

Phoenix Firemen Add to Equipment

Phoenix, Apr. 7.—The first Phoenix firemen's ball held on St. Patrick's day netted approximately \$250, it was reported by Chief Robbins at the recent meeting of the Phoenix volunteer fire department.

An order has been placed with the local Fyre Fyter agent for two M.S.A. safety gas masks and two turnout coats to be added to the department's present equipment. Plans have also been made for repair and redesigning of the present truck.

Vincent Clafin was elected secretary-treasurer of the department.

The firemen voted a resolution of thanks to all those in and around Phoenix who helped in making the dance a success.

A Nichols' Worth of— Comment On This and That

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Harman Nichols

Washington, Apr. 7.—(U.P.)—Men, if you have a helpmate who blows her marcel when you sneak in late and further irritates you by her pink things in the bathroom to dry—don't get sore!

Ladies, if you have a man who dribbles his ashes on the carpet and won't pick up his underwear don't get sore!

We have the word of a girl who has made a study of the "perfect mate" situation and has come to the conclusion there is no such thing.

She is dark-haired, pretty, dynamic Betty Cashman, an actor's and personality coach on New York's Broadway.

At Betty looks at it, it's a good thing that no mate is perfect.

"It would be awful," she said. "Being married to a person who was perfect would be—well, insufferable. We'd either be bored stiff or find ourselves spending all our time beating off competitors for their affections."

Betty is the author of a personality development book called "You in Personality and Acting." Observations Unconfined.

She does not—or didn't when I talked with her—confine her observations to the little guy who marches down the aisle with nothing more than half a month's rent in his jeans.

Not even celebrities, she said, can be rated tops in more than a few attributes.

Take women, quoting Betty. To approach perfection, the perfect woman would have to wear the figure of Marie McDonald, the intensity of Bette Davis, the piquancy of Mary Martin, the wit of Dorothy Parker, the intellect of Clare Boothe Luce, the "projection" of Tallulah Bankhead, the sheer "femaleness" of Hedy Lamarr and the lovely mysteriousness of Vivian Leigh.

All put together—if that were possible—we'd have a female H-bomb (statement by Nichols).

Take men, again quoting Betty.

The Perfect Man

The perfect man ought to hang on his frame the physique of Mr. America, the magnificence of Cary Grant, the glib tongue of Groucho Marx, the personal ease of Arthur Godfrey, the wisdom of Bernard Baruch, the business acumen of Billy Rose, and the sex appeal of Tyrone Power.

No man has it (statement by Nichols).

"It would take quite a lassy to hold onto a man like that," Betty said.

But she has arrived at some-

thing resembling a formula to follow in the search for a mate—however imperfect.

"Select one for the basic quality that seems closest to or most lacking in your own personality," Betty said, "and then let said mate relax and be himself or herself."

Both Have More

"Actually, every woman has more of the quality of which Lar-mars are made than she suspects. And every man has a little more of the Gable in him than he knows. Everybody has personality."

As for Betty Cashman herself, she's still single. She's too busy trying to smoke out the personality in others. Or maybe she's seen too much of other personalities.

Phoenix Scout Troop Jamboree Saturday

Phoenix, Apr. 7.—Plans have been completed for the Boy Scout jamboree and carnival to be held Saturday, April 8, in the Phoenix grade school gymnasium from 7:30 to 11 p.m. This event is being sponsored by the Phoenix Lions' club and Scout Troop 15 for the purpose of raising funds to send a delegate to the Scout Jamboree to be held at Valley Forge, Pa., in June.

The scout has already been chosen by his troop and will be introduced Saturday night.

Plans for the carnival include many booths and fun-making stunts, and an auction to be conducted by Col. A. H. Dudley. One of the features will be the refreshment booth.

It is stated that fun for everyone is being planned, and the cooperation of the community is invited.

Leaders point out that this event is not to be confused with the "Scouting Adventure" exposition to be staged in the Medford armory April 15.

Cold Drives Truman Into Hibernation

Key West, Fla., Apr. 7.—(U.P.)—It was so cold at the winter White House today that the coconuts and President Truman went into hibernation.

Asked for comment on the sudden plunge of the thermometer into the fifties, the president peered from behind two navy blankets and said "br-r-r."

The temperature last night dropped to the middle fifties, the coolness accentuated by a 26-knot wind howling in from the Gulf of Mexico.

The president lay aside his swimming trunks and got into sensible woollens. Houseboys kindled a fire.



DIVORCE ON AGAIN—For being a good "egg" and because her birthday falls three days short of Easter, Actress Betty Davis was given this "barnyard Oscar" during a party given in her honor on the Hollywood R.K.O. set of "The Story of a Divorce." Miss Davis has decided to go ahead with her divorce from her husband, William Grant Sherry, after he muscled in on the party.

On the Side—By E. V. Durling

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Saw Fannie Ward in Palm Beach today. In newspaper items her first name is often spelled "Fanny," but Fannie is correct. However, Fannie is correct for the first name of Fannie Brice. Fannie Ward's age is often the subject of discussion. The discussion, of course, is inspired by Fannie's ever-youthful appearance. She was born in St. Louis, Mo., on February 22, 1872. She made her first stage appearance in New York in 1890. She began appearing in films in 1913. Her greatest film was the one titled "The Cheat," in which her leading man was Sessue Hayakawa. Fannie has been married to her present husband, Jack Dean, about 35 years.

Sidelights

Am informed that after 26 years of marriage a Detroit mason is expecting her first blessed event in June. Imagine a woman having her first child a year after her silver wedding. I doubt even Brooklyn can top that.

Who was it said: "The world is full of women and the women are full of wile"? Anyway, a feminine subscriber claims the reason so many infants say "Papa" before they do "Mama" is that they are secretly taught to do so by their mothers. The idea being that the father will be so pleased because of this it will be easy to get him to help take care of the baby. That as a result of the infant saying "Papa" first the proud father will cheerfully walk the floor with the child, do long stretches of baby sitting without complaint and gladly take the infant out in the baby carriage. This will give the mother a good chance to rest. "Just another one of the many cases of women outsmarting the men," says my informant.

Those Dimes

It was at Ormond Beach, Fla., John Rockefeller began his custom of handing shiny new dimes to young people, accompanied by a brief lecture on practicing thrift as an aid to achieving a fortune. Rockefeller played golf regularly at Ormond Beach until he was 89 years old. When a little younger he rode a bicycle from stroke to stroke followed by two valets. One valet carried the golf clubs and the other carried crackers and milk and a blanket to be spread on the ground when Mr. Rockefeller wanted to rest. If Mr. Rockefeller sliced a ball into the brush causing it to be lost he wouldn't give up looking for it for at least half an hour.

Asking

Queries from clients. Q. Who said: "He was thrown out trying to steal second; his head was full of larceny but his feet were honest"? A. I believe it was "Bugs" Jaeger. Q. Am engaged to marry a man who says while he doesn't love me he has great respect for me and thinks I will make a fine mother and a good homemaker. What have your Mules & ten experts to say about a fel-

low like that? A. Our experts say this man probably loves you but doesn't know it. They say all he needs is a little warming up. They suggest that when you kiss him good night that when you pull steam. They say that when he speaks of your making a good mother and a good homemaker it is a good sign. That such a man can easily be developed into a grade A husband by a smart girl.

Serious Note

Calling all phonograph record collectors and experts! I have a serious matter in which your assistance is needed. It seems the husband of a Californian had an ancient recording by the Boston Pops of a number titled "Espen-arem." She accidentally sat on this record of her husband and broke it. Now she is in the doghouse and will not be able to get out until she gets her spouse another copy of this record. She has tried everywhere in her section with no success. Can anybody among the clientele help his poor woman out of her terrible predicament by advising her where she can get a copy of the aforementioned record?

Please Note

On both ends of the steel bridge crossing the Suwannee river near Oldtown, Fla., overhead inscriptions reading "Way down upon the Suwannee river." It is generally believed Stephen Foster, composer of the song, never saw the Suwannee river but took the name from a map. However, some Florida historians insist Foster visited Columbus, Fla., a town in Suwannee county, a year before the song was published.

Flying Disk Sighted Winging Over Salem

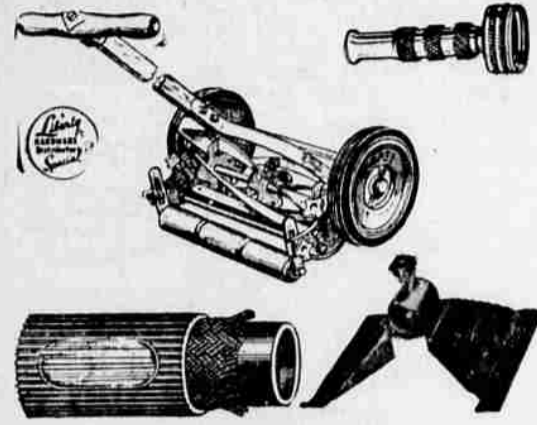
Salem, Ore., Apr. 7.—(U.P.)—Master Sgt. Edward N. Snider, who has been in the army 17 years and is familiar with aircraft, said today he saw a "flying disk" over Salem at 4:15 p.m. Thursday.

Sergeant Snider said: "I was driving west on State street when I saw it. Two lads in a topless model 'T' Ford were parked in the middle of the intersection at about 15th street staring at the sky.

"I stopped, too, and looked up. It appeared to be a large bright-silver flat-shaped craft. It was moving south and suddenly gained altitude and disappeared. We watched it for about a minute. Those boys could verify my story. The object seemed to be about over the airport when I saw it."

Officials at McNary field, including the tower, United Air Lines and the weather bureau, said they had seen no such object. The weather bureau added it had not put up any balloons at that time.

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Barriers Presented In Klamath Housing

Klamath Falls, Ore., Apr. 7.—(U.P.)—Two barriers today were blocking a \$2 million housing project from possible construction this summer, according to a Klamath Falls realtor.

Roland Wright, local realtor and owner of the Enterprise Land and Development company, said extension of the city's sewage system and annexation of 50 acres of land were the two obstacles.

A Santa Rosa, Cal., builder, Hugh Cotting, is ready to build 125 homes and a shopping center if the obstacles are overcome, Wright said.

The proposed homes would sell at prices ranging between \$7500 and \$9000. The city council has been asked by Wright to annex the housing site. Wright said Cotting would put in sewage outlets, curbs, and gutters at his own expense.

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