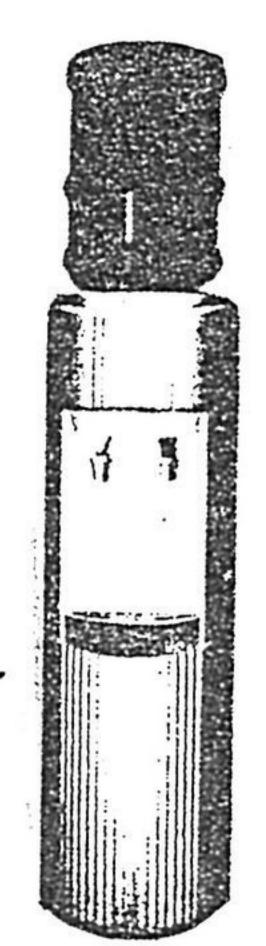
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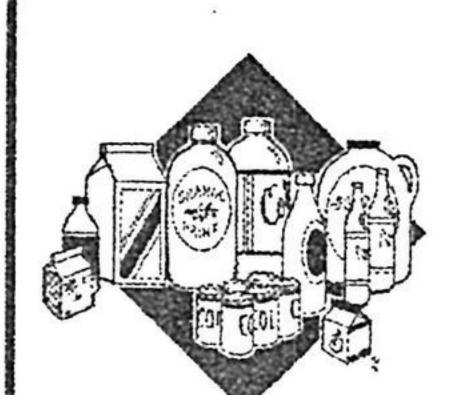
account of creation.

The trial attracted world wide attention mainly because Clarence Darrow, a famous criminal lawyer defended Scopes and William Jennings Bryan (a three-time candidate for the presidency of the USA) aided the prosecution. You can read about the trial or see the movie version 'Inherit the Wind' starring Spencer Tracy as Darrow and Frederick March as Bryan.

It boggles the mind to think that someone could believe that the date of creation could be established on a study made in the 1650's by James Ussher, an archbishop in the Church of Ireland. He claimed to have traced back the birth dates and death dates of the figures mentioned in the Bible.By this means he established the date of Genesis 1 as 4,004 BC thus now making the earth 6,000 years' old.

Even the US has ruled that the theory of evolution is science and can be taught in Public Schools and the Biblical description of creation is religious and thus is not taught in their Public Schools.

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I suppose what really disturbed me is the distruction of my wonderment at the movie Jurassic Park. If, as one of our Prime Ministerial candidates stated, men and dinosaurs roamed the earth together 6,000 years ago, the special effects in the movie were a common occurrence for our ancestors.

I wonder what his answer is to the question posed by Darrow to Bryan - if there were Adam and Eve and Cain who slew his brother Abel - where did Cain's wife come from (Genesis 4 verse 16-17?) and what was this land of Nod that Cain fled to after murdering his brother?

As I pondered this last paragraph it occurred to me that I didn't really care. It is not important, unless someone tries to impose their religious beliefs and myths on a country, it's institutions and the growing the minds of its young people, to the exclusion of scientific fact. I guess most of the rest of the country agreed with me.

Never mind, Her Nibs and I sat down and watched Jurassic Park again.

- John A. Jackson