



POLLY'S POINTERS Handy Matches

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DEAR POLLY—At one time or another everyone who smokes has been caught with a cigarette and no match or vice versa. After I buy a carton of cigarettes, I take a book of matches, open the flap and place a piece of transparent gummed tape behind the row of matches and tape this book to the side of a pack of cigarettes. The entire carton could be done in just a few minutes so matches are ready when needed.—E.A.P.

DEAR POLLY—Do not throw away your little one's old training pants just because all the stretch is gone from the elastic in the top. Cut open the side seams and taper to the child's size. Use safety pins or snaps to hold them in place just as you would a diaper. These are especially good for small children just starting on training. Easy in and easy out.—NELLIE

DEAR POLLY—We have a fun way to help our school age children learn the spelling and meaning of new words. We put a magnetic alphabet blackboard on the kitchen wall. Every three or four days my husband places two of three new words on this board. We discuss these words at mealtime, ask the children their interpretation and all discuss the real meaning of each word. Amazingly enough just the constant viewing of the words teaches the spelling. It is now quite a challenge to each of us to explore new words and is an enjoyable way to self teaching.—MRS. K.W.

GIRLS—A good dictionary should be easily accessible in every home. An acquaintance of mine has a large dictionary,

open, on a small table beneath a funnel type wall light as a permanent arrangement in her family room.—POLLY



DEAR POLLY—I always hated to put a new zipper in pants until I hit on this method. Rip one side almost all the way down and pin the old zipper back the way it was sewed in. Then rip the rest of the way down. Now you have one side of the old one pinned to the new one should go. Do the same with the other side. Bring on the new zipper and pin it in place just as the old one is pinned, releasing a pin on the old, then pinning in the new and so on.—MRS. G.E.M.

GIRLS—This would be a good method for the ot-to-experienced seamstress to follow when replacing zippers in any garment.—POLLY

Share your favorite home-making ideas . . . send them to Polly in care of Herald and News. You'll receive a bright, new silver dollar if Polly uses your idea in Polly's Pointers.

Reports indicate there now are nearly 14 million American families in which both husband and wife work.

UN Passes Resolution On Racism

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (UPI)—The United States was committed today to take effective measures, within the bounds of the Constitution, to comply with a U.N. declaration calling for an end to all racial discrimination.

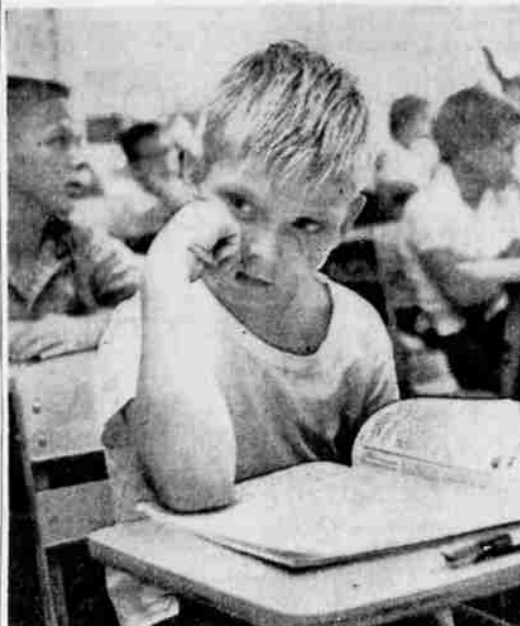
Only South Africa objected Wednesday when the General Assembly approved by acclamation the declaration, which terms racial discrimination "an offense to human dignity" that must be wiped out all over the world.

Adlai Stevenson, U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, registered American reservations, however, over a paragraph of the declaration which asks member states to take immediate measures to outlaw "organizations which promote or incite to racial discrimination."

Stevenson said the promotion of ideas, including advocacy of racial discrimination, is protected in the United States as part of the basic freedom of speech.

"For the benefit of those representatives of countries which do not have such constitutional protections," Stevenson said, "the struggle to establish freedom of speech, which is the foundation of all free political systems, was a long and bloody one, and having won that long, painful struggle for the freedom to speak and to print . . . we in the United States have no intention of giving it up, or whittling it down, even for such a good cause as this one."

Russia ridiculed this contention, maintaining that dedication to free speech was being used to cover up activities of racist organizations.



MORE THAN HIS SHARE — Tragedy has matured Troy Odom beyond his 10 years. He has had to start life anew in the past two months without his parents or his brother or his sister—or for that matter, his aunt or his uncle. Troy is the lone survivor of a Labor Day automobile smashup that took 10 lives near Dayton, Tex. He is now living with his paternal grandparents in Mont Belvieu, Tex.

Grange Re-elects Ward

FORT ROCK—Maurice Ward was elected at the November meeting of the Fort Rock Grange to continue as master.

Serving with Ward for the new year will be Lawrence Iverson, overseer; Genevieve Boatwright, lecturer; Lawrence Rice, steward; Fred Wright, assistant steward; and Marjorie Iverson, lady assistant steward.

The chaplain's chair will be filled by G. R. Boatwright. Eleanor Long is treasurer; Helen Parks, secretary; Nick Klerk, and gatekeeper; Hazel Ward, Evelyn Rice, and Mabel Morehouse will serve as Ceres, Po-

mona and Flora, and Noma Frazer, musician.

R. A. Long, Edwin Eskelin, and Merritt Parks comprise the executive committee. Initiation will be held jointly with the Summer Lake Grange at their hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Rice affiliated with the grange, bringing the membership to 69.

Worst Traffic Wreck In America' Matures Little 10-Year-Old Survivor

MONT BELVIEU, Tex. (UPI)—Last Labor Day, Troy Odom was a traffic statistic. Today he is a towheaded youngster with a face full of freckles that almost conceal the scars.

Troy is a shy 10-year-old and his pensive face reflects the tragedy that is listed in the record books as "worst traffic wreck in America, Labor Day, 1963."

Ten persons died in that two-car collision at Dayton, a small town 40 miles east of Houston and only a few miles north of Troy's hometown of Mont Belvieu.

The wreck killed six members of the Odom family, including Troy's parents, his brother and sister and an aunt and uncle. Four persons died in the other car.

Troy was badly torn. His jaw was shattered. His face was cut. There was fear of brain damage.

Troy came out of it the man of the family. He had to make a man's decision and then try to erase from his memory the tragedy.

He had two sets of grandparents. He had to choose one to live with. He decided to live with his paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Mat Odom Sr. They live in Mont Belvieu. His

maternal grandparents live away from the town he grew up in.

Life has other delights for Troy.

The Dayton mortician gave him a heifer calf that his grandparents keep in a pen behind their rural home. Troy looks in on the calf often and helps his grandfather feed it.

Remembers Accident Does he still think about the wreck? "He can talk about it now and it does not bother him too much," Mrs. Odom said. "But he can still remember all the details, and when we go over that road he knows just where it was and can tell you everything. Once he woke up at night and called 'Mother,' and we think he must have been dreaming.

"We go by the cemetery sometimes. The first time, we left him to go up to the graves alone. He went around and looked at all of them and came back and was crying. But he dried his tears and said to his grandfather, 'Thank you, Paw-paw, for bringing me.'"

He dreaded to go back, you know. But after a while, he even started getting anxious for the school bus to come every morning.

Troy's grandparents live a few miles out of town, and Troy has had to meet new neighborhood friends.

"There are some boys just across the fence," his grandmother said. "Troy jumps over every time he gets a chance and plays with them."

"We took him trick-or-treating on Halloween," she said. "His mother was so good to him that way, and I am trying very hard."

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