a patent. — The Lumberman, Portland.

FLIGHTS PLOTTED

New York—(UPI)—A flight computer that automatically plots cross-country flight plans within minutes is helping to run one of the nation's new jet air services. Developed by scientists at Bendix Aviation Corporation, the electronic computer selects the fastest and most comfortable passenger routes for United Air Lines flights and relieves pilots of much paper computation work.

Announcement

ROBERT J. KEENEY A.I.A.

Architect

Announces the Opening of

New Offices in the

MEDICAL CENTER BUILDING

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SCHOOL NEWS

Crater High School

By LaVonne LaFever
"Irish Spring Time" was the theme of the annual spring formal in the cafetorium last Friday.

Twirp season was in progress last Thursday and Friday; Thursday was inside-out-backwards - flashy - color-crazy-hat-day, and Friday was beatnik day.

Prizes were awarded to Shirley McAllister and Jan Williams for Thursday's dress, and to Eddie Allen and Juanita Williams for Friday's garb. The winners were announced during the dance Friday night.

Also at that time, Senior Princess Karen Larson was crowned Queen of the dance. Queen Karen sat on an imitation stump with a background of ferns and other greenery. The princesses sat on imitation toadstools surrounding her. The theme was carried out by the rock walkway at the entrance, and the green foliage adorning the entire room.

The princesses were Senior Karen Larson; Junior Jerry Wick; Sophomore Judy Whaley; and freshman Marian Payne.

Committee chairmen were: general chairman, Connie McDonough; coronation, Joan Skov; decorations, Jeanette Purdy and Lynn Malot; tables, Ellen Ward; invitation, Connie Black; refreshments, Barbara Walters; entertainment, Carol Meyers; advertising, Terri Turner; and clean-up, Marlena Coffman.

The spring play, "And Came the Spring," by Marjane and Joseph Hayes, has been recently cast. The play is a three-act comedy of a family situation.

The characters are Midge Hartman, Dayle Neshiem; Virginia Martman, Dorna Mose; Elliot Hartman, Bill Chase; Mrs. Louise Hartman, Alice Croxton; Mr. Jeffrey Hartman, Byron Rominger; Edna, Lynn Malot; Clancy, Lee Black; Buzz Lindsay, Bob Gardner; Carolyn Webster, Linda Cornutt; Keith Nolan, Glen Cote; Gabby Allen, Melba Tucker; Freddie Nolan, Wayne Olson; Mrs. Cecelia Fields, Pat Striplin; Mr. Link Fields, Bob Garrison; Alan Fields, Ronald McKey; Messenger boy, Tom Richardson; and Christine Meyers, Joan Skov.

The play is under the direction of Richard Dickenson, and assistant directors are Alison Pinkham and Nancy Beacham.

Crater's annual basketball banquet was held March 9 in the Pioneer Room of the Jackson hotel.

Several trophies were handed out for marks of achievement. They were to Chuck Turner, most valuable player and rebound award; Dennis Edwards, sportsmanship; Earl Cooper, field goal percentage; and Dave Sharp, free throw percentage.

The basketball banquet is an annual project sponsored by the Comettes.

Karen Larson and Patti Straus have been chosen as the two candidates for Sportsfair Queen.

Along with representatives from other school districts, they will be judged by members of the Lions club. One

from the group will reign as queen over the Sportsfair, and her princesses will model sports clothing and participate in the Pear Blossom Festival. The Queen will be given the title of "Miss Jackson County" and be in competition for the honor of state queen.

Senior class president, Don Ryan, and a selected committee of John Anhorn, John Caster, Bob Morris, and Rick Burns, chose the 11 girls they felt best qualified. Considering beauty of face and form, scholarship, personality, charm, and popularity, the senior boys with the help of the male faculty members, made their choice.

This is the second year the Crater Lions club has sponsored their Sportsfair in Medford.

The National Test of Future Engineers of America was given March 7 by Mrs. Shirley Drysdale.

Approximately 6,000 students took the test. However, only 11 from Crater participated.

The upper 10 per cent will go to Chicago for another test in April.

Our highest three were Jeff Anhorn, first; John Kuoni, second; and John Champ, third. Their ratings were determined by the ratio of their age and the number of problems correct.

Last Thursday, March 10, the National Mathematics Actuarial test was given by Mrs. Drysdale to all her advanced mathematics students, several students from Algebra I and students from plane geometry who were recommended by Robert Bayley. A total of 63 students from Crater participated.

High score was achieved by Jeff Anhorn; second, Ray Novosad; and Bill Anhorn, third. It is a test given annually throughout the United States.

On March 8, the Educational Development test was given, on an optional basis, for all freshmen and sophomores. Many of the sophomores took the test last year, but repeated it this year to find their amount of advancement. However, the main purpose of the test was to determine their suitability for college.

A national school assembly was given for the student body and faculty of Crater High Friday, March 11.

William John Roy, Pan American games, comedian, impressionist and ventriloquist, entertained.

Baton twirling, music solos, dance numbers, and pantomime were some of the talent shown at the all-school assembly Friday, March 11, when the variety show was presented to students at McLoughlin Junior High school.

Elizabeth Clark was master of ceremonies for the hour-long stage show. The Honeybuns, a song and dance group featuring Marthanne Goodwin, Vicki Ingram, Dixie Taylor, and Jack Barr, won first place. Second place was won by the Star Dusters singing "The Big Hurt" featuring Pam Jones as soloist with a chorus background of Cheryl Vessy, Barbara Champion, Monte Noble, Martha Bullard, Christina Buckmaster, and

Janice Larimer. Diane Paulsen accompanied the group on the bongo drums.

Third place was won by a saxophone trio, Nancy Housel, Linda Nash, and Janice Taylor, playing "Soft Shoe Dance".

All of the cast were so well presented and well received that judging was difficult. Other students taking part, making the assembly outstanding were Dickie Freeman, Reed Harris and Jim Snodgrass, Catherine Watson, Sue Gifford, Nicki Ober, Mike McDonald, Hedy Ripfl, Margaret Doolen, Roland Gangster, Liz Darnelle, dance group, Cindy Anderson, Ann Jensen combo, Mike Barnes group and Lani Jennings who sang a ballad that she had also composed.

Miss Judy Foreman, winner of the Americanism essay in the annual contest sponsored by the American Legion auxiliary, read her winning paper Tuesday evening at a meeting

Americans Should Remember Lincoln's Penitential Prayers

By THE RT. REV. JOHN J. WRIGHT
Catholic Bishop of Pittsburgh
Written for UPI

When Abraham Lincoln was confronted with a crisis in the unity of our nation, he pleaded not for platitudinous, self-righteous prayers, but for strictly penitential prayers such as those which the church asks during the Lenten season.

He used the word "penitential" and made it clear that he

of the group where she was also presented with her cash prize and the American Legion medal.

Mac Pebble Pups were taken on a tour of the Medford weather bureau station where they were shown all the interesting kinds of equipment and maps which help to determine the data gathered by the bureau. They found out how the weatherman tries to predict what is going to happen so that people can go on talking about the most controversial subject of all—the weather.

understood how the community, publicly, as well as individuals, privately, must pray in a spirit of penance, if God's wrath is to be averted from our nation as well as our persons.

In a year in which partisan and sectarian tensions threaten so seriously our national unity and when the moral prestige of America is so gravely questioned in the world community, we Americans should remember the plea of Lincoln and observe our prayers be penitential, not complacent, during a Lenten season which may be historic for our country.

IS THIS YOU?
Barre, Vt.—"The well-adjusted person is realistic, wholeheartedly committed to his values and goals and satisfied with the type of person he is," according to one psychologist. Dr. Arthur Chickering of Goddard college said that "the well-adjusted person values his goals enough to risk failure and if he fails he still feels he is a worthy person."

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