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artedly with the Prince of De nark, you mutter and anyone who will listen. "O Godi How weary, stale, d unprofitable seem to me all the uses of this world." The at life become intolerable. All the news you hear and read and, and rapidly going from bad to worse. You wonder where un of York that will make a glorious summer of the winter of

you have the least vestige of humor remaining, or even a shred the sense, you will try to get rid of your foul mood. You know foul mood, that you are not fit company for yourself or anyone so you seek the company of a good book. Maybe in it you will the antidote for the accumulated poison within your soul. At rou take a book of poetry - surely within there wil be some will give you a new outlook, something that will drag you

what happens? You find just what you were seeking. You want to be lifted up at all. You just wanted to find someone would confirm your misery. Now I opened a volume of Bobbie and every line I read was full of 'man's inhumanity to man'. I ild find all of that in the news of the day.

I did have to smile - I refused to laugh - when I found words so pt to express the doldrums .In his Epistle to Davie which I must we read countless times before there was exactly the phrase to exm my mood. "It's hardly in a body's pow'r, to keep, at times, frae g sour."

ever when I came to Tam o' Shanter, I roared aloud - seeing elf as I was no doubt - and finding the portrait too life-like for fort. "There sits our sulky, sullen dame, gathering her brows like hering storm, nursing her wrath to keep it warm."

Darn if I wouldn't re-read the paper, maybe I saw only those items hich echoed my despondency. This time I fared better, at least the amused me no matter how silly they were.

First there was the news story of a man in the west who raises ses. Lately there has been a great demand for live buffaloes, o. Not as you might think for a zoo or a park or even for food. le just were buying buffaloes. One man in New York, in the naturally, had bought two. When reporters asked him what on earth he wanted with two buffaloes, he replied, "Well, I keep m in my garage, and it sounds rather interesting to say off-hand at a party or in a general conversation that I have two buffaloes in my garage, cheaper than two cars really, more trouble to feed, but fun, don't you know?"

Then there is the statement of a major airline executive that he may well wish he hadn't made. Speaking for the officials of his company, he said that 'they would not retain stewardesses after they ch the age of 32. The fresh beauty and attractive appearance of an fades after that time - the bloom is gone.' What those men have lef themselves in for when their wives get hold of them!

A lawyer in Dallas swapped cars this week. Then he remembered that he hadn't taken his belongings out of the glove compartment of his old auto. One of the missing items was a book on "How to Improve Your Memory". He had bought the book a year ago and never could iber to take it out of the glove compartment.

Police in New Zealand may have nipped the career of a young entist in the bud. They arrested a thirteen year old boy after he had discovered a fireworks display in a store window, focused the sun rays through a magnifying glass and set an explosion that destroyed some forty dollars worth of merchandise.

And it would be interesting to watch what comes out of a town in Michigan. Seems the Mayor issued an order to all his department heads. Each morning they are to lock themselves in their offices for a half hour, take a pencil and "jot down any ideas - any hot ideas that is the way Newton discovered the law of gravity."

All silly, yes, but a relief from the tension of serious news - maybe they should be entered under the head of People Are Funny. And any day in the news you can find proof of that old cliche of Phineas Taylor Barnum, There's a sucker born every minute.

Consider the fantastic case of two Austrian doctors who moved to Maine. There in the lovely resort town of Rangeley they established a foundation called the Orgone Institute. It is in a modernistic building on a densely wooded estate. In winters there are only a few people but in summer there are youth sessions and clinics. One of the doctors who claims to be a pupil of Freud, said that he headed clinics in Denmark and Nosway before he came to the United States in 1939. He claims to have discovered a form of energy in the atmosphere for which he coined the term orgone energy.

Now this energy the doctor claims has great therapeutic value it will not only cure almost anything but also prevents many ills the flesh is heir to - from colds to cancer, bone fractures to the effects of ic warfare. This marvelous nostrum called orgone energy is manifested in the blueness of the sky, in atmospheric heat waves, and in static radio reception.

Sounds fine, but there is a gimmick. You have to buy or rent a de-

to have set up a program of S cial Education is a program ed to meet the needs of child-

Before a child can enter cessined to meet the needs of child-ren who are mentally retarded. The program is so arranged that in-structors strive to educate each student to the highest level he is capable of comprehending. The program was initiated five ecial Education classroom ast be classified as an "excep

must be classified as an "exceptional child." He is one who deviates from the normal child in that he may be (1) hard of hearing. (2) visually handicapped, (3) a slow learner, (4) have a speech defect, (5) erip-pled, (6) bedbound and (7) mentally gifted. The Faison classes are com-posed of students in the first five classifications. years ago by the North Carolina Department of Education. At Faison is taught the only Special Education class east of Raleigh. Mrs. Elizabeth Clifton, who be

came interested in the work through teaching private classes in her home for mentally retarded children, says, 16, need special training. Mrs. Clif-

for mentally retarded children, says, "It is my firm conviction that one of the best things the State Depart-ment (of Education) has done for the public school in a long time is "Most of these children have re-Cliffon said, "Many of the children

ars they have been m of a large class where there was no time for individual ce each child is cla

a separate problem, each child has to be given a lot of individual atation. The boys and girls are uraged to express themselves ed to express the sways, Being asso ociated with ach other gives the mase being a part of a group and not separate from the group. "Offer this is the case when the retarded

Among other things are game and puzzles that require con tration and coordination of the s nd muscles. Some of them ar easy in order that each child might

The boys and girls are encourage to express themselves in various types of art with crayons, water colors, fingerpainting, modeling with clay or plaster paris, wood-

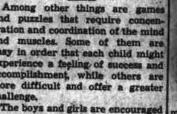
Several books on various subjects are kept in the room all the time. This is done to encourage the students to select books which they otherwise would pass up were they sent to the regular school library for parallel reading. For example, a sixth grade student will readily read a book which is written for a first grade student in the special education class if he went to the library with his sixth grade class, he would not read the first grade book and consequently would not enjoy the reading which he or she is required to do.

boys and girls have a limited capacity for academic learning we have no formal instruction during the day." Mrs. Clifton said. "However we do try in every way possible to meet the needs of these children. Most of them have spent their entire school life fighting for some form of recognition and some slight measure of success." Mrs. Clifton concluded, -"We are pleased with the results of the Special Education program at Faison and in North Carolina. Many of these boys and girls are actually enjoying school for the first time n their lives.



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other highway direction the class almost et result, the students have becom to be able to pass tests for th driver's license when they beco of age.



work, weaving, crocheting, leather craft, and shell craft.

"Recognizing the fact that these



WEAVING - Oiris in the Special Education program of the two mentary class do such things as sew, make beds and weave. Here two of the students are busy making a rug. One necessary phase of the class is showing to the students concrete evidence of their work. (News-Argus Farm Photo.)



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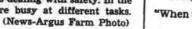
Special Education class are more advanced in

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CLASS NO. 1 - In the background Mrs. Elizabeth Clifton, Instructor of the Special Education class at Faison, listens to a pupil as he pronounces different words dealing with safety. In the foreground, students are busy at different tasks.

Clifton supervises woodwork for boys. They are

making bookends and shoeshine boxes.



"When the pace picks up a little, toss in the egg."



or. That is a sort of box ranging in size from one large enough to hold an adult to blankets and cones to treat a single limb. This orgone energy is supposed to accumulate inside the box without electrical or other energy connection. Then it enters the bodies of the sick or those who may be sick when they sit inside. The most popular model is the size of a telephone booth. It is made of alternate layers of organic and metallic materials, wood, metal, glass wool and steel wool.

And these devices were sold for prices up to \$225.00 for the size you can sit in and be so filled with energy that its presense can be detected by a Geiger counter - so the prospectus said. Before the federal government moved in last week to halt interstate shipment more than a thousand had been sold.

Well, there was a Maine man who made a fortune years ago by selling a metal beit to be worn next to the skin. This belt would ids, arthritis, rheumatism and head aches - so he said. It was a kind of accumulator, too, stored the surplus electricity that the body stured, conducted it back again when the body needed it. And I have met two or three elderly people who still wear them, swear by them, too.

Faith can move mountains, I suppose. However it was a little more than faith that made a tonic manufactured in Maine so popular, a tonic that would cure almost ill of either man or beast. The doctor who bottled it came along when Maine was a real prohibition state. It was concocted of herbs gathered at the right time of the moon, flavored with some magic ingredients that would lift you right out of the February doldrums. It also contained more than eighty-five per cent alcohol - and was to be taken before meals three times a day or ever the patient felt that he needed it. Maybe that's how the copie survived the long winters.

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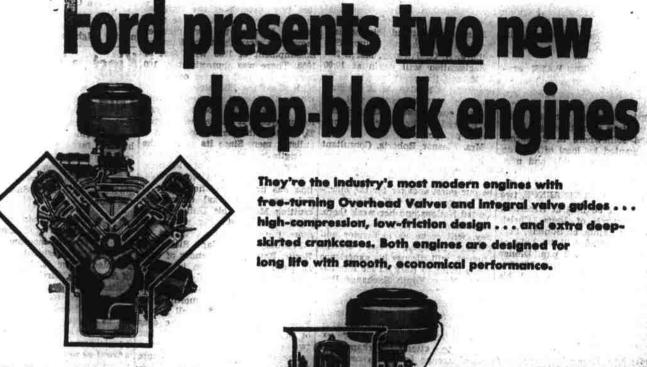
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