

## Gaining, Losing Weight Business Matter With Tester Of Equipment

By HAL BOYLE  
NEW YORK. — (AP) — Gaining weight with many women is a matter of self-indulgence — and losing it is a matter of self-torture.

But with Fay Suskind putting on pounds and then taking them off it is a matter of business. She is paid to do it.

Miss Suskind, a pretty, dark-eyed girl with a fine background and a splendid foreground, has one of the oldest jobs in an odd civilization. She is a human guinea pig for the mechanical massage industry.

"It is my job to test the reducing equipment," she said as she sat in an anteroom of one of the MacLevy slenderizing salons where she acts also as gym supervisor.

"Three or four times a year I put on as much weight as I can, and then take it off with massage rollers."

"We have machines for every place you want to reduce—calves, hips, arms, back, waists or thighs. I test each machine by taking weight off myself."

She keeps an elaborate chart during the whole process—knowing the changes in her own measurements as she builds her weight up, then takes it off.

We went into the gym, which was full of strange instruments and resembled a medieval torture chamber. There were two fat lady customers present. One was bent over a machine that kept thumping her in the stomach mildly with a series of wooden rollers.

The second fat lady was harnessed in a gadget that kept rolling several tightly clamped elastic wire springs up and down her thighs.

"Does it tickle?" I asked.

"No, no, indeed," she said. "It feels rather good."

I took her word for it.

Both plump ladies looked with a sigh of envy at shapely Miss Suskind, whose weight is now in the downward cycle. She explained that the most she had ever got her weight up to was 126 pounds. But that now she was down to 108—and still losing.

"I can put on as much as 12 pounds in four weeks by eating candy and starchy things like spaghetti, noodles and mashed potatoes," she said. "When I'm gaining I always go to bed with a full stomach and get lots of sleep."

"This system is harder on her husband than it is on her."

"He really doesn't like me to gain—he wants me to stay slim," she smiled. "But he knows it's my job."

"And he doesn't suffer from it. He gets everything fattening to eat and has beer at every meal—and still he doesn't put on an ounce."

One aspect of Fay's job might make it attractive to many women. She finds it necessary to maintain two complete wardrobes—one for the upsurge, one for the downbeat.

"The advantage of mechanical massage," she said, "is that it enables women to remove fat from any part of the body they desire. It gives them control over their physical contours."

The trouble with having to test different reducing machines, however, is that sometimes Fay

may be required to slim her calves to Betty Grable size while leaving her hips in a Venus de Milo proportion.

"But this is only temporary," she said. "As soon as I have completed the test, they let me get back into shape all over."

All the patrons of slenderizing salons today aren't merely anxious to melt away blubber," she said. "In case it interests you," she said, "we can build up the bust, too. Many women now are interested in that."

**DENIES HE'S SCIENTIST**

OAKLAND, Md. — (AP) — Joseph E. Harned is 79 years old. He has run a drug store here for 57 years, and he says he is a druggist, not a scientist.

But he has written a botany text book, "Wild Flowers of the Alleghenies." It is used in schools and libraries all over the country. The botany departments of Harvard, Cornell and other Universities encouraged the work and helped him with it. He has two honorary doctorate degrees. He is listed in "Who's Who" and "American Men of Science."



**BARRIER BREAKAWAY** — Broad Margin leads a dozen horses from the starting gate in a race at Garden State Park track, Camden, N. J., but finished third to In Vogue and Jerry's Best.

Also, he's a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He is the friend of many scientists and of the late Thomas Edison.

He insists, however, he is still "just a country kid pursuing a hobby." His book has been praised both for its accuracy and its popular style. It has brought him letters from all over the world.

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## Air Crash Kills Pilot And Hunter

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 24 — An ex-Portland pilot and one of two California brothers he was flying to Klamath Falls on a duck hunting trip died Saturday in the crash of a plane on a ranch near Tulelake, Cal.

Dead were Claude Stephens, 25, Klamath Falls, for two years an instructor at the Sportsmen's Air Park in Portland, and Valmont Kittle, 49, Los Angeles.

Kittle's brother, John Harvey Kittle, 34, proprietor of a sporting goods store at San Gabriel, was thrown clear of the plane when it fell on the Clark Fensler ranch two miles west of Tulelake. It overturned and burst into flames 150 yards from the ranch house.

**Heat Prevents Rescues**

Jack Fensler and Herbert Kirby pulled John Kittle away from the flames, but were unable to approach the wreckage to rescue the other two because of the intense heat. They said they heard one of the doomed occupants screaming for help.

Mrs. Valmont Kittle told newsmen her husband and his brother had planned to hunt near Klamath Falls with Ted Lawson, one of the fliers on the famed Doolittle raid on Tokyo in the

early days of World War II and author of "Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo." Lawson was reported to be en route from Seattle to Klamath Falls when the crash occurred.

The starfish attaches itself to an oyster, secretes a fluid which narcotizes its victim and then feeds on the oyster meat by inserting its stomach between the shells.

CABLE PROTECTS PIPES  
NEW YORK. — (AP) — Electricity has stepped to the fore as a protector against frozen water pipes.

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