



Chinatown Fire—San Francisco's skyline and dawn loom in the background as smoke billows from a three-alarm blaze in the shadow of the city's famous Chinatown. Note Pagoda (left of smoke) and tower of San Francisco-Oakland Bay bridge at the foot of famed California street. The fire caused an estimated \$25,000 damage. (Acme Telephoto)

SUCCESS STORY

Reading Among Children Found to Cut Failures in Life

By DAVID TAYLOR MARKE
(By the Associated Press)

New Brunswick, N. J.—This year 200 boys and girls each received an estimated 60 better years of life. Frustration, disappointment, discouragement and even tragedy were considered to be rubbed off their slate. And it was all because they had undergone 60 hours of skillful teaching in remedial reading at Rutgers University's Psychological Clinic.

Says Dr. Anna S. Starr, eminent psychologist and chairman of the department: "We are fast discovering the importance of reading to successful personality growth. Some psychologists are going so far as to say that failure to read is a strong contributing factor not only to childhood problems but actual delinquency."

Reading is the first skillful activity the child is called upon to master by himself. If he cannot keep up with his group, he feels that he is a failure and patterns of maladjustment begin.

In examining hundreds of children, Dr. Starr has found the causes for failure to read are almost as numerous as the children themselves. Sometimes the reasons lie in blockings due to family disharmonies and fears. Sometimes they lie in visual difficulties.

Again, the child may be sent to school before he is ready to learn to read, or overcrowded classes may not permit time to diagnose his reading habits. Sometimes, the practice of administering true and false examinations leads to less ability to read and write.

One boy, for example, was told by an older playmate that no two words were alike. The logically-minded lad then reasoned that if this were so, there were too many words to learn, so why bother.

One child was found to have a deep-seated fear of the color black. She rapidly learned to read words printed in other colors. Then the girl was painstakingly convinced of the superior advantages of black for printing. She overcame the fear, and her reading ability raced ahead.

Because so many factors are behind a child's inability to read, Dr. Starr insists remedial reading classes should be conducted in conjunction with a psychological clinic or child guidance program.

"We emphasize that remedial reading should be therapeutic to have greatest values," she says.

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State Tax Commission Analyst William Collier said the deficit estimate was a minimum figure. He said if government costs continue to rise, and he believes they are more likely to go up than down, the anticipated deficit will be much higher. Only the use of what he termed the "cushion fund" of \$15,000,000 would hold the deficit below the minimum figure, he said. This fund is maintained to keep property taxes from actually being levied in a year of low tax collections.

Collier noted that the current biennium budget is \$130,262,607 compared with the previous biennium budget of \$78,149,627. Senator Howard C. Belton, Clackamas county, committee chairman, said he had a "very strong feeling we may go back to the state property tax." This came as Rep. Eugene Marsh, Yamhill county, noted that the property tax problems of the counties may one day be shared by the state government.



TESTED WHILE PLAYING these youngsters show aptitude.

first step—and often takes longer than treatment, says Dr. Starr. A child is studied as he works out block puzzles, peg boards and other intelligence and personality measurements.

Eyes are carefully checked and where found wanting, referred for corrective measures. Lack of available energy or low persistence of effort may indicate a physical condition which needs the attention of a physician.

A new world had opened up for him. He was beginning to understand the meaning of letters and words. Dr. Starr is confident that in time he will learn to read and write well.

There is no magic in the success achieved by the clinic. It is all a matter of hard work. In reading cases, testing is the

Power Bills Lower Than a Decade Ago

Washington, Sept. 13 (AP)—The average home-owner's light bill increased slightly last year but it's still lower than 10 years ago, the federal power commission said today.

The commission's annual survey of typical residential bills for cities of 2500 or more showed an average reduction of about 10 percent for 25, 100 and 250 kilowatt-hour monthly bills. The average bill for 250 kilowatt-hours was \$7.01 Jan. 1, 1949, compared with \$7.48 Jan. 1, 1939, and \$6.92 Jan. 1, 1948.

During 1948, the commission said, electricity bills increased in 17 1/2 percent of the 3814 com-

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Ladies, Why Grow Old? Accentuate the Positive

Hollywood, Sept. 13 (AP)—Ladies over 40, buck up. A movie expert said today you can be glamorous without youth, beauty or money.

You've just got to accentuate the positive. "There's no reason to grow old," said Helen Rose, who guides Lana Turner, Judy Garland and 70-year-old Ethel Barrymore at MGM.

"American women give up living at 40 and wither for the next 40 years. They've got 30 years more of fascination ahead."

And you don't have to worry if you don't have a face like Elizabeth Taylor, can't buy duds like Lana's and will never see 50 again. You can overcome every defect, she said, with perfect neatness.

"European women get more fascinating with age, and some still hold court at 70," she said. "A sophisticated Frenchman won't bother with a woman under 35. They're not interesting."

Some of the most fascinating women in movies—Greta Garbo, Gloria Swanson, Irene Dunne and Joan Crawford—are over 40. Miss Barrymore is glamorous at 70.

As for clothes, most women could buy half what they do and be twice as well dressed. "I've seen some of these starlets stuff their closets with \$100 a week of clothes, and never have one smart costume."

And some of the most glamorous women Miss Rose knows—including movie stars—have a face full of bad features.

"I see women every day who have prettier faces than movie stars," she said. "But they don't dramatize their beauty, and they don't keep themselves immaculately groomed, the most important thing."

"Everybody has one good feature. It can be your eyes or your hair or your hands or even graceful posture. One woman I know has a face in which every feature is bad. She studies herself in the mirror two hours a day. She always sits in the most flattering light, and she knows which are the most flattering angles of her face."

"Everybody always says, 'Isn't she beautiful!' One of the most attractive women I know has a huge beak nose and a hairlip. But she has such fascinating eyes nobody notices. She's done very well. She's gotten two handsome husbands—two."

State Property Tax to Return

Portland, Sept. 13 (AP)—The possibility that Oregon may be forced to levy a property tax that will not be offset by other revenues was hinted by the interim legislative tax committee yesterday.

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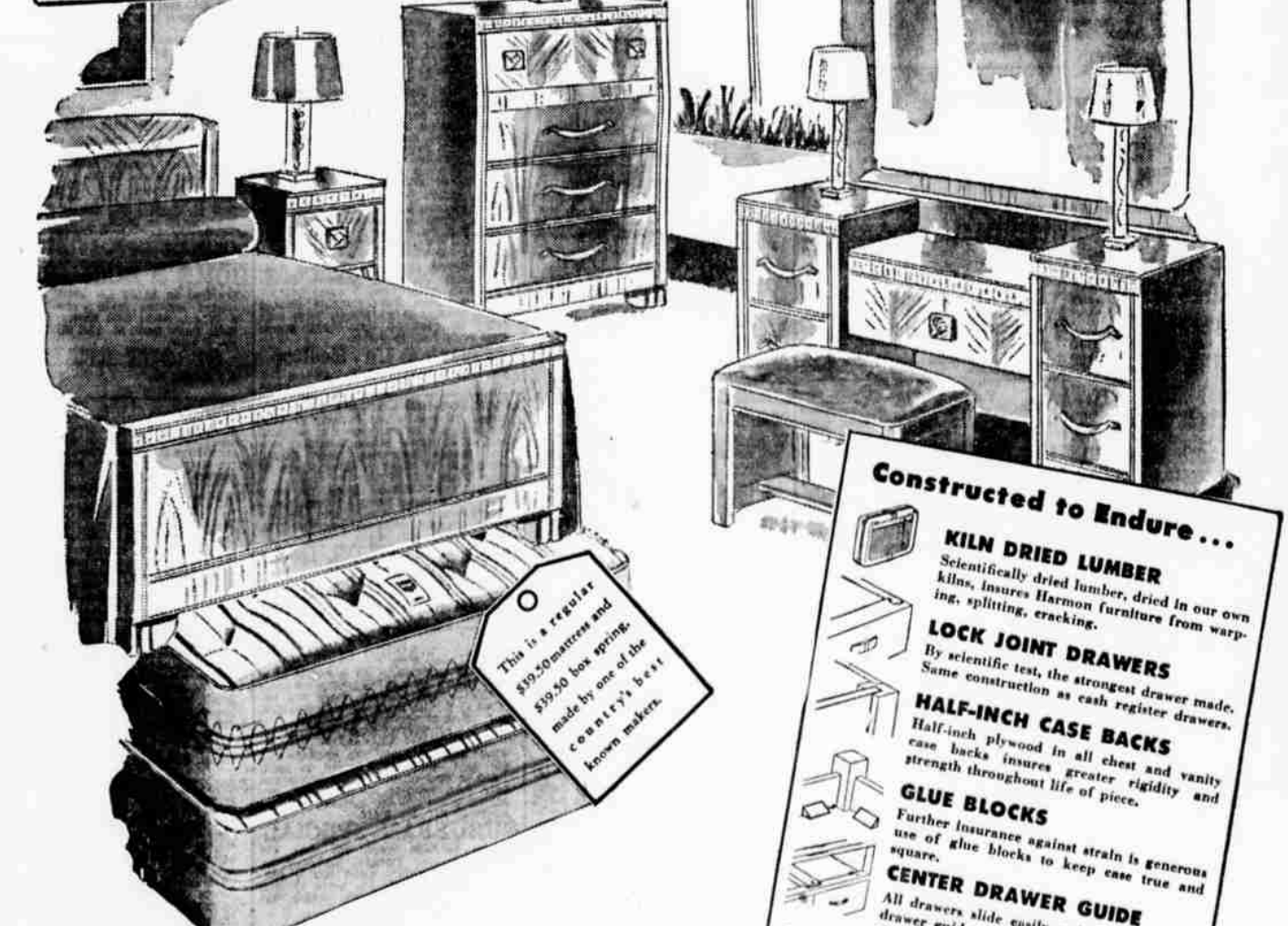
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