

So This Is New York

By
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Victor Riesel, the blind labor columnist who "lost his eyes so that we may see" was at a midtown hotel and I met him for the first time. As we shook hands, I could not help but notice that behind the dark glasses were horrible scars from the acid which was thrown into his face. Then Victor spoke to the New York Traffic Club luncheon to which genial Andy Anderson, former president, had invited us, our group sitting at the forward table. The blind speaker said he was not a hero; that he did not condemn labor as a whole, for it contains fine men. But he did ask who are the men who can hire murderers and acid throwers to disable those who expose them. It

was a touching and heart-rending occasion.

You need have no worry about the Ford Foundation. Its new president, Dr. Henry T. Heald, former chancellor of New York University, is one of the best administrators and most outstanding educators of the nation, as well as being a sincere and engaging gentleman. Chatting with him, I could not help but think of the criticism which has been leveled at such foundations in recent times, but I received the definite impression that anything entrusted to him is in safe and able hands. Truly, this great university's loss is the foundation's gain.

Despite his eminent success in



HEADING THE MONOGRAM CLUB at Clyde High School this term are these four officers (first row): Edna Mae Fugate, secretary, and Marietta Brown, treasurer; (back row) Jimmy Green, president, and Johnny Rogers, vice president. Not present when this picture was made was Barbara Jolley, reporter. (Mountaineer Photo).

Small Town Boy, Prince Receive Journalism Awards

By JANE EADS

the hard business world, Joe Docter is a sentimental man. This was evident in a recent trip he and his wife made up the Hudson River, a memorable experience in the fall when the golden leaves contrast so beautifully with the silvery water and green grasslands. On board the boat were some 40 choir boys from the St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Manhattan, and these youngsters sang so feelingly and were so well-behaved that Joe was deeply moved. Such youngsters, Joe told me, are a delight to everyone and bright proof that most of our children are not delinquent but inspiring.

Ernest Hemingway, who left here recently for Europe, once got lost while driving around out in the country. Becoming hungry, he stopped at a farm house and asked the woman at the door if he could buy a meal. Looking over his disheveled clothes, she remarked that he didn't look as if he could pay for a meal. Whereupon the Nobel-prize-winning author dug into his pocket and came up with several dollar bills. "John!" yelled the farmer's wife. "Turn on the radio quick. There must have been another bank robbery."

There is one thing on which the two presidential candidates agreed: that is, that we have a boom in religion. Both Eisenhower and Stevenson concur in the statement that church membership is outstripping population. Increases, there is record-breaking Sunday School attendance, and contributions and new church buildings point to a widespread spiritual hunger. Several ministers gave their opinions as to why this is. These reasons ranged from the loneliness of modern man to fear of Russia and the H-bomb and a general search for peace of the spirit.

Now that the football season is well under way, there are a number of stories going the rounds, including the one about the player who weighed just 120 pounds, while the opposing team had a full-back weighing 240. The little feller decided to make a flying tackle at the big one, diving head on with all his might. "We went on and finished the game," the small one's captain said later. "We figured he would have wanted it that way."

An actor here spent the summer going around the country posing as a sales expert for one of the large corporations. Of course all he did was give the spiel he had memorized. But, he told me, several local dealers tried to hire him as manager.

Highest birth rates in western European nations for 1955 were in Portugal, the Netherlands, Ireland and Finland.

The New York Stock Exchange buys more than a million lead pencils a year.

WASHINGTON — A wide-eyed small town boy and a worldly, much headlined prince charmed distinguished persons gathered for the fifth presentation of the annual William the Silent Award for Journalism.

The youngster was Burton Heath of Thetford, Vt., whose father, S. Burton Heath, was one of 14 American newsmen and women who lost their lives in a Dutch airliner crash in July 1949. Young Heath received a \$1,000 scholarship, one of the three awards commemorating the tragedy.

Funds for the prizes were contributed by private citizens of the Netherlands. Top award, a gold medal and a check for \$1,500, went to Don Cook, foreign correspondent of the New York Herald Tribune, whom the judges selected as having written the best story during 1955 on Dutch-American relations. A gold medal for excellence in coverage of international news was presented to the Washington Post and Times Herald.

William the Silent, after whom the award was named, is often called "the George Washington of the Netherlands." Born in 1533, he too is known as the "father of his country" because he led the Dutch nation to independence.

The prince, guest speaker at the elegant and very friendly black tie

Curtains For Complainer

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)—Mrs. Beatrice McDonald went before the Oklahoma City Council to explain how she left two pairs of curtains in a basket near her garbage can and the garbage collectors removed them.

She made a trip to the city dump but failed to turn up the curtains. Councilmen sympathized and decided to give her \$9.18.

dinner, was the personable, good-looking Bernhard, husband of Queen Juliana. He was introduced as a "friendly prince and a prince of friends" by Secretary of State John Foster Dulles.

Young Heath, in long-trousered dark suit and wearing black-tie like the dinner-jacketed older men, many of whom were colleagues of his father, accepted his award with unusual grace in one so young.

Sitting between me and his attractive mother, a home economics teacher in Thetford, the boy confided he planned to use the \$1,000 toward furthering his education at the University of Vermont. He did not plan to follow in his late father's footsteps, he said gently, after handing the check over to his mother.

"I want very much to be a farmer," he explained, "I want to grow crops and raise animals."

Bright Ways To Enliven Yule Gifts

AP Newsfeatures

Gift wrappings may be conversation pieces. A pretty one may go a long way in stretching the importance of a gift. A fluffy ribbon bow atop a package or a gift wrap that is especially suitable to the contents of the package may be more fun than the gift itself.

A real intriguing gift wrap for young girls is an angelic one that is charming and simple to make.

Wrap the box in black or charcoal gray paper and secure with cellophane tape.

Pleat a piece of pink construction paper into 3-inch folds and cut out angle shapes. Use an angel picture as a pattern. When unfolded, you have a strip of six angels holding hands. The wings are cut separately and taped to the back of each angel. Now place them in a semi-circle on top of the box and hold them in place with clear tape. Tiny birthday candles are taped to each angel's hand for an extra touch. Fluffs of cotton are taped here and there to form floating clouds. There are a variety of other shapes you could cut from folded paper in similar fashion: a row of triangular trees, studded with sequins; gingerbread ladies or snowmen decorated with holiday tape. Almost any Christmas motif will lend itself. Skaters may lend a festive note if you find just the right pattern.

Experiment with your design using newspaper until you get just the right one. Then cut it on the good paper.

Use Christmas ornaments, flowers, glitter and other inexpensive items to add glamor and individuality to your beribboned packages. A red rosebud taped to each ribbon loop may give a special look. Small ornaments and bells tied to the end of streamers will tinkle as the gift is being opened. Another novelty of gift wrapping is to brush the sticky side of cellophane tape in glitter and tape around a small package.

Another cute idea is to dye cotton swabs gay colors and make pinwheel designs. Dye the cotton tips red or green and sprinkle them with glitter. Fasten to your package with cellophane tape. You may also spell out the person's name with these little cotton tips if you are decorating a large package.

These swabs also come in handy for addressing Christmas packages. Dip them in ink, colored paint or nail polish and write directions and addresses with a bold stroke. You may also decorate your

Humane Association Meets Monday Night

The Haywood County Humane Association will meet Monday, December 3 at 7:30 p.m. at the Health Center on the Asheville road.

The meeting will be open to the public. The Humane Association meets once a month and is open to all persons interested in better treatment of the domestic and farm animals of the county.

Christmas package in this fashion, making striking designs with the little swabs.

Way Kinsland Graduates From Naval Training

GREAT LAKES, Ill. — Way R. Kinsland, son of Mrs. Jessie Kinsland of Route 1, Clyde, graduated from recruit training Nov. 24 at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill.

The nine weeks of "boot camp" included drill and instruction in seamanship, gunnery, life saving, sea survival, boat handling, and the use of small arms.

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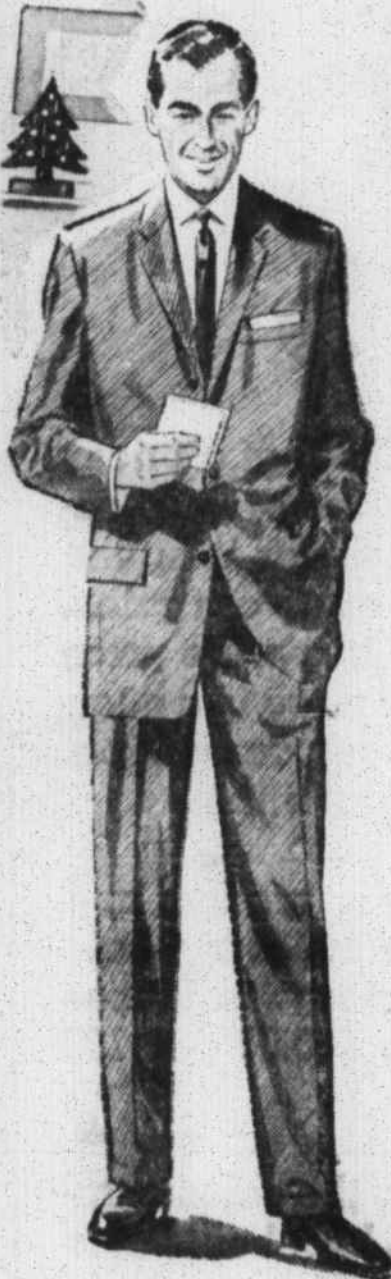
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