

Solitaire in Bed Engineer's Gadget Makes It Easier



FUN IN BED was the objective of Engineer Meyer Katz when he invented this board to help him play solitaire.

Santa Barbara, Calif.—Bedridden and bored, a card-loving engineer invented a gadget which will enable people to play solitaire in bed, a wheelchair, or even a moving car.

The device, a square board with slots which hold standard playing cards, rests on the player's lap. Thus the necessity of having a flat playing surface is eliminated.

Meyer Katz, the inventor, said he has applied for patents and will put the board into production soon. He calls it the "Boochie-board," named for his wife, Ruth, whose nickname is Boochie. He plans to test the boards on patients in veterans hospitals before putting them on the market.

Katz, proprietor of an electric motor firm here, got the idea while confined to his bed with a heart ailment.

"The long hours dragged," Katz recalled, "and reading got tiresome. I love cards, but couldn't play them. Then I conceived the Boochieboard."

Katz first designed a small board on which miniature cards were used. But he now has a larger model for regular-sized cards. The board has a series of horizontal cardboard slots running across it, in which cards may be inserted in any arrangement. The cards are held firmly in place regardless of the board's position.

AP Newsfeatures

Ohling Quits Polk Post; Kansan Named Successor

Dallas, Sept. 20—Robert M. (Bob) Ohling, Polk county extension agent, under whose supervision 4-H club work has made great gains during the past two years, has resigned his position to accept another post as seed marketing specialist at Oregon State college with the extension service, according to N. John Hansen, agent in charge of the Polk county office.

Elizabeth Taylor Breaks Engagement

Hollywood, Sept. 20—Too much distance resulted today in movie star Elizabeth Taylor and William D. Pauley, Jr., 28, breaking their engagement.

Since the 17-year-old film actress will be tied up here and in Italy for some months on picture work and Pauley is in the east, they have ended the engagement that was announced in June in Miami, Fla.

Pauley, son of the former U. S. ambassador to Brazil, said in Virginia that he hoped the engagement cancellation would be "only temporary."

Miss Taylor had no comment other than to confirm wedding plans were off. She is now making "The Big Hangover" for Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer and has a picture to make for Paramount before going to Italy in the spring for shooting of "Quo Vadis."

Filbert Referendum Deadline Sept. 23

A reminder to filbert growers in the states of Oregon and Washington that midnight, September 23, 1949, is the deadline for mailing ballots in a referendum on a proposed federal marketing agreement and order program was issued this week by W. M. Tate, chairman of the Marion county agricultural conservation committee.

Any of the independent growers who failed to receive a ballot by mail may obtain one, together with a copy of the proposed marketing agreement and instructions for voting, at the county agricultural conservation office, located at 440 N. Church street, Salem, or from office of the county agent of the Agricultural Extension Service, 263 Post Office building, Salem.

Wheat Quota Meetings Slated

"Meetings to discuss the 1950 wheat allotment will be held September 22, 23 and 26," announces W. M. Tate, chairman of the Marion County Agricultural Conservation committee.

These meetings, which will be open to all who are interested, are scheduled for Stayton on September 22, 8 p. m., at the City hall; Silverton on September 23, 8 p. m., at the Washington-Irving building; Woodburn on September 26, 8 p. m. at the high school auditorium.

These meetings will be sponsored by the county committee of the Marion County Agricultural Conservation association. The main purpose will be to explain the aims, background and requirements of wheat allotments. In addition, the price support program will be explained and the soil conservation program will be discussed. Mr. Tate urges all who are concerned with these matters to attend.

9-Year Old Boy Drowns in Pond

Hubbard, Sept. 20—Ralph Edgar Sherman, 9-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph E. Sherman, was drowned in a pond southwest of here shortly before 6 o'clock Monday afternoon.

The boy was with three companions when he slipped from a raft upon which they were playing and fell into the water. The other boys gave the alarm and the body was recovered from the water about 10 minutes later by Clarence Friend, Hubbard fire chief. Efforts to revive him were fruitless.

Ralph was at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Sherman, also of Hubbard, while his parents are on a trip to California. The body was taken to the Ringo funeral home in Woodburn.

Teen-Age Gang Is Taken Into Custody

Seattle, Sept. 20—A teenage gang that had committed nearly 25 burglaries, eight auto thefts and numerous car prowls was taken into custody today with the arrest of 10 boys and one girl.

Officials said second degree burglary charges would be asked for the boys. The girl will face a grand larceny charge of cashing a \$103 payroll check allegedly forged by one of the gang, officers said.

An investigation was started Sept. 6 after one of the youths was shot as he tried to escape police after a burglary.

The gang members, all 17 and 18 years old, met regularly in a downtown restaurant to plot their moves, officers said.

Salem Academy Has Enrollment of 232

Salem Academy, a West Salem privately operated school, enrolled 232 pupils Monday, the first day for enrolling for the fall term. Officials expected registration to reach the 250 mark later in the week.

The enrollment included 200 for high school work with the balance registering for junior high classes.

Due to insufficient registration, the plan to operate the Christian grade school has been abandoned for at least another year.

duties and helping him to become acquainted here. Ohling plans to sell his home at 911 Ash street before he moves his family to Corvallis.



This Won't Hurt—The prospect of an early trip to Guam to see their father fails to convince Kenneth Kalbfleish, 3, or his sister, Bonny, 14 months, of Fresno, Calif., that the shot to be administered by Chief Hospital Corpman P. L. Carpenter will not hurt. Their mother, Mrs. Kenneth Kalbfleish, will accompany them to Guam where the father is a civilian employe. (AP Wirephoto)

Vast Hydro-Electric Program Outlined at Demo Meeting

San Francisco, Sept. 20—A vigorous program of hydro-electric resource development in the west was outlined by department of the interior spokesmen today at the western states democratic conference.

Undersecretary of Interior Oscar L. Chapman defined the program as aimed at development of land and industry; the use of power to make up the rainfall deficiency through pumping and to make up deficiencies in ore grades through mechanization and electro processing.

"Wherever there is a gap between the pants and the vest in this resource development program, we must be prepared to supply adequate power to bring our activity up to our needs and potentialities," Chapman said.

He said Boulder, Bonneville, Coulee, Shasta, Parker and a host of other existing projects are no longer looked upon as "white elephants, even by our most vociferous opposition."

"Hungry Horse, McNary, Davis, the American river projects and a lot of other dams are under construction now without ever having suffered from such epithets," he noted.

"We have proved one thing these last 16 years: that our ability to absorb kilowatt hours in the growth and development of this part of the country is unlimited."

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Oregon Democrats Push CVA at Coast Meet in S. F.

San Francisco, Sept. 20—National democratic party leaders today predicted at their western states conference here that the next Oregon delegation to Congress would include democratic representatives for the first time in eight years.

National Committeeman Monroe Sweetland of Newport, Ore., said that after conferences with national and western leaders of the democratic party, there was no doubt "but that a resurgent democratic party in Oregon will wrest state control from the republicans."

'Big Top' Late; Circus Cancelled

Redding, Cal., Sept. 20—Ringling Bros. Barnum and Bailey circus disappointed the kids for the first time in 10 years Sunday night when the scheduled show failed to open here.

The "Big Top" tent itself failed to arrive by rail from Oregon and circus officials were forced to refund money to thousands of children and grown-ups from all over northern California.

Animals, concessions and performers were all set to go when officials announced cancellation of the night's show. It was the first time in 10 years, with the exception of the disastrous Hartford, Conn., fire, that the show failed to "go on."

Cut in 'Merchantable' Walnuts Proposed

Washington, Sept. 20—The agriculture department today proposed that 30 per cent of this year's crop of "merchantable" walnuts grown in California, Oregon and Washington be withheld from the market.

Merchantable walnuts are those which meet certain grade regulations set up under a federal marketing agreement. Walnuts, as well as some other nuts, presently are in surplus. The marketing orders and accompanying regulations have been set up to maintain better prices to growers.

Under today's proposal, 70 percent of the merchantable nuts will be sold into regular commercial channels. The other 30 per cent can be diverted to the non-competitive channels which include sale of shelled nuts, walnut oil or the export trade.

Interested groups may submit their views on the proposed division of the crop to the department between now and Oct. 3.

Another interior department spokesman, Assistant Secretary C. Girard Davidson, said "We have not set up some theoretical pattern to be followed willy nilly in every river basin. We have frankly experimented with different solutions that would fit the different situations in different watersheds."

Discussing western water development, Assistant Interior Secretary William E. Warne said 21,000,000 acres are under irrigation and that feasible projects make it possible to irrigate approximately 20,000,000 more acres. This would include watersheds of the Missouri, the Columbia, the Central valley of California, the Colorado and the Rio Grande.

Armed Forces Total 1,607,400

Washington, Sept. 20—The armed forces had a combined numerical strength of 1,607,400 persons on Aug. 31, a decrease of 9,900 from July 31, the defense department announced today.

Army strength was 655,500; navy 444,200; air force 422,000, and marine corps 85,700.

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