



On Horseback Again — Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas, who was seriously injured in Washington State's Cascade Mountains last October when his horse rolled on him, takes his first horseback ride, near Tucson, Ariz., since the accident. He has been resting in Tucson for several months. (AP Wirephoto)

Lag Between Peaceful Ways, Mobilization May Save War

The surest deterrent against another war is to narrow the time lag between our normally peaceful ways and the mobilization that war requires, declares Bernard M. Baruch in an exclusive article in the February Reader's Digest.

If the gap is bridged, no enemy will gamble upon overwhelming us with a surprise blitz such as Japan attempted at Pearl Harbor.

But that time lag which is the crux of our danger is being neglected, Baruch warns. "Such neglect, becoming ever more perilous as the potential enemy acquires a stockpile of atomic weapons, is all the more tragic because it can be remedied so easily."

Stating that the cost of full mobilization measures would be slight, the author contends that this small expenditure would strengthen our defenses far more than would larger sums spent for other military purposes. If we can reduce the time lag by a year, the margin "might avert the whole democratic world."

Death Isn't so Terrifying as We Are Led to Believe, Writer Says

"Look death in the face," counsels J. D. Ratcliff, in the February Reader's Digest. "His countenance isn't so terrifying as we are led to believe."

All available evidence indicates that death is generally welcomed by the aged and infirm, offers merciful relief to the sick. Although they have feared death all their lives, the overwhelming majority of people are willing to meet it when it comes.

Testifying to the absence of agony and terror in death is the experience of thousands who have "died" by drowning, electric shock, asphyxiation — only to be revived by prompt medical attention.

These people, Ratcliff points out in an article condensed from Liberty, "have indeed returned from the dead . . . and invariably they report that there was no anguish, no pain, no terror—merely an all-enveloping peace."

The great physician, Sir William Osler, studied 500 deaths. Only 11 showed mental apprehension, only two showed signs of terror.

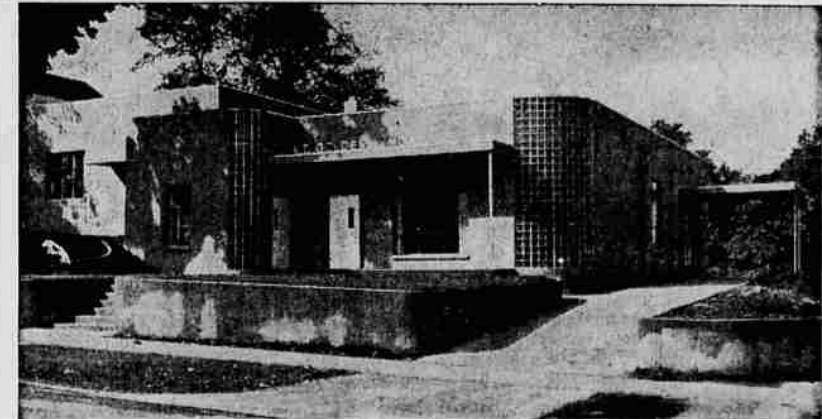
Dr. Arthur Macdonald adds his testimony: "The belief that dying is accompanied by severe suffering may arise from misinterpretation of outward physical signs. The act is confused with symptoms of the disease which preceded death. There seems to be a pause in nature—the disease has conquered, the battle is over. The body, fatigued by its efforts to sustain itself, is ready to die. All is tranquility."

Dr. Alfred Worcester, professor emeritus of hygiene at Harvard, says: "Death is almost always preceded by a perfect willingness to die. It is easy at the last. . . . All competent observers agree that except in imagination there is no such thing as 'death agony.' Contractions of the dying body are merely the contractions of reflex muscles. Facial contortions are involuntary and not indicators of pain. Remember, faces are often contorted in sleep."

One physician, carried to the brink of death by a severe heart attack, reported his sensations as those of "mild intoxication."

Seventy others, who drowned but were revived found only peace and pleasantness after the initial struggle was over.

William Hunter, 18th-century anatomist, murmured with his last breath: "Had I strength to hold a pen I would write how easy and pleasant it is to die."



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Wife of Tin Heir Says Drugged

New York, Jan. 25 (AP)—Junonia Eden Patino accused an "emissary" of her multimillionaire Bolivian husband today of drugging her in an attempt to gain custody of her five-year-old daughter.

The sultry 28-year-old dancer told police her mysterious reappearance in Fredericksburg, Va., last week-end after a week-long "blackout" was another nerve-racking incident in her three-year marital battle with Ramon Patino, 35, heir to a \$300,000,000 Bolivian tin fortune.

Mrs. Patino was brought to her home here Monday night from Virginia by her twin sister, Anita Eden, and placed in the care of a physician. Miss Eden said her sister was suffering from "severe mental shock" which made remembrance of her experiences "slow and difficult."

Mrs. Patino said the last thing she remembers the night she disappeared was having a drink in a midtown Manhattan bar with Emiliano Rengifo, an employee of her husband.

She said Rengifo has tried without success to force her to sign papers releasing all claims against her husband for \$40,000 he owes her for support and giving him custody of their daughter, Valerie.

"I had two or three drinks of brandy with him," she said. "The next thing I remember is running down a road toward a bar in Fredericksburg a week



Tenor's Tribute — Eugene Conley, of Lynn, Mass., tenor in Bellini's opera, "I Puritani" at La Scala, Milan, Italy, dusts a statue of the composer before the opening night.

later minus about \$10,000 worth of jewels."

Mrs. Patino said custody of the children could not be settled until Patino agrees to come to this country to complete settlement of the term of a divorce for which she filed two years ago.

The yard originally was based on the distance from the tip of the nose to the ends of fingers on an outstretched arm.

Damage Suit for Name In Movie Title Lost

Tulsa, Okla., Jan. 25 (AP)—A woman whose daughter's name was used in a movie title has lost her suit for \$400,000 damages.

U. S. District Judge Royce dismissed Mrs. Celia F. Ivers' suit against Paramount Film Distributing Co. after he and a jury saw the movie, "The Strange Love of Martha Ivers."

Mrs. Ivers alleged the film violated the privacy of her daughter, Martha. But Savage said any injury the girl sustained was purely imaginary.

Nation's Honor Students Cast Nominations for Hall of Fame

By LEO TURNER
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

New York, Jan. 25 (AP)—The nation's high school honor students have urged the election of Presidents Woodrow Wilson and Theodore Roosevelt and the Unknown Soldier to the Hall of Fame, Mrs. Bertha L. Lyons, curator, said today as nominations poured in for the 1950 installations in New York university's Shrine of Great Americans.

Elections to the Hall of Fame are held every five years. A maximum of seven native-born Americans may be selected. The candidate must be dead 25 years before he can be considered.

Nominations for this year's election will be received until April 1. Ballots will be prepared and mailed to the 118 prominent persons composing the college of electors on June 1. They are to be returned on October 1 and the results announced on November 1. To be elected to the shrine, a candidate must receive a majority of votes.

The Hall of Fame, an open air colonnade 630 feet long and 10 feet three inches around the Gould Memorial library at the university, was established in 1900 when 29 outstanding Americans, including George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, were named.

Christopher Columbus, discoverer of the continent, is not included. He was foreign born.

Seventy-seven persons, including seven women, have been elected so far, and bronze busts of 76 of them sit on pedestals in the circular colonnade.

Nominations already received from students and the general public include Benjamin Banneker, John Burroughs, William

Robert G. Ingersoll, William James, Gouverneur Morris, James Edward Oglethorpe, Wendell Phillips, John Gorrie, deli Phillips, Lucy Stone, Joseph Wharton, Sarah Margaret Fuller, William Crawford Gorgas, Charles Thompson Harvey, Thomas Jonathan Jackson, Lafayette Elphalett Nott, Robert E. Peary and Charles Steinmetz.

Because they received more than 20 votes in the 1945 election, George Westinghouse, Henry David Thoreau, Edward A. MacDowell, Henry George, Susan B. Anthony, Josiah Willard Gibbs and Theodore Roosevelt receive a place on the ballot automatically.

The members of the high school honor societies have been invited to cast honorary ballots this year. The ballots will not be counted toward the election, but will be compared against those of the 118 electors.

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Mysterious Chemical Raises Hob With Women's Clothing

Jacksonville, Fla., Jan. 25 (AP)—The gallant mayor who couldn't stand to see the ladies lose their unmentionables had his street-cleaners hosing the downtown section cleaner than it's been in a decade today.

The street-cleaners were not so sympathetic to bending their backs in an effort to wipe out the mysterious chemical reaction that has caused women's stockings, blouses and unmentionables to virtually vanish within seconds.

"It may save the ladies' stockings," one grimy laborer complained, "but it's sure ruining out of my socks."

The weird nylon blight has been going on spasmodically since the war. City health authorities theorize the nylon attacks are caused by atmospheric moisture, combining with fuel soot to make an acid which eats things made of nylon.

The women raised a ruckus with Mayor Haydon Burns after their clothes disappeared in the most embarrassing places.

One federal office building worker said she walked away

from a file cabinet with her blouse intact; when she reached a desk a few feet away it was in shreds.

Another lady's stockings disintegrated as she walked to church in her finest get-up.

Such incidents did not exactly cause the men untold anguish.

But the besieged Burns asked the fire department to wash the streets as a possible preventive measure. Fire Commissioner Richard D. Sutton, who probably will run against Burns for mayor-commissioner in 1952, flatly refused. He said the mayor couldn't tell him what to do.

He did consent to lend his hoses to the street cleaning department. Yesterday and today the sanitary workers sloshed hundreds of gallons of water over downtown thoroughfares.

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