

Language Expert Terms 800 Words Adequate Supply

Dr. Janet Aiken Would Make 'Little English' In- ternational Tongue

New York.—An 800-word vocabulary, Dr. Janet Aiken, of Columbia University, said today, is enough for anyone to learn to read the Bible—or Ernest Hemingway. Dr. Aiken has already reduced the essentials of the English language to an 800-word vocabulary which she calls "little English" and which she hopes some day will become the future international language.

Now, with a grant from the Carnegie Corporation, she and a staff of nine assistants are working out a simplified grammar by which to teach "little English" to foreigners. It will be tried out in British universities, she said, after it is finished in June.

"You might call it Hemingway English or Bible English," she said. "The greatest English literature has always been the most simple and direct. The Bible would go into this vocabulary with very little change because it is so simple."

"Hemingway has gone back to Bible English by using short, simple sentences, very few clauses, and clear, direct language. That is exactly our ideal."

"For instance, in ordinary English there are about 40 ways of saying a man accomplished something: 'He made a success', 'he made good', 'he got there', and so on, but the best is just the way we would put it in little English—he succeeded."

"In little English," Dr. Aiken and her associates plan to eliminate all "frills" such as prepositions, conjunctions, participles, and relative pronouns. There will be only nouns, verbs and "joining words", or words which make relations to other words, such as "and", "is", and "of".

Prepositions, in particular, are anathema to Dr. Aiken, both because they are hard for foreigners to learn and because they keep English from being as direct and literal as it might be.

The system is being worked out under auspices of a conference of language experts from various countries, but Dr. Aiken hopes it will be used for business, diplomacy and international communication as well as for teaching.

Model Village Is Run By Women

Urbandale, Mo.—This village is "no man's land" so far as town government is concerned. Women now hold every office from mayor to chief of police.

It was seven years ago that the first talk of woman government had the folks laughing. But now the laugh is on the males, for the ladies have ruled since then and with the population consisting of more women than men it appears that they shall continue in office indefinitely.

Officials All Mothers
Executive sessions of the "city fathers", who all happen to be mothers, are held in the home of Mayor Mrs. Ruth Fleming.

The town boasting of no crime, not even speeders—the car owners obeying the 15 miles an hour speed limit.

Taxes 25 cents per \$100 valuation—are exceptionally low in Urbandale and the women city officials boast that theirs is a strictly graftless administration as all serve on a dollar-a-year basis.

No Hot Dog Stands
From the standpoint of exclusiveness and zoning, Urbandale is the home owners' paradise. No hot dog stands, filling stations, advertising billboards or unsightly

huts clutter it up.

Every yard is a picture of neatness, attractively landscaped, stately elms and maples lend main street a distinguished air. Urbandale comprises 40 acres.

However, despite the complete and apparently permanent "petticoat" rule of the town's politics, the men have something to be thankful for. Outside the kitchen window of the town clerk, Mrs. Gillfillan, is a huge bell. A proposal is to ring the bell every night at 9 o'clock as a curfew for husbands was tabled by "the girls".

Dining Room Club Enjoys Candy Pull

All work and no fun does not apply to the members of the dining room club of Chowan College, for on Wednesday evening, January 23, Mrs. Taylor, the dietitian, entertained the Dining Room Club at a "Candy Pulling."

Much fun was enjoyed by the group since it was the first candy pulling that the majority had ever attended. With burned fingers, burned tongues and hot candy on every one's hands, the dining room echoed and reechoed the sound of laughter. The art, however was soon learned and the candy was soon pulled.

Those who attended were: Merle Asbell, Marie Riddick, Julia Futrell, Maggie Price, Mamie Newbern, Beadie Helmes, Mattie Grey Hoggard, Elizabeth Brett, Beatrice Martin, Lois Cartwright, Nellie and Bernice Ricks, Nora Mae Ward and Edith Smith.

Extra

X is the Roman notation for ten.

X is the mark of illiterate men.

X is the ruler removed from his throne.

X is the quantity wholly unknown.

X may mean Xenum, a furious gas.

X is a ray of similar class.

X-mas is Christmas, a season of bliss.

X in a letter is good for a kiss.

X is for Xerxes, the monarch renowned.

X marks the spot where the body was found.

—"Pilot"—Wo-Co-Ala News.

HONOR ROLL

First Honor Roll

Evelyn Blanchard, Mabel Carroll, Linda Lee Ferguson, Lucy Boone Freeman, Mabel Pittman, Mary Smith, Sarah Storey, Inez Willoughby.

Second Honor Roll

Merlee Asbell, Earl Barrett, Cora Felton Bass, Catherine Brett, Elizabeth Brett, Margaret Brett, Genevieve Brown, Winfield Carter, Lois Cartwright, Edith Ray Daughtry, Edna Mae Edwards, Helen Edwards, Lou Wilson Evans, Catherine Fleetwood, Virginia Fleetwood, Lois Jenkins, Frances Jilcott, Edith Johnson, Frances Jones, Louise Lassiter, Emily Lawrence, Kate Lawrence, Kath-

Smilin' Charlie Says



"Don't forget, while you're workin' toward fame that when y' get there they're gonna dig up all th' things you've done before!"

erine Matthews, Christine Mauney, Marjorie Mitchell, Madeline Modlin, Elizabeth Parker, Edith Pearce, Clinton Piland, Nellie Ricks, Marie Riddick, Myra Sample, Edith Smith, James Smith, Ruth Stephenson, Ruth Taylor, Gwendolyn Vann, Florence Ward, Nora Mae Ward, Evelyn Whitley, Wilma Woolard.

Seniors Choose Mascots; Other Senior Necessities

The Senior Class of Chowan College had a class meeting January 11 to choose its mascots and finish selecting the other senior necessities.

John Page Revelle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Revelle and Allison Britt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Britt, both of Murfreesboro were chosen for the senior mascots. The two were chosen for many reasons, but one was because of the perfect match. John Page, a little taller than Allison, the traditional brunette and Allison with her big blue eyes and blonde curly hair make a perfect co-mascot. The seniors are to be blamed if the mascots carry out the bride and groom effect as the class boosts of two brides already. But this is only one of the many reasons why John Page and Allison were chosen.

The seniors also chose all of the rainbow colors and the sweet pea flower for practical and economical reasons. With the rainbow colors the girls can wear the color of dress most becoming and the sweet pea isn't a very expensive flower. The seniors feel that the attitude they have taken toward the practical and economical side of life will be appreciated by both parents and friends.

Chowan Co-Eds Plan Literary Organization

There is at last a possibility of Society Day becoming a co-educational. In the weekly meeting of the boys on Tuesday, January twenty-second, President Edwards and the boys discussed the question of organizing a literary society for the boys. The idea was acceptable, and a committee of five was appointed by Mr. Edwards, to further discuss the question. Those on the committee are: Pives Worock, Gilbert Davis, Earl Barrett, Woodrow Castello, and Rorie Copeland. Another meeting will be called by the committee this week, and a final decision made.

We are anxious to have a society for the co-eds so that they may compete in the literary field as well as in athletics, and help make Society Day at Chowan one of the greatest days of the school year.

PERSONALS

Mabel Carroll visited in the home of Marie Riddick during the week-end.

Mabel Pittman and Mary Duncan spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Odom of Rich Square.

Merlee Asbell visited in the home of Mrs. J. A. Campbell Sunday.

Edith Smith spent the week-end at Merry Hill with Nora Mae Ward.

Carmen Morgan visited Frances Jilcott of Roxobel-Kelford last week-end.

Edythe Pierce spent the week-end with Miss Louise Lassiter in Woodland.

Wilma Woolard visited Helen

McDaniel during the week-end at Woodland.

Virginia Fleetwood visited friends and relatives in Jackson during the week-end.

Ruby Lee Modlin and Myra Sample visited in the home of Florence Ward during the week-end.

Try-Outs For Society Day

The Alathenian and Lucalian Literary Societies are looking forward with great anticipation to Society Day, March 8, as one of the "High Spots" of the year in that they are training in the literary field as well as in the field of sports.

Lucy Boone Freeman and Frances Jilcott were chosen as the debators for the Alathenians with Marjorie Mitchell as its reader. Ruth Taylor as the alternate debator and Carmen Morgan as the alternate reader were also the decision of the judges; Miss Gravelle, head of English department; Miss Hight, head of History department and Miss Schiabe, Dean of Faculty. Those entering the try outs were: Debators, Lucy Boone Freeman, Virginia Fleetwood, Frances Jilcott, Catherine Matthews, Ruth Taylor, and Edna Porter; the readers: Carmen Morgan, Marjorie Mitchell and Frances Jones.

The Lucalian Literary Society divided its try-out into two days. The first was devoted to reading with Evelyn Blanchard winning and Lois Cartwright as her alternate. The judges were: Miss Matthews, head of Piano department; Miss De Lano, head of Voice department, and Miss Whittinghill, head of Home Economic department. Those entering were: Evelyn Blanchard, Lois Cartwright, Mary Edith Duncan, Maxine Fillyaw, and Nora Mae Ward. The second day was given to debating and Inez Willoughby and Mary Smith were chosen with Adelene McGregor as the alternate. Those entering were: Margaret Brett, Mary Edith Duncan,

Adelene McGregor, Sallie Riddick, Mary Smith and Inez Willoughby. The judges were: Miss Gravelle, head of English department; Miss Matthews, head of Piano department; and Miss Whittinghill, head of Home Economics department.

Both Societies have also begun practicing in their sports, basketball and tennis. The Society Day atmosphere is already hovering over the campus and all feel that this will be one exciting day for the Societies as they are so well balanced.

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