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Opinion Poll Shows Students Have Differences In Opinion About The Space Age

by James Jackson

As you know, a few weeks ago, your English teacher asked you to write a composition of a few sentences on the topic "What Do You Think of the Space Age", or "Atomic Energy?" Here is a statistical analysis of the results and a few of the opinions given: 17.5 per cent thinks it was helpful; 25 per cent agrees it is a wonderful idea; 17 per cent thinks it was a goal, opportunity, necessity, etc.; 4 per cent thinks it's both a good and bad idea; 25 per cent doesn't like the idea at all.

Janet Baptiste: I think the Space Age is wonderful and exciting. I'm in favor of it 100 per cent and glad to be living in this age.

Tony Chandler: I think that we as a nation should do everything in our power in order to improve our knowledge of the Space Age. As it stands, our nation is still at least ten months behind Russia in the "Space Race".

Anita Dunston: Atomic energy is beneficial simply because it thrives upon the curiosity of man.

Earl Leatherberry: I think atomic energy should be banned from the world as a weapon but should be used for other things; such as, for transportation, to run machines, and for all peaceful purposes. I think that the United States did right by trying to ban atomic weapons altogether; for this has started a great confusion among nations.

Barnetta Parker: I think that our space flight program is very interesting but sometimes it is very dangerous. I wouldn't mind going on one myself even though it is dangerous.

Kenneth Burnett: Space exploration, in my opinion, should proceed no matter what people may say. Who knows that man won't find a planet where people may live.

If it hadn't been for brave men exploring the oceans against sayings of their times, we wouldn't know the Americans today.

Freda Jackson: The Space Age is the most interesting and wonderful thing that is happening to man; however, I don't think man should try to live in the sky because God made man to live on earth; I think he should let God take care of the heavenly bodies.

Cheryl Lucas: I am inclined to believe that the United States Space Program is a necessity to all races. I feel that the world will become united into one kingdom, if not destroyed first, and the location will probably be what is known to man now as

Margaret Stewart: Soaring into outer space is indeed a great task. It is a courageous, adventurous, difficult, and skillful job; and I am for it all the way.

Otis Ronald Chavis: I don't think that it is right to explore outer space. If God wanted us in Outer Space He would have put us in space; but I can be wrong because some things are meant to be and some are not.

Floriatta Galreath: I believe that the space age, sooner, or later, will cause a world war or cause the world to come to an end.

Scientists believe that the space age is a wonderful thing, but I think that what's in space should stay in space.

Evelyn Hall: I approve of space flights because they enable us to know more about our heavenly bodies. I truly think and hope that someday there will be more people going into space because it's a great opportunity for us to know the world the way it really is.

Walter Norflett: Space is an important stage in United States History. It shows how great our nation is. It is our most sensible pioneer act.

Nadine Burt: I am against man going into space, because, if man goes into space it might affect the people on earth.



Anita Dunston Excels In Science

Anita Dunston, a junior and honor-roll student, has won several first-place awards in state science exhibits, and has also won a first-place award in chemistry at Mary Potter's Science Fair. But, Anita hasn't just started to winning awards since she has been in North Carolina. She won several awards during her stay in Washington, D. C., including National recognition.

Her project "The Wonder Element, Carbon", won a first premium at the State Fair in Raleigh.

She also won the first-place award in an exhibit at the Resource-Use Conference at North Carolina College, Durham, North Carolina.

Anita's main interest is chemistry, in which she plans to major when she goes to college; but, she likes all areas of science.

She says, "I'd almost rather do algebra than eat". Anita didn't like math during her early high-school years; but, as she puts it, "My curiosity has overcome my knowledge".

When asked what she thought of atomic energy, Anita said that it is beneficial simply because it thrives upon the curiosity of man.

Science, to Anita, is the backbone of life from which one's

M. P. Boys Show Homemaking Interest

Mrs. M. J. Holley, home economics teacher, states that boys are interested in learning more about the art of homemaking and have excelled in the field. Samuel McCoy, James Hester, James Hargrove, David Puryear, and James Bass have taken a forward look about their possible homemaking ventures and have joined the girls by taking a first-year course in home economics.

M. P. Students Watch Astronaut's Historic Flight

February 20 seemed to have been officially claimed "Space Day" for everyone was glued to a television set watching Astronaut John Glenn make his historic three orbits around the world. Students from both the high school and junior high school watched from several of the rooms and in the auditorium.

Glenn's flight and the Space Age were the topics of discussion for the remainder of the week. Many of the teachers even tested their students on what they saw and heard from the televised flight.

A Reminder

Supt. C. W. Duggins of the Oxford City Schools has released the dates that will serve as make-up days for the city school unit because of days lost as a result of bad weather.

The dates are March 31, April 14, and May 5.

past, present, and future are suspending.

She is the president of 11-S, her homeroom; president of the Bi-Phi-Chem Science Club, a member of the Student Council, and a member of the Debaters Club.

Recently she witnessed the parade in Washington, D. C. honoring Astronaut John Glenn, Jr.

MY PERSONAL PHILOSOPHY OF LIFE

By James H. McDougle

LIFE—has been described by some persons as being a continual, steady flow of troubles. I disagree with these persons very much. I believe that there is something in life for everybody and all that is needed to acquire this is to "live right."

There are three parts to my personal philosophy. I will attempt to describe each one.

First, I have adopted a positive outlook on life's happenings. By this I mean that when something which I consider "bad" happens, I do not sit around and grumble and feel upset over it. Rather, I have an inner feeling that "what's happened, has happened" and I cannot go back and change it. Each day I should look upon a new life and a chance to do a little better than I did the day before.

Secondly, I desire to be truly happy and to have the feeling that I have made someone else happy for at least a moment. A smile, rather than a mean frown, is, in my opinion, the mark of an intelligent and thoughtful person.

Thirdly, and probably the most important of all, is to love and respect God. For out of love and respect for God grows love and respect for our fellow man, and from this comes happiness for everyone and an everlasting situation of world peace.

I don't expect everyone to conform to this philosophy—to each his own. But I do hope that everyone does have a personal philosophy; that he lives by which, added to all the others, will bring about complete happiness for the entire world.

Semester Honor Roll Released

Joseph Colson of the tenth grade and Arnetia McGhee of the seventh grade made all A's for the first semester.

The following students made the "B" honor roll for the first semester:

6th Grade: Frederick Bullock, Jesse Burwell, Paul Carrier, Abraham Daye, Alpha Peace, Steven Powell, Cliff Robertson, Marshall Yancey, Alvin McGhee, Vivian Bowen, Bettie Feilds, Joan Greenwood, Gladys Hawley, Bettie Jordan, Mary Liza Terry, Lizzie Thorpe, Ellouise Umstead, Charlene Anderson, Sandra Brown, Mary Byrd, Ella Jane Carter, Thelma Cox, Priscilla Fields, Liddell Harris, Delores Hawley, Joyce Lewis, Ruth Lyons, Delores McNeill, Omega Peace, Yvonne Peace, Joyce Marie Puryear, Brenda Webb, Ruth Webb and Doris White.

7th Grade: Billy Puryear, Chandler Clark, Frank H. Clark, Patricia Ridley, Thomas Barnett, Roy Bass, William Carter III, Taze W. Baskerville, John Irvn Mayo, Arvell McGhee, Pauletta Allen, Patricia V. Anderson, Patricia D. McCray, Billy Perry, Mary C. Ridley, Mary E. Steward, Ann D. Taylor, Frances M. Terry, Carolyn Thornton.

8th Grade: Marian Bass, Gloria Brown, Barbara Cates, Larry Hamme, Carolyn Lawson, Lois McAllister, Archie McNeill, Anthony Miller, McQuilla Smith, Elliot Taylor, Lois Thorpe, Jacqueline Umstead, (continued on page 6)

Poetry Corner

SHIRLEY WILKERSON

shoulder and then walks away. A—is for accuracy we've made.

A Real Friend

A real friend never fails to answer a call that prevails. R—is for rapture we've recorded.

A real friend is always there to give some time, or maybe to share. Y—is for years in which we're rewarded.

A friend is one who loves you for the creature that you are. P—is for pleasure we'll have.

Regardless of your humbleness or likeness to a star. O—is for obligation it shares.

A friend doesn't count the faults you have or tell you what to do. T—is for times we've spent.

But never will he stop the try until he makes a better you. T—is for the times we've quit.

A real friend would want your life to be a song, and tries to lend a helping hand when anything goes wrong. E—is for embitterness we sometimes have.

Wilkerson & Editor R—is for remembrance we'll all share.

Apology

While the teacher was out, the students in her class were keeping noise. This is one of the apologies she received.

I write this note on lines of blue,

To let you know that I talked, too.

I didn't talk much, I didn't talk loud,

I just sat here and whispered to the crowd.

G. B.

Mary Potter

M—is for the many times we've slaved.

My Principal

My principal is a pleasant man, Although he has great commands.

He walks the hall day and night, To see if someone will fuss or start a fight.

He'll never sit in his office all day, And see idle children passing his way.

He comes to the door and shouts your name, And takes you to your teacher and see who's to blame.

After he and your teacher have had a long talk,

He hands you a trash can and says, "Take a walk!"

After you've worked for a day or two,

He finds something else for you to do.

A day or so later you get change for a dime,

When you enter he says, "Hello, haven't seen you in a long time."

You try to stay mad, but you can't stay this way

When he slaps you on your