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PRESENTING NEWS AND VIEWS OF INTEREST TO TEACHERS AND ALL OTHERS SEEKING IMPROVEMENT IN EDUCATION

SEASON'S GREETINGS

We wish to convey our best wishes to all the readers of "The Educational Horizon" and those who are near and dear to them. It is our sincere wish that by the time another Christmas season approaches the menace which now threatens our way of life will be destroyed forever. To those with loved ones fighting for the cause of freedom it will be difficult to enter into the complete spirit of Christmas. Yet we hope they will find solace in memories of past Christmasses when all members of their families were at home. To those of you who are weighed down with anxiety for any reason may you enter into the spirit of the occasion with courage and determination, for to radiate joy is a real contribution to society under any or all conditions. Let us remember that Christmas has at least three fundamental meanings, without which we will miss something important. First it means hope. It also means peace. This is the final desire of every man and nation. Finally Christmas means remembrance. We wish you all a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

PACIFIC

On October 19, the Americans returned to the Philippines. It was more than 2 1-2 years since the day that Douglas MacArthur arrived in Australia. On Oct. 19, men, guns, tanks and supplies went ashore on Leyte Island, which lies between the northern tip of Mindanao and the southern tip of Luzon. A few hours after the initial waves hit the beaches of Leyte, General MacArthur, President Sergio Osmena (President of the Philippines), and cabinet officers, stepped ashore. Two days after the first landings, Tacloban, the capital of Leyte, was captured. The invasion went swiftly ahead, taking airfields and towns. Japanese naval forces, in a major battle in Philippine waters, by Oct. 26, were reported to have lost 27 warships, including 10 battleships, 5 cruisers, 2 carriers, and 3 destroyers. On October 26, 16 more Japanese battleships were destroyed. By the end of October, MacArthur had reported his forces had captured two-thirds of Leyte. The Americans had kept their steady advance. By November 17, they had succeeded in establishing a road block between Ormoc and Limon.

WESTERN FRONT

The British Second Army and the Canadian First Army were busy the latter part of October breaking the deadlock in this sector which had set in after the failure of the airborne assault at Arnhem, which had attempted to break across the Rhine and so isolate the Germans in Holland. Their job was to free the port of Antwerp and to drive the Germans from the Allied rear. By November 2, the British and Canadian troops had made a clear sweep of the Netherlands coast, clearing all the approaches to Antwerp. On November 3, fighting was reported to by the American First Army when it started a drive through the corridors of Huertgen Forest to the high ground south of Cologne plain.

Nov. 5, found movement started on the whole Allied front. On Nov. 8, General Patton's U. S. Third Army, which had spearheaded the attack which carried the Allied armies across France in one month to the borders of the Reich but which had been stopped before the strong fortress of Metz, began a strong offensive on the system of forts which surround Metz. By Nov. 11, main German communications with the fortress city of Metz were cut. On Nov 12, United States tanks and infantry slashed across two rail lines feeding Metz. The Germans were reported pulling men and materials out of the fortress toward the Saar Basin. No more than eleven miles separated the Americans wheeling around Metz and other American forces pounding frontally four and one-half miles north of the fort-ringed city. On Nov. 13, the U. S. 3rd Army captured three of the outer forts of Metz. Word came on that day of increasing activity in the Holland sector. Nov. 14, the British Second Army opened a new offensive in the vicinity of Venlo, 38 miles northwest of Aachen. The fall of Metz was reported only a matter of days. On Nov. 15, the First French Army launched an attack on the approaches to the Belfort Gap, gaining 4 to 5 miles in its initial plunge. On Nov. 15, too, the drive in Holland gained momentum. The British Second Army drove to within 37 miles of Dusseldorf. At Metz, the guns of Fort Driant fell silent and three more smaller forts were captured. Nov. 16 saw the U. S. Ninth Army, after a secret march across France, strike at the German border between Geilenkirchen and Eschweiler, north of Aachen. This made a total of six Allied armies now hammering at the enemy of the western front. The British Second Army drove to within a mile of the Maas River; the U. S. Third Army gained some ground at Metz; and the French First and American Seventh Armies thrust nearer the Belfort Gap. On Nov 17, tanks of the U. S. Third Army pushed forward north of Metz to within 3 miles of the Saar border while other units fought into the Suburbs of Metz. The British Second Army drove to the banks of the Maas River near the German stronghold of Roermond. The U. S. Ninth Army was busy beating off the first big German counter-attack. The U. S. First Army advanced to within 4 miles of the flooded Roer River. On Nov. 19, Allied forces were reported to have captured Geilenkirchen, German frontier town in the heart of the Siegfried Line and pushed on another two and a half miles into the Reich. The United States Third Army broke into Metz and captured a third of the town. According to the Swiss radio, the French First Army had fought its way into Belfort and captured two other towns 18 miles to the east.

IMPORTANT MEN WHOSE NAMES HAVE BEEN IN THE NEWS

Minister of Reconstruction along with his present duties as Minister of Munitions and Supply (Dominion Cabinet) is Hon. C. D Howe.

Minister of Veterans' Affairs, a new department including part of his present Department of Pensions and National Health (Dominion Cabinet) is Hon. Ian MacKenzie.

Minister of National Health and Welfare, (Dominion Cabinet) is Brooke Clanton.

Allied Air Commander-in-Chief in Southeast Asia is Air Chief Marshal Sir Trafford Leigh-Mallory.

Dr. Ahmed Maher Pasha is Prime Minister and Minister of the Interior of Egypt.

The United States Minister to Syria and Lebanon is George Wadsworth.

The United States representative to the de Gaulle Government is Jefferson Caffery.

Polish Minister to Canada is Waclaw Babinski.

Premier of Finland is Juho Paasikivi.

Canadian Ambassador to Belgium is Hon. W. F. A. Turgeon.

Canadian Ambassador to Mexico is H. G. Keenleyside.

Canadian Ambassador to Provisional French Government is Maj.-Gen. G. Vanier.

Canadian Minister of National Defence, Gen. A. G. L. McNaughton.

French Ambassador to Canada is Count Jean Marie Francois de Hanteclocque.

Commander of the 11th Army Group in Southeast Asia is Lt.-Col. Sir Oliver W. H. Leese.

Premier of Rumania is Gen. Constantin Sanatescue.

Mr. Duff Cooper is the Ambassador to the Provisional French Government from the United Kingdom.

President of Iceland is Sweinm Bjornsson.

Vice-Admiral Sir Henry Ruthven Moore is Commander-in-Chief of the Home Fleet (United Kingdom).

Premier of Italy is Ivanoe Bonomi.

President of the Philippines is Sergio Osmena.

Lieut.-Gen. Omar N. Bradley, Leader of American Army Group—the 12th.

President of Cuba is Dr. Ramon Grau San Martin.

LITERATURE (Cymbeline)

Explain: (a) This gate, instructs you how to adore the heavens, and bows you to a morning's holy office.

Answer: The door was so low that it knocked the hat off any man as he tried to go through it, and caused him to get down on his knees as if he were praying.

(b) We poor unpledg'd
Have never wing'd from view o' the nest, nor know not, what air's from home.

Answer: The younger men to whom Belarius was talking had never been away from home and did not know what the outer world was like.

(c) What should we speak of when we are as old as you?

Answer: Belarius had been out in the world and had seen much of courts and fighting so that he had many stories to tell. The young man felt that if they did not go away they would have nothing to talk about when they got old.

(2) What was Belarius' opinion regarding the simple life? What was the opinion of Guiderius and Arviragus? Why the difference in opinion?

Answer: That the simple form of life was nobler and richer than the life of princes, courts, and war. Guiderius and Arviragus did not disagree with him, but thought that one must prove this for himself. They differed because Belarius had known both forms of life whereas Guiderius and Arviragus only had known the simpler life.

HOME CANNING

Home canning is a very important factor in the economic living and well being of the family. During the summer months surplus garden products may be canned, thus saving products that might otherwise be wasted. A good assortment of canned fruits and vegetables aids the housewife to prepare well balanced meals, as these contain mineral matter and other food compounds which go to promote good health. In order to do efficient canning one must have a thorough knowledge of the procedure. Too much stress cannot be laid upon each step, as carelessness in one step means failure in all. To do successful canning we must have proper "sterilization" either by moist or dry heat. Only perfect jars and rubbers should be used. New rubbers should be used each season and these carefully tested. All should be thoroughly washed before using. A few points must be kept in mind when selecting products for canning:

1. Only fresh, clean products should be canned.
2. Can as soon as possible after picking especially in the case of peas, beans and corn.
3. If greens are wilted they should be allowed to stand in cold water until crisp.
4. Grade according to size, shape, degree of tenderness or ripeness and colour.
5. Fruit jars are filled with syrup, the thickness depending upon the kind of fruit used. For example, for raspberries, peaches and pears one cup of sugar in two cups of water; rhubarb and cherries one cup of sugar in one cup of water; strawberries and plums two cups of sugar in one cup of water. All syrups are boiled for five minutes before adding to jars.
6. For vegetables use boiling water and half a teaspoonful salt to every pint jar. Adjust rubber and cover and sterilize the required period. When sterilization is completed remove, seal tightly, cool, wash and label. Store in a cool, dark, dry place.

The results of spoilage in canned products are caused from: 1. Carelessness in testing jars; 2. Old or imperfect rubbers; 3. Decayed or over-ripe products; 4. Allowing such vegetables as peas, beans, and corn to stand in a warm atmosphere after being picked and during the process of canning; 5. Insufficient sterilization; 6. Poor storage facilities, as the bacteria accumulate on the rubbers, and finally the rubbers decay allowing the bacteria to enter the jars.

EXERCISE IN HISTORY

After each name write the number of the description that most nearly fits it:

Descriptions: 1. The battle by which Henry V became virtually ruler of France; 2. Afterward known as Henry VII; 3. The only part of France that England held in 1453; 4. Afterward known as King Henry V; 5. The victory by which the Scots secured their independence; 6. The struggle between France and England; 7. Led the French armies that defeated the English; Edward III's great victory in France.

Names: Hundred Years War —; Bannockburn —; Crecy —; Prince Hal —; Agincourt —; Joan of Arc —; Calais —; Lancastrian Henry Tudor —.

EXERCISE IN GRAMMAR

Do not say:

1. Those kind of apples do not suit me!
2. The teacher and his pupil has returned.
3. She is older than me.
4. James is the strongest of the two boys.
5. The childrens' shoes are worn out.
6. Was you away yesterday?
7. He has not done nothing today.
8. You may go with James and I.
9. The girl could neither read or write.
10. These sort of actions injure the state.
11. This is the man who I gave the book to.
12. Would you go if you were her?
13. Each of the men had their share.
14. They poured out the water by pailsful.
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LINEN, SILK AND RAYON

Get the pupils to bring samples to school.

1. Have them pick out cotton and linen. What is the difference between them? Cotton is finer and not as heavy as linen.
2. Where do we get linen? Linen, like cotton, comes from a plant. The name of this plant is flax.
3. From what part of the flax plant do we get linen? The fibre is taken out and made into thread.
4. Can we grow flax in this country? Yes, flax will grow in almost any country.
5. It is made into cloth like any other fibre? It is manufactured much the same as cotton.
6. Where is silk found? It is taken from the silk worm.
7. Do we raise the silkworm in this country? No.
8. Why is it not raised here? Because it is very hard to get the right food for them, they live almost entirely on the mulberry.
9. How is the silk taken from the worm. It is found wound about its body, and before it is made into cloth it has to be soaked in a strong liquid, spun, woven, etc
10. Is rayon silk taken from the silkworm too? No.
11. What is rayon made from? Rayon is made by treating wood with certain chemicals and after this liquid is made it is made into cloth in much the same manner as silk.

HISTORY

1. What is the cabinet? The cabinet is a body of ministers who do the work of government. They are chosen from the political party having a majority in the House of Commons.
2. Why was it formed? Queen Anne did not wish to bother with the details of government but left these matters to her minister, i.e. the Cabinet.
3. Why did George I not attend the cabinet meetings? He was unable to speak or understand English.
4. What powers were lost by the King? His power to forbid or veto new laws and the right to choose ministers.
5. Why was a "Prime Minister" chosen? To act as chairman of the cabinet: eventually he became leader of the government.
6. What were the "Jacobite Rebellions?" James II, his son James Edward, and his grandson Charles Edward, made two attempts to regain the throne. They were helped by the Scots and French. When George I became King, James Edward, the Pretender, thought the English would prefer him to a German ruler. However, he was defeated.
7. Briefly describe the "South Sea Bubble". Shares were sold in the South Sea Company for the purchase of which people sold their lands and possessions. Stock rose to fabulous prices. However, the company failed and many people were ruined. Later the company was reorganized by Walpole.
8. Who was the first Prime Minister of England? Sir Robert Walpole.
9. What did he do for the shareholders in the South Sea Company? He reorganized the company so that some people were able to get their money back.
10. Write briefly on Walpole's achievements. He reorganized the South Sea Company; he was England's first Prime Minister; he secured from Spain the right to trade in slaves with the Spanish colonies in America; he kept England at peace for many years so that she became prosperous.
11. What territory did England acquire at the close of the Seven Years' War? Lands in America (Canada) and India.
12. How did George III gain control of the government? By bribery and awarding "fat" jobs to members of parliament and by choosing his ministers from both political parties.
13. What new gain was made by the press? Newspapers now had the right to print all the debates in Parliament.
14. What serious mistake did George III make? He quarrelled with the American colonies about the right of England to impose taxes. The colonists broke away and formed the United States of America.

TELL WHETHER THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS ARE TRUE OR FALSE

1. John Cabot was sent out to explore by Henry VII of England. 2. The Dutch East India Company was founded in 1600. 3. Britain's expansion began in the 16th century. 4. The British Empire was gained largely through efforts to secure greater trade. 5. The British East India Company first established trading stations in China. 6. The English attempted to find a route to the East by going around the North of America. 7. Henry Hudson explored the region around Hudson's Bay. 8. Hawkins and Drake were Dutch navigators. 9. The Armada was a Portuguese fleet. 10. In early days sea routes were free to all nations.

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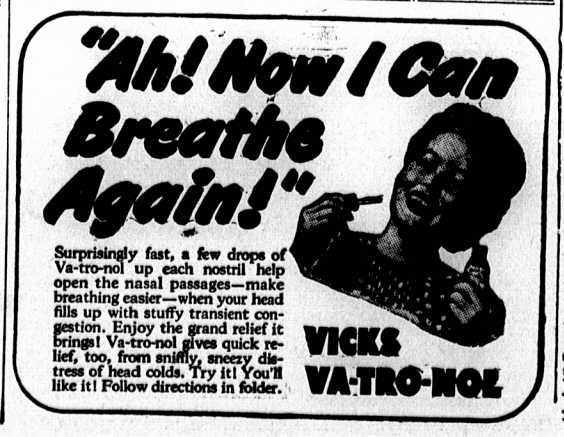
PRECIOUS EYES

Eye protection devices, to be really effective must first be selected to suit your type of work to be performed. They must be properly fitted to the prospective user and a system of inspection maintained so that repairs and replacements may be made promptly.

It is surprising to note that the task of "selling" women on wearing goggles (and other types of eye protection) has been found difficult in many cases— after all eyes are not replaceable.

Even with the present vogue among women for sun glasses, eye protection on the job has yet to come into its own. The human eye is one part of the body ever susceptible to serious injury.



Tomorrow is Forever

by Gwen Bristow

Elizabeth sat down again. "Mr Kessler, of course, I'll take Margaret. I'll take her now if you'll let me. But don't you want to come with her? Why don'tyou let me take care of you, instead of staying here with nobody but a hired housekeeper? If you only knew how much I should like to do it!"

"No, no, that's not what I want. Thank you, but I only want to tell you that's its very unlikely I'll live as long as Margaret will need protection. When I can no longer be her father, will you be her mother?"

"Of course I will. No, please don't start to thank me. Spratt and I both love childern; now that ours are both growing up we've often said we wished we had another younger than Brian. So don't start being grateful."

"You may get a great reward for it," said Kessler. "I told you how brilliant her parents were."

"Oh, that. I hope she's all you think her, but if she isn't, it makes no difference. She's a dear child. With all my heart I hope she won't need us, but if she does, we'll be very happy to have her. Don't fear for Margaret's future." She spoke quickly and sincerely.

"I won't," he promised her smiling. "Not for hers, nor for yours."

"Thank you. Now I'm going. You are very tired."

Elizabeth had stood up again. Margaret's future seemed less important just now than Kessler's strength. The longer she stayed the more she would exhaust him. Tired as he was, he did not want her to stay; every word he had spoken had been part of his effort to keep their lives separate. She added,

"Mr. Kessler, I hope I'm forgiven for troubling you today. Thank you for making me understand that I had made a mistake."

He smiled at her again. "You are satisfied, aren't you, that you did make a mistake?"

"Oh yes," She had to make it sound true. Seeking swiftly for words, she went on, "You do look like him. There's an odd resemblance about the eyes especially, but now I see it's only a resemblance. If I hadn't been so overwrought last night when I realized who it was you'd been reminding me of all this time, I shouldn't have gone so far as to believe you actually were Arthur." That sounded convincing. Now she could thank him for what he had really done for her.

So she continued, slowly, "Mr. Kessler, I told you a while ago that you had made me very happy. You have. I never realized before that being made happy isn't receiving something new,it's being made to understand what we have. You've done a great deal for me since I've known you. But what you did today, I'll remember you to the end of my life."

He was listening to her intently. "I believe you mean that, Mrs. Herlong," he said in a low voice. "God bless you for saying it."

How tired he was. There was so much she would have liked to do for him. Elizabeth remembered wistfully that she had never taken care of Arthur in an illness, because in the time she had known him he had never been ill. Kessler was looking at her with eyes that seemd to her the tenderest she had ever seen. He added,

"If I have done anything for you, thank you for having let me do it."

He would not let her take care of his bodily weakness. But there was something more she wanted to give him. If he was not Arthur, it would be a great acknowledgment; if he was not, he would still understand it.

She said, "Mr. Kessler, may I tell you something more about Arthur?"

Did he start faintly? She could not be sure. "Anything you would like to tell me, Mrs. Herlong," he said.

"I told you I loved him very much," said Elizabeth, "and losing him was a dreadful experience. But I've begun to understand, since I've been talking to you today, that that experience had a great deal to do with making my life since then as full and rewarding as it has been. You were right when you said that at the time of my first marriage I was a very innocent young girl. I simply had no idea of what life could do to me. I suppose it's always tue of the very young, you see things happen to other people, but it doesn't enter your head that they can ever happen to you. So you don't build up any resistance, life hits you and you've got nothing to fight with.

"I had loved Arthur so much," she went on, "that when I lost him it was like the end of the world. But what kept me from going under completely wasn't my own strength, it was Arthur's. The first time I realized I had to make a new life it was because I knew that he wouldn't have wanted me to go on depending on him. If he could have seen me, he would have said, 'Depend on yourself, on your ow resources.' It was because of him that I learned to do without him. Sometimes, since then, I have wished I could tell him that. Since I can't tell him, I'm telling you.'

"And I'd like to tell you too, that you've made me realize today that Arthur's greatest gift to me has been my splendid marriage to Spratt Herlong. Does that sound strange? Now that I understand it, it isn't strange at all. You see in the first place, Arthur had made me believe in marriage. I know sometimes after a first marriage has been unhappy people find happiness in a second, but they must be very much afraid to undertake it. I wasn't afraid. Besides, losing Arthur had given me a very clear sense of values. I know what real happiness was and real suffering. I knew it so well that I couldn't waste my emotions over trifles. In all these years nothing has surprised me more than the way some people use themselves up over things that don't matter. I'm not heroic about it, it's just that I've learned what's important and what isn't, and as long as I have my husband and children I'm simply not capable of breaking my heart over a servant problem. What happened to me when I was young was terrible, but I've been a better wife and mother than I could have been if it hadn't happened. And I'll be better than I was, now, because you've made me see it.

"You're right, I don't want Arthur back, not now. But I'm grateful to him, and I'm grateful to you."

(To Be Continued)

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Let us all be Thankful for the Silver Lining looming up on the dark clouds of a Troubled World. It surely is the

DAWN OF PEACE

and the return of our boys from over there.

Stimson Says Nazi Will Lose Gamble

WASHINGTON Dec. 28 — (CP) — War Secretary Henry Stimson, though describing the present situation on the European front as "critical," expressed confidence today that the Germans will eventually reap "disastrous consequences" from their gambling counter-offensive.

"War is not an easy game to play and you can't always win every battle," he told a news conference, "but I am confident that we are winning and that time will reveal that this German throw of the dice will have disastrous consequences for him."

He said American efforts to stem the German drive have cost "severe" casualties but said the German, too, had "taken hard blows" in personnel and material losses.

Indicating that the Allied High Command is relying heavily on air superiority to throw back the German thrust, he said that as de from the fighting spirit of the troops "no other factor in the present situation means so much to us as flying weather."

In obvious reference to some criticism of Allied intelligence, Mr. Stimson said it is too soon "to pass judgment as to whether any person or group should be censured" as a result of the German breakthrough.

No Comparison With 1940 Nazi Offensive

MOSCOW, Dec. 27—(AP) — The Russian Army newspaper Red Star declared today: "Gen. Eisenhower's successes against the German offensive have compelled the enemy to lower their voices."

"Allied troops re creating conditions for isolating the German group from the main base," the article continued. "It is surprising there are some foreign press observers who have compared the German break-through on a relatively narrow front with the German offensive in the west in 1940."

HOW IT CAME ABOUT

The superstition that a broken mirror brought back luck came from the fact that a shadow or reflection was once considered part of the soul.

Confesses To Murder But F. B. I. Not Sure

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28 — (AP)—A young man confessed at the Federal Bureau of Investigation office here today and volunteered a confession that he killed Georgette Bauerdorf, 20, Hollywood oil heiress, in her apartment last October, but police regarded his story with skepticism.

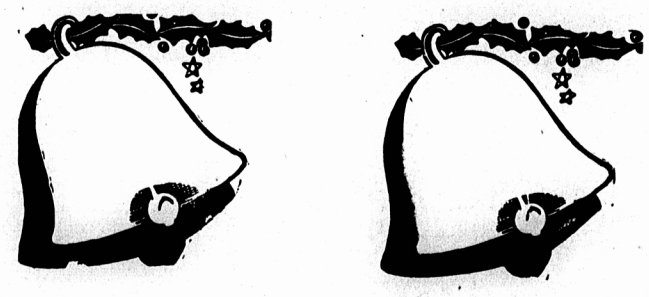
Police Inspector Frank Ahern said the man who gave the name of John Lehman Sumter, told him that he had spent some time in a mental hospital, that he was discharged from the Navy in 1940 for mental disability, and that he subsequently had joined the Army and later served two years in Leavenworth Prison for forgery.

Ahern said there were discrepancies in the story and that when he asked the man to describe how he killed the girl he repeatedly referred to the account in a detective magazine he brought with him, saying Ahern could "read all about it in there."

The nearly nude body of Miss Bauerdorf was found last Oct 12 in the bathtub of her sister's apartment where she was living while her family was in the east.

An autopsy disclosed she had been raped and strangled.

GREETINGS



Once more the bells ring out o'er a world filled with strife. May we enter 1945 confident that "the wrong shall fail, the right prevail" with peace on earth good will to men.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

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