

point of view

BY BILL NIXON

It's hard to find anyone in the business of reporting and writing that is any better than Paul Harvey. The following comments are typical of his wit and insight.

During the 1960's the Beatles were reshaping music and young people were seeking a substitute religion. The Beatles turned them on to Transcendental Meditation by their endorsement of TM's founder, the Maharishi Mahesh Yogi. Today that puffed guru speaks of that time two decades ago as "the peering days of ignorance." Hindsight is better.

George Leonard was in the vanguard of the so-called "sexual revolution" of the '60s. As editor of Look magazine, he wrote articles about books on the changing attitude toward sex and generally approved it, helped it along. He's sorry now. He sees the glorification of recreational sex had Americans keeping score on what would have remained unique and sacred. Now he has written another book called "The End of Sex" that says it was a mistake to separate sex from love and marriage.

He now believes all that freedom led to trivialization, that the powerful act of love became just something mechanical, casual, obligatory as a goodnight kiss. And he sees that philosophy of the hedonists: "It feels good, do it..." also resulted in the emaciation of a whole generation with sex-related disease.

Hindsight is still better. What are we doing now for which we will have to apologize 20 years from now? When we look back upon 1983 from the year 2000 what will embarrass us? That we persisted, despite the law, to pay women workers less than

men... That we taught children to calculate electronically without teaching them why... taught them the language of computer to neglect of spelling...

And will we remember "busing" and blush? And with chagrin will we remember that, in violation of the law, we allowed a continuing avalanche of illegal immigration resulting in higher taxes, fewer jobs; more crime, and new-to-us diseases?

Hopefully, more civilized by then, we will reflect with shame on the hypocrisy of waging war on "human" suffering while contributing to the unspeakable agony of animals. We will remember that in our proper pre-occupation with remedying white-black discrimination we allowed black-white discrimination.

For civilization at its swiftest is two steps forward, one step back. Hindsight is clearer.

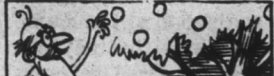
But will be able to look back - if we have talked ourselves out of nuclear peace-keeping and left ourselves helplessly outnumbered? In the from-here-on future the nation that endures may be the one that can learn from its mistakes - before making them.

Let's hope so and let's hope that it is America that endures, Mr. Harvey.

On a lighter side, let's hope this never happens to us: It was the first day of school for the five-year-old girl, and she was very homesick. Finally the teacher the teacher helped her phone her mother at home.

When her mother answered the telephone, the little girl was too shy to say anything. Finally her mother asked who was calling.

The child replied, "This is your daughter, Virginia," and burst into tears, adding, "Have you forgotten about me already?"



An orange tree may bear fruit for more than 100 years.

Carolina's Tweetsie Railroad Open For 27th Year

BLOWING ROCK — Tweetsie Railroad, North Carolina's premiere mountain travel attraction and No. 1 family theme park will open for the 1983 season on May 28 and remain open through October 30. This is Tweetsie's 27th year of operation as a park.

Special entertainment in the Tweetsie Palace this year will feature Tommy Faile, well-known radio, television and country and western recording headliner who has performed for folks from

every walk of life - from farmer to two Presidents of the United States. He has appeared on national television shows with Arthur Godfrey and Kate Smith. For many years, he appeared with Arthur Smith and went on to his own radio and television shows. Tommy will be heading a fine variety show which will include the North Carolina champions, the High Country Cloggers and the ever-popular Tweetsie Can-Can Girls.

This year, Fred Kirby, long a favorite of the youngsters will again be the Chief Marshal at Tweetsie railroad. Now on Saturdays and Sundays, Fred is greeting many of his loyal fans and their children. This long term relationship has been a part of the aura of Tweetsie.

"We are opening new areas of the park including a Magic Shop and Craft Junction where native mountain crafts are demonstrated and sold", offers Bill Williamson, director of operations. "Our cool climate and a variety of

entertainment appeal to the entire family. From our petting zoo and mouse mine at the top of the mountain down to our train ride and western show, it's fun for all ages."

Tweetsie will be in full operation on weekends with limited weekday operations until June 11 when all facilities will be open seven days a week. The attraction reverts to a weekend and limited weekday schedule from August 21 to October 30.

Tweetsie will have their annual Old-Timer's Day on June

18 with special attention given to former railroad employees. On June 25, Arthur Smith, famous country and western musician will do a matinee performance at 3 P.M. for all to enjoy!

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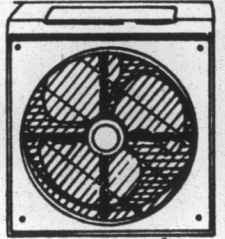
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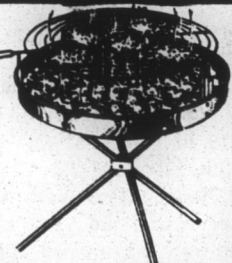
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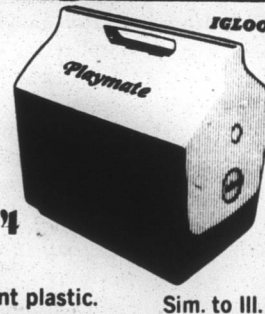
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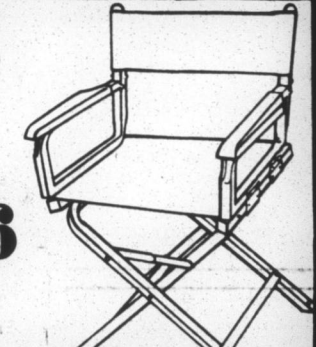
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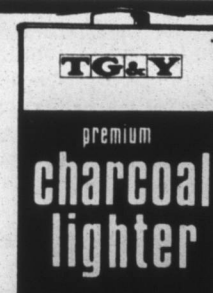
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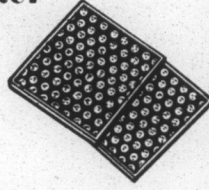


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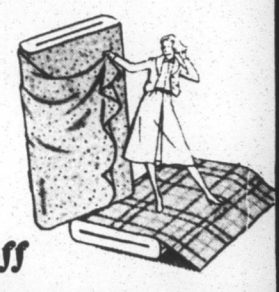
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