25 Hours of Work By Medic Brings $3450, Paper Says

Las Vegas — (U.P.) — The Las Vegas Sun charged in an editorial Wednesday that a doctor here earned $3,450 for 25 hours work examining workmen at the Atomic Energy Commission's A-bomb proving ground near here.

Publisher Hank Greenspun said in a front page editorial that the doctor examined 150 workers hired for a construction project at the test site and presented a bill for $6,000 to the Haddock Engineers and Associates, Ltd., prime contractor for the project.

The contractor was working on a cost-plus basis.

Greenspun said the doctor charged $40 per examination, of which $17 went for laboratory fees and $23 "represented 10 minutes work per man for being checked."

The editorial said the same examination done for insurance companies and other private concerns usually costs $25, including the laboratory fee.

Seattle's Mayor Upset in Election

Seattle — (U.P.) — Allan Pomeroy, a 45-year-old attorney, upset incumbent Mayor William F. Devin in Seattle's general city election Tuesday.

Complete but unofficial returns gave Pomeroy 78,602 votes to Devin's 75,202.

On The Side By E. V. Durling

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The fountains mingle with the river,
And the rivers with the ocean,
The winds of heaven mix forever
With a sweet emotion.
Nothing in the world is single,
All things by a law divine
In one another's being mingle,
Why not I with thine?
—Shelly

A bachelorette, wishing to take advantage of the privilege accorded single young women during leap year, but not knowing just how to handle the situation, might try enclosing a copy of the above in a letter to the object of her affections.)

Now Marcel Contier, French scientist, is said to have discovered an extremely effective hair restorer. If I can get some of it I will try to have one of our bald-headed Milwaukee checkers-upper check on it. Incidentally, all experts on the subject seem agreed baldness is hereditary. Not long ago a Frenchman in Nice celebrated the one hundred and fifteen anniversary of baldness in his family.

Please Note

People born under Sagitarius have a great talent for picking the winners of horse races. Or so say the stargazers. That is one of the statements of the stargazers that inspires me to keep an open mind on astrology. My girl friend was born under Sagitarius and the way she picks those longshots out of the air is uncanny. Why, sir, she picked "Michie" to win the Santa Anita Handicap! A few days before the race she said to Mrs. John Payson Adams, owner of that noble animal: "Your horse is going to win the Handicap." Mrs. Adams was surprised at the statement and said: "Do you really think so?" My girl friend: "I certainly do." As you know "Michie" won, paying fifty-five to two to win. In Walter Marty's winter book "Michie" closed at forty to one!

Title Holder

The holder of the title of the "Oldest Bellboy in the U. S. A." must certainly be Frederick Derbes, of the Hotel Rienzi, Chicago. Mr. Derbes, who was born in New Orleans, is 83 years old. He is extremely active and works a regular shift, six days a week from 6:30 a. m. to 3 p. m.

Streamlining

Recently conversed with a charming woman who took this department's mention of the query, "How are you going to look in a bathing suit," seriously. She has reduced twenty pounds and is now so well streamlined she figures to be one of the belles of the beach in the good old summertime. Asked her how she did it. She said it was easy. No starvation diet, no strenuous exercises She just consulted a doctor who told her what to eat and gave her a weight reduction prescription.

One-way Talker

"She talks to you like you were a microphone. She talks to you and doesn't want answers." That's what Humphrey Bogart said about Katherine Hepburn. Mr. Bogart apparently has a talent for description. Whether or not this particular description really fits Miss Hepburn I cannot say. However, I do know some people it fits very well. And no doubt you do, too.

Sidelights

In Las Vegas, Nev., by requesting the "special urgency ceremony," a couple can be married in three minutes and fifty seconds. . . . What are the ages of the members of the oldest regularly meeting golf foursome you know of? I have heard of a golf foursome made up of men whose ages are 70, 82, 74 and 72. This foursome plays 18 holes twice a week.

Smoking

A Philadelphian asks if I ever went for pipe smoking, I did. When a student at Public School No. 2 in the beautiful borough of Brooklyn, I tried smoking all kinds of pipes. That is, clay pipes, corncob pipes, meerschaum pipes, briar pipes, etc. I never could get enthusiastic about pipe smoking. So when 14 years ago I gave up pipes and started smoking cigars. I have been a cigar smoker ever since. Name of the brand of the first cigar I smoked was George W. Childs. Maybe it was George M. Childs. Anyway I am certain about the Childs. After that I went for some little cigars called Telonettes. Then for that brand known as El Princepl de Gales. Now I smoke several different brands. But I like cigars made in Tampa, Fla., better than those made in Havana.

Asking

Queries from clients. Q. Am I right in saying the Japanese and Chinese despise dogs, but are fond of cats? A. I think not, sir. The Japanese are fond of both dogs and cats. The Chinese are not especially fond of dogs, but like cats. It is a Chinese saying that "Those who hate cats were rats in their last reincarnation." Q. "When I said the word 'girl' appears only once in the Bible, my husband, an irritatingly laconic conversationalist, said: 'Twice.' When I asked 'Where?' he said, 'Look it up. Will do you good.' I haven't the time. Help, please." A. The word "girl" appears only once in the Bible. However, the plural, that is "girls" is also in the Bible. Anyway, you win the decision.

Power Development Upper Klamath Seen

Klamath Falls, Ore. — (U.P.) — The Bureau of Reclamation is making plans for hydroelectric power development on the upper Klamath river, A. N. Murry, the bureau's regional engineer, said Wednesday.

In the present state of planning, the bureau is exploring the possibility of constructing power plants on the river between Keno and Copco lake, Murry said.

The suggested plant sites would be placed so that water flow will not interfere with any upstream irrigation demands.

MIGs Outnumbered; Sabrejets Bag Four

Seoul—(U.P.)—American Sabrejets blasted four Communist Migs out of the sky Wednesday and damaged two others in the first major air battle of the Korean war with Allied planes outnumbering the Reds.

The four MIG-15s shot down added to four Tuesday and seven Monday, brought to 15 the number of MIGs destroyed in the last three days. A total of 250 has been destroyed in the entire war.

Fight in MIG Alley

The seven-minute dogfight took place in MIG Alley in northwest Korea between the Yalu river and Pyongyang, North Korean capital. The 20 Sabres and 17 MIGs battled at elevations as high as 38,000 feet.

On the ground, Communist troops fired from long range on the Turkish brigade in the eastern sector. The Turks reported that an undetermined number of Red troops took pot shots with rifles and other small arms for 15 minutes before dawn.

25th Division Attacked

U. S. 25th Division troops also reported the same kind of attack about the same time and on a nearby hill.

Otherwise there was no significant action along the battlefront.

The MIGs had come down from Manchuria in an attempt to intercept UN fighter-bombers pounding Communist installations. The 13 that survived the engagement fled back to their Manchurian sanctuary.

Allied losses if any were not disclosed.

School Board Votes Shorter Lunch Hour For First Graders

The lunch hour for children of the first grade in the Medford school system will be shortened and they will be let out of school about a half-hour earlier, it was decided by the board of directors of District 49 last night.

The proposed change was voted by board members after they were told the results of a questionnaire sent home to parents of first graders recently. The parents voted 206 favoring the change, 75 opposing, and 57 showing no preference.

PTAs Instrumental

The Parent-Teacher organizations of Medford have been instrumental in publicizing the matter, board members were told. Arguments favoring the change included benefits to the children, an earlier return home in the afternoon, and better bus connections.

Objections voiced were principally from working mothers, whose children would not have supervision at home if they were let out earlier. But school authorities reported that arrangements are being made to take care of these youngsters later at the schools.

The new hours will go into effect on Monday, March 31, after spring vacation is over. The new noon and dismissal hours will be:

New Hours Given

Lunch recess, 11:15 a.m. (same as now); afternoon classes resume, 12:30 p.m. (instead of 12:55 p.m. as now); school dismissed, 2:35 p.m. (instead of 3 p.m. as at present).

The vote on the proposal, by schools was, Jackson 29 for, 16 against, 22 no preference; Lincoln, 40 for, 16 against, 16 no preference; Roosevelt, 70 for, 22 against, 12 no preference; Washington 67 for, 21 against, 7 no preference.

Other Business

The board also approved payment of monthly bills, and accepted a report showing that both the high school and junior high school meet state standards for such schools, thus entitling them to receive state school support money.

The resignation of Miss Laura Phillips, formerly an instructor in English, was accepted.

Netherlands Queen May Visit West Coast

New York—(U.P.)—Queen Juliana of the Netherlands may extend her forthcoming United States tour to the West Coast, Dutch Ambassador H. J. Van Roijen said Tuesday.

Van Roijen said the trip to San Francisco and Los Angeles has been "tentatively arranged."

The queen is scheduled to arrive in Washington April 2.

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