

On the Side—By E. V. Durling

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It's raining again today down here in the Sunshine state. When I squawked to a native Floridian about the matter he passed it off lightly. He said: "Don't you wish they had the blessing of these wonderful rainy days in New York? We have no water shortage here. We don't have to hire rainmakers in Florida." I changed the subject. What irritated me was that he didn't even say it was "unusual weather."

Cooking
So you claim your wife is a good cook? Can she make "Hush Puppies"? That is a Florida culinary favorite. If your matrimonial mate doesn't know how to make "Hush Puppies" she can find out by reading the book titled, "Cross Creek Cookery," by Marjorie Kinnans Rawlings. Among the innumerable examples of Florida food favorites mentioned in this book are "Florida Soft Shell Turtle Soup," "Donax Broth," "St. Augustine Deep Fried Shrimps," "Florida Backwoods Biscuits," "Swamp Cabbage," "Alligator Steak" and "Canned Rattlesnake Meat." Alligator steak is said to be quite a delicacy. Rattlesnake meat is said to be good, too, but it has been reported that former Governor Grant, of Florida, who

was very fond of rattlesnake meat, said he first wanted to know "if the snake had bit himself." Incidentally, did you know the duchess of Windsor had written a cook book titled "My Favorite Southern Recipes"? I saw the duchess of Windsor in Palm Beach recently. She continues to be a very smart looker.

Please Note
Florida boosters are very conscious of the value of major league baseball teams playing exhibition games in the state during the training season. Some Miami ocean front hotels give the major leaguers a special rate of eight dollars a day for room and meals.

People
Harry Richman, the veteran night spot entertainer, and his charming spouse, Yvonne, spend the winter in their house in Miami and their summers on their 43 acre cattle ranch in Nevada. . . Martha Raye is now a permanent resident of Miami and lives there all the year around except when away for entertainment engagements. She is shortly due to appear for two weeks at the Hotel Flamingo, in Las Vegas, Nev.

Asides
The Florida International Baseball league consists of teams from the seven principal towns of Florida and one from Havana. The league has been in existence four years. Havana has won the pennant every year. . . As for the hardest language to learn, Imo Colemenares, Los Angeles language teacher, says it is Japanese. Says Doctor Colemenares: "Japanese has three different alphabets and one cannot read Japanese without knowing Chinese."

Briefly
An informed alligator started to cross the main highway near Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and was run over by an automobile. I didn't know alligators got as close to the highway as that. . . Being compelled to give their exact age to the census taker or suffer severe penalties is very hard on some women. It is not always a matter of vanity. Many husbands do not for certain know how old their wives are. I know of a fellow who thought the woman he married was 32 at the time of the wedding but he found out later she was really 49.

Twins
To what extent do twins run in families? That is, if a man's mother, or grandmother, gave birth to twins is it likely he will be the father of twins? And how often do twins become the parents of twins? The most interesting situation I have recently heard of regarding twins is the case of a man in Olive Branch, Miss. He was married three times. He had twins by his first wife, twins by his second wife and two sets of twins by his third wife.

High Prices
Southeastern Floridians are putting up a terrific organized battle against the high price of milk, which at this writing, is 26 cents a quart. Among the organizations joining in the demand that something be done about a lower price for milk in Miami and vicinity is the American Legion. The price of milk in Miami is now 42 per cent above that of the pre-World War II period.

Sidelights
Saw Mary Rogers, daughter of Will Rogers in Palm Beach. Mary seems very well fixed financially. She is due to sail for New York shortly in her private yacht. . . At the polo field across from the cottage where we are currently domiciled, I saw Laddie Sanford in action. He has been playing polo here all winter. He has now left to play polo for about a month in California. After that he and Mrs. Sanford (Mary Duncan) will go to Alaska for a month of hunting and fishing. Following that they will spend the summer in Old Westbury, L. I. Seems like a pleasant way to pass the time.

New City Park Name Ballot

(Note: Voting open to residents of Medford and vicinity. Submit ballot between April 3 and midnight, April 12 to Park Name Poll, City Hall, Medford, Ore. Winning name to be selected by park advisory committee and approved by city council.)

My choice..... Park
Name.....
Address.....

City Park Name Poll Here Brings Suggestion Variety

Variety is a feature of Medford's city park name poll. Chairman L. J. "Bill" Cox of the park advisory committee said that so far 34 different names have been suggested for Medford's newest recreational area east of Bear creek between Jackson and Main streets.

Suggestions range from people's names to memorial or geographical titles, Cox reported. **Closes Tomorrow**
The poll, which opened on April 3, will close at midnight, Wednesday, April 12. Residents

of Medford and the surrounding area have until that hour to drop their ballots at the post office. Entries should be addressed to Park Name Poll, City Hall, Medford.

On Thursday the advisory committee will begin a series of meetings to judge entries. Final choice is up to the city council. The advisory group probably will submit several names for council consideration, recommending one. Recognition to be given the person or persons suggesting the winning name is yet to be decided.

Final decision on the name for the new park is expected at the regular council meeting April 18. Dedication ceremonies for the park, of which the swimming pool will be the attraction, are tentatively set for June 4. Mayor Diamond Flynn has set May 1 as deadline for completion of a number of park projects.

Portland Attorney To Defend Wilsons

Portland, Ore., Apr. 11—(U.P.) Portland Attorney Irvin Goodman has decided to defend Turman and Utah Wilson, accused of the kidnaping-slaying of Jo Ann Dewey, because "I believe in their innocence," he said today.

Goodman said he has questioned both brothers exhaustively and obtained "documentary evidence" supporting their claim. The attorney pointed out that the Washington court must grant him permission to appear in Vancouver and that he must have a lawyer from that state as an associate.

In a statement Monday, Goodman asked "what efforts are being made" to apprehend other suspects in the murder. The Wilsons are being held without bail and their arraignment is planned later this week, Clark county officers said.

Higher Meat Prices In Portland Predicted

Portland, Ore., Apr. 11—(U.P.) Higher wholesale and retail meat prices were predicted for this area today by T. T. Swenson, representative of the U. S. department of agriculture market news service.

Swenson pointed out that Monday's 750-head cattle-run at the north Portland livestock market was the lowest in recent trade history. He foresaw a reflection in prices by mid-week. The run was 200 head below that of a week ago and 300 under the salable total a year ago. Live cattle prices Monday advanced to \$1 a hundredweight.

Postman Should Deliver Insurance Checks Any Day

Washington, Apr. 11—(U.P.) Most of the 1,800,000 veterans who have not received their special GI life insurance dividends can relax. The postman should deliver them almost any day.

The Veterans Administration said today the assembly line checkwriting on the \$2,800,000, 000 dividend fund should be cleaned up in the next two or three weeks.

VA hastened to add a "But." **Long Trickle Seen**
A trickle of checks will continue to go out for months and, perhaps, years to ex-GIs who only now are applying for their dividends and to certain problem cases, it said.

About 14,500,000 veteran policy-holders have applied for the special dividend payments. New applications are coming in at the rate of about 25,000 a week. An estimated 15,600,000 living ex-GIs are eligible. There is no cut-off date by which they must apply.

At the close of business yesterday, the treasury had placed in the mail since mid-January 12, 056,561 checks for a total of \$2,284,606,626.

Regional treasury offices now are working sending out dividend checks to beneficiaries of the 400,000 GI policy-holders who have died. VA explained that this operation is being handled differently from the other dividend payments.

700 Planes Ordered By Navy in Year

Washington, Apr. 11—(U.P.) The navy has ordered more than 700 airplanes during the current fiscal year ending next June 30, it was learned today.

Industry sources estimated the cost of roughly more than \$500 million.

The navy disclosed officially that it has placed \$234,927,263 worth of orders with eight aircraft manufacturers out of fiscal 1950 funds. The figure covered only airframes and did not include engines, instruments, spare parts and other necessary items.

Airframes, according to industry sources, usually represent 40 to 50 per cent of the total cost. The navy's statement was the first disclosure by either the navy or air force of 1950 procurement plans although the year runs out in 2½ months.

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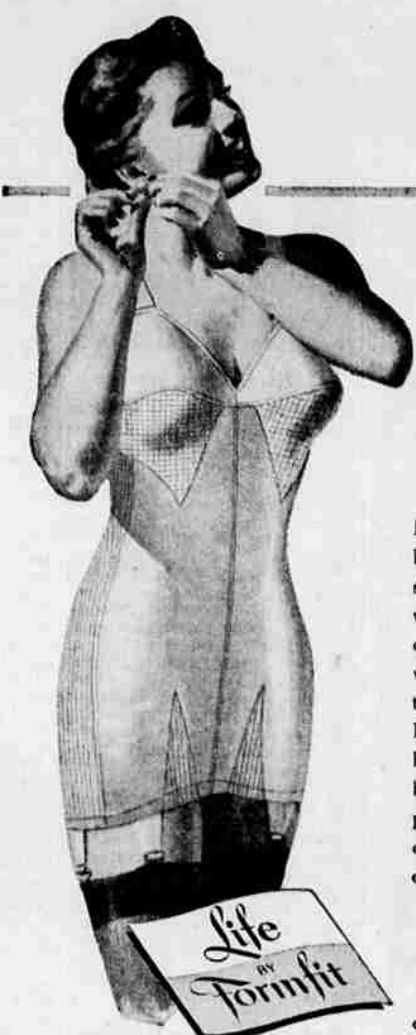
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