



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

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Washington — (U.P.) — Flat-footed boys now can play basketball in comparative comfort, thanks to a new shoe that has a built-in arch.

The shoe, developed by the Wilson sporting goods people, has a support made out of heavy duck, which has a lot more bounce to the ounce. Not only that it lifts a sagging arch. Almost as good as the sponge in the toe of the shoe, which wards off painful blisters which accumulate when a man stops too soon and too often in his tracks to take a set shot at the net.

The insole has a sponge running fore and aft and there is a bumper in the heel, for players who have a yen to rock and roll backward if instinct or the occasion demands.

Dr. James Naismith, who invented the game of putting a round sphere through a peach basket back there in the winter of 1891-92 had foresight, but he didn't know that half of his charges were flat-footed.

Sore Feet
They came down with sores under-hoof. The good doctor got his idea when he was an instructor at the YMCA training school in Springfield, Mass., which now is Springfield college.

He wanted to keep the boys in shape in the long stretch between the football and the baseball season. He would have done right good, if it hadn't been for foot trouble. Many of the kids hit the hardwood of the playing floor barefoot. Splinters and the stepping on the toes by other hob-nailed lads wrecked the whole program.

The late Dr. Naismith would not recognize the game today. The new basketball suits today are of the gayest in color. Players no longer show up in public in their skivvies. The pants don't lace or button up in the front. They pull on like a box-

fighter's trunks. Expensive Sport
Incidentally, it costs a pile of green to equip a basketball team these days. If you buy things by the dozen, you're lucky if you get away with less than \$10 for the pants, \$15 for the jersey, and a heap more for the sweat suit, without which no self-respecting basketball player would appear in public for his warm up.

Other sports, though, can be more expensive. Football, for one. Golf, according to Nels Krueger, head of the Wilson operation in this area, is really up there, too.

But if you want to get into sports where equipment isn't much problem take up the running and jumping game—track. You can get pants for 90 cents a pair and a shirt for 70 cents.

Morse Says Campaign To Be Based on Facts

Portland — (U.P.) — Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) observed his 55th birthday two days early Tuesday by lashing out at the Eisenhower administration and predicting that he will be reelected in 1956 after waging a vigorous campaign based "on the facts."

Morse told regional CIO leaders at a birthday luncheon here that his campaign manager would be a woman—Mrs. Jean L. Lewis.

The Oregon Democrat said some of the issues of his campaign would be the farm problem, the question of federal timber land management, the "dangerous" Formosa resolution, the Tidelands oil "give-away" and the Dixon-Yates controversy.

"Powerful forces across the country will try to defeat me," Morse said, "but I'm going to face one issue after another and take the facts to the people."

Portland — (U.P.) — The Portland city council has approved unanimously a motion to deny an extension of Portland Traction Company's franchise to operate a mass transit system in the city.

As We Live

By ELIZABETH HURLOCK, PH.D.

Arrange Group Parties
As Subtle Dutch Treats

Dating can be very expensive for teen-age boys. Should girls pay their own way, if it means more dates for them?

(Q) "We are a group of high school juniors. Like most girls our age, we like parties and dates. The problem is that most of the boys haven't enough money to take us out on dates more than once a week. My friends and I wonder if we couldn't have more fun and go on more dates if we offered to have 'Dutch treat' dates by paying our own way to movies, football games, and dances. Our parents say this is not correct and they object to it. Most of us earn money by baby-sitting and go to movies together anyway, so why not spend the money to go with the boys? We don't, of course, want the boys to think we are chasing them, but we don't want to sit home or go out with girls when we could have more dates." N.A.

(A) I agree with your parents that you might readily create the impression that you were "chasing" the boys if you suggested paying your way on dates. However, you can be more subtle and achieve the same results. You could organize little parties for movies, dances, or games. All of you could chip in the money you earn for baby-sitting and buy tickets, provide food for snacks afterwards, and perhaps even arrange to have your parents drive the group to where you were going to save transportation costs.

It would be perfectly proper to invite several boys to go out to a "movie party" or a "football party" this way and this would eliminate all the embarrassment of "Dutch treats." If your parents will cooperate you can have a gay time.

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On The Side

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"Smoke Gets in Your Eyes" is a song I never grow weary of hearing. The same is true of "Among My Souvenirs," "Some Enchanted Evening," "Dearie," "Can't You Hear Me Calling Caroline," and several others. Also, I have favorite books I read again and again. As for example, "Trilby," which I have read 38 times. If I like a musical show I go to see it a number of times. And enjoy it every time. That's how I happened to wander in to see "Silk Stockings" again. That is by my favorite versatile young friend, Don Ameche, and that brilliant, beautiful blonde of the bombshell type, Hildegard Neff. Speaking of making repeat visits to musical shows, I knew a college professor who saw "Madame Sherry," 86 times!

Asking

Queries from Clients. Q—According to your Horses and Women experts, with whose opinion you concur, no woman with a 28-inch waist can hope to win a bathing beauty contest, become a model or be named one of the ten best dressed women in her city. Marilyn Monroe has a 28-inch waist. Now what have you and your experts have to say? A—Our opinion is as originally claimed. Miss Monroe has never won a bathing beauty contest. She hasn't the figure for a model. She has never been named as one of the best dressed actresses. Her 28-inch waist measurement is not so noticeable because she has a 38-inch bust. We repeat, the maximum waist measurement for those aspiring to win Miss or Mrs. America titles, become models or achieve recognition for being smartly attired is 25. Twenty-four is preferable. Twenty-three is still better.

Remarkable Athletes

Among ballplayers of the "Little League" type, the best hitter in the country is Nelson Gary Jr., of Sherman Oaks, Cal. His current batting average is .442. Nelson has only one arm. His inspiration for becoming a ballplayer was Pete Gray, the one armed major leaguer. Speaking of one armed ballplayer, I believe Commercial H. S. (now Alexander Hamilton high) in Brooklyn once had a very effective one armed pitcher named Martin.

That Prediction

Where in the Bible is it fore-

Nyssa Reports Four New Cases of Polio

Nyssa, Ore. — (U.P.) — Hopes for an end to Malheur county's 1955 polio epidemic were shattered yesterday with report of four new cases, all in Nyssa.

One of the victims was 11-year-old Roger Maulding, son of Dr. and Mrs. L. A. Maulding. Dr. Maulding is former county health officer and he had himself suffered from polio.

The other cases involved 5, 6, and 12-year-old boys. The 12-year-old had a bulbar type polio with minimum paralysis. He was taken to St. Luke's hospital in Boise. The others, with only mild paralysis, were being treated at home.

The cases brought Malheur county's total to 31 for the year with 27 reported since Aug. 15. There have been two deaths.

By E. V. Durling

What is genuine mahogany? Many women who consider themselves well informed on the matter of furnishing a house can't answer that question. The answer is that genuine mahogany grows only in the West Indies, tropical America and the west coast of Africa.

Passing By

Lena Horne. Outstandingly successful chanteuse of Brooklyn. Lena's weekly earnings now average around \$11,000. She began her career as a chorine at the Cotton club in Harlem when 16. She is now 37.

Eisenhower, Dulles Share Geneva Hope

Denver — (U.P.) — Secretary of State John Foster Dulles reported after a conference with President Eisenhower yesterday that he and the chief executive had shared a "measured hope" for concrete achievements from the forthcoming Big Four foreign ministers meeting in Geneva.

Dulles, following a 25-minute session at the President's bedside at Fitzsimons' Army hospital said he expected no "spectacular results" from Geneva but that "any results at all would mark an advance on most if not all of our prior conferences with the Soviet Union."

Dulles covered the Geneva agenda again with Mr. Eisenhower and reported that the President was pleased that he, Dulles, planned to stop in Rome for brief conferences with top Italian leaders before going on to the foreign ministers conference.

Death Takes Former Circuit Court Judge

Portland — (U.P.) — Judge Fred W. Wilson, 83, who was on the Circuit Court bench at The Dalles for 31 years, died in a local hospital Tuesday night after a brief illness.

Judge Wilson retired from the bench in January, 1949. His father, Joseph G. Wilson, was the first Circuit Court judge in The Dalles area.

Man Can Be Broken Down For Travel; Reassembled

Grand Rapids, Mich. — (U.P.) — William P. Lear, space travel enthusiast and board chairman of Lear, Inc., aircraft parts manufacturing firm, recently predicted man some day would travel by being broken down into sound vibrations and reassembled at his destination.

Above a small machine in the plant here is a sign which reads: "Warning! Do not turn off. Bill Lear on way to Paris!"



TOP DEVILDOG — President Eisenhower has approved selection of Lt. Gen. Randolph Pate (above) as Commandant of the Marine Corps effective Jan. 1, 1956. Pate will replace Gen. Lemuel Shepherd, who will retire.

Judge Provides Name For Cocker Spaniel

Milwaukee — (U.P.) — A policeman testified in district court that a cocker spaniel owned by Mrs. Jean Smith had bitten four children.

What's the dog's name? Judge Robert W. Hansen asked Mrs. Smith, who had pleaded guilty to a charge of harboring a vicious dog.

"I can't think of it," she replied. "I'll give it one—Snappy," the judge said.

He gave Mrs. Smith two weeks to get rid of the dog.

Hodiak's Ex-Wife Mourns Death

Hollywood — (U.P.) — Film star Anne Baxter yesterday described John Hodiak, her ex-husband, as "a tender and loving father and a magnificent husband."

"I feel dreadful about his death," the actress said at her Beverly Hills home. "He was far, far more a brilliant, sensitive artist than anybody in this world knew."

"He had a simple credo. He never wanted to hurt anybody, or anything, and he never did. I admired him and I always will."

Miss Baxter was telephoned the news of Hodiak's death as she worked on a movie location at Laguna Beach. She returned immediately here to be with their daughter, Katrine, 4.

Aerial Camera 'Third Eye' for Tax Assessors

Fort Worth, Tex. — (U.P.) — Robert G. Cherry, a Texas A. & M. College professor and tax expert, says the aerial camera is a "third eye" for tax assessors.

Property the assessor misses shows up in aerial maps, he told a meeting of assessors. He said an aerial picture recently turned up in East Texas a 1,600-acre tract that hadn't been taxed in 100 years.

These maps, Cherry said, can be bought cheaply from the federal government.

Request for Help Brings Similar Request

Madison, Wis. — (U.P.) — Here's a case of a "helper" asking for the same kind of help.

Mrs. Mary S. Tegge, member of the Madison Police and Fire Commission, was re-designing the application blank for prospective firemen. She wrote to about a dozen cities asking for sample blanks to use as a guide.

This reply came from Milwaukee: "Sorry, ours is so old-fashioned we are planning on doing it over. But when you get yours done, will you send us a sample?"

Illness costs the United States \$28,000,000,000 a year.

Harriman Plans Two Speeches in Oregon

Milwaukee, Ore. — (U.P.) — New York Gov. Averell Harriman will make two Oregon speeches when he visits the state next month, Democratic party officials said here yesterday.

Monroe Sweetland, national committeeman for Oregon, said Harriman had accepted an invitation from the University of Oregon to address a convocation there at 1 p.m., Nov. 22, in the Memorial Union building.

At 7 p.m., also on Nov. 22, Harriman will speak at a \$5 a plate fund raising dinner to be held in the cafeteria of Milwaukee Union high school.

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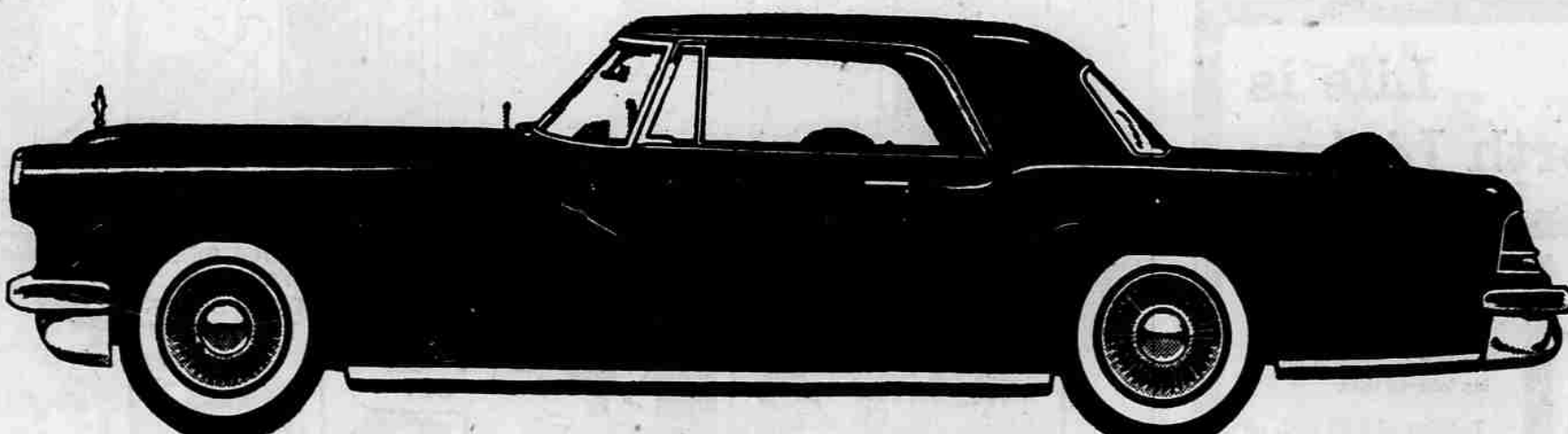
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