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5000 EVERY YEAR.

IF a dozen small children were to be killed at once in some automobile accident, a cry of horror would go up from all parts of the country, and every law-enforcement agency in the neighborhood would begin to investigate the why and how of it, to punish any negligence that might be discovered and to make sure that such a tragedy would not happen again.

In other words, when tragedy is brought to a sharp, dramatic focus, we notice it and do something about it. But when it is spread out we fail to notice it.

Thus, while the death of 12 children in a single accident would stir us profoundly, we do not even realize that that many youngsters are killed every day of the year by traffic accidents in the United States.

During the past year, nearly 5000 children under 15 years of age were killed in traffic. In addition, children under that age were injured at the rate of more than 400 a day.

And yet the nation accepts the situation placidly. There isn't much of an outcry about it. We don't have city and state commissions holding meetings to see where the blame lies. At the very most, we only caution our youngsters not to play in the streets and to be careful at crossings.

Perhaps if we could see the details of these accidents more closely we would be more aroused by them.

Picture your own lad, for instance. He's playing with a ball. It rolls out into the street; and, with a laugh, he darts after it. Of course, being just a kid, he doesn't stop to look; so he doesn't see the auto that is coming too fast to stop. And that's the end of him.

Or perhaps he's going to the corner store to get a package of groceries; clutching his money tightly in a grubby fist, his face serious and proud because he has been given a grown-up job to do. He gets to a corner. It looks safe, and he starts out. But out of nowhere comes a truck he didn't see—and, after one frightened little scream, it's all over.

Picture that; then stop and consider that it happens, on an an average, more than 12 times every day of the year in this country that prides itself on being good to its children. Add to it the fact that 400 more children are hit each day and sent to the hospital—some of them never to walk and play again. And then ask yourself if it isn't time something very drastic was done.

It may be that we shall have to spend many millions of dollars to remake all of our residence districts, so that traffic can be routed around them. It is certain we shall have to spend millions to provide more play spaces for the kids, so that they won't ever have to play on or beside the streets. It may be that we shall have to put unheard-of restrictions on traffic in residential neighborhoods.

Whatever the solution may be, it is past time that we found out. Here is a problem that must be tackled without any further delay. And the causes must be removed, no matter how much it may cost. The lives of 5000 children a year is too high a price to pay for the use of automobiles.

POLITICAL MILITARY POSTS.

AS President Hoover prepares to prune our excessively-high army budget, it is reported that one of the things that makes our military expenses so great is the fact that the army maintains a great many military posts which have not the slightest military value.

Obviously, the first thing to do would seem to be to eliminate all of these useless military posts. But it isn't going to be simple. These posts are maintained for political reasons—and senators and representatives in whose districts they are located can be expected to howl long and loudly if it is proposed to discontinue them.

This attitude represents peanut politics at its worst. A congressman who helps to keep our army expenses higher than they should be by insisting on the maintenance of useless military reservations has no right to say that he is truly interested in an efficient national defense establishment.

LEGISLATING FOR SAFETY.

CALIFORNIA recently passed a law providing that no one could fly an airplane in that state, commercially or otherwise, unless he and his plane held Department of Commerce licenses. It is a law that every other state in the union ought to copy at once.

For look at what happened in California. Immediately after the passage of the act, the junkyards were filled with ancient airplanes, selling in some cases for as little as $25 apiece. These near-wrecks were planes that the Department of Commerce experts ruled too dangerous for use—yet up until the time the law was passed people had been flying in them every day, risking their necks in unconcerned ignorance of their danger.

If every state would pass a law like California's the nation's toll of fatal airplane accidents would be cut down amazingly.

AS OTHERS SEE THINGS

MOUNTAIN LILY

(Bend Bulletin)

Preservation of the mountain lily, found in several different parts of the Deschutes national forest, but not native of the Ochoco woods, is sought by the forest service because this member of the lily family is not only a magnificent wild plant, but also serves as a barometer, or measuring stick of range conditions. It was explained here this morning by Douglas C. Ingram, forest service plant specialist, who has been on a tour of the Deschutes woods. Ingram is making a study of the so-called mountain lily.

One of the plans to preserve the lily is to make it so common, especially in home flower beds, that visitors to the woods will not destroy it. At present, heavy inroads into lily patches are being made, it is explained, by persons who tear the plant up by the roots. It is feared by some that such annual inroads will, in time, destroy the lily, now considered one of the most beautiful of all wild flowers growing in the woods and mountain ranges of Washington, Oregon and California. Dr. David Griffith of the bureau of plant industry is at present making extensive experiments with this lily at the Bellingham station, seeking to make it more adaptable to garden cultivation.

Although some botanists have divided the mountain lily—also known as the Shasta lily, the Mount Hood lily and the western lily—into two species, lilium washingtonianum and lilium rubescence, it is now believed that only one species is represented, it is explained by Ingram.

The mountain lily is found in the Deschutes and Fremont woods but, for some unknown reason, no true lilies are found in the Ochoco timber.

MAIL BAG

ABOUT FAIR RULES

To the Editor: Would like to call your attention to the fact that Lane county has a large number of thoroughbred horses—in fact fifty or more registered ones—also two of the leading sires in the northwest. The government is encouraging the raising of better horses by placing registered thoroughbred stallions, free of charge in all parts of the United States. These horses are recognized as supreme in the fields of both ridding and racing.

The fair board does not even recognize in their premium list the fact that this is a coming industry in the county. No premium is offered for showing and no places or purses are provided on the program. People, as a rule enjoy seeing their own county represented. Home industries and home trade seems to be the popular slogan. Which is the better—local thoroughbreds or imported broncos?

It has been a ruling of the Fair Board that no horses were allowed to use the barns and tracks for training. Most fair managers encourage the training of horses as it adds to the show and the reputation of a town to have a string of good horses at the fair. Several horses out of the county are now racing in Canada and the eastern tracks.

Due to the fact that the barns have been used for wild horses and rodeo stock they are badly infected with distemper and any breeder of horses should look into the matter before bringing stock to the grounds. We know this to be correct because horses donated to the use of the Sunset Trail Pageant were stabled there and have developed distemper.

Would like to give the Fair Board our cooperation but this is the condition that prevails at this time. Would like to hear what other readers think on the question.

A. BREEDER.

WASHINGTON LETTER

By RODNEY DUTCHER
NEA Service Writer

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—Washington is always aware of the fact when employment conditions are bad over the country. When work is scarce elsewhere the situation is reflected by the thousands who come here looking for federal jobs, more often than not depending on a congressman to help them out.

A good percentage of them wind up at the federal employment service station on Pennsylvania Avenue. There one learns that although more applicants have been provided with jobs here this year than last year, there haven't been nearly as many persons calling around for jobs.

There were more than 61,000 persons who registered at the office during the year ended July 1, but last year there were nearly 80,000. And the greater percentage of placements is shown in the fact that this year jobs have been found for 32,650 persons, as compared with only 27,105 in the year before. This government agency, it appears, has lately been placing half the applicants instead of only a third as before.

Lately the attraction at the capital has been the government's big building program. Many workers appear to have come with too much confidence in an assumed demand for building help which doesn't exist. Some jobs have been open, of course, but the building is going on slowly and there is always a surplus of building labor here. The work is let out to private contractors who generally bring in their own crews.

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Conferring on President Hoover and Secretary of State Stimson of the Peruvian Order of the Sun reminds your correspondent of a story heard in Peru last year which dates back to the early days of that illustrious and aristocratic order.

The Order of the Sun gave a large banquet to celebrate its gift to one of Lima's many cathedrals of a massive pair of solid silver candlesticks, which were displayed proudly on a table.

A strong gust of wind came along suddenly and blew out all the lights. When the windows had been closed and the lights restored it was found that one of the valuable candlesticks had disappeared.

A priest quieted the brethren and suggested that before anything drastic was done, the lights be extinguished again for two minutes, during which the thief would be permitted to return the loot. So the lights were put out.

When they were lighted again the other candlestick had disappeared.

This story was vouched for, but no one seemed to know whether the sticks had been recovered.

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The new democratic publicity bureau, operated by Charles Michelson under the general direction of Jouett Shouse, is producing results with its daily attacks on the republicans and their tariff efforts. One would hesitate to suggest just how much effect this propaganda barrage is having on the tariff makers, but it certainly is getting into the papers.

The Michelson method has been to send the correspondents at least once a day a denunciatory statement from some member of congress anent some phase of the proposed tariff legislation. The democratic newspapers are eating it up and playing this material on page one. And so are quite a few of the republican newspapers.

Goodness knows how many of for democratic senators by Mr. Michelson—probably a lot—but no propaganda effort in Washington for a long time back has been so successful from the standpoint of newspaper space. Large piles of marked newspapers at democratic headquarters attest the fact.

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Mr. Deets Pickett, the energetic research secretary of the Methodist Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals, has been kind enough to send your correspondent a clipping showing Swiss postal cancellation marks attacking the alcohol evil. The postmark shows a bottle labeled "Schnaps" and marked with skull and crossbones, alongside the warning "Der Schnaps vernichtet Familie und Volk!" which is translated into "Drink ruins the family and the race." Of course, we have prohibition on our own statutes, but our government has never stamped the ideas and words are provided such propaganda on our mail.

Mr. Pickett's clipping says the Swiss government stamps such a design and inscription "on every letter passing through the post." Inquiry at the Swiss legation, however, elicits the word that attaches do not remember receiving mail so marked and the guess that the special cancellation mark must have been used temporarily at some time in honor of some dry congress or conference, the Swiss government being accommodating that way. So this is still a pretty good story, but not as as good as it might have been.

SIDE GLANCES

"I'd get my sticks back from him anyway. He'll think that dinky little club of his is the only place you can go to play golf."

Daily Health Service

Athlete's Performance Depends Largely on Nerve Efficiency

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the fourth of six articles in which Dr. Morris Fishbein, the nation's foremost writer on health topics, tells how the various reducing diets that are so popular now look in the eyes of medical science.

By DR. MORRIS FISHBEIN
(Editor Journal of the American Medical Association and of Hygeia, the Health Magazine).

THE 18-day or Hollywood diet has a strange psychological appeal. In the first place it has the magic of numbers—the appeal of doing something for a certain definite time working toward a certain definite goal.

But what are you going to do when it is ended? I asked the question of my favorite bookseller, who answered that he was going to begin to eat again and to watch his weight. As soon as it begins to increase he is going back on the diet again.

It will increase just as certainly as he increases his amount of caloric intake beyond the needs of his body for routine physiologic wear and tear. But he won't stay on the diet. He will get tired of it.

The 18-day diet has the psychological appeal of mob action. There is the desire to be doing what everybody else is doing. There is the thrill of competition.

One hears them going about and asking each other: "What day are you on?" And the answer comes ringingly: "I'm on the tenth day and I've lost five pounds." That answer is met by the challenge: "I'm on the twelfth day and I've lost eight pounds."

But when the period is over the diet fanatics will find themselves craving chocolates or malted milks, or juicy steaks with French fried potatoes, and sugared ham dripping with brown gravy, and back will come the pounds again. It all seems so useless to one who knows how to eat intelligently.

The 18-day diet has the appeal of the word Hollywood—America's land of fantasy and mystery with the appeal of beauty and adventure and youth. True, even the 18-day diet will not make the billowy lady of Lake Shore Drive, who never does a stroke of work and who buys her color in the beauty shop, either a figure of a complexion like that of Garbo, Glorious Swanson or Mary Pickford, but for 18 days she will have the thrill of thinking that it might do so.

Last of all, the 18-day diet has the appeal of false advertising, glorified and exaggerated as gossip always is in the retelling. It has the claim that it was worked out over five years by French and American physicians and that they said it was safe.

Those claims are, briefly and succinctly—just HOOEY!

TODAY IS THE ANNIVERSARY OF

Battle of Thermopyle

TWENTY-FOUR HUNDRED AND NINE years ago today, on Aug. 7, 480 B. C., the battle of Thermopyle was fought in the famous pass leading from Thessaly into Locris.

When the Persian monarch, Xerxes, approached Greece with an immense army, King Leonidas I and 300 Spartans went to occupy the narrow pass of Thermopyle, which lay between the sea and Mount Callidromus.

For two days, the Greeks successfully resisted the overwhelming force of the Persians and frustrated every attempt to force the pass. At the end of the second day's conflict, a Thessalian named Ephialtes went to the Persian camp and gave information of a secret pass across the mountains the Greeks had neglected to occupy.

At dawn the following day Leonidas learned that the Persians were pouring across the mountains to attack his army from the rear.

Then Leonidas gathered his 300 Spartans, together with their attendants about him, and prepared to defend his post. In the fierce fight that ensued, Leonidas himself soon fell, but the remaining Greeks retreated to a hillock near the road and made their last stand. They fell, fighting to a man.

The pass of Thermopyle, in ancient times, was only 50 feet wide, but the alluvial deposits have altered the coast line so that there is now a broad swampy plain from a mile and a half to three miles broad.

20 YEARS AGO

(From The Guard, Aug. 7, 1909)

TWO of Sheriff Harry Bown's deputies left here this morning for the McKenzie valley to arrest an old man who pointed a pistol at a party of campers and threatened to kill them.

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Wm. Wooten, who lives up the middle fork of the Willamette, brought to town today the result rock from a strike he has found in that section to be assayed.

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The first threshing accident happened Friday over on the Milt Barnett place. Phillip Bowman, the engineer, attempted to back the engine preparatory to moving when the clutch broke and jammed him up against the separator.

TOM SIMS' BARBS

AMBASSADOR DAWES persists in refusing to wear those knee breeches. In a verbal way, however, he would be a perfect success on any golf course.

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A North Carolina editor walked down the street attired in pajamas. Aha! Another editorial exposure!

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While Florida had the fruit fly to fight, several other states have been waging war on the fly-by-night promoter.

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Mr. Edge has been named ambassador to France. He'll have to be pretty sharp to put anything over on those foreign diplomats.

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Minnesota has discovered several cases of rum-running by airplane. Aviation certainly is making great strides in American commerce.

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George Bernard Shaw postponed his 73rd birthday. But you can beat the income tax that was George.

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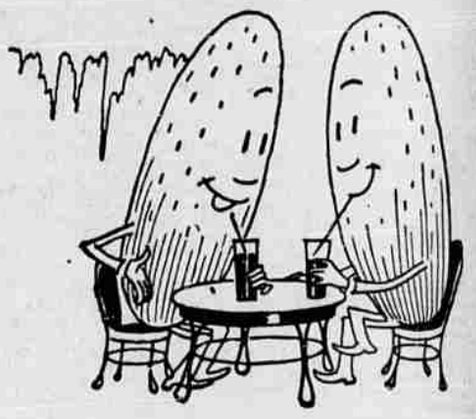

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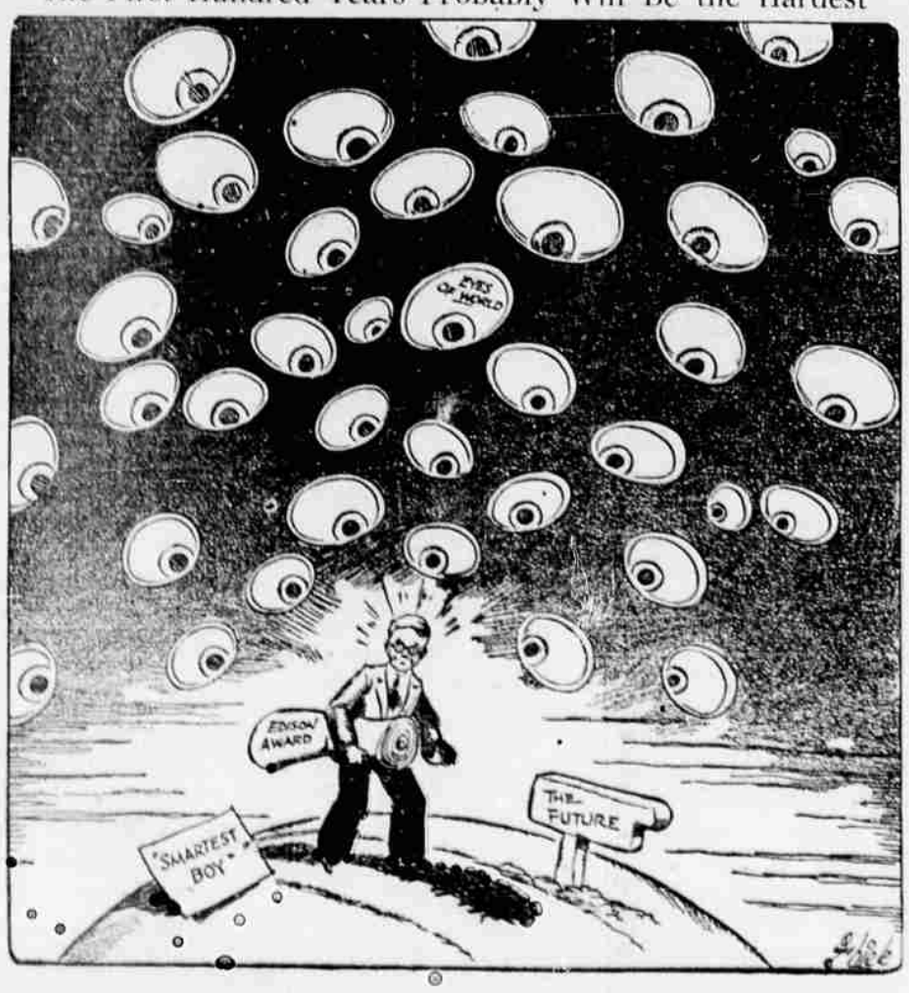
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