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These Days

By GEORGE E. SOKOLSKY

CAME across a most interesting column written by Thomas E. Robinson, county superintendent of schools, Mercer county, New Jersey. It gives 20 ways of how to destroy a school and to build a school, in parallel columns. Some of the suggestions are excellent; others are of the trade union type that cause many parents to wonder about their children.

Let me cite the first two items in each column as examples:

"TO DESTROY A SCHOOL"

- (1) Tell parents that Johnny's academic troubles are all caused by the changed practices forced upon teachers by the new principal.
- (2) State that you don't know why Mary is having such difficulty in Mr. Smith's class, for you find Mary to be an extremely capable pupil in your class.

"TO BUILD A SCHOOL"

- (1) Realize that you belong to an educational team, all members of which are joining forces to achieve the same objective.
- (2) Sing the strengths of the school and its teachers always.

TEAM work is important on the athletic field, but in a classroom the fact often is true that experimentation, in the use of techniques which teachers suddenly discover that they and the children are involved in a lot of pedagogical nonsense, in experimentation, in the use of techniques which make it easier for the administration of the school but result in poor reading or ignorance of spelling—handicaps which may last forever. Then a few years later, some great authority denounces the experiment and it is dropped; meanwhile the child has lost important years in gaining facilities. I watched two of my own children. One was taught

the alphabet, even as you and I were, and reads easily. The other started with some bunk about reading whole words. So he learned those particular words but could not pronounce new ones. In due course, the school dropped the new method, fired the teacher, and went back to the normal way of teaching any language as something to be read. I can see no reason why a teacher who dislikes tricky methods should not tell about them to parents. Besides, she will anyhow.

The second point about Mary being very good in one class and being very bad in another is often the cause of surprise and conversation. And often it is the fault of a teacher who cannot captivate Mary's mind. Some teachers are dull. Some are not interested in the subjects they teach but are just earning a living, in the hope that sooner than later some man will come along and save them from a fate worse than death. Some teachers are inspired, love their work, love their children and do a good job. To "sing the strengths" of all of them, even those who would do better selling cosmetics in Woolworth's, is a sad error. A lie is never justified—and only too quickly proves itself.

SOME points Mr. Robinson makes are excellent. He puts under the heading, "To Destroy a School," the following items:
"(3) Keep a whole class of children after school because you are unable to find the guilty one."
"(4) Ask pupils to copy from the history book as punishment."
"(5) Give pupils a failing mark because of behavior difficulties."
Genocide is a vile crime. Guilt must be individual. I have fought about that one with teachers for years, and have instructed my children always to report to me when a teacher makes an entire class guilty for the conduct of an individual pupil. I have taught my children that that is immoral and that the teacher who practices it is a wicked person. They know the word, genocide.

Once, when I quarrelled with a teacher about this, he said that it was part of social consciousness, of the group being responsible for the individual. I wanted to know whether if I committed murder, the courts would arrange it so that a group would hang with me. He had no answer. He shook his pedagogic head in wonderment.

A CHILD should be taught, from infancy, that the individual is responsible for individual conduct. Personal responsibility is a strengthening, a moral force. Group responsibility is a weakening, a lazy dodge. The teacher who misses this plays no part in the character building of your child.

Doctor Says

Sinus Victims Seeking New Climate Must Look Carefully

By EDWIN F. JORDAN, M. D.

An inflamed sinus often causes headache, pain in the cheeks and a general run-down feeling. A stuffed or dripping nose is common. It is a miserable affliction.

Swelling of the mucous membrane which lines the sinuses lets pus and mucus secretion gather inside the sinuses and this produces pressure sensations. If the accumulated pus and mucus can be made to flow out by enlarging the opening, or can be washed out, at least temporary relief is often obtained. The injection of drugs which shrink the mucous membrane is often helpful. This shrinkage may open the passage-ways temporarily and thus enlarge the air space.

In spite of everything some people continue to suffer seriously with sinusitis and become so miserable and run-down that they consider change of climate. Theoretically the best climate for a person with sinusitis is one in which there is not much change in temperature between night and day. A temperature of 68 to 75 degrees with the air neither too dry nor too moist but a little breeze from time to time would be ideal. We should all love such a perfect climate if we could find it.

Climates Vary
Paris of Florida and southern California are close to this ideal. Arizona, although quite different,

appears to be good for some sinus sufferers. In most parts of Arizona, however, there is a great deal of fluctuation between day and night temperature and the air is too dry to be good for some people.

When a sufferer from sinusitis wishes to consider a change of residence it is well to try the new climate for several weeks or months before making a final decision. Certainly the climate of the northern sections of the United States is not good for sinus sufferers, but what climate is best is still a matter of individual trial.

The Doctor Answers
QUESTION: I understand you have a cure for arteriosclerosis. Kindly mail me instructions as to how to obtain this treatment.

ANSWER: If I had a cure for arteriosclerosis, I would be famous indeed. There is as yet no sure cure for this condition although the symptoms caused by hardening of the arteries can be improved in many cases by appropriate treatment.

New Mother, Baby Photo Plan Seen

PORTLAND Nov. 21 (AP)—A photographic system of fingerprinting infants and their mothers was viewed by the state board of health today.

The system is an invention of J.

TELLING THE EDITOR

Letters printed here must not be longer than 500 words, must be written legibly on ONE SIDE of the paper, and must be signed by the writer. Contributions following these rules are warmly welcomed.

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (To the Editor)—An Egyptian temple, housing ultra-modern equipment and bery of a modern shrine, has just been completed in America by the Rostrocian order AMORC as a composite of the great temples of Egypt, Dendera and Medinet Habu. There are no windows, but it has a central court with an architectural sky and roofed colonnades flanking two sides.

The columns of the inner temple are of the papyrus-reed type with lotus bud capitals. The walls contain exquisite murals in several colors, designed after those in the Book of the Dead and depicting authentic scenes of the life, customs and mythology of Ancient Egypt.

I am informed by the secretary of the philosophical order in San Jose, that this windowless temple will be used for pursuing advanced twentieth-century studies stemming from 4000 years of continuous traditions.

The structure itself contains indirect lighting for the spacious halls, as well as the even temperature of the ancient pyramids—68 to 72 degrees fahrenheit—and the dramatic effects for experiments. This structure embodies all of the latest developments of the acoustical and architectural sciences. It also symbolizes learning itself up to the present day. The lodge chambers will be available to all members of the organization.

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Eugene Popma, Portland veteran who hopes the machine will replace inking of babies' feet for identification prints. The photographs are made through a prism.

Stanley McDonald, crime laboratory chief in the sheriff's office here, described the machine and the system as "the greatest contribution to fingerprints I have seen."

It Pays to Use 'he Want-Ad'

SIDE GLANCES



"Pop says we're going to be stuck at home so much with our new baby we'll probably have a houseful of relatives all the time!"

Boyle's Column

Go North, Young Woman; Men Plentiful in Fairbanks

By HAL BOYLE
NEW YORK (AP)—Looking for a good strong man to build your life around, slater?

Well, if you're a robust, warm-blooded girl, don't overlook Alaska. The odds are in your favor there.

"It's a great place for a girl to find a husband," said Maurice T. Johnson, mayor of Fairbanks, which he says is the third largest city in Alaska and "the largest one farthest north."

It has 12,000 people, counting its farflung suburbs. "There are about three men to every woman—throughout the territory," said Johnson, adding this note of caution: "But a lot of young girls who came up there and saw our rough-hewn old miners might feel disappointed. They might even want to turn around and come back."

Plenty of Heat
However, though the men are as rugged as the scenery, a girl needn't worry about there being any lack of heat in the long Alaskan winter.

Mayor Johnson and City Clerk E. A. Tonseth came to Manhattan to fix that. They had the chore of signing a \$4,500,000 bond issue to build Fairbanks a new municipally-owned power plant and water treatment system.

"It was the first revenue bond of issue ever floated in Alaska," said the mayor.

They had expected to have sore arms and spend two days signing the 4500 bonds—each for \$1000. But it took them only an hour.

"It was amazingly simple," said Johnson. "They have signing machines. You press down on one pen and 19 other pens sign, too."

Good Future
The mayor, a lawyer from Woodstock, Ill., who took his family to Alaska during the last depression, believes the territory has a future for young people with courage to face a rugged life.

"It now has a population of only 100,000," he said. "But I don't see why it couldn't support 500,000. That would still be less than one person to a square mile. It's a pretty sizeable chunk of ground up there."

The call of the Alaskan wild has

been down since the day of Jack London and Robert Service.

"We probably use planes more than you do here," said Johnson. "Dog teams, around the cities at least, are just local color now."

Quiet Life
The lady that was known as Lou doesn't live there any more. The districts haunted by shady women have been broken up at the request of commanders of army airforce bases. Prospectors are more interested in finding oil than gold.

And—shades of the faded past!—the mighty game of poker now is secondary to another pastime, an arctic bingo called paxini or "pax." "It's a kind of cold weather gin rummy," explained the mayor. "The game is very popular—you can only win or lose a little if you play all night."

Johnson said Times Square failed to come up to the northern lights in splendor, and opined the climate here didn't equal that of Alaska.

"In June we can play baseball at midnight without artificial lights," he remarked. "It never gets dark in summer."

Escapes Winter
The mayor, before taking off for Fairbanks, expressed relief he had been able to complete his business in New York before winter trapped him here.

Elizabeth Joins Prince in Malta
VALLETTA, Malta, Nov. 21 (AP)—Princess Elizabeth was a happy naval officer's wife today. Her husband's ship was swinging at anchor in sight of her window.

Elizabeth joined Prince Philip here last night arriving in time for at least a part of her wedding anniversary. Her plane had been delayed in London 24 hours by fog.

Philip bounded up the steps to his wife's plane as soon as it landed and welcomed her privately inside the cabin. Outside she faced photographers and greeted Malta's governor Sir Francis Creasy, and Archbishop Conat.

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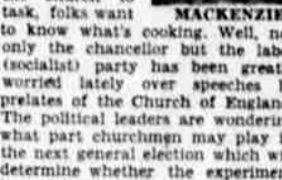
By DEWITT MACKENZIE
AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

Sir Stafford Cripps, Britain's austere chancellor of the exchequer, advises the Church of England to stay out of politics.

Such a pronouncement by a cabinet minister would in all events be of great importance, but it takes on peculiar significance as coming from Sir Stafford. The chancellor is widely known as a Christian who puts his beliefs

into practice seven days a week. He is credited with applying his religion to his socialist politics as well as to his personal life. Even his political opponents agree on that.

So when Sir Stafford takes the church to task, folks want to know what's cooking. Well, not only the chancellor but the labor (socialist) party has been greatly worried lately over speeches by prelates of the Church of England. The political leaders are wondering what part churchmen may play in the next general election which will determine whether the experiment in socialism is to continue.



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Example
For example, Dr. Geoffrey Fisher, archbishop of Canterbury, who is head of the Church of England, recently referred to the coming election as a "gathering shadow." He told the synod of the convocation of Canterbury that there was "need for united effort to overcome our economic plight." Other prelates have expressed concern over economic conditions.

Some political observers have expressed belief that the church leaders may be attempting to bring about a coalition government. The socialists have thumbs down on that.

In considering the position of the Church of England it must be noted that it is the established church, that is a state church. Those members of the house of lords in parliament who are known as the "lords spiritual" are bishops and archbishops of the Church of England. The king himself is "defender of the faith."

Reason Clear
It therefore is easy to see why there is a difference of opinion in Britain as to how far the church should become involved in political matters. It is doubly clear when one recalls that the clergy of the Church of England are, broadly speaking conservative and therefore are not in harmony with socialism.

This statement isn't altered by the fact that occasionally one encounters a "liberal" like the Very Rev. Hewlett Johnson, dean of Canter-



(NEA Telephoto)

TEXAS HUNTER—Texas' youngest deer hunter, four-year-old James Dudley Morse of Austin, proudly displays his first buck. Young Morse, who learned to shoot at the age of two, killed the four-point buck with a neck shot on a ranch near Llano, Tex., using a .22-caliber rifle. Big or small—that's Texas!

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"So you were just passing when the suction of the exploding safe drew you right into the store, eh?"

bury cathedral, who is known as the "Red Dean" because of his extreme left views and his great friendship for Soviet Russia. The good dean visited the United States a year ago and reproved us for our aversion to communism. He did a lot of talking here, and later the archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Fisher, sharply disowned the sentiments expressed by the dean in America and Canada.

Qualified?
Those who oppose the Church of England taking active part in politics do say that the clergy are qualified to pass judgment on events from the spiritual and moral standpoints, and should be allowed to speak in these fields. As the public conscience, assert the opposition, they are all right.

Of course in years long gone the church took a most active part in government. In the Middle Ages the king's chief minister was a cleric. But we don't have to go back that far to see the influence of the church in temporal affairs of state. Specifically, the late archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Cosmo Gordon Lang, was generally credited with playing a major role in the abdication of King Edward VIII, now duke of Windsor. The archbishop is said to have been utterly uncompromising in the matter of the young king's desire to marry Mrs. Simpson.

Difficult Decision
Oh, well, your columnist will let someone else carry the ball from here. The average Briton himself finds it difficult to draw a line where he thinks the clergy should stop. It would have been interesting if Sir Stafford had been more specific in his admonition.

Fate Has Cruel Reward For Kindness

ALTOONA, Pa., Nov. 21 (AP)—Traffic streamed unhesitatingly past the huddled form of a little white dog on a highway. Finally a sympathetic motorist—21-year-old Reno W. Russ—stopped to see if he could aid the pup. As Russ bent over the animal another vehicle struck him. The bodies of the young man and the dog lay side by side on the road. Both were dead.

Czechs Confiscate U. S. Bulletin

PRAGUE, Nov. 21 (AP)—Czechoslovakia's communist-controlled government confiscated the U. S. information service's Czech language bulletin today.

The bulletin reported the text of an American-British resolution in the United Nations advocating "full freedom for expression of political opposition" as necessary to the preservation of world peace.

Czechoslovak authorities told the American embassy here they regarded such sentiments as "an alarming report which could menace the security of the state and public order."

About 220,000 cubic yards of dirt and 80,000 cubic yards of rock were dug up in the excavation work for the permanent United Nations headquarters in New York.

From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

Watch Out For The Symptoms!

Laughed out loud when I heard Hoot Davis was down with Chicken Pox. A man of forty-five catching a kid's disease!

So I went to see him, armed with jokes about "second childhood" but forgot them fast when I got there. Hoot looked terrible and had quite a fever.

While we talked, I came to think of how Chicken Pox is a lot like other "diseases"—diseases of the character, such as intolerance, self-righteousness or just plain ignorance. They're excusable in children, but when they come on in adults they're ten times as bad—and can be mighty "contagious."

From where I sit, we should all watch out for the "symptoms"—little things like criticizing a person's preference for a friendly glass of temperate beer or ale. We've seen personal freedom wither away in other countries, when individual intolerance was allowed to get out of hand and become a nation-wide epidemic.

Joe Marsh

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