

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 15 (AP)—Radios, oil paintings and soon television sets—thus the modern hospital seeks to make childbirth painless.

"The delivery rooms are made to look as cheerful and attractive as possible," says the chief obstetrician at Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Such an atmosphere, Dr. Nicholas J. Eastman told a news conference, helps to banish fear, which prolongs both labor and recoveries from labor.

Another deterrent to fear is the

Nylon Hosiery Falls Apart On Milady's Legs in Florida; Chemical Fumes Suspected

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Feb. 15 (AP)—A fantastic run was reported here yesterday, and it wasn't at a racetrack or on a bank. It was up and down milady's legs.

Hundreds of women pedestrians in downtown Jacksonville said their nylon hose simply went to pieces while they were wearing them.

It was just like that. You'd be walking along when all at once—ripping-rip—there it was, that bane of feminine chic and charm, a run in your stocking.

Health department officials took a few looks and notes, and went into action. Dr. W. W. Rogers, the city health officer, said certain gases that mixed with air and smoke might have reacted with the nylon fibers and caused the sudden disintegration. He wasn't exactly sure, though.

"I am not prepared at this time to say exactly what caused the situation," he said as he listened to feminine complaints yesterday.

"It may be several days before we have anything to announce."

He called on chemists at the University of Florida to aid in solving the riddle.

Reading, Pa., got in on the act by saying it was all old stuff. Nylon hose had disintegrated there about a year ago, a chemist at a knitting mill said. He blamed the calamity on fumes discharged from a chemical plant.

Fumes from such strong acids as sulphuric and hydrochloric acid cause quick disintegration of nylon, the Reading chemist said.

At Wilmington, Del., a spokesman for one of the country's largest nylon producers declared, however, that he'd never heard of anything like the quandary at Jacksonville.

Speaking for E. I. Dupont de Nemours, the spokesman said the company had supplied 700 hosiery manufacturers enough nylon yarn to make 100,000,000 pairs of stockings since the war, but wholesale disintegration was something new.

"This situation sounds fantastic to us," he added, "but we will certainly try to find out everything we can about it."

Meanwhile, Jacksonville hosiery shops and counters were doing a fabulous business in replacements.

Reimann, Furloughed From Prison, Renews Attack on Ruhr Statute

DUESSELDORF, Germany, Feb. 15 (AP)—Communist Max Reimann renewed his campaign against German politicians co-

operating with the Ruhr statute today—only two days after being furloughed from prison.

In an interview published by the Communist newspaper, Fries Volk, Reimann was quoted as saying:

"No German politician should participate in the preparation or execution of the Ruhr statute or the occupation statute."

The Communist leader was convicted Feb. 1 by a British court of encouraging discrimination against German politicians who work with the Western Allies. His three-month jail sentence was suspended last Saturday so he could finish his work as a member of West Germany's constitutional convention. When that is done, the British said, he must complete his sentence.

Yesterday Reimann credited "the protests of the workers in England and Germany" with influencing the British to free him. He said he was still convinced that his outspoken attitude against the international Ruhr control was "quite correct."

Yoncalla Schools Again Open After Winter Closure

Yoncalla grade and high schools opened Monday after being closed for a week. Bad slides and road condition prevented the school buses from going out last week. As half the school students come from outlying districts, it was thought advisable to close school until road conditions were better.

Both the large mills in Yoncalla are now running, and the outlook for the remainder of the winter is brighter. Snow still covers the hills around Yoncalla Valley, but the snow has melted in town.

Fortune favored at the R. L. Brooks home last week, when during the night Mr. Brooks woke up to find that a fire was burning in some clothing caused by an overheated night light. What might have been a bad fire turned out to be only the loss of a few clothes.

Called By Illness

Mrs. Donald Guard was called to Myrtle Creek last week by the serious illness of her niece.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Hall visited at the home of Mr. Hall's Parents in Roseburg, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Odland of Eugene spent the weekend visiting at the parental J. N. Sparks home. Mr. and Mrs. Odland will move soon to Portland, where Mr. Odland will continue his studies in the medical college.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bragg of Cottage Grove spent the weekend here visiting at the parental Bragg home.

Mrs. L. H. Brooks spent last week in Grants Pass, helping take care of her mother, Mrs.

Woman Is Suicide By Diving Into Furnace

CHICAGO, Feb. 15 (AP)—Mrs. Rose Kaplan, 50, was found dead inside the furnace of her home in an apartment building yesterday after police said she apparently dived headlong into the flames.

Her body, with the legs hanging outside the open furnace door, was found by her maid. The fire had consumed the body almost to the hips.

Police Sgt. Michael Fleming said Mrs. Kaplan, who had been in ill health, had placed a small trash can in front of the furnace door, which is 18 by 36 inches, and plunged head first through the door into the fire. He said Mrs. Kaplan had been hospitalized last week after taking an overdose of sleeping tablets.

Belies His Name

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP)—The law says Safety First isn't living up to his name, again.

Motorcycle Officer Kenneth Aiken reported he clocked the Pacific Palisades man with the unusual name going 57 miles an hour in a 35-mile zone on Roosevelt Highway. A year and a half ago, Safety First (that's really his name), paid \$15 for traveling 46 in a 25 zone.

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Award Goes To Dan Kennerly On Radio Program

Dan Kennerly, 533½ S. Stephens Street, Roseburg, had the pleasure of appearing, at least in name, on a national radio program recently. A question submitted by him was used on "The Fishing and Hunting Club of the Air," a weekly half-hour information service for rod and gun enthusiasts.

The local sportsman had the added pleasure of receiving several valuable articles of outdoor equipment as a reward for his trouble. His question was one of those selected from thousands received each week by the Fishing and Hunting Club's board of experts: Dave Newell, Roving Editor of "Sports Affair" magazine; Jim Hurley, Outdoors Editor of the New York Daily Mirror; Gail Borden, nationally known hunter and fisherman, and Jeff Bryant, amateur sportsman.

The program is a Monday night Mutual Network feature, and is sponsored by the Mall Pouch Tobacco Company, Wheeling, W. Va.

GREAT DAY FOR THE IRISH

HOUSTON (AP)—An Irishman's \$20,000,000 dream will come true here on St. Patrick's Day when oilman Glen H. McCarthy opens the nation's biggest postwar hotel—named the Shamrock, of course.

McCarthy, whose oil and gas fortune is estimated at upwards of \$80,000,000, pulled no punches in planning the hotel. Each of the 1,100 rooms and apartments will have television plus FM and AM radio and wired recordings.

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