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Also Responsible

Early reports indicated the possibility that last week's horrible school fire in Chicago may have been deliberately set.

If that should prove true, no punishment could be too severe for those responsible; for that would have been even worse-at least in its results-than the widespread bombings that have shocked the country.

Beyond the possibility of arson, though, there's a serious question of secondary responsibility: Why did the City of Chicago permit operation of a school in a three-story building that wasn't fireproof?

The Press's Cartoons

North Carolina and The Franklin Press are losing Hugh Haynie, brilliant 31-year old cartoonist, whose work has attracted national attention. His cartoons have been appearing on this page each week for nearly two years.

Mr. Haynie has been cartoonist for the Greensboro Daily News, and The Press has been privileged to bring his drawings to its readers, through an arrangement with the Greensboro newspaper.

Now Mr. Haynie has gone to Louisville, Ky., as cartoonist for the Louisville Courier-Journal, one of the top newspapers in the nation.

Fortunately, the work of another noted cartoonist is available. Starting this week, the cartoons of Pulitzer prize-winning Jacob Burck, of the Chicago Sun-Times, will appear on The Press's editorial page.

But A Good Job

Maconians were disappointed, of course, that this county's 1958 top rural community wasn't one of the five Western North Carolina prize-winners aunounced in Asheville last Saturday.

Well, anyhow, Patton was in there pitching. And



Arkansas do not accord with what you deem meet and right, you should inveigh against the people of that sover-eign state and not simply against him who does their will.

After all, events in Arkansas, if the election returns are a guide, are taking place in accordance with the will of the people of that state. The Supreme Court decisions in two segregation cases present the opinions of the justices and, in the view of many, rest on very doubtful constitutional authority. That one day the concept of seg-regated schools in a wast area of this country could be entirely legal, and the next day wholly illegal, with neither a constitutional amendment nor the enactment of a statute by the Congress, is not in accord with the American concept of a government of laws.

Almost as interesting as the letter itself is its geographical source. It came not from Arkansas, not from a state in the Deep South, not from a border state, even. It came from Plainfield, N. J.1

Bouquet

In a way, it is not surprising that the United Fund goal here was over-subscribed; for the people of this community always have been more than generous in support of worth-while causes.

But ten thousand dollars is a lot of money to be raised in a small town, and it never would have been raised without a lot of effort. A lot of work went into setting up the organization; and, no matter how generous the people here, it took times merely to call on those who donated.

Congratulations are in order to the Rev. Donn K. Langfitt and his co-workers, not only because they were successful, but for their own unselfish contributions of time and thought and effort,

But are Southerners to be second-class members of the Democratic party?

See where a New York gambler has settled a-51/2 million dollar U. S. tax claim for 21/4 millions. Wonder how far you or I would get, if we owed Uncle Sam \$5.50, trying to settle for \$2.25.

The federal government's spending more than it takes in, and there's just one way to meet that situation, says Chairman Mills of the House Ways and Means Committee-collect more taxes. Well, now, we'd say there's a second possibility-spend less.

Just Our Opinions (Mooresville Tribune)

Some folks have the idea that editors are a special breed. There are even a few who declare that editors themselves ap-parently believe this. And by special breed, we mean individ-uals gifted with the ability to solve any problem.

Let us say here and now, we hold no such illusions about ourselves. As a matter of fact, we have enough difficulty try-ing to solve our own problems without taking on any of those of the world.

Not so a few editors we have read after.

There are a few who sit down at a typewriter every day and solve the most complicated of all prol

These individuals, and we are beholden to an all-wise Providence that their numbers are so few, take less than a galley of type to dispose of the race problem, religious bigotry, and alism throughout the entire world.

The delusions of grandeur from which these fellows suffer are sufficient to make a psychiatrist shudder.

All the time, these boys think they are solving the world's problems when in reality all they are doing is exercising their own peculiar brand of prejudice

The only thing set forth in these columns are our own opinions. We know that a good many people who read them disagree with us. But instead of accusing these readers of being ignorant and ill-informed, we simply accept their dis-agreement as their right to choose what they believe.

Not so these fellows who hold they are the repositories of special insight into the ills that beset us. You either accept their doctrine as the final word or you are a dirty little re-actionary, communist, socialist or infidel, whichever term they choose to apply.

Why Are Americans Hated?

(Pacific Islands Monthly)

Why do an increasing number of the world's so-called free ations display an increasing hatred of the United States? natio

America does nothing to injure other nations. Americans abroad are friendly, helpful, generous people. And very many nations have been kept out of bankruptcy by American funds, given without strings.

Now, we are told, Washington highbrows are visiting each other's offices, trying to solve the problem of American unpopularity.

They may reach the answer in time. It seems apparent to any student of history and human nature. It leads back di-rectly to the fact that the overwhelming majority of people are not yet fit to exercise the privileges of the freedom which has been ladled out to them—mainly under American direction-in indigestible chunks, during the past couple of decadea

Up to about World War II, Great Britain ruled an enormous colonial empire, exercising dictatorial power with wisdom and justice. There was not much political freedom among her countless masses of Asians, Africans, etc., but there were peace countiess masses of Asians, Africans, etc., but there were peace and order, sufficient food, no oppression, and reasonable con-tentment. No attempt was made to buy their love with lavish gifts. They may not have loved the British, but they respected and trusted them, and there were few—if any—manifesta-tions of popular hate.

Now all of Asia and much of Africa are "free and indepen-The inhabitants-no better off, nor likely to be-seldom miss a chance of being unpleasant to the West.

The right not to belong is as sacred, Christian, and Amer-ican as the right to join.—Franklin, La., Banner-Tribune.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

Looking Backward Through the Files of The Press

65 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK (1893)

Miss Allie Caler has a very serious attack of typhold fever. We learn that Mr. W. J. West arrived home Saturday eve-ning from Oklahoma. He expects to return to the Territory after spending the holidays with his family.

The first edition of Cosmopolitan Magazine for December is 360,000 copies, double that of any other magazine in the world.

25 YEARS AGO

(1933)

Despite the issuance of an order by the Interstate Commerce Commission, authorizing the receiver for the Tallulah Falls Railway to abandon the line, operation of the 57-mile railroad from Cornelia to Franklin is expected to continue as long as it can meet expenses.

Miss Hattie Slagle and Jesse Shope were married at Blairs-ville, Ga., Saturday evening, December 9.

Miss Mildred Harrison and Lake Shope were quietly married in Blairsville, Ga., on Saturday evening, December 9

10 YEARS AGO

When the December term of Superior Court opened here Monday morning, it was an all-Macon tribunal. Every of-

STRICTLY

PERSONAL By WEIMAR JONES

Most of us are good neighbors a blue moon. In Macon County, to the family next door, or to our we'd guess they aren't the rare friends. Some of us go further and except

apply the Golden Rule to bare ac-Those two instnaces just hapquaintances or even strangers, pened to come to my ears. There But when a man in business goes pened to come to my ears. There probably are dozens of similar ones that didn't. second mile to be neighborly with his competitor, that's a real

Yet that doesn't seem to be unusual in Franklin. Two recent instances illustrate young parents, defying the child

cupied.

situation?

was on the job.

How come?

modations they wanted.

his return from the funeral.

More recently, while Mr. and

vacation, something happened

Mrs. Harold Corbin, operators of the H. & J. Restaurant, were away

psychology books, went on record the point. as favoring an occasional spank-ing, recalls the story of the child Some months ago, when Mr. some months age, there were psychologist himself who aban-operating the Wayah View Motel, doned his theories when confrontthere was a death in the family, ed with a practical problem.

and the afternoon of the funeral, they closed the motel office. A small boy, taken into a store's toy department, just before Christ-mas, was fascinated by the things It was the slack season, and on their return from the funeral, he saw, and refused to leave. His the Carpenters were surprised to mother's pleas were vain. see a car, which hadn't been there

Came time for the store to earlier, parked in front of one of close, and still he would not leave. the cottages; and investigation re-vealed that the cottage, empty to the mother's; all to no avail. And so, in desperation, the man ager sent for a child psychologist

The piece on this page, aboat

how a conference of modern

The expert, sizing up the situ The occupants explained. They'd ation, leaned over and whispered stopped at Wood's Motor Court, something in the little boy's ear. operated by Mr. and Mrs. Mar-Immediately, the child lost intershall Pettis; but that court didn't est in the toys, took his mother's have available exactly the accomhand, and walked meekly out of the store.

Mr. Pettis knew the Wayah Amazed, the mother took the View Motel had the desired ac expert aside. "You are marvelous". commodations. Furthermore, he she said. "Won't you please tell remembered the Carpenters would me the psychological secret. What be at the funeral at that hour. did you say to Junior that worked So he piloted the visitors to such wonders?"

"I said to him" explained the his competitor's place, found the cottage to suit their needs, and child psychologist: 'You darn little got them settled. They could pay scoundrel, you; if you don't drop Mr. Carpenter, they were told, on those toys and get out of this store, right now, I'll beat the dickens out of you!""

. . .

Customs and manners change How vastly they've changed to the restaurant's cook. Nobody was illustrated by something I was available to prepare meals saw in an office here the other for the customers. A hopeless day,

Net at all! Edward Coates, who pointive public official, was talkruns the Normandie restaurant, ing with an elderly lady, who heard about the problem; put in had come in on business.

his appearance at the H. & J., The man sat at his desk, lean walked into the kitchen, and pre- ing back in his chair.

pared breakfast; and then stuck In front of the desk, the lady around until he was sure the stood.

around until ne was sure the stood. crisis was over — until a substi-tute cook had been found and lasting 10 or 15 minutes, did he rise. Not once did he offer her a

We won't say things like that chair. couldn't happen anywhere else. Yes, customs and manners But we do say such things would change. In this area, they've happen elsewhere only once in changed for the worse.

FAVOR SPANKING

junct to the home. These

NOW WHICH WAY,

MR. DARWIN?

Modern Mamas Don't Mean Maybe

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., GAZETTE

The old-fashioned ideas expressed at a three-day conference of average age was 32 - and yet they espoused these antiquated ideas: mothers in Washington under the

sponsorship of McCall's magazine The most effective form of dis must have surprised some of the cipline is a good spanking - Parmodern authorities on child beents should be parents, not "pals" havior. This meeting was not comto their children, and the youngposed of elderly mamas dating sters should not call Mom and from the day when the woodshed Pop by their first names. - Ohilwas considered a necessary addren should do household chores were without being paid for them. young, modern mothers - their School work should be stiffened

considerably.

These forthright recommendations may bring forth cries of anguish from certain educators and child experts although the blow is softened by the agree We were scanning the papers ment of most of the mothers that the other day, duly noting the they would consider it a complicries that abound and mulling the ment to have their children called words of famous people who keep "eggheads." But we suspect that getting themselves and their a substantial portion of the countrymen in hot water, when we nation's practicing parents will came across the one hundredth view the conference's espousal of anniversary of Charles Darwin's the verities with considerable

everybody is pleased over it's \$50 honorable mention award.

It's worth remembering, too, that prizes, desirable as they are, are of secondary importance. What counts is that, during the past year, the people of the Patton community have made it a better place to live-and have set a fast pace for the other organized communities in this county to try to keep up with.

Neatly Aimed Barb

odt's become customary to assume that virtually every Southern viewpoint, every Southern action, is based purely and solely on prejudice.

"Well; for a change, here's a neatly aimed barb directed in the other direction.

what a letter to the editor of The New York Times, one W. J. Molman, Jr., writes:

After reading the latest of your animadversions against she Governor of Arkansas, the Hon. Orval E. Faubus, I am beginning to believe that you might perhaps be prejudiced against hi

Could it he that his actions accurately mirror the wishes of most of the people of Arkansas? Did he not win an un-munal third term by a farge majority? Did not the voters of Little Rock in a referendiam reject the idea of inte-grated, scheda? Did not the voters in the Congressional district is which Little Rock is located oust Representa-tive flays in a write-in vote because his views did not coincide with theirs?

How, is our democratic process with the secret ballot, and Governor Faubus "suddenly engineer" the defeat. Brooks Bayes unless the voters spurned his views? Is at what we are entiressing in Arkan as an expression of a will of the people of Arkan as? It seems to me you are ing unfair to Governor Faubus, and if the events in

ficial of the court-judge, solicitor, jurors, clerk of court, sheriff, and court reporter-was a Macon County person. Perry Cleveland Henson, Macon County student at the University of North Carolina, has qualified for election to membership in Phi Beta Kappa, top scholarship fraternity.

theory of evolution. satis action Further reading of the day's an essential science. But there news led us to wish Mr. Darwin are times when even the expert were still around so we could ask will agree that you can get the him just one question: Are we best results by applying the child coming or going?-Wall Street psychology book itself rather than its contents. Journal

ALL KNOWLEDGE NEEDED It's Not Science Vs. The Arts; Man, Bigger Than Either, Needs Both

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is from an address by Mr. Gill, treasurer of North Carolina, at Duke University.)

today, he would be amused and somewhat perplexed by the curand vice versa, as though our salvisions! vation lay in one branch of learn-

ing to the exclusion of the other.

was spacious room for ALL branches of human knowledge. literature, and music, he was course, there was a happy union win, who belongs to science, con- seeks its equilibrium. something of a scientist, inventing of science and literature in the tended in his old age that man a number of useful gadgets to who was not only a distinguished poetry. make life more convenient at physician, but also, I believe, some-Monticello. He took a scientific thing of a poet. interest in agriculture, and was,

and art.

This feeling that all knowledge

mind literally teemed with scien- rather doubtful theory of color. whole human personality.

ities

is necessary and contributes to Spinoza would have been a greater sonality. Therefore, you cannot discipline of science, the well-being of mankind is ex- philosopher had he not become educate a part of man without Thus I do not the emplified in the life of Leonardo entranced with planes, triangles affecting the whole. So, if a phase should become too much embroil- which he dedicates his skill, his new earth!

Edwin Gill

What we need is not only a well-

da Vinci, supreme genius of the and solids. Or that Goethe would of man's nature is starved or ed in a rather meaningless debate knowledge, and his professional Renaissance. He was a painter, a have been a greater poet had he neglected, there is a consequent between two branches of human sculptor and a writer, but his not devoted so many hours to his imbalance or distortion of the knowledge. Although both are

vitally needed, we should be re- balanced curriculum suited to the Duke University.) tific ideas. If Leonardo had been With this viewpoint I beg to Now most of us do not have minded again and again that we needs of the individuals of our if Thomas Jefferson were alive a young man of our generation, differ, for it is my conviction that the capacities of a Jefferson, a shall find salvation in neither; day, but great teaching and great I doubt that he would have found Leonardo, Spinoza and Goethe all Leonardo, a Goethe, or a Schweitz- for science without a soul can be learning - teachers who rise mag time to paint "The Last Supper", had a natural craving for the salt er, but, nevertheless, we too feel a rather terrible thing. Witness, nifloently above the curriculum somewhat perplexed by the cur-for surely Dupont or General of science, just as many scientists the need from time to time to for example, the scientists under rent controversy, which seems to Motors would have absorbed his feel the urge to season their study take a vacation, if you please, the Nazi regime who devised ef-pit science against the humanities talents in their Research Di- with a liberal dash of the human- from our career and to pursue ficient ways in which to extermficient ways in which to exterm- minds, pursue as a some'svocation or hobby for our inste millions of human beings.

In the lives of such universal It is significant, I think, that own satisfaction — to dabble or It will take more than an amateur truth. geniuses as Goethe and Schweit- Einstein, after devoting hours to even to play in an area of activity interest, too, in music and art to zer we find a fortunate blend of abstruse scientific problems, found in which we may never excel. My preserve sanity, for legend has reading In the mind of Jefferson there science and the humanities. In solace in his violin; and that suggestion is this: when a person it that Nero played a harp, and as spacious room for ALL America we have two exciting Churchill sought to maintain a feels such an inclination, he ought we know that Adolph Hitler was examples of artists who became normal state of mind, after the not to dismiss it as trivial, for it a frustrated painter! No, we branches of human knowledge. inventors - Robert Fulton and flasco at Gallipoli in World War may arise from the insistent de not find our salvation in the Although he took a delight in art. Samuel F. B. Morse. And, of I, by finding refuge in art. Dar. mands of his nature which forever curriculum, regardless of how well balanced it may be.

> As we study the lives of great here, much of the debate between

If there is anything that we science and the humanities behave learned about man, it is that comes irrelevant. Mankind desper-

and give of themselves - students who, with the humility of open venture the eternal quest for And so, I wish for those who graduate from our colleges and universities not wealth nor power.

but rather that they be great teachers and great students as will long as they live, never losing their sense of wonder at the beauty and mystery of nature.

"A man, for instance, may be never ceasing to be stimulated life of Oliver Wendell Holmes, needed a daily diet of music and men, such as I have mentioned well versed in Jefferson's philoso- by new ideas; and I would hope phy and yet have no faith in the that, in the tradition of men like people; he may master a course Goethe and Schweitzer, they will in comparative religions and yet be privileged occasionally to stand In this age of specialization he does not exist in compart ately needs all that both have to never have a spiritual experience; upon the summit of life - rising of course, devoted to architecture, there will be those who will say ments; that he is a complex of offer - if we are to survive. And or he may have at his finger tips above divisions of human knowle which partakes of both science that Leonardo would have been interrelated impulses - physical, it seems to me that he who majors all legal lore and be technically edge, above peoples and nations a greater painter had he not given emotional, mental, and spiritual— in science needs the influence of proficient in the law, and have above fanaticism and prejudice. so much of his time to scientific which constitute, in a mysterious the arts, and he who majors in yet no passion for justice. Obvi- and finally above self — seeing, speculation. Or, for instance, that and wonderful way, a human per the humanities needs to feel the ously, man does not find his not the power and glory of this salvation in courses of study as world, but what is infinitely more Thus I do not think that we such, but in the high purpose to important - a new heaven and a