

EDITORIALS

Teachers At Work

Next week is Public Schools Week.

The announcement came on the heels of an announcement by the County Superintendent's office that at least 15 candidates would be seeking election at the May 18th balloting.

The election campaign will once again focus attention of the public on the schools as nothing else can—including next week's observation.

This event revives the perennial controversy about control by laymen of teaching methods in public schools. Should political office holders be permitted to tell teachers what to teach and what not to teach? To what extent should administrators control what goes on in classrooms? Does academic freedom mean that a teacher should be left entirely free to determine methods of imparting information?

School teachers have always been convenient scapegoats. Nearly everyone in the republic in which we are fortunate to live has at one time or another attended school. It follows that when someone develops an anti-social attitude, shows subversive tendencies or holds political views repugnant to us, we immediately blame the school teacher and jump to the conclusion that the misguided maverick is the victim of a sinister "brain washing" conspiracy that originated in the school room.

This is rarely true. Actually, school teachers as a whole are among the most conservative people in our society. They are conformists. Their training and experience conditions them to "go by the book." It is so unusual for a school teacher to jump the traces and voice daringly original ideas that when it sometimes happens it is topline news and becomes a public sensation.

School teachers are the pillars of society. Let us stop worrying about them. They are not going to undermine our civilization. They are sincerely devoted to their jobs and are honestly trying to make worth-while, patriotic citizens out of their students.

However, in all his hullabaloo the fundamental purpose of education is frequently overlooked. If our youth are to become truly educated, they must be inspired to think for themselves. The imparting of facts, dates, and technical information is essential, but this kind-of book learning is useless, and may even become dangerous, if students are unable to correlate it, interpret it, understand its significance and use it as the foundation of sound conclusions.

The teachers we need are the teachers who can provoke students to use their brains. A student is not a two-legged storage tank for the dumping of statistics and fallow facts. A student is an individual with a God-given mind of his own and must be respected as such if he is to take his proper place in this co-operative democracy known as America.

America wants solid men and women with the courage that comes from independence, with faith in themselves and in their fellow citizens. This is the breed that plants the seeds of national greatness.

And this is the challenge for the school teacher.

The Squirrel Cage

By REID BUNDY

This may or may not have taken place in one of the local plants, but it is making the rounds of those plants building aircraft and concerns a company that had spent more than \$14 million in building an experimental craft. When it was finally tested in the air tunnel—snap! The wings were torn off. Engineers took it back, did some redesigning and exactly the same thing happened to the new model. The company was just about to abandon the whole project when the night janitor, an old guy with a stringy mustache and that on awry, offered a suggestion:

"I've been watching you fellows working with those wings now for a long time. I don't like to butt in, but can I offer you some help? Why don't you punch holes in the wings along the line where they are tearing off?"

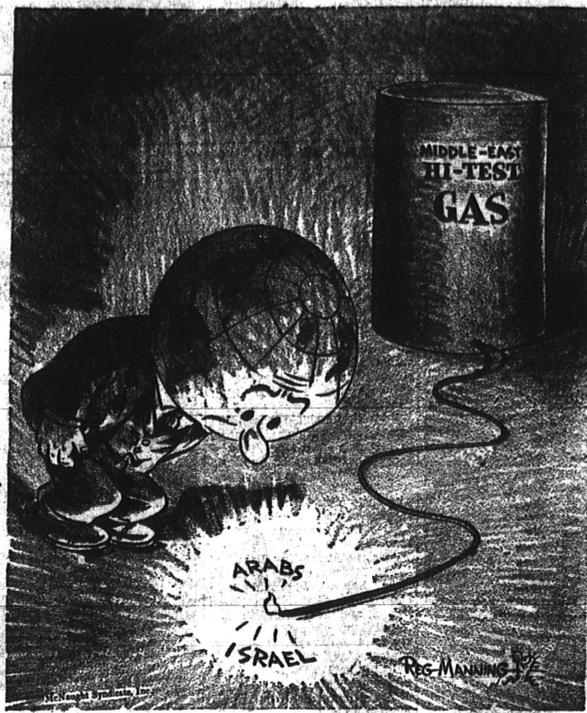
With nothing to lose, the aeronautical brains gave his

plan a try. Back to the plant went the plane, new wings were put in place, and then perforated along the line. Back in the wind tunnel this time, the plane stood up to all tests.

"How did you figure this all out?" the engineers demanded of the old fellow.

"Well, I'll tell you," he said. "I've been a night janitor around here for 20 years, and during all that time I've installed a lot of toilet paper in the rest rooms. And there's one thing I've noticed—the darned stuff never tears where it's perforated."

"Well, the civil ceremony part of 'That Wedding' took place in Monaco yesterday and the religious ceremony will follow today. Now if the Los Angeles Police could clear up this Scott case, the big city reporters could settle down to the more serious business of the day like Bridget Murphy and Smog Green."



Barney's Blarney

By BARNEY GLAZER

My Cousin Zip says: "Never tell a man to be himself. In most cases, that's the worst thing that could happen to him."

Bosko, the local spelling bee champion, says he's trying to cross a parrot with an ape. "What in the world will that combination produce?" I asked. Shrugging his shoulders, Bosko replied: "I don't know but if he decides to talk to you, you'd better listen!"

The things that women drivers don't know would fill a book, but the things that men drivers don't know are filling our hospitals.

My neighbor's son Nobbie insists that when he gets married and buys a house he's going to have 16 closets so that he can finally have one closet for his very own.

"A conciliated man," says my Uncle Shloomp, "is one who is convinced that the sun rises to hear him crow."

Mr. Shnook, the marriage broker, explains how a woman gets her man. "She treats him just like a telescope," advises Shnook. "She draws him out, sees through him, and then shuts him up."

Have you noticed it, too, that you can always quiet the noisiest restaurant by dropping a tray of dishes?

On a serious vein—how to use your office or shop telephone as a burglar alarm. Remove the receiver. Dial all the digits of your residence phone but don't let the last digit slide back into place. Tie the dial plate to your door. When prowlers open the door, the string is loosened, the dial

plate slides back into place, the number is completed, and your residence phone will ring. (If there are any burglars reading today's column please let's not get sneaky by coming in through the window.)

So that's why there are no women auctioneers. What woman in her right mind would think of standing before a group of buyers and shout: "Gentlemen! Make me an offer!"

One of our local checker champions asks: "Oleh, so we need more exercise. 'Before marriage,' points out Mr. Blubb, "a woman has curves in the right places. After marriage, she has places where she used to have curves."

Mr. Glubb, the swimming instructor, maintains we all need more exercise. "Before marriage," points out Mr. Blubb, "a woman has curves in the right places. After marriage, she has places where she used to have curves."

We've finally figured out what early to bed and early to rise REALLY means. It

means that you'll avoid the worst late, late movies but you'll run into the awfullest morning radio programs.

When a man is 30, he feels like 50, acts like 40, wishes he were 30, and then looks at the pretty girls and sees everything he missed when he was 20.

Wentworth, my stock broker, worked his way through college and now he's working his son's way through.

My favorite niece Toral says that after last night she'll never accept another blind date. "They told me he was a knockout, but they didn't explain that he was unconscious," means Toral.

Winthrop, my old buddy from Yorkshire, told his wife: "It pains me to observe that you have once again purchased a new dress." "What should I do with this time?" she asked. "Don't you remember how you loved it when you asked to hold me in your arms!"

Famous last words: "I do."

THE MAIL BOX

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A Future Date?

Editor, Torrance Herald: We have noticed that Mr. Frohnhoefer is the only candidate from the past election that has bothered to remove any of the placards or signs posted around town in their behalf.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Down and Across words.

One thing that has us wondering, though. We noticed him at work removing these signs and notice that he isn't ripping them down, but rather gingerly removing them, and we wonder... is this a forecast of some future plans of his to re-use these signs at a future election for the same position? We wonder! ripping them down, but rather

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religious race under various nationalities." At this juncture both Britain and the U.S. because of the prominence of their Jewish citizens, openly began to support a "Jewish State," while Russia openly opposed it. Russian prestige also increased in the Middle East because of the Orthodox church and the Christian Arabs. Gregorius, Metropolitan of Leningrad, arrived in the Middle East after the defeat of Germany and announced that the Russian church conciliated its differences with the Communist party. It must be clear to the reader by now that any settlement of the Palestine problem cannot ignore the Soviet Union.

(Part 7... "British Labor Party Betrays Jew" in next issue of "After Hours.")



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