

**A Nichol's Worth of . . .  
Comment On This and That**

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Laurel, Md. — (U.P.) — If George McKeven were color blind, he might now be working in a glue factory.

But George, it so happens, is possessed of fine eyes and can tell du-bonnet from bright red. At present, he is doing right well at the Harman Nichols Laurel Race course as the so-called "color man."

It is his business to see that the right jockey gets a leg up on the right horse with the right colored silks of the right owner.

"Listen, mister," the little guy said, "I have to have the eyes of a what you may call it. I don't make a mistake. I keep book on 1000 sets of colors. Every one is different from the other. And suppose I get the fuchsia silks of Llangolan farms mixed up with one of C. V. Whitney's colts in a feature race. Swish, and bang, the walls could come in on me."

All of the colors for all of the stables have to be registered with the jockey clubs. Just in case an owner has a colt which runs from track to track. Say an owner comes into Laurel. He must present all of his papers, including the registration of colors.

"The jockey isn't supposed to keep track of colors," George says. "He may ride for one owner one day and another the next. That's my job. Wrong colors not only confuse the on-looker or better, but they could come down on my neck."

Supervisor of the jockey quarters here is little Johnny Bejshak, who once sported the silks of Alfred Vanderbilt, when he rode Discovery. The silks in that case were a combination of cerise and white.

Under Bejshak are 13 valets, a trainer, a flock of bootshine boys and the above named George McKeven.

Johnny gets a lot of help from the valets. A number of them are former jockeys.

These little guys have to keep the jock's gear in shape. Polish the leather, replace worn out "poppers," or whips and see that the silks are clean.

Another important character around any race track is the head trainer. In this case, a fine little man named Eddie Lay of Philadelphia. His office looks like a doctor's office. And in effect, it practically is. There is a conglomeration of diathermy gadgets and infra-red lamps. There are dry heat rooms that melt off the pounds that might keep an over-weight boy out of the saddle for an important race. Heat is piped into the room at 150 degrees, where even a fat man could melt off a few ounces.

But most jockeys, even though overweight, don't have to shed too much weight.

Eddie is proud of what he did several years ago at old Havre de Grace.

Al de Lara, a rider, was about to mount a pretty important horse in an important race. "My job," said Eddie, "was to get the boy up in the saddle within the weight limit. We stripped him of 12 pounds in four hours."

Al was a little limp but willing. He won.



**JAYCEE HEAD** — John D. Smith, above, presided over his first meeting as new president of the Medford Junior Chamber of Commerce this week. He has some two years, and has active been a resident of Medford for in Junior Chamber work for several years.

**Atomic Merchant Ship  
May Be 2 Years Away**

Washington — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower's revolutionary new atomic-powered merchant ship probably will not sail the high seas for another two years, atomic sources said today.

The administration at one point considered a rush job so the ship could get underway with atomic power by this fall. This would have entailed putting an atomic reactor, such as designed for the submarine Nautilus, in the hull of a conventional merchant ship.

Atomic sources said, however, the administration now has decided to design and build a hull for a specially designed ship reactor.

**On The Side** By E. V. Durling

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Give me a kiss now  
That will hang upon my lip,  
As sweet as morning dew  
Upon a rose.  
— Middleton

Have acquired a copy of "Self-Help" by Samuel Smiles. A remarkable book. Written in 1859. Been translated into 25 languages. Lord Leverhulme, British soap manufacturer, considered reading "Self-Help" as a young man to have been a major factor in his success. Leverhulme started at the bottom and built up a business valued at \$150,000,000. Whenever a young man asked him for advice, Leverhulme presented him with a copy of Smiles' "Self-Help."

**Asking**  
Queries from clients. Q.—Who played the title role in the stage play based on the Biblical tale of the prodigal son? A.—William Elliott played the prodigal son in the play you refer to which was titled "The Wanderer." That was in 1917. In addition to Elliott, the cast included Dalton Reed, Charles Dalton, Nance O'Neill and James O'Neill. Q.—Who was "Stitch" McCarthy? A.—"Stitch" was a popular resident of Manhattan's East Side known as "the mayor of Grand Street." His real name was Sam Rothberg. He ran the celebrated Apollo saloon on Forsythe street. Was also very active as a ball bondsman.

**Briefly**  
Do you consider yourself a well informed baseball fan? If so, tell us quick as half a flash how many ways a man can get to first base without making a hit . . . What's the record for a hospital responding to a call with an ambulance and a doctor? Bellevue Hospital, Manhattan, starts an ambulance and a doctor off thirty seconds after a call for help is received.

**Argument**  
"To settle an argument among the girls of our office," writes a Baltimorean, "what are the bust measurements of Jane Russell and Lana Turner, the original sweater girl?" First let me say, I hope this argument took place during a coffee break and not on the company's time. The answer is: Jane Russell, 37½ inches; Lana Turner, 35½ inches.

**Complaint**  
"Several of my friends and I are growing weary of your repeated complimentary references to Scorpio women and your neglect of those born under Capricorn, Gemini and Aquarius," writes a New Yorker. "The Scorpio women may be 'oorfph girls' but their appeal is based on buxom and bosomy figures rather than intelligence and charm. They attract men but have difficulty in holding them. Scorpio women do everything in excess. They are chain smokers, bathe themselves in heavy perfume, use too much makeup and are non-stop talkers of the chatter type. And when a Scorpio starts drinking — oh, my!"

**Sidelights**  
Is your wife a clever culinary artist? How is she on desserts? Does she know how to make a tipsy person pudding . . . In Port Arthur, Tex., there is a street named Mistrusting Alley . . . Monsieur Christian Dior says it is very difficult for a tall woman to appear smartly dressed. He claims the medium sized females are the best fashion plates.

**Asides**  
The most interesting address I have yet come across is that of Clara Corrigan, Irrigon, Oregon. You could make a song out of it . . . "Have you seen Sir Herbert Tree's last play?" somebody once asked Sir Henry Irving, who replied, "I hope so."

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—SEVEN

**Ex-Prosecutor Freed  
In Phenix City Case**

Birmingham, Ala. — (U.P.) — An all-male jury Wednesday acquitted "with no apologies" Arch Ferrell, former Phenix City prosecutor, of plotting the murder of anti-vice crusader Albert Patterson.

Ferrell was one of three former officials charged with murdering Patterson who was pledged as nominee for state attorney general to rid his home town of gangster domination. Ferrell's 17-day trial ended when jury foreman Robert Haley entered the heavily guarded, tense courtroom, announced the verdict and said, "we have prayed over this and we offer no apologies to no one."

In an earlier trial the state, using virtually the same evidence won a conviction for ousted chief Deputy Sheriff Albert Fuller on a first degree murder charge. The jury fixed the penalty at life imprisonment.

Eugene — (U.P.) — State and federal agencies will hold hearings here in June on the proposed Beaver Marsh multi-million-dollar power development on the upper McKenzie river.

. . . Red-haired women always give their dogs curious names. Mrs. Patrick Campbell had a Pekinese named "Pinky Pankie Poo."

Dead line Sunday. Classified is at noon Saturday, 1 a. m. Monday for Monday; other days 5:30 previous day.

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