

On the Side—By E. V. Durling

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A New Yorker tells me that last summer when, with four friends, he visited Ashbury Park, N. J., they were charged one dollar each for the privilege of sitting on the beach. A police officer told them the money was used for the upkeep of the boardwalk and keeping the beach clean. So perhaps that Florida booster I referred to who pointed out that the beaches in the Sunshine State are free really had something worth talking about.

Play Writing Somerset Maugham was practically broke when he suddenly began to click as a playwright. One month he was unknown and the next he had three hit plays running at the same time in London. If you want to succeed as a writer of box office hits study the plays of Pinero, Maugham and Shaw. Incidentally, I recently noted it stated a play with a trial scene rarely fails. There may be something to that. Consider all the plays with trial scenes that have been hits. To name just a few: "On Trial," "Madame X," "Common Clay," "Interference," "The Case of Mary Dugan," and "The Woman on the Jury." It may also be true of the films. Anyway, "Adam's Rib," with Spencer Tracy and Katharine Hepburn, is one of the smash hits of the year.

Cigar Smoker Mickey Noonan of New York city, who is 18 years old, has been smoking cigars for 17 years. At the age of 1 he started taking a puff at a cigar but his father had placed on an asphyxiant. At the age of 3 Mickey was smoking his own cigars. You probably saw news photographs of him at that time. Well, Mickey is still a cigar smoker. He says he just can't break himself of the habit.

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'Lonely Hearts' Head Hunted in California

Hollywood, Apr. 18—(U.P.)—District attorney's investigators hunted today for the general manager of a swank "lonely hearts" bureau which they claim bilked victims of at least \$200,000.

George H. Ashley, 52, owner and manager of Life's Estate, Ltd., was the head of the matrimonial bureau which the district attorney charged swindled many elderly clients.

Investigators raided the bureau yesterday and arrested its president and a salesman. They also seized a vanload of card files and other records.

Mrs. Edith M. Wingrave, agency president, and Leo Butts, 34, secretary, were booked on suspicion of grand theft and conspiracy.

Authorities also questioned Ashley's wife, Christine, and Butts' wife, Sylvia, both club employees.

Deputy District Attorney Herman Arterberry said the organization advertised in personal columns throughout the country and operated branches in nearby towns.

ACTIVE CLUB MEETS The sound motion picture of the 1946 Army-Navy football game was the featured program at last week's meeting of the Medford Active club held at the Roguene Valley Country club.

Wife Feels No Bitterness Toward Time Bomb Plotter

Gardena, Cal., Apr. 18—(U.P.)—Mrs. Betty Grant said today that she felt "no bitterness" toward her husband, John, who plotted to kill her and their two children with a time bomb.

Mrs. Grant, 29, said she and her husband never had "any marital difficulties beyond what the average family would have," but that he just "couldn't take the financial burden."

Grant was held in jail after he shouted a last-minute warning that prevented the bomb from being loaded on an airliner carrying Mrs. Grant, the children and 13 other persons. Later he confessed that he planned to kill his family to collect \$25,000 insurance.

Has No Feeling "I'm going to talk to him today, if possible," Mrs. Grant said.

Shirley Temple Denies Engagement Rumors

Hollywood, Apr. 18—(U.P.)—Shirley Temple was back home today, ending a week-end jaunt that touched off rumors of her engagement which she stoutly denied.

The golden-haired young actress admitted, however, that handsome socialite Charles Black was a "good friend" who flew from Hawaii to San Francisco to squire her to Saturday night's Bachelor ball.

But Shirley, who must wait until December 5 before her divorce from Actor John Agar is final, insisted she went to San Francisco "mainly" to attend the swanky social event—not to see Black.

"He's a wonderful person," she said. "He really is. But we are just friends. We were good friends in the (Hawaiian) islands when I was vacationing there, and we are still good friends. 'We're going to remain that way.'"

Russians Leading U. S. in Submarines

Los Angeles, Apr. 18—(U.P.)—Russia's estimated 250 snorkel-type submarines outnumber the United States' undersea craft with breathing devices almost four to one, says Vice-Adm. Charles A. Lockwood.

Lockwood, Pacific submarine force commander during World War II, is here to address members of the Military Order of World Wars. He said yesterday he believed the U. S. navy now has about 70 snorkel-equipped subs in the Atlantic and Pacific.

Commenting on reports of unidentified submarines lurking off the California coast, the retired flag officer said it was "reasonable to assume" they were Russian.

Soviet sub skippers probably are "prowling our water to obtain accurate data on temperature gradients and water densities and to learn all they can about sonic conditions for possible application in hunting down our destroyers," Lockwood said.

Mt. Angel Holstein Sets Butterfat Mark

Mt. Angel, Ore., Apr. 18—(U.P.)—A five-year-old holstein cow, owned by C. J. Berning of Mt. Angel, Sunday set a world's record for butterfat production.

The cow produced 27,546 pounds of milk, containing 1172.8 pounds of butterfat in 365 days. Average butterfat content of the milk was 4.26 per cent. More than 30 dairymen and neighbors of Berning witnessed the year's final milk Sunday. Berning said the cow, officially named Nugget Walter Korn-dyke, was milked not more than twice a day during the 365-day period.

Ashland Episcopal Church To Be Parish

Portland, Ore., Apr. 18—(U.P.)—The 62nd annual convention of the Oregon diocese of the Episcopal church announced today that Trinity church at Ashland will be admitted as a parish. Since 1890 the Ashland congregation has functioned only as an organized mission.

Raising the mission to a parish will automatically bring the title of rector to Rev. Aronah Mac Donnell, vicar since 1942. Four other churches were ad-

mitted as organized missions, including St. Martin's at Lebanon, church of the Holy Apostles at Multnomah, St. Andrew's church at Springfield and St. Luke's at Waldport.

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