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Where Are The Magicians?

They paid final tribute to Harry Blackstone, the magician, recently in California. He was hailed as the "last of the great magicians."

All of a sudden lately there have been raised questions as to what has happened to the wonderful world of magic?

Author J. B. Priestly, speaking at a banquet in London, is among those who are wondering.

"I remember the winter afternoons when I took my children to watch magician shows. Surely we can bring them back," he said.

Yes, can't we bring back the man with the cape, the wand, and the rabbits and the top hat? He played a role in entertainment history the old folks of today very well remember.

Who is so old and forgetful that he can't remember the old days back in the hometown when it was announced, via posters and billboards and the local paper that the "world's greatest

magician" was coming to town to play the local theater? Who can forget the illusions and the sawing of a woman in half? Who can forget, too, how the world's greatest would put a good looking girl into a casket, seal it up, wave a colorful silk cloth over the casket, fire some smoke-producing powder and lo! presto! the girl would pop up on the last row of the balcony?

And who could doubt the magician's superior powers when they tied him up with ropes, and someone from the audience supervised it, and tied some of the knots too, only to have the magic one extricate himself in a matter of minutes.

Yes, surely there's a place for the magician of today. He shouldn't be allowed to go the way of the minstrel man.

An occasional magic show on TV would be a relief from the monotonous fare the google-box is turning out these days.

THE PEACE OFFENSIVE

There's nothing but applause for the President's peace offensive.

We're now telling the world the U. S. is not war-mongering, capitalistic invaders the Communists have been preaching for a long, long time with very little opposition in the war-of-words.

It's just too bad we were so long in getting around to telling the other side.

Regardless of the outcome of the immediate efforts to bring about a cease-fire in Viet Nam, there should be a continuation of the drive to tell that U. S. story of why this nation sends men and dollars around the world.

The story of peace on earth and goodwill to man should be ballyhooed by every means of communication available.

The story should be one of explaining that the Communists do not want peace.

It's just common sense that it doesn't take much of an I. Q. for the little man on the streets of even the remotest corner of the globe to

figure out that the Commies are keeping the world in turmoil. That is, if we get across to them the fact that everyone wants peace except the Reds.

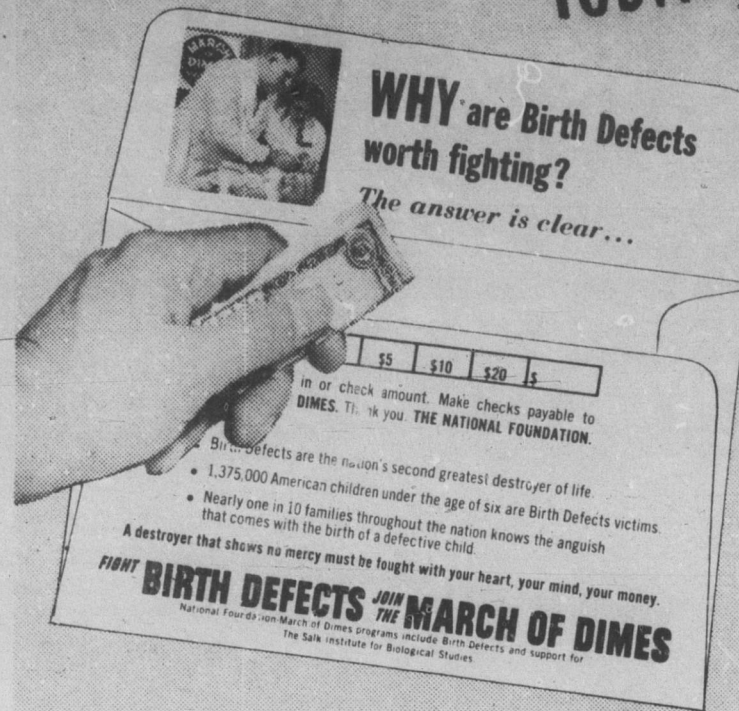
The Reds aren't going to like this new offensive in the psychological warfare. They've had the propaganda all to themselves for too long a time. They've had a gravy train in selling the world on their ideas and selling the world against the U. S.

But now the worm has turned and here's hoping it will continue to turn and wiggle and that we will continue to expand the dispensing of the idea that the U. S. only wants a cessation of fighting throughout the world.

And so we say, good for President Johnson for launching a drive to sell peace to the world, even though, the campaign has been late in getting started.

The story is long over due. Let's keep telling it, and sooner or later results are sure to show.

Fill it, Seal it, Mail it
TODAY!



Letters To The Editor

(Editor's Note)

The following letter was received from a soldier in Viet Nam who is from Burnsville. Airman Murdock is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Murdock of Burnsville and was formerly on the Record staff. Gerald completed special training at Yale University and left Yancey County for assignment in the East in April 1965.

Dear Sir:

For those of us in Viet Nam this Christmas was a season of mixed emotions. We were unable to enjoy the season to the fullest, but were gratified by the efforts of those in the States to brighten our day. I would like to say thank you to those who gave to share the Spirit of Christmas with us.

A2c Gerald L. Murdock

LIGHTENING STRIKES TWICE IN FORM OF MONEY

There is a saying that lightning never strikes twice in the same place. But it was proved this year that prizes may fall in the same place or nearly.

The first prize of \$300.00 given by the Merchant's Association was won by Mrs. Garland Wampler, who had not won previously. Mrs. Pauline Baker won 5th. prize of \$50.00. She had not won previously.

Now comes the lightning part. Donald Banks who won second prize last year also won the \$150.00 second prize this year. Paul Huskins won a \$100.00 third prize. Paul had not won previously, however, his father won a prize in last year's drawing.

The 4th. and 6th. prizes which were posted were not claimed.

An official of the Merchant's Association said this week that the outstanding prizes were not claimed within the 10 day period and had been carried into next year's event.

Outstanding Tobacco

We can remember that articles were run in the Record on outstanding farming in the county, such as 100 bushel per acre corn, cows produced extra ordinary amounts of milk and hens that laid double yolk eggs. This week we believe that we saw a bill of Yancey's prize tobacco crop for the year.

Many good crops of tobacco were grown in Yancey County this year, but we don't know of any that will beat that grown by Rama McKinney. Rama is one of Yancey County's leading farmers and tobacco growers. He always produces a crop of tobacco that brings high prices.

He exhibited a bill showing seven batches of grades of tobacco with the first six showing a price of \$74.00 per hundred and one of \$71.00.

Now we don't know if this is the top price for a sale of Yancey County tobacco, but we haven't heard of any better. We would guess this is the best. If it is not let us know.

Procrastination

New branches on the bare and leafless tree
In winter wave aloft a season's gain

Of earth and air, of summer's cooling rain,
Of rays of sun and Nature's industry,

Of sleeping buds awaiting to be free

To breathe once more and once again attain

New growth, the link in Nature's endless chain
Of life, which is its own great mystery.

I ask myself as seasons come and go

Why I have not shown growth more constantly

In all the things that I might do or know

To make my life a better friend to me.

Alas, I find most men are all too loath

To live a life conducive to new growth.

--William L. Rathburn

GRASSROOTS OPINION

LAMBERTVILLE, N. J., BEACON: "... poverty is not going to be eliminated by government subsidy and dole. ... Here in this community, in the county, state and nation we have gone a long way in creating programs to aid the poor. Many are cut of hand and people are getting help, lots of it, so that few would take a job if one was offered to them. This does not end poverty, it seals it into our social life. ... Let's aid the unfortunate but make certain that he or she is led out of the situation that faces him, not make certain it continues for all time."

ENID, OKLA., NEWS: "There is a lot of talk about air pollution, but you ain't seen nothing yet till the 1966 political campaign starts."

LIBERAL, KAN., SOUTH-WEST DAILY TIMES: "The average person is very courteous to others under most circumstances. Most men will hold open doors for ladies (even though they don't get thanked always, assist elderly persons across the street ... What happens to many of these same people when they get behind the wheel of an automobile? ... They race through traffic ... fall to allow other drivers into a lane of traffic, dash through intersections with no regard for pedestrians ... and instead of 'pardon me', they bellow like an angry bull at every other driver on the road."

STORM LAKE, IOWA, PILOT-TRIBUNE: "In our judgment, our community school board acted wisely in deciding not to ask for \$25,000 federal aid funds ... there is a lurking suspicion that when Uncle Sam gets into a school system, he insists on keeping his fingers in the pie. In other words, he dictates to the local authorities. This isn't desirable. We can run our own school systems better than can some politician or bureaucrat at Washington."

BARNESBORO, PA., STAR: "Our great nation was built on the principles of free enterprise and that a government which governs the least is the best government. These two great heritages are rapidly vanishing from the American scene. There is very little free enterprise today amid overwhelming government oppression."

MONTHLY REPORT

The Following Vouchers were issued:

General Fund: \$7,405.00
Courthouse & Jail \$5,658.36
Poor Fund: \$30.00

I, Grace M. Ayers, Register of Deeds of Yancey County, State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that this is a true copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Yancey County Board of Commissioners, as of January 3, 1966.

I have hereunto set my hand and official seal this the 4th day of January, 1966

Grace M. Ayers, Register of Deeds