

Late UNC Prof's Study Published Posthumously

The University of Chicago Press published on August 2 a book entitled "Philosophical Systems: A Categorical Analysis" by the late Everett W. Hall, Kenan Professor of Philosophy and Chairman of the UNC Philosophy Department.

The book is an astute appraisal of the seemingly endless debate among diverse philosophical systems by a philosopher who, though using recently developed techniques of linguistic analysis, considers himself a metaphysician and contends that metaphysics is present in the analytic movement and indeed is unavoidable in any general view of human knowledge.

Hall vigorously maintains that philosophical disputes, while neither empirical nor logical, are genuine theoretical controversies—yet he finds a serious problem in the inability of rival philosophers to talk with one another with understanding and fairness when their differences affect their basic, categorical orientations.

Describing his study as an essay in comparative philosophy, the author objectively examines several philosophical viewpoints to see what can be said for each of them and whether it is possible to adjudicate their various claims. He first offers a definition of a philosophical "system" and describes the marks of categorical commitment. He then analyzes the problems raised by the questions, "Is a philosophical system without categorical commit-



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ment possible?" "Is a self-contained system possible?" "Are there neutral, indubitable categories available to all systems?"

On the basis of this investigation, Hall proposes a method called "categorical analysis" as a means of achieving a settlement of philosophical disputes. Though his proposal demands turning to the categories of everyday speech, the author's approach is unique in that it classifies him neither with the older school of common-sense realism nor with the newer movement intent on analyzing ordinary language for its own sake.

Hall has employed categorical analysis in his other philosophical writings. His "What is Value?" (1952) is a most notable example of the method.

Hall died on June 17 of this year. He came to the University of North Carolina in 1952 from The State University of Iowa where he had been Chairman of the Department of Philosophy for twelve years. In 1958-59 he was Visiting Lecturer at Kyoto University in Japan.

Most Credit Plan Buyers Are Honest

Over ninety-nine per cent of the people who buy things on credit genuinely intend to pay their bills. Less than 1 per cent deliberately try to gyp the merchant, according to Carl Roewe of St. Louis, one of the speakers at the institute for credit bureau executives meeting at the University of North Carolina.

Roewe divided American buyers into four different categories: 70 per cent buy on credit and never fail to pay their accounts on time. Another 20 per cent pay without unreasonable delay, but needed at times to be prodded and "educated" in the meaning of a good credit rating. Of the remaining 10 per cent who buy on credit, over 9 per cent originally intended to pay, but fell upon hard times for one reason or another. Only a fraction of one per cent are "fraudulent in their design." Roewe said to 160 credit executives attending the 15th annual Southeastern Management Conference for Credit Executives, meeting here all this week.

Presiding at the session here is Margaret Huggins of Hickory, president of the organization.

Farm Boys Preferred In Ag-Business

Want to work in a North Carolina business or industry that is related to basic agriculture?

Then, get training on the farm, plus work in the industry, or special vocational training in school.

That appears to be the proper road to a career in North Carolina's growing industry based on agriculture, according to an interim report made here by F. M. Sinclair of Charlotte, training specialist for the N. C. Distributive Education program in the public schools.

Sinclair gave a progress report on a continuing survey conducted in six North Carolina counties. He told public school supervisors of distributive education programs here of findings and trends in a part of the state.

The report seems to support the notion that business and industry are growing in the state and that there is now and will be in the future jobs opening up for boys and girls leaving the farm to take jobs in business establishments.

The survey was conducted in five mountain counties around Asheville and in Charlotte and Mecklenburg County. The mountain counties are Buncombe, Transylvania, Henderson, Haywood and Swain.

Industries and businesses polled regarding their future needs include 277 food processors, dairies, food and seed firms, fertilizer dealers and manufacturers, abattoirs, equipment sales and farm supply stores, food wholesalers, nurseries, lumber dealers and saw mills, hatcheries, stockyard, hardware stores.

One sidelight finding: In Charlotte, it make little difference whether a man has a farm background or not.

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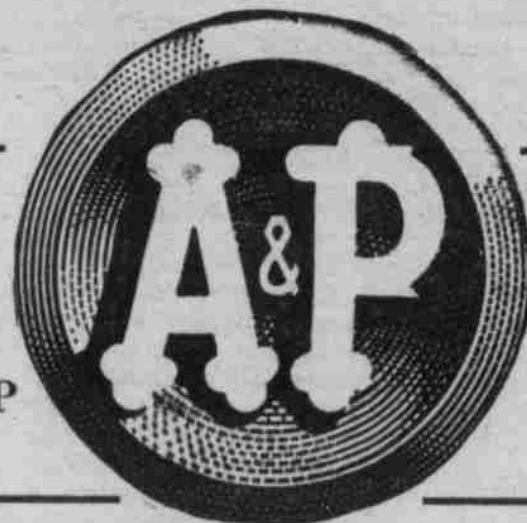
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