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Study Finds Fault In Aptitude Tests

NEW YORK — Two Columbia University professors said recently that a four-year study indicates that aptitude tests cannot select the best career for an individual nor indicate the success and satisfaction he will achieve in any line of work.

They said such tests can help place an individual within a wide range of suitable occupations with a good deal of accuracy, but cannot tell him whether he would be a better doctor than he would be a lawyer.

Profs. Robert L. Thorndike and Elizabeth Hagen checked on the postwar occupations of 10,000 aviation cadets who took a battery of aptitude tests in 1943. The study was made in cooperation with the Veterans Administration and the Air Force, with a \$64,000 research grant from the Grant Foundation.

The researchers concluded from the study that the widespread use of aptitude tests to predict signs of success in an occupation should be stopped.

Legion Of The Dogwood Tree

At the time of the crucifixion, the dogwood tree was as large and strong as the oak, and was chosen as the timber for the cross. To be used for this purpose distressed the tree, and Jesus, in His pity, promised: "If ever again shall you grow large enough to be used for a cross. Henceforth the dogwood tree shall be slender and twisted; its blossoms in the form of a cross — two long and two short petals. At the edge of each petal there shall be nail prints; in the centre of the flower, a crown of thorns. And this tree shall be cherished as a reminder of My Cross."

So it has been, and the spring time flowering of the dogwood has remained a symbol of Divine Sacrifice and the triumph of Eternal Life.

—Writer Unknown.
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British Film Combines Murder And Race Problem

Thrilling British Film Combines Murder with an Interracial Love Affair.

A Scotland Yard probe into a vicious murder is the bare superstructure of an exciting new British film import, Sapphire, which will probably cause considerable discussion among audiences who see it. Photographed in Eastman Color and directed by Basil Dearden, the sharply-paced picture opens with a shocking bang — a close-up of the face of a pretty young girl who has been brutally stabbed to death — and ends powerfully when the murderer is unmasked.

Essentially, Sapphire is the story of the hunt for the killer, but along the route a succession of odd characters are encountered, and the audience is flung straight into the seething vortex of Britain's race problem.

Sapphire was a Negro passing for white. She was three months pregnant and engaged to a white student of architecture. Against this background, the stage is set for a searching look into English color prejudice, and some intimate glimpses into the lives of some members of London's Negro community.

Acclaimed in England, the story made some filmgoers uneasy by its frank examination of racial attitudes, and its reception in the U.S. will bear watching, for on one basic question the film does not compromise: to the very end, Sapphire's white fiancé protests his love for her and insists he would have married her though he knew she was a Negro.

Claims South Spends Less On Education

ATLANTA — The South spends less on education than any other section of the nation, according to the director of a task force on mental health research.

Dr. William F. Soskin told a Southern Regional Education Board mental health research workshop, that southern universities grant proportionately fewer doctorates.

"And there is a direct relation between grants for mental health research and the number of Ph. D's awarded," Soskin said.

He said the Middle Atlantic states collect only 18 per cent of all state taxes, yet appropriate 46.9 per cent of all funds provided by states for mental health research.

Shrine Gives \$10,000 For Med Research

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of North and South America and Its Jurisdictions, Inc., recently presented a cheque for \$10,000 to Howard University for medical research in sickle cell anemia a blood disease prominent among darker races.

This marks the Shriners' second grant in as many years for the study of the disease, and the third grant which the Shriners have made to the University for medical research. The research is directed by Dr. Roland B. Scott, professor and head of the Department of Pediatrics, College of Medicine.

In 1951, a gift of \$20,000 was presented to support research in tuberculosis.

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