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**HOOTS**  
**FUNNY WORDS** — The English language is so full of peculiarities that the study of words can be endlessly fascinating. Vocabulary building is a very important part of education but words can also be a source of fun and games. Ask any crossword puzzle nut, like me.

Most everyone knows what synonyms are. They are words with similar meanings that are not similar in spelling. Examples are Chatter: prattle, talk, gab and Praise: commend, honor, laud, compliment. There are special books which compile these similar words - Roget's Thesaurus is the best-known.

Not so familiar is the name given to words with opposite meanings - antonyms. Examples of antonyms are Chatter: silence, quiet and Praise: blame, reprove, censure.

A new book has just been published which concentrates on the most interesting but most confusing category of words in the English language - homonyms. These are words that sound alike but are spelled differently. The flyer advertising this Encyclopedia of Homonyms is the source of my information for this column and I can hardly wait to see the book to discover how many more homonyms there are. The author of the Tumbleweeds cartoon comic strip must know most of them since one of the characters uses them exclusively - or hadn't you noticed?

Some good examples of these interesting words are given in the poem (?) **HOMOPHONES** which formed the most attention-getting part of the advertisement. It began "Wood you believe that I didn't no>About homophones until too daze ago? - That day in hour class in groups of for, - We had to come up with won or more. - Mary new six; enough to pass, - but my ate homophones lead the class. - Then a thought ran threw my head, - 'Urn a living from homophones', it said. - I guess I just sat and staired into space. - My hole life seamed to fall into place. - Our school's principle happened to come buy, - and asked about the look in my I." There were two more verses, but this is enough to illustrate the point.

Other variations on confusing words are also listed. The English language contains words which are

spelled alike but have very different meanings such as dear meaning beloved and dear meaning expensive. These are called homographs. And then there are heteronyms which are also spelled alike but have different meanings when pronounced differently such as bow meaning a weapon and bow meaning to bend.

**SCREECHES**  
**FUNNIER STILL** — The funniest words are the palindromes. These are words which are spelled the same backward and forward. Several years ago, John Ciardi wrote an article about this curious phenomena in the Saturday Review and listed the few that he knew (nine in all beginning with eve and madam). Phrases can also be palindromic and he soon discovered that there were many of them when readers began to write to him, so he had to write another article acknowledging their contributions.

The classic palindrome, quoted in Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, is aid to be Napoleon's sentiments when he was exiled — **ABLE WAS I ERE I SAW ELBA**. Many clever short ones were included in Ciardi's summary of his correspondence, such as **PA'S A SAP and AMORAL AROMA**. But the best one had to be **A MAN, A PLAN, A CANAL - PANAMA!**

**Death Claims**  
**Mrs. Phelps, 82**

**CRESWELL** — Mrs. Mary White Phelps, 82, of Creswell, and mother of Mrs. Ernest (Maxine) Cullipher of Edenton, died Monday.

A native of Washington County, she was the widow of Zephie H. Phelps, Sr., and a member of Phillipi Church of Christ.

Other survivors include two sons, Zephie H. Phelps Jr. and Robert C. Phelps both of Creswell; four other daughters: Mrs. Agnes Barber of Jamesville; Mrs. Martha Jane Gibbs and Mrs. Edna Ambrose both of Creswell; and Mrs. Jeanette Avery of Scotland Neck; one brother, Tom White of Creswell; 26 grandchildren, 40 great grandchildren, and five great great grandchildren.

A funeral service was held Wednesday at 2:30 P.M. in Walker Funeral Home Chapel in Columbia, by Rev. Davis Sykes, Rev. Stanley Buck, and Rev. Noah Ambrose.

Burial was in Azalea Memorial Gardens.



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