

PRIZE-WINNING ENTRY IN SHOW



RECENT WINNER of four national beauty titles, Shirley Talbott poses with prize-winning setter "Patsy O'Brien," an entry in the annual All-Breed Dog Show in Washington. The owner is W. T. Holt. (International)

It is estimated that 1,500,000,000 baby chicks are hatched annually in the United States, the majority of them in the spring.

Americans ate an average of 80 pounds of beef, 70 pounds of pork and six of lamb and mutton in 1948.

FFA Chapter Holds Father-Son Banquet

Carlton Weatherby, principal and head coach at Waynesville High School, filled the role of principal speaker at Saturday night's annual Father and Son banquet of the Smoky Mountains Chapter of the Future Farmers of America.

A large audience heard the popular grid mentor and schoolmaster, address the session at the Hazelwood School.

Linton Palmer, FFA chapter president, was master of ceremonies. Taking part in the opening ceremony were: Vice-President Jerome Boyd and Wade Francis, Reporter Allen Boone, Secretary Perry Morrow and Adviser John Nesbitt.

Time and effort may be saved in laundering stockings by using a porous nylon bag which serves as a washer and dryer. The bag prevents snags and can take up to 10 pairs of hose.

Alcoholics Cost Firms 2,000,000 Hours A Month

(Special to The Mountaineer) GREENSBORO—Industry is losing two million man-hours per month because of alcoholic employees, says C. D. Cunningham, director of the Keeley Institute of North Carolina.

Cunningham, whose institute has been treating alcoholics for the past 58 years, said that surveys show 3 per cent of the population are alcoholics. Using latest Department of Commerce figures (March, 1948) which show an estimated U. S. employment figure of 61,000,000, Cunningham states that there are 1,830,000 alcoholic employees in the country.

"If this group remains away from their work, or dawdles over work," Cunningham said, "even for one hour and a few minutes per month the cost to industry could be conservatively estimated at two million man-hours."

"Industry has long ignored the alcoholic employee as an indirect cost factor," Cunningham stated. "One reason is that most of them do not realize that alcoholism is a disease—and not something that can be controlled by those in authority. More often than not, the alcoholic employee also does not realize that he is suffering from a disease. This fact must be brought to the attention of all concerned."

When asked what employers could do about the situation, Cunningham gave this 5-point program as a recommended procedure:

- 1. If an employee repeatedly remains away from his or her work, or shows signs of slowing up production, he or she should be examined by a doctor.
2. If the doctor finds that alcohol is a contributing factor to loss of time or production, the employee should then be sent to an understanding personnel officer.
3. It should be explained to the employee that alcoholism is a disease. This self-knowledge may enable the employee to admit that his or her life is becoming unmanageable because of alcohol.
4. If this point is reached, hospitalization should be recommended where necessary, with the sanction of the company or, at least, with no penalty attached.
5. After medical treatment, the employee might be guided to the church or Alcoholics Anonymous for continued moral support and a new way of life.
Cunningham was emphatic on the point that industry itself would

U.N. BUILDING NEARS COMPLETION



RISING IN STately ELEGANCE, the new United Nations Secretariat Building in New York is almost ready for occupancy. In the foreground of this future monument to world peace are rows of steel posts marking the sites of other U.N. structures which will soon be erected. (International)

WALKING ARSENAL

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (UP)—For a young fellow charged with auto theft, 18-year-old William Blake certainly went well-heeled, police said after a frisking produced the following items: One .30-.30 rifle, two .22 rifles, one switch-blade knife, six hunting knives and assorted boxes of ammunition.

benefit by what appears to be altruism. Industry has an investment in each and every employee, he said, and if that investment alone could be salvaged, it would in turn benefit the employee, his or her family, as well as fellow workers. The Keeley Institute of North Carolina is affiliated with the original Keeley Institute at Dwight, Illinois, which has been in continuous operation since 1879. In its more than half a century of operation, it has treated thousands of alcoholics in all walks of life.

NG TRIBE NUMEROUS

SAN FRANCISCO (UP)—There are 73 San Francisco residents named Ng listed in the telephone directory, starting with Albert L. Ng, ending with Wilbert Ng and including Bessie Ng, Pearl Ng, Ng Bing Quon and Ng Gum Sing. Most of them live in Chinatown.

CUPID CAUSES HEADACHE FOR AIRLINES

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Child Who Is Bad in Spelling

By GARRY CLEVELAND MYERS, Ph.D.

WHEN a teacher must read a paper written by a boy or girl in junior or senior high school with many words misspelled, she naturally is annoyed. And because of this annoyance she may unconsciously grade the paper lower than if there were few or no misspellings. But when she purposely lowers a grade on a paper (or marks it failing) which was meant to be a creative composition or assemblage of facts, she may defeat the major purpose of this paper.

Some while ago, in this column, I advised that in creative writing the child be urged to get it down just as it comes into his head and not to bother then about spelling, capitalization, punctuation and the like, and that this paper then be evaluated by the teacher on its creative merits. Later, it may be wise to have the child go over this paper again for mechanical accuracies. A mother writes of her son:

Honor Roll "Last year in high school he was on the honor roll every marking period, having all A's and B's. This year he is taking biology. In two or three tests he received B's, but because he misspelled several of those hard biology words, the B's were taken away and he was given C on his report, which barred him from the honor roll for the first time. He is very much discouraged about this." I wrote this mother advising that her son might easily meet this problem by making it a rule to copy carefully the technical words in each biology assignment and practice each evening at learning to spell them. While

that teacher might be unreasonable in her demands, she is wise to insist that her students shall learn to spell the key words in any school subject.

Bad Spelling

When our youngest son now an aeronautical engineer entered junior high school he was a miserable speller, as were most of his classmates also. Fortunately the principal of that junior high school was very wise, I think. He won all the teachers of the special subjects to cooperate in providing typed lists every so often of the technical words of each of these subjects. Every student was required to spell at least 85% of these words before he could go beyond certain stages in the course.

Students in high school and college who really care about learning to spell well can work out a good self-directed plan. Accordingly they will write down each day the words which gave them trouble on that day in their written work, one word to a small sheet or card, and set themselves each evening to learn to spell these words. At the cost of only a few minutes a day, see what they might achieve. (My bulletin, "Home Helps for Poor Spellers," may be had in a stamped envelope sent me in care of this paper.)

One more suggestion: If your son or daughter in high school has trouble grasping the ideas and facts in such courses as chemistry or algebra, a classmate this child looks up to as excelling in the subject might well be hired as a tutor. Very often a successful student makes a better teacher of a lagging classmate than an adult teacher does. I have seen some very marked successes in this direction.

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