



"IT'S BECOME A POISON"—Capt. Jerome M. Schechter, shown with his wife, Maralynn, and their pet dog, is one of six officer veterans at Mather Air Force Base, Calif., who face possible court-martial for refusal to fly again. Six other officers have refused to fly at Randolph Air Force Base, Tex. Schechter said he refused to fly for his country again because "it's something that's developed into a poison for me."

## Future of Uranium As Fuel Supply Great

Washington—(U.P.)—One pound of uranium-235, the basic "fuel" of atomic power, is equal in energy to 2,600,000 pounds of coal. U. S. officials estimate that there is 10 times more energy in the world's uranium deposits than in all its coal and oil resources combined.

One hundred tons of U-235 theoretically could generate all the electricity used by the United States in an entire year.

**Seek To Perfect Machines**  
So it is no wonder that the United States, Great Britain, and Canada are striving to perfect machines for turning all this atomic energy into electric power.

Gordon Dean, chairman of the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission, and others have predicted that the atom will be producing commercial power in five to 10 years.

Does that mean an atomic utopia is just around the corner? The experts say no. Except in countries where coal and other conventional fuel costs are extremely high, atomic power may not be commercially competitive for 25 years or more.

**More Precious Than Gold**  
Atomic engines cost \$25,000,000 to \$50,000,000. Atomic fuel is far more precious than gold. And though there is a lot of uranium in the world, easily exploitable deposits are rare.

Nevertheless atomic power is worth shooting for. Both the United States and Great Britain are working on atomic engines

for warships and the United States is developing atom-powered aircraft. What if such engines are costly? The military value of the tremendous ranges and high speeds promised by atomic power is not to be gauged by ordinary economic considerations.

One medical authority has a mathematical formula for determining the influence of obesity on longevity—for every inch the waist measurement exceeds the chest measurement deduct two years of the present life expectancy.

### SYNOPSIS OF ANNUAL STATEMENT For the year ended December 31, 1951

MERCURY INSURANCE COMPANY OF ST. PAUL, in the State of MINNESOTA, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law:	
<b>ADMITTED ASSETS</b>	
Bonds	\$11,742,456.71
Stocks	1,939,868.00
Mortgage loans on real estate	0
Real estate, less 90 encumbrances	0
Cash and bank deposits	1,630,614.00
Agents' balances or uncollected premiums	1,975,178.88
Interest, dividends and real estate income due and accrued	173,521.81
Other assets	138,996.49
<b>Total admitted assets</b>	<b>\$22,000,435.94</b>
<b>LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS</b>	
Losses	\$ 1,820,053.47
Loss adjustment expenses	127,000.00
Unearned premiums	11,873,705.19
All other liabilities	446,032.82
<b>Total liabilities, except capital</b>	<b>\$14,067,891.48</b>
Capital paid up	\$2,500,000.00
Special surplus funds	0
Unassigned funds (surplus)	\$ 5,432,744.46
Surplus as regards policyholders	\$ 7,932,744.46
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$22,000,435.94</b>
<b>STATEMENT OF INCOME</b>	
Premiums earned	\$11,417,069.40
Losses incurred	\$9,006,366.04
Loss expenses incurred	696,835.46
Other underwriting expenses incurred	4,651,414.88
<b>Total underwriting deductions</b>	<b>\$11,354,616.38</b>
Net underwriting gain or loss	62,453.02
Investment income	645,012.50
Other income	-149.78
<b>Total before federal income taxes</b>	<b>703,315.74</b>
Federal income taxes	-45,000.00
<b>Net income</b>	<b>658,315.74</b>
Dividends to stockholders	250,000.00
Dividends to policyholders	0
Capital charges (net)	0
Other items affecting surplus (net)	172,780.85
<b>Total capital and surplus items (net)</b>	<b>-77,219.15</b>
—Increase in surplus as regards policyholders	581,097.01
<b>BUSINESS IN OREGON FOR THE YEAR</b>	
Net premiums received	\$ 131,919.10
Net losses paid	37,574.84
Dividends paid or credited to policyholders	0
Principal office in Oregon, 1012 Irving Bldg., Portland, 4, Oregon	
Robinson, Potter and Shepherd, U. S. National Bank Bldg., Medford, Oregon	

## On The Side By E. V. Durling

Darling, I bring to you this ring. Made for your finger fit. To show by this that our love is, Or should be, like to it. This ring is round, and nowhere found To flow, or else to sever. So let our love as endless prove And pure as gold forever. —Herrick.

Childless couples should not give up hope too soon. That's what I recently said in referring to a couple I know who had their first child after 18 years of marriage. That was a long wait but not to be compared to that of the Geysers of Pittsburgh. They recently had their first child after 27 years of marriage. Additionally remarkable is the fact that when Mrs. Geyer became a mother for the first time she was 51 years old. Her husband is 54. One Pittsburgh physician stated at the time he had officiated in over 25,000 births and the oldest mother in his experience was 48 years old.

**In a Few Words**  
It was Damon Runyon who said: "The race is not always to the swift, but that's the way to bet." Arnold Bennett advised: "Make love to every woman you meet; if you get five per cent on your outlay, it's a good investment." Observed Ed Howe: "If you want to know how old a woman is, ask her sister-in-law."

**Mules and Men**  
That brilliant and smart looking literary lady, Kathryn Cravens, has written a gay novel titled "Pursuit of Gentlemen." In this are offered quite a few helpful hints on man handling. Miss Cravens is also the author of some advice titled "Ten Commandments for Trapping a Man." Space does not permit repeating this in full. However, the second commandment strongly recommends the clinging vine technique. The sixth commandment reads: "Don't worry about what a dress does for you. It's what it does to the man that counts." It has long been our policy to offer bachelor subscribers methods of defense for the various "man trapping techniques." Our experts can suggest a good defense for Miss Cravens' second commandment. However, her sixth is a baffler. It is extremely difficult for a normal man to defend himself against what might be called the "plunging neckline" technique. Off-hand, all I can think of is to suggest he wear blinkers. And, of course, for a man to wear blinkers when calling on a girl might look a little silly.

a stubborn guy. He still wants to argue with me about curving a baseball. Says he is not ready to admit a baseball can be curved. That it is an "optical illusion." If that is a fact, my eyes certainly have deceived me on many an occasion. In addition to facing many curve ball pitchers as a player, I sat, as a baseball writer, directly behind the catcher in the old Polo Grounds press box when it was on a level with the field. There is only one thing to do with this fellow Funk. Let him put up his stogies. Then we will get a curve ball pitcher and a slow motion camera and see who is right.

**Chimes**  
When you press the button at the door of Ezio Pinza's house in Stamford, Conn., chimes start playing: "Some Enchanted Evening." That is an interesting idea. I suppose if Eddie Cantor had chimes in his mansion they would play "If You Knew Susie," "Bing Crosby's 'I Surrender Dear,'" "Georgie Jessel's 'Oh, How I Laugh When I Think How I Cried About You,'" Sophie Tucker's "Some of These Days," and so on. But how about you,

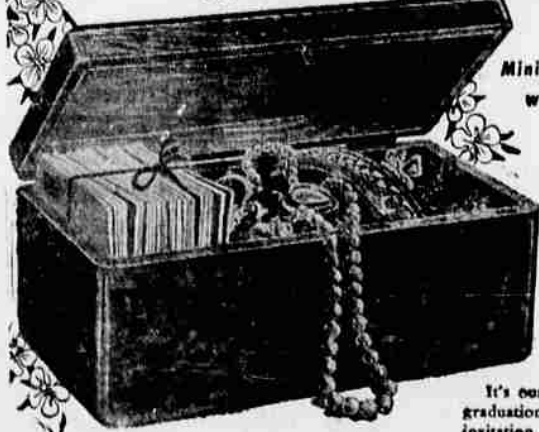
sir? Is there any song that has figured largely in your life? Or how about a song appropriate to the occasion of a visit such as "You're Welcome as the Flowers in May." Guess that is a little corny. Still, it would please your mother-in-law.

**Horses & Women**  
It was recently reported here the men topping the garment industry have been asking other men to ask their wives for criticisms on the current styles for women. This situation is apparently viewed with scornful amusement by many women. "Why don't they ask the women directly?" comments a Manhattan matron. "I can tell them one thing, women who take size 20, as I do, are shamefully neglected in the matter of clothes offered by retail establishments." There is also room for much improvement in the styles. Most of the clothes offered cover you, but do nothing else for you.

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## 'Anticipation' Shop Opening Announced

Mrs. Paul Houser today announced the opening last week of the Anticipation shop at 151 South Central avenue, in the new Wing building, and next door to the new Western Union offices.

This is the first exclusive shop in Medford selling only maternity clothing. The stock includes dresses, dusters, suits, play clothes, slacks, jackets, swim suits and lingerie. Size ranges are from 9 to 20 with larger sizes available. The shop also includes a line of three-piece infant outfits which are hand crocheted.

The owner operated a similar business at her home from November, 1951, until opening the downtown shop last week with a more complete line.

Americans over 20 years of age use, on the average, 143 match books a year, according to a match industry survey. Nine out of 10 of the match books are given away free.

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