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'Cotton-Picking ...'

Abecedarian Spins Out Frosh Advice

By ROGER WILL COE

Well, here we go again in another swing of North Carolina's oldest abecedarian merry-go-round, the 161st opening of Tar Heel-on-Franklin. And the urge to preach at, sermonize to, and take from, so far as the new frosh class is concerned, remains as strong as it was when Upper Classman Cain interested himself in the affairs of Freshman Abel at old Eden Agricultural & Un-mechanical.

It is, however, an urge to be purged, and not merely because the Biblical example of "correcting" freshmen eventuated in Civilization's unswerving solution of how to handle non-conformists: "Kill 'em." Ah, no. Times have changed... and to-day we uns matriculate at a reasonable facsimile of Eden A & U with this one improvement: We are now, the colleges and universities of these allegedly United States, Eden Agricultural & Mechanical: "Let 'em kill themselves!" And they will, the freshmen, kill themselves academically, physically, mentally, morally, spiritually and incentive, to the tune of one half the class by the time Commencement four years hence holds its mortar-boarded double-dome on the scene of academical carnage.

BRIGHT PEOPLE

But this decimation to the fifth-power of our bright young college people is not to be taken as the end of everything for Civilization. Indeed, even if the whole darn class was to fall on its ass as by the end of the fourth year, throughout the United States, we'd bumble along somehow; because, since the first and most important requirement for admission to college is the financial requirement, and since one third of the top two percent of our high-school seniors, intelligence-wise, are unable to enter college, one-third of our best brains would have been at work those four years making the moola to pay the taxes; and any politician, from two-bit ward heeler to the peerless-leader class—which is another way of saying, from left to right—can tell you that paying taxes is the *sine qua non* of Good Government; and any politician now in office can tell you, if you can find him in his office, that Good Government means supporting the incumbent government.

FROSH

Further, if the entering frosh class did survive our collegiate obstacle-course, we would be in a dither, to say the least. It is a fact that the freshman and sophomore classes are the profit-classes, moneywise; that junior and senior classes break even; and that graduate schools cost money. Many are called to Woolen Gym; but few, comparatively speaking, are chosen to break even. Graduate schools are necessary to tone up the diggings and to supply a new crop, seasonally, to augment the degree-bearing (as distinguished from the fur-bearing, or Lower Education) ranks of the Faculty.

Spoonerisms & Palindromes

Spoonerisms were named after the Rev. William A. Spooner of Oxford University, England, who was always getting his words mixed, calling a crushing blow a "blushing crow" and saying to a lady in church, "Madam, you are occupewing my pie."

Word players go to all lengths to imitate the Rev. Mr. Spooner. Thus when the Basques got bombed while crossing a gap in the Pyrenees during a war, somebody said it just showed what comes of "putting all your Basques in one exit." Of course the United Fund is a matter of "putting all your begs into one askit." When little Lena finally got her parents under control, the process was inevitable described by the neighbors as "the teasing power of Lena."

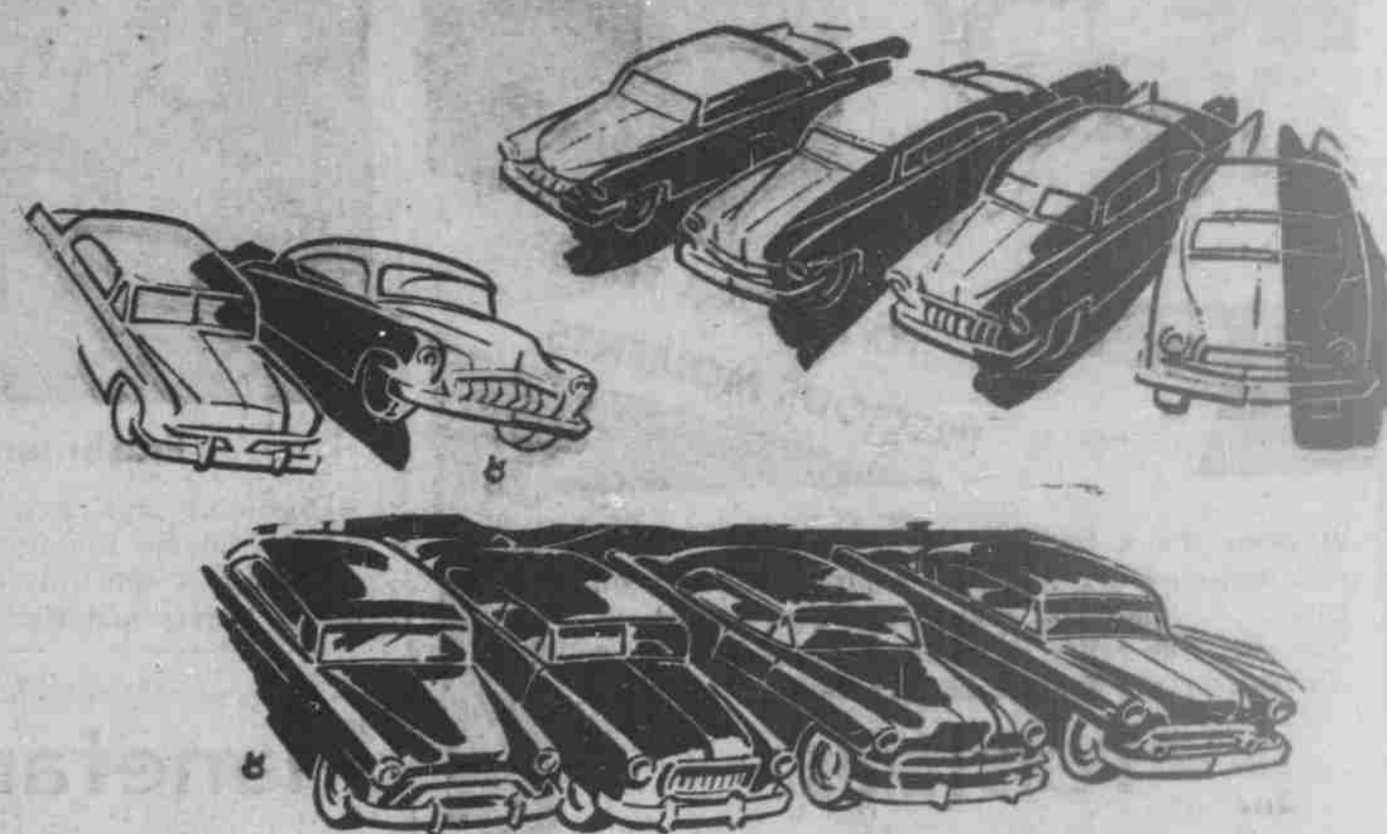
Palindromes are sentences which read exactly the same way backwards as forwards. The best known ones are: "Able was I ere I saw Elba" and "Madam I'm Adam." Others are "Niagara or roar again," and "Nor I nor Emma had level'd a hammer on iron." Webster's New International Dictionary gives this example: "Lewd did I live & evil I did dwell," but this seems aw-

fully strained, and besides that "and" doesn't read right backwards.

Words dominate our lives so much that it is a good idea to take them out an play with them and

slap them around once in a while, just to show them who's boss.—*Greensboro Daily News*

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—Quote, Unquote—

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The Lark

Creation, new springing
From winter, from night
Is a lark in me singing
High up, out of sight.
Love is a bubble
Which never shall burst—
But Eve was in trouble
For knowing it first.

—By Witter Bynner in
The Saturday Review

HONESTY

An old and trusted flunkie was left in charge of a store for the afternoon. Business was slack and he began idly looking over the stock. Finally, he tried on a pair of boots that he had eyed for several days. They fit perfectly—but the price was \$15.

Reluctantly the old man took off the cherished treasure, and turned his attention to another pair, priced at \$3. They also fit, so he wore them away, mumbling to himself: "Now, some folks I know woulda took them \$15 shoes, but not me! I is honestest than them!"—*Financial Post*

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