

Today's Smile by Dick Turner



"Anyway, Pop, that was pretty sick when you cracked, Oh, yeah? Says Who?" at him!

Questions, Answers Modest Maidens

By HASKIN
A reader can get the answer to any question of fact by writing the Long Beach Press-Telegram, Information Dept., 315 5th St., N. E., Washington 2, D. C. Please enclose three (3) cents for return postage.
Q. WHAT IS THE WEIGHT OF the record load pulled by a pair of horses? H.W.R.
A. The Horse and Mule Association says that the world record for pull exerted by a pair of draft horses is 4225 pounds. This record was established on a dynamometer at Kalamazoo, Mich., on Sept. 26, 1946.
Q. How many states now require some form of physical test before a marriage license can be issued? F.O.R.
A. Thirty-six states require blood tests for bride and groom before a marriage license is issued. Louisiana and Texas require that only grooms be examined for venereal diseases. Washington, Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico, Minnesota, Arkansas, Mississippi, Georgia, South Carolina and Maryland grant marriage licenses without regard to possible venereal infection.
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WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

I AM worrying about Chinese civilization. If the Communists overrun China, it means the destruction of Chinese civilization. The methods they use are a menace to liberty and democracy.
—Dr. King Chu, former vice minister of education in China.
attempts to get "down" from the chandelier to the floor "above."
Well, somewhere along the way that kind of nonsense went out. There was no widespread rebellion among the victims of the practical jokers. But somehow his jokes, by and large, just quit being funny.
The loaded cigar and the hot-foot became obsolete. People still like to laugh. But today they want to laugh together more than they want to laugh at each other.
The trouble with the practical joker was that he usually put somebody on the pan. And a generation that has weathered a major depression and two world wars probably just got tired of seeing anybody on the pan. It ceased to be funny.
Life became too practical for impractical practical jokes.
Here and there a fellow still sets a fire alarm bell off just to watch the firemen get some exercise. But if he does, nobody laughs. The gentleman who essays a practical joke today is likely to be rewarded with a punch on the chin.
The world has grown up too much to enjoy the cruel and hurtful practical jokes of the past. When the last practical joker is buried it would be pleasant to put him under a nice tombstone bearing this epitaph: "Having wonderful time. Wish you were here."
Nobody would begrudge him this last laugh—as long as we were sure it was his last one.

Let's Explore Your Mind

By ALBERT EDWARD WIGGAM, D. Sc.
1. IF YOU WANT TO GET EVEN WITH SOMEONE IS IT A SIGN YOU FEEL SUPERIOR TO THEM? YES NO
2. DO CHILDREN LEARN TO HANDLE PARENTS, JUST AS PARENTS LEARN TO HANDLE CHILDREN? YES NO
3. IS MEDICAL SCIENCE IN SOME WAYS A MENACE TO WORLD PEACE? YES NO
Answer to Question No. 1
No. It is conclusive proof you feel inferior to them. You don't want to pull yourself up but to pull down their superiority to your level. We take this method to conquer our feelings of inferiority. Instead we should study them and rise to their level. Try it and see how much quicker you feel better.
Answer to Question No. 2
Don't they though? They get onto their parents' curves quicker than the parents get onto them. Even babies go into tantrums to get what they want. The kids make it their business, while many parents work at it only when they are angry. Parents might like to write to the National Council on Family Relations, 1126 E. 59th St., Chicago 37, Ill., for their nonprofit 20c pamphlet by Evelyn Duvall, "Keeping Up With Teen-Agers," Splendid.
Answer to Question No. 3
Yes, as shown in Wm. Vogt's epoch-making book, "Road to Survival." Over most of the world medical science has reduced the death rate without reducing the birth rate, while chemistry cannot begin to keep pace in increasing the food supply. Medicine has almost abolished malaria, yellow fever, typhus and smallpox, saving millions for undiminished reproduction. Dr. Vogt shows the world already has more people than it can feed, and that in 90 years it will have twice as many as now. Frankly, I'm scared for our grandchildren.

World Can Be Unpleasant if One Sees Only Faults

By ROBERT QUILLEN
AMONG THE EARTH'S approximately two billion people, it might be difficult to find more than a few dozen truly objective minds—the kind of minds that judge everything with scientific and impersonal detachment, without bias, or selfish interest.
Most people, during their impressionable immaturity, develop or absorb ideas, tastes and standards which thereafter tal quirks that bias judgment. Their opinion of a statesman's speech or a mule's bray is determined not by what it is but rather by their preconceived notion of what it should be.
There are many kinds of mental quirks that bias judgment, but the most common is that of the perfectionist. He judges everything by its imperfections. Asked his opinion of a new variety of rose, he will first look for thorns.
In his childhood he believed the world perfect. Everything seemed as it should be. When his eyes were opened and he became aware of faults and imperfections in everything he saw, he was disillusioned and disgusted and resentful. He became a cynic, a rebel and a critic. He developed the habit of looking for faults—and scorning everything that had imperfections. Nearly all bright youngsters pass through such a period.
But the perfectionist is one who didn't outgrow it. He still looks for a spot on the apple and rejects the whole apple because of one spot. He will listen to a wise and eloquent sermon and remember only the one word that was mispronounced.
Fault-finding can be a form of self-defense. By picking out things we can't like instead of looking for things we can like, we make our world un-

PRACTICAL JOKER FADES

'Anything-for-a-laugh' Guy Gone; Not Missed
By HAL BOYLE
NEW YORK (AP) There's a fellow missing from the contemporary scene.
But there's some doubt if very many people miss him much. The fellow I'm talking about is the big ha-ha man of yesterday—the practical joker.
Whatever became of him?
Down what lost manhole has time drained him—the fellow who believed in "anything for a laugh"? Whatever became of his bag of stale tricks?
You remember him? He was the fellow who called you on the phone and said, "Hold the line a minute." Exactly 60 seconds later he'd ask sweetly, "Well, did you catch anything?" Then he'd bang the receiver in your outraged ear.
Yes, he was some prankster—the practical joker. At the office he'd leave a faked summons from the boss in your typewriter. He'd have his girl friend write a mash letter to your home signed "With all my love, Molly." He was the fellow who anonymously advised 30 different life insurance salesmen you wanted to buy a policy. And he saw that they all called on you at the same hour.
In the old days he carried a loaded cigar in his pocket. He also had some kitchen matches to give you the hotfoot. If a bum asked him for a colt, to buy a cup of coffee, the practical joker always managed to have a Canadian dime ready to drop into his hand. When he threw a party, he slipped you a glass with a hole near the top—so the drink dripped all over your new suit.
What a card! What a character!
There was nothing that was too much trouble for the old-fashioned practical joker. He worked harder to win a horse laugh than an ordinary man would to earn a pension.
One joker even went to the trouble of building an upside-down hangover room in his home. When a guest became intoxicated and passed out, the poor fellow was dragged into this room and draped around a chandelier sticking up from the floor. A rug, tables and chairs had been fastened to the ceiling overhead. Imagine the plight of the startled guest when he woke up, head throbbing, and looked up. Picture his pitiful

RADIO PROGRAMS — TODAY AND TOMORROW

Table with radio station call letters and frequencies: KLAC 570, KFI 640, KMPG 710, KECA 790, KHJ 930, KFWB 980, KNX 1070, KFOX 1280, KFAC 1330, KGER 1390.

TONIGHT 5 P.M. KLAC-Fred Henry, KFI-George W. ... 6 P.M. KLAC-News, KFI-News, KMPG-News, KGER-News, KFWB-News, KNX-News, KFOX-News, KFAC-News, KGER-News. 7 P.M. KLAC-570 Club, KFI-570 Club, KMPG-570 Club, KGER-570 Club, KFWB-570 Club, KNX-570 Club, KFOX-570 Club, KFAC-570 Club, KGER-570 Club.

TELEVISION SCHEDULE

9 A.M. KLAC-News, KFI-News, KMPG-News, KGER-News, KFWB-News, KNX-News, KFOX-News, KFAC-News, KGER-News. 10 A.M. KLAC-News, KFI-News, KMPG-News, KGER-News, KFWB-News, KNX-News, KFOX-News, KFAC-News, KGER-News. 11 A.M. KLAC-News, KFI-News, KMPG-News, KGER-News, KFWB-News, KNX-News, KFOX-News, KFAC-News, KGER-News.

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