

Leslie C. Pullen, son of Mrs. Glenn Duncan, of Brookings, has been selected, along with sixty eight other students at OSC, for membership in the Order of Silver Wings, an air force honor society. This group is committed to develop precision drill, part of their training for commissions in the armed forces.

The Star of the Sea Altar Society's Turkey Dinner, this coming Saturday evening, and the bazaar which follows, should attract a good crowd, especially those who have attended these affairs in the years gone by. Not only are the guests assured a good and bountiful meal but also a good time after it. Funds derived from the bazaar go into the general fund of the parish. "Come and Get It" will be called from 5 to 8 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Freeman hit in to eastern Oregon, with a party, after deer. They made many miles by jeep and neither May or Wilson saw even one antler but Wilson got a nice yearling bear that strolled into camp one morning, so they didn't come home empty handed. May said it was the first in five years that she hadn't got her deer, and that's something.

If anyone finds any keys of any kind, they might get in touch with Conn's and Percy Evans. "Percy" lost his gas cap, with keys, and Connie lost her house and car key, all just the same as if they were two different folks. Connie's were attached to a flashlight key holder.

Art IN EVERYDAY LIFE by Clyde Wood

VISUAL PERCEPTION Part 16 Gestalt Psychology

The main context of today's discussion is not, normally, included in Gestalt Psychology, but because the subject, mainly, has to do with mental processes, rather than optical processes, I decided to include it under the former heading. It has often been said that truth is stranger than fiction. Those who are not already familiar with visual perception, are likely to conclude that this article bears out that time worn adage. The subject which I am about to discuss, could well be included in Ripley's "Believe It or Not."

We depend on our eyes, for nearly everything we do—in fact we would be pretty helpless without them—yet we know so little about the strange ways in which they function, in visual perception.

To most readers, it will probably come as a surprise, that we see with only one eye at a time. This strange fact came to me a bit of a shock, when I first learned about it, a few years ago, in a class dealing with optics.

Anyone who is interested, can easily prove this phenomenon to his own satisfaction.

If you have just the rims of a pair of glasses, the experiment will be very easy to perform; if you haven't, you can make rims to suit the purpose, with soft wire. Cover one piece with a piece of red cellophane, and the other eye-piece with green.

Next make a paper disk about six inches in diameter, then with a red pencil, draw parallel lines on the paper, about a quarter of an inch apart, at right angles to the red lines.

Now you can put on the glasses and look at the disk, which should be held at normal reading distance. After looking at the disk for a while, you should notice that first the red and then the green lines will appear, alternately. The rhythm of alternation varies with the individual, but the change takes place every few seconds. With the writer, this change takes place about every ten seconds. However, the speed of alternation varies under different circumstances.

What is happening is this. Red colors are only faintly visible when seen through red filters, and the same is true with green, etc. Consequently, we see the green lines through the red eye piece, and red lines through the green eye piece. If you were to put your hand over the red filter (the eye-pieces act as light filters) only the red lines would be visible, and vice-versa.

The fact that the red, and then the green lines appear, proves conclusively, that only one eye is working at a time. I could cite other examples, that would prove this alternating process, but this one example should suffice.

In previous articles, I discussed various methods the body uses to get ample rest, in order to maintain its maximum efficiency, and this article deals only one more aspect of this body-protection system.

Normally, each eye rests half of the time, but this is not all ways true. For example, if one eye is under heavy strain, due to some defective eye condition, the other eye shares the burden, by giving the defective eye a longer rest. The best eye may work ten seconds, and rest only seven. This gives the eye, which is under a strain, a ten second rest, and a seven second working period.

One has the right to ask, "why are we not conscious of seeing with only one eye at a time?" The answer is that the mind fuses double images so smoothly, that there is no cause to recognize it. Also, one may ask, "how about a person with only one eye?" Where ever there are two identical organs in the body, if one is rendered incapable of normal function, the other organ receives extra nourishment, and is thus able to carry a double load. Still, a single eye which has to carry a double load, does manage to rest in unsuspecting ways.

The process by which one eye gets rest, can be compared to a person sleeping. A person can be asleep, and at the same time be alert for possible dangers.

Some years ago, I had a World War II veteran in my class, who,

had lost one of his eyes at Anzio, yet at noon hour he would play ball with the rest. If his eye had rested independent of basic needs, it would have occasionally blanked out just as he was about to catch a ball. However, this never happened. The rhythm of eye rest had so radically changed, that when put to the test, it would continue to function with out rest, and then take a longer rest when it's complete function was less important.

I noticed that just after noon hour he was less able to draw well. He would look at his drawing, or the model, and still not really see. Even he was not aware of the fact that his eye was resting after the over exertion, forced on it while playing ball. In this case his eye was simply functioning at it's minimum. However, if something came up, that required accurate vision, his eye would be brought to it's maximum potential.

We are inclined to think that we are the keepers of our bodies, but in most cases we are but witnesses. When a person becomes aware of his physical and psychic functions, that operate independent of normal consciousness, he is well on the way to self-realization.

To the COAST GUARD magazine goes credit for the observation that, "A wise monkey is a monkey that doesn't monkey with another monkey's monkey."

Homer Brown and Jule Koehler left, last Monday morning, intent on dealing havoc to the migratory waterfowl flirting about the Klamath county country.

Nice couple in office, fore part of the week, said they drove down from Seattle without pausing, planned to settle here, had five children, and so it goes.

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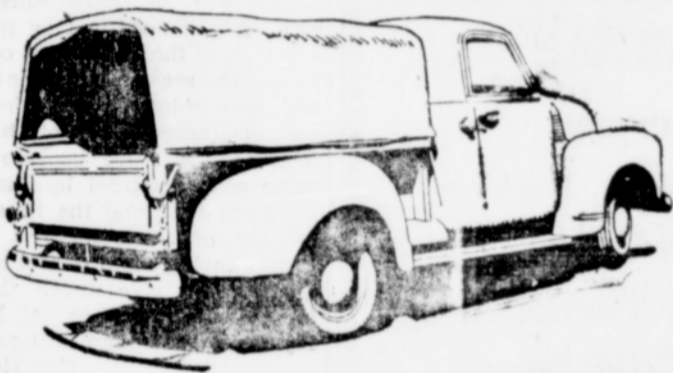
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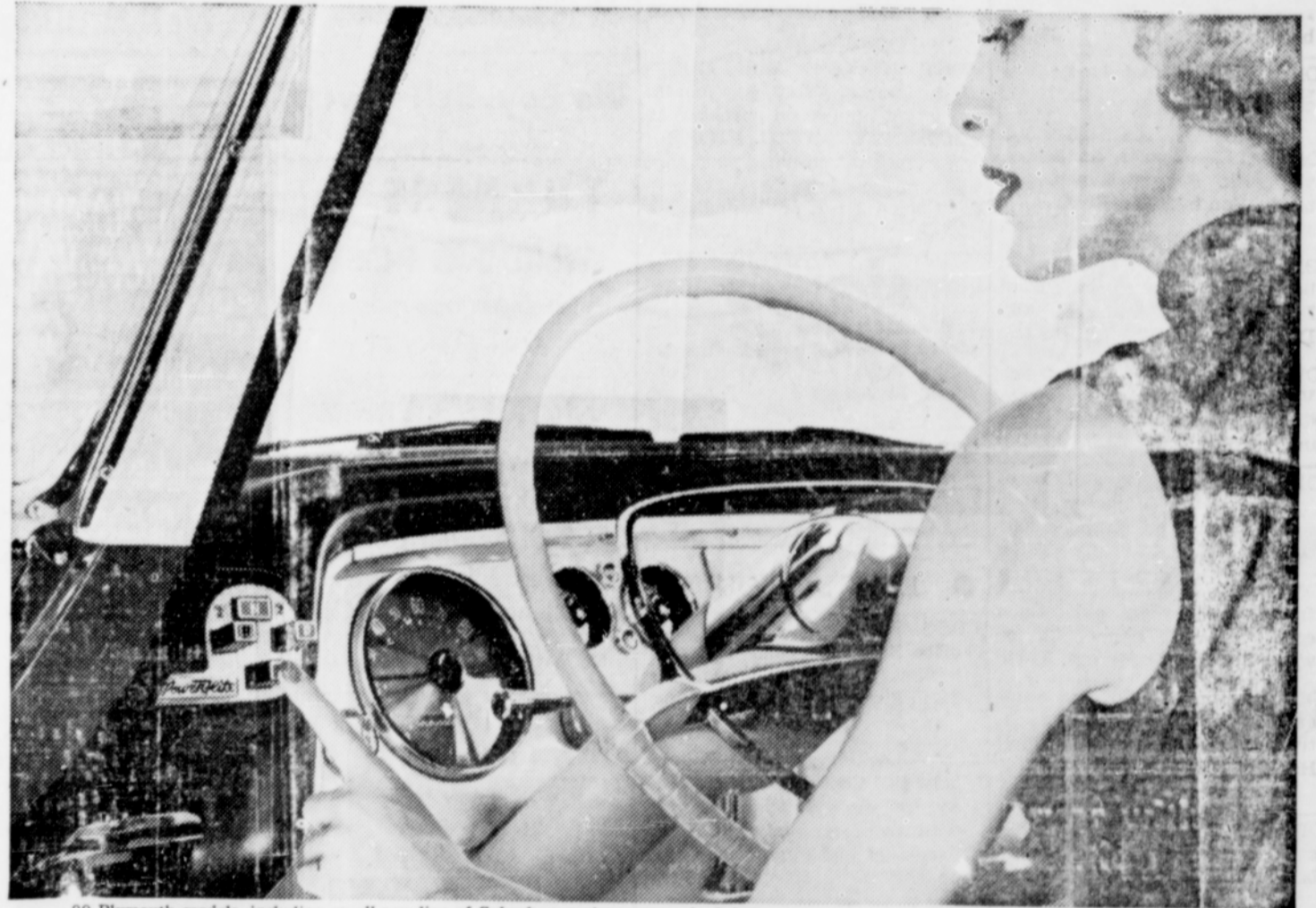
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