

SCHOOL AND YOUR CHILD

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One-third of college freshmen frequently misspell these simple words:

losing
writing
dropped

Two hundred of each 600 fresh put two o's in losing, two t's in writing but delete one "p" from dropped.

Don't laugh, the misspelling is common from coast to coast. Some professors overlook them, excusing the errors as inadvertent ones or making believe they don't exist.

But not Cratis Williams of Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone. This 29-year-veteran of teaching conducts a formal eight-week remedial spelling class for collegians below par.

As far as is known, the spelling course is the only one on a campus in the nation. Backbone of it is words and rule drilling, just like march and gun drills Marine recruits get at Paris Island.

Few college officials like to admit the necessity of teaching spelling. It should be learned in the grades. Nevertheless, like Hillary's Mt. Everest, the problem "is there," and Williams is conquering it at ASTC.

The genial educator worked out a book for the course. The nation's only college speller, it gives all rules, words and exercises necessary for one to patch up spelling deficiencies.

Williams' remedial course is required for those below level at ASTC.

Students must pass it before moving forward. Only exceptions: A few non-spellers.

Williams defines a non-speller as "one who just can't spell—no matter how hard he tries." This alone doesn't wash a pupil out of college, however.

If the non-speller shows ability in other subjects and makes a dictionary his sweetheart, chances are he can pass.

Since spelling isn't related to intelligence, Professor Williams explains, a poor speller but otherwise bright pupil might actually do well in college.

The brilliant American author Nathaniel Hawthorne was a high IQ'er who couldn't spell but got along. Yet there's been only one Hawthorne.

Expert Williams finds, this one rule helps a poor speller more than any other:

"If a word ends in silent 'e' drop the 'e' to add 'ing'."

Not knowing this accounts for one spelling "changing" as "changeing."

After 12 years in grade school why are there college freshmen not knowing such a simple rule?

Williams thinks spelling is taught incidentally rather than formally in most grades. This is adequate for one-third the students, he says. But the other two-thirds should be taught formally in order to learn.

By "formally" the professor means the drill method—writing words over and over again until they become second nature with one.

The good speller is one who can dash off words without thinking how to spell them, he contends.

Williams pooh-poohs oral spelling. To stick in mind, words must be mastered through writing. Bright, kids spelling aloud on TV shows can't correctly write half the words, the professor

states. Williams is not the "cut-and-dry" type English teacher who's failed to modernize teaching methods. From Lawrence County in Kentucky's Big Sandy Valley, originally, he's a colorful personality. Can strum a banjo, sing ballads, and once taught in New York's Bohemian Greenwich Village. One year he sported a goatee to students' amusement.

Dr. Amos Abrams, now editor of North Carolina Education Magazine, began in 1941 Appalachian's spelling laboratory.

In 1946 Williams took over and has since picked out 400 most frequently misspelled words by freshmen. Here're a few samples. Check for fun how well your wife (or husband) and children can do.

To pass Williams' course, nine out of 10 must be spelled correctly.

Whose, whether, valleys, villain, similar, familiar, possible, operate, legible, grammar, recommend, privilege, proceed, restaurant, rhythm, politician, recognize, weather, weekend, sincerely, terrible, tragedy, tries, stationary, studying, succeed, success, successful, surprise, striking, respectfully.

(Editor's note: Because of the tremendous public demand for authoritative information in the field of education, SCHOOL AND YOUR CHILD will be a regular weekly column in this newspaper. Those having questions concerning any aspect of education are invited to send inquiries to SCHOOL AND YOUR CHILD, Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone, N. C.)

Weekly Devotional Column

By JAMES MACKENZIE

By his own words Jesus bases His reputation on the character of His works. He says, "If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not." "Do His works bear witness that He is God as well as man? Let us examine them.

In John 1:3 and Colossians we read that all things were made by Him. The Bible word for "create" is the Hebrew word "bara," and it means to make out of nothing. Only God can create. Genesis 1:1 tells us that God created the heavens and the earth; John and Paul tell us that Christ created all things; therefore Christ is God. Further, if He created all things, He must have existed before them, and eternality is an attribute only of God.

Not only did He create, but He preserves (Hebrews 1:3; Colossians 1:17). It is the divine power of God that preserves the order and substance of all things. Therefore, Christ is God.

He forgives sin (Mark 2:5, 10, 11). Not only had He power over the physical nature of men, but over their spiritual natures. He forgives sins. The Scribes reasoned, and reasoned correctly, that since all sin is rebellion against God, only God can forgive sin. Jesus Christ forgives sin. Therefore, Jesus Christ is God.

He had power to raise the dead (John 11:43). He said, "He that believeth on me, though he were dead, yet shall he live." Only God has power over death. Jesus Christ has power over death, and demonstrated it by the raising of Lazarus and by His own Resurrection (Romans 1:4). Therefore, Jesus Christ is God.

He gives eternal life (John 10:28, 17:2). Only an Eternal Being

can give eternal life. Only God is eternal, and He is the Source of all life. Therefore, Jesus Christ is God.

He had power over the forces of nature; power to suspend the laws of nature ordained of God. Only God could do this. Jesus Christ did it. Therefore, Jesus Christ is God.

What say His works? They cry with one voice: "This is indeed the very Son of God." (continued next week)

Stationed In Japan



Marine 1st Lieut. Benny D. Rinehart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert L. Rinehart of Louisville, Ill., and husband of the former Miss Barbara J. Spencer of Edenton, is serving with Marine Attack Squadron 211, a unit of the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing at Iwakuni, Japan.

He has been awarded a Naval "E" for high scoring in competitive evaluation bombing exercises, an annual competition event for Navy and Marine Corps squadrons. His award was for loft bombing in an A46 jet attack bomber.

Edenton Aces Upset Scotland Neck 57-49

Edenton's Aces forced the Albemarle Conference into a two-way tie for first place as they upset league-leading Scotland Neck 57-49 Thursday night on the local court. Linda Spencer turned in a sparkling performance as the Acelets won easily 62-40.

Scotland Neck and Ahoskie stood knotted at the top of the stands with a 5-2 won and lost mark. Edenton was in second position at 4-3.

The Scots started fast and took a 9-2 lead early in the contest. But Edenton caught fire on the shooting of Billy Cooke Griffin and soon tied the score. The half ended 26-all. From then on the Scots couldn't handle the Aces and soon got into foul trouble trying. Two Scots fouled out and a third was ejected from the game. The Aces cashed in for 17 out of 28 charity shots while the Scots were getting 9 of 14. This proved to be the difference as both teams hit 40 points from the floor.

Billy Wilkins, by virtue of some fine fourth-quarter shooting, led the Aces with 16 points. Billy Griffin was right behind with 14 and Elton Bass, who, along with Bryant Griffin, did an excellent job of rebounding, got

13 tallies. Jerry Tolley, Robert White and Bryant Griffin scored 4 each and Jack Bunch got two. Daniels, a sub, got 13 to pace the Scots.

The Acelets had little trouble as the guards kept the nets clean, and the forwards racked up a good lead. Scoring along with Spencer were Sara Relfe Smith and Mary Ann Overton with 13 apiece. All the Acelets saw action. Howard got 14 for the Fighting Scots.

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Fry Participates In "Lucky Delta"

Major Cecil W. Fry of Edenton was among some 4,600 commanders and staff members who took part in the mammoth exercise "Lucky Delta," held over the week-end at Fort Gordon, Ga.

The exercise, a continuation of the Lucky Bravo and Lucky Charlie maneuvers held in 1957 and 1958, was designed to keep commanders posted on the latest Army methods and techniques, including airborne doctrines, use of atomic and electronic warfare principles and employment of tactical air-support.

The Acelets successfully avenged an earlier 34-32 defeat at the hands of Plymouth by taking the 33-32 win. They led 20-19 at the half and 24-23 at the third quarter mark. With about a minute remaining the Edenton girls took a 33-27 lead which proved to be sufficient to insure victory.

Linda Spencer scored 18 points to pace Edenton. Sara Smith got 9 and Mary Ann Overton picked up 6. Linda Papineau led Plymouth with 14 points.

If we would guide by the light of reason, we must let our minds be bold.

—Justice Brandeis.

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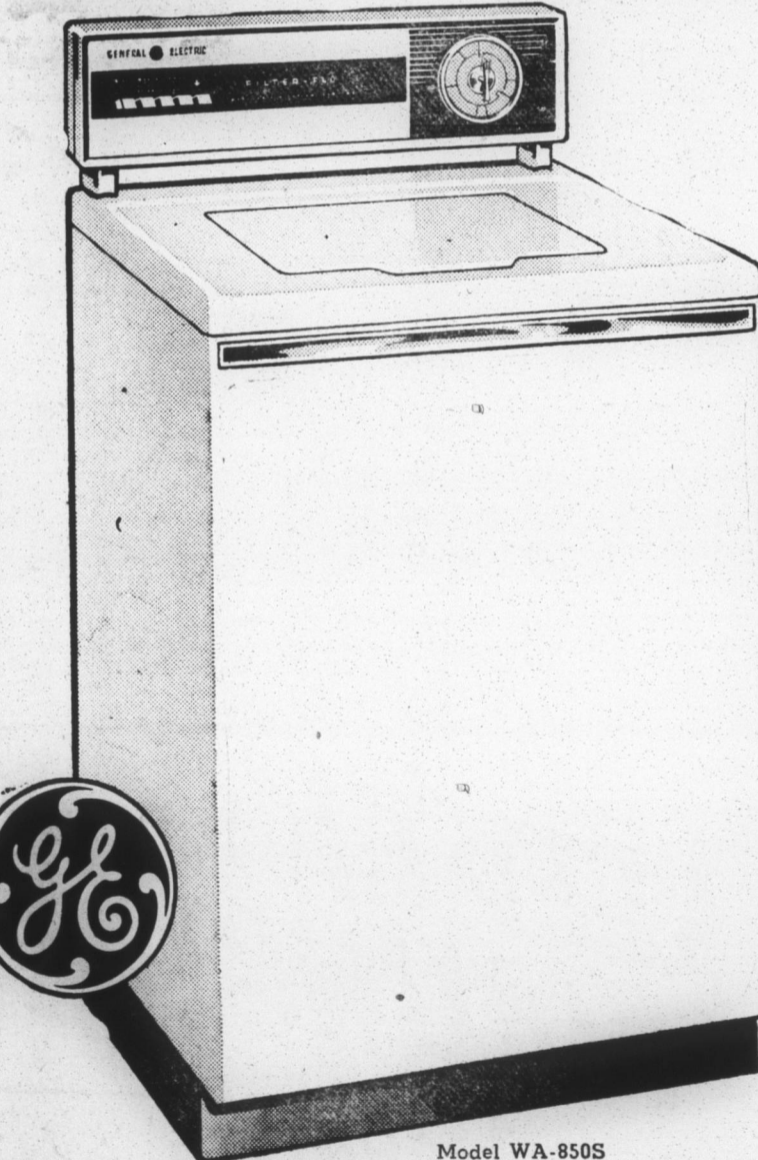
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