

On the Side—By E. V. Durling

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When I am dead, my dearest,
Sing no sad songs for me;
Plant thou no roses at my head,
Nor shady cypress-tree;
Be the green grass above me
With showers and dewdrops wet;
And if thou wilt, remember,
And if thou wilt, forget.

(Above are the lines which inspired the title of the grim film, "No Sad Songs for Me," in which Margaret Sullivan is currently appearing.)

What city in the U. S. A. pays its fire fighters the most money? If you don't know I don't think you would ever guess. The answer is Dearborn, Mich., where the annual wage of a fireman is \$4,360. New York city firemen are paid \$4,150 a year. Considering the experiences Chicago has had with fire you would think its firemen would be paid excellent salaries. Such is far from the case. In a recently issued list of the salaries paid firemen in over 100 United States municipalities, Chicago was 80th on the list. Imagine that; the second city in the country being 80th on the list in salaries paid firemen. The Chicago firemen are paid \$3,480 a year. They have to be on duty 87 hours a week.

Divorces
Have recently noted report of an unusual number of couples who have been divorced after 50 or more years of marriage. The provocation must be great for people to want to separate after living together for half a century or more. It certainly was in the case of that 72-year-old woman of Delaware, Ohio, who, in asking for a divorce, charged that her husband hit her on the head with a rolling pin while they were celebrating their golden wedding anniversary.

War
Are you worrying about there being another war shortly? Did you hear what General MacArthur had to say about the situation? If not, you might find some consolation in his observation: "The basic reason for concluding there will not be a war soon is because of the changed nature of war. The scientists of the world have developed to such an extraordinary degree the pro-

cesses and ways of accomplishing mass killing that war is no longer rationally a means of settling international problems. Its destructiveness has become so great that there can be no winner. Both sides lose. It is almost a form of mutual suicide."

Briefly
I am informed that in Millvale, Pa., I have a reader who is 107 years old. Her name is Eliza Dent. She reads without the aid of spectacles. . . . A Bostonian asks for a poem she can use to express gratitude to her physician for saving her life. I suggest the following by Adelaide Love:

I think of you as shielding
The candle of the breath
With gentle hand adroitly
Against a gust of death.

Passing By
Roger Chauveron, maestro of New York's most expensive restaurant, Le Cafe Chambord, on Third Avenue. This restaurant serves only about 200 meals a day yet it has 60 employees, 21 of these working in the kitchen.

His System
A New Yorker took a visiting friend from London out to Belmont park one day last week. The New Yorker, a great student of form, ended up the day a loser. His London friend who didn't look at a racing form, tip card or scratch sheet all afternoon and was not familiar with the American horses was a winner. "What is your method of selection?" the New Yorker asked. "Oh, I just use an old system my grandfather told me about," said the Londoner. "I play all the horses in whose first or second names the third letter is R." On that day this peculiar system gave him "Ethel Terry," paying \$17.80, and "Night Bird, 3rd," paying \$14.10. He bet on only six horses in the eight races. Maybe this system will appeal to your wife.

Asking
Queries from clients. Q. What is the origin of the use by newspapermen of "30" to indicate "the end"? I have had six different answers to this from newspapermen already. A. Was in-



RED RIOT—Map shows where German Communist youths stirred up trouble on border separating East and West Germany while returning from red rally in Berlin (L). Clashes developed at Hof (2) and Luebeck (3). Nine thousand reds reportedly have massed at Luebeck, refusing to register and submit to medical examinations before re-entering West Germany.

Rogue River Fire Summons Firemen From Annual Ball

Rogue River, June 7—The third annual Firemen's ball given at the high school gym Saturday was climaxed by a fire at the country home of Dr. A. P. Klomhaus, four miles from town, on the West Evans Creek road. A large combination shop and deep freezer room was gutted by the fire and the building and contents, including a new freezer, valuable shop equipment and other tools were a total loss.

Discovered at Midnight
The fire was discovered at midnight and while Dr. and Mrs. Klomhaus battled desperately to save their new home, about eight feet from the shop, their son, Gilbert, alerted the neighbors and Gretchen Klomhaus drove to Rogue River to call the volunteer fire department. She contacted fireman Jerry Cleveland's wife who went to the city hall to blow the fire siren while Gretchen raced to the school house, where she notified the firemen. Those nearest the door were on their way when the siren sounded.

The rural pumper truck rushed to the fire and was followed by the forestry truck driven by Oin Hilger. "When I arrived," said Hilger, "the firemen had the fire under control but not out. Water from the two trucks was just enough with the water from Dr. Klomhaus' private fire fighting water system."

"We couldn't use our new portable pump," said Fire Chief Dave Gelvin, "because we didn't have enough hose to reach Evans creek. We were giving the dance to raise funds to buy hose." Attendance at the dance was fair, he reported, "but we would appreciate more support of our summer dances at the slab in the park."

Support Needed
"Folks may not understand, but we need their support a little longer. The boys have been giving the best protection they could to the rural district for the past three years. Not only fighting the country fires, for free, but giving dances to raise funds to buy the rural fire equipment. And we would like more of the rural folks to come to our dances or purchase tickets to help our efforts. Saturday night we all ruined our best clothes and after the fire, the truck broke down. We've got it fixed temporarily—but we need more funds, so we are giving the first of the summer dances, next Saturday."

The tired disheartened fire-

spired by practice of newspaper telegraphers using No. 30 to indicate the end of an item. Q. How many people does the average president of the United States shake hands with in a year? A. President Truman recently stated he shook hands with about 25,000 people annually. At the same time he said his wife shook hands with about 50,000 people a year.

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AROUND HOLLYWOOD

By VIRGINIA MacPHERSON
United Press Correspondent

Hollywood, June 7—(U.P.)—Plenty of big-name stars will cry on your shoulder about how tough their jobs are—but not Jim Davis. He comes right out and admits it. Hollywood's the softest touch there is.

"Most actors and actresses never had it so good," he said. "Don't let 'em give you that line about slaving before a hot camera all day."

"That's a lotta hooley!" Davis, who made his ill-fated movie debut with Bette Davis in "Winter Meeting," is the gent who digs ditches and lays bricks when acting jobs are scarce.

"I got the deep-freeze treatment after that picture," he grinned. "It was a turkey and I was in and out faster than you could read the reviews."

So Davis, who is six foot three, hustled himself a job as a day laborer with a construction company at 50 bucks a week. There were times, he said, when he could hardly make it home nights.

Reason for Laughs
"That's why I laugh when these stars whine about how hard they work making movies," he growled. "Let 'em try hauling bricks for 50 bucks and

then see how loud they holler."

Davis said Hollywood is the only place he knows where you can drag down fabulous dough for doing practically nothing.

"When you get right down to it," he said, "an actor only works a few hours a day. The rest of the time he's sitting around on the set shooting the bull . . . playing gin rummy . . . taking a nap . . . or just twiddling his thumbs."

"Where else do you get paid a fortune for killing time?"

Kissing Pays Good
And who else but Hollywood shells out four-figure paychecks for such pleasant work? Kissing beautiful ladies pays much better, Jim said, than digging ditches. And it takes less out of a man.

"I don't even call acting work," he added. "It's something almost any actor would rather do than anything else. He's unhappy when he's not acting. It's almost larceny to take money for it."

West-East Air Speed Record Established
New York, June 7—(U.P.)—Charles Soderstrom, a California automobile dealer, landed his Beechcraft Bonanza at La Guardia field today at 1:05 p.m. EDT, to establish a west-east transcontinental speed record of 16 hours and 12 minutes for light aircraft. Soderstrom took off from San

Pedro, Cal., at 8:52:30 p.m. EDT, in most peoples' die.

yesterday on the 2,500-mile non-stop flight. He touched the wheels of his single-engined plane on the La Guardia runways at 1:05:20 p.m.

The National Aeronautics association, which officially timed the flight, said there was no previous record for Soderstrom's type plane, which falls in the category of 185 horsepower, class 3.

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