



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

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Washington — (U.P.) — What's new in Washington:

The problem of a language barrier came up when nine college kids were being briefed about their trip to South America on an exchange of young farmers. Farmerette Mary Louise Ansberry of San Ardo, Calif., on her way to Uruguay, said she didn't think any of the nine in the group would have any trouble. All of them know how to pitch hay and milk a cow. Language would be no problem, either, the black-haired lady said. "Pass the butter is an international phrase," she said, "and not only that, we all know how to reach across the table."

Speaking of lovely ladies, Betty Jane Owen is one government gal who can tell you that the spoils system doesn't mean too much. She was "spoiled" from her job in the Agriculture Department when the Republicans came in. Meaning that she got a notice saying her particular job was being abolished. But under Civil Service she switched to another section of the Agriculture Department—and has gone up four grades. A lot more take home. Better still, she wound up marrying the son of her boss.

One of the oldest bars in Washington is the "Old Ebbitt" which has been in business since the Civil War. It still exhibits a sign which says: "One man on his feet is worth two on his seat." The point is that since the repeal of prohibition it has been against the law in Washington to stand on your feet at a bar.

There are some new rules for new would-be cab drivers in the District of Columbia. One is that a hacker has to be able to read, write and speak the English language. FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover made a plea not long ago for better salaries for police officers. He made the statement that in one town at least, a beginning garbage collector gathered more take home than a rookie cop. J. E. H. made it clear that he had nothing against garbage collectors. Nonetheless he got a flock of mail from wives of rookie garbage collectors, not to mention posies from the spouses of rookie coppers.

There was a hearing on Capitol Hill which had to do with automation. Some folks feared that using more machines put a lot of nice people out of work.

Well, at one point Prof. Walter J. Bucking, assistant professor at Georgia Tech, fell to talking about what happens when a big outfit puts in automation. He used the word "automatizes."

Right on his feet was John Diebold, a New York management consultant and self-styled elder statesman of automation, with a correction.

"I respect the professor," said Diebold, "and I hold him in great regard. But I would like to say that when anybody goes into automation, he 'automates,' for sure he doesn't 'automize.'"

New Jersey in 1885 became the first state to designate officially all of its militia units as the National Guard.

Corncocks are now being used for furfural, a chemical needed to make nylon, synthetic rubber, pharmaceuticals and resins.

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University Honors Petroleum Engineer

Pittsburgh — (U.P.) — Forty years of pioneering paid off for Frederick A. Johnson when he walked across a platform at the University of Pittsburgh and received a citation as the world's first graduate petroleum engineer.

Johnson, of Oil City, Pa., said that when he became the first person to receive a degree in his field at Pitt's June commencement in 1915, "I cast my lot with the then unknown."

He pointed out how "unknown" his field was by recalling his first interview for a job. A Standard Oil official asked, "What is a petroleum engineer?" He said during the early days the road of the petroleum engineer was not an easy one. He had considerable difficulty convincing hard-headed oil operators that a petroleum engineer could be useful.

"Petroleum engineering has come a long way since those early days," Johnson commented with a glance at the honorary memorial certificate.

Distaste for Math Puzzles Professors

Davis, Calif. — (U.P.) — Why Jimmy doesn't like the third of the "three R's" has professors wondering—and working—here.

A child development specialist, Thomas Poffenberger, and a mathematician, Donald A. Norton, both of the faculty of the University of California College of Agriculture, are trying to learn what, besides natural ability, affects a student's mathematical aptitude.

Norton said that in spite of more and more need for engineers, chemists and physicists, proportionately fewer students are entering these fields in colleges and universities.

"We may not be able to make mathematics any easier to understand," he said, "but we hope to find out why so many students don't like the subject."

On The Side

By E. V. Durling

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As one of our Horses and Women department experts approached my desk his sorrowful expression alarmed me. I thought perhaps he had suffered some tragic experience like tearing up the wrong mutual ticket or blowing a three horse parlay. However, his depression had nothing to do with horses. It concerned women. He had been assigned to check on the characters of May brides as per the Bridal Calendar.

To his dismay he found that the part dealing with those married in May had been clipped from the copy of the calendar in our files. It is suspected some May bride has gained access to our files and for reasons of her own clipped the mention of her group from the Bridal Calendar. Anyway, there will be a slight delay in our report on May brides until we obtain another calendar.

Asking
Queries from clients. Q. Is the railroad of which Gypsy Rose Lee, the strip tease dancer, is a vice president in active operation? A. Yes, sir. It is the Lancaster and Chester railway, that regularly operates as a freight carrier between the towns of Chester and Lancaster in South Carolina, a distance of 29 miles.

Q. Who owned Ballyhoo Bey, the horse Ted Sloan rode to win the Sheephead Bay Futurity? I say W. C. Whitney. My brother says J. E. Madden. A. Whitney owned Ballyhoo Bey. Madden trained him. However, Yankee, winner of the 1901 Futurity, was owned and trained by Madden. Q. Did Marguerite Clark appear in a stage musical

with Eddie Foy? A. Yes, sir. It was titled "The Wild Rose." Evelyn Nesbit was in it too.

Veteran Car

Today I saw in operation a Model T Ford. It must be at least 28 years old. The last Model T was made in 1927. There were about 15,000,000 Model T cars manufactured between 1908 and 1927. The first Model T cars manufactured between 1908 and 1927. The first Model T was priced at \$850 FOB Detroit. In 1928 when the Model A replaced the Model T somebody wrote a popular song titled "Henry's Made a Lady Out of Lizzie." I never have known why the name Lizzie was saddled on the Model T, as in "Tin Lizzie."

Series Thrill

"Following the victory of our gallant Dodgers in the World Series," writes a Brooklynite, "it was really something to see those Yankee fans walking out of the stadium with their heads bowed down like a little dog with his tail between his legs. That was the thrill of the Series for me, the silencing of those loudmouthed Yankee fans. They didn't even have enough spirit or guts to shout: 'Wait until next year!'"

Rugged Fellow

Have only been in a hospital overnight once in my life. That was after an automobile accident in Paris. I just heard of a man who had never been in a hospital until he was 99 years old. At that age he underwent an abdominal operation and survived! A real rugged old fellow. Incidentally, this man still reads the newspaper without the aid of spectacles.

Passing By

Man Proves Point; River Turns Green

Wichita, Kan. — (U.P.) — Some official faces turned red because water of the Little Arkansas River turned green.

Wichita recently spent \$10,000 plugging holes in Riverside Park Dam. City officials thought the job a success.

But an Arkansas man, diver Julian Arpin, proved otherwise — with a package of green dye and a 69-cent Army mess kit.

Trini Reyes, one of the world's greatest Flamenco dancers. She is the only woman in that dance group known as Los Chaveles de Espana. The other members are eleven men from Barcelona. Trini is an American. I wish I could say that Trini like Sidney Franklin, one of the world's greatest bullfighters, is from Brooklyn. But she isn't. She is from New York City.

Among The Married

You have no doubt heard of women who have had eight husbands. But have you heard of a woman who has been married eight times and never had a divorce? It has happened. A British woman, recently married for the eighth time, was widowed seven times. She married for the first time at the age of 20. For the eighth time at the age of 74.

Sidelights

Another of the amazing number of great men born under the sign of Leo was Henry Ford. As for the lightest college football player a Pennsylvanian says it was Audie McFarland, quarterback for Washington and Jefferson in 1905. Audie weighed 105 pounds.

He put a package of Navy dye in the messkit, punched the kit full of holes and lowered it into the river just above the dam.

Within 10 minutes bright green dye came floating up in the water below the dam.

Arpin said his test showed one "big leak" was not repaired.

He conducted the experiment after Wichita officials last spring turned down his \$999 bid to explore the face of the dam beneath the river surface for leaks.

He said his work would permit the city to make "a realistic estimate of the repair costs."

The work on the dam, after Arpin's turnaround, was declared an emergency and a private company was hired for \$10,000 to plug the leaks.

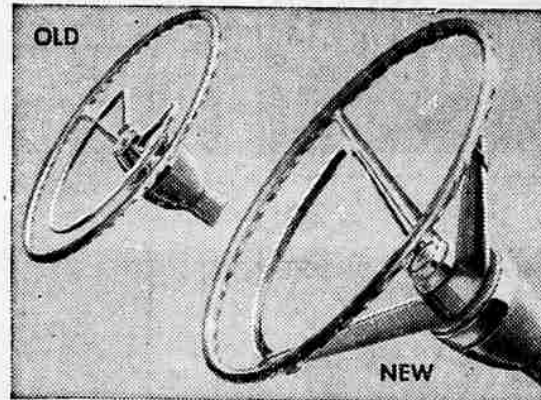
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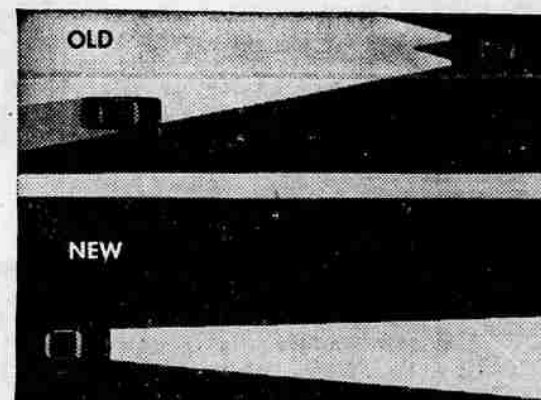
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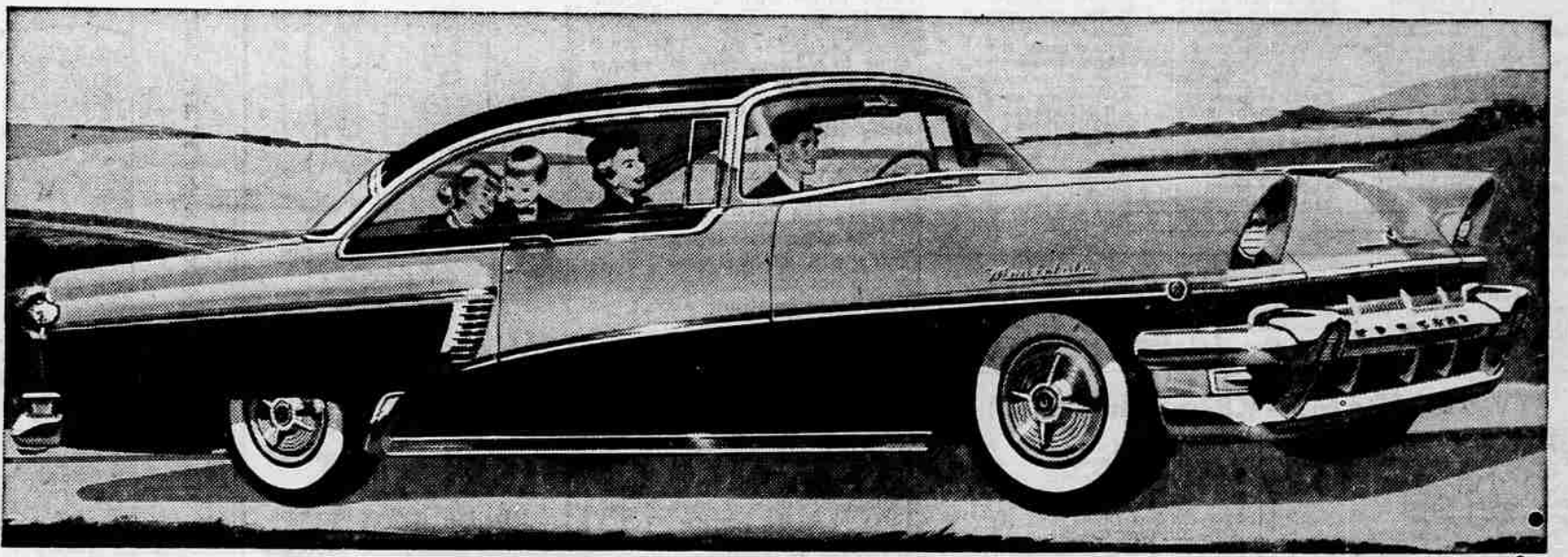
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