



FATE UP TO JURY—While a woman ponder her fate, Mrs. Katherine Haynes, 28, sits alone in an anteroom of Washington, D. C., District Court. She was tried for shooting to death her husband's red-haired mistress last July. Attorneys for Mrs. Haynes, mother of four children, called it an act of a woman driven "temporarily insane" by a philandering husband.

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

By **HARMAN W. NICHOLS**
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Washington — (U.P.)—Abe Lincoln is said to have won an important murder case by quoting the old Farmer's Almanac on the whereabouts of the moon on a certain night.



The record isn't clear just where the moon was at the time. But there is no challenge to the fact that the old Farmer's Almanac is still in business and today is out with its 164th consecutive issue out of Dublin, N.H.

Some of the old flavor abounds; A flavor that Robert B. Thomas, the founder, instilled when he came out with his first effort in 1793. Such as relying on phases of the moon to tell folks when to plant potatoes. Predictions of the weather which come from wishing and often from the wetting of the finger in the advance of a high wind. This sort of thing prompted a man from Nashua, N.H., to write in about 30 years ago to say:

"I have read the old Farmer's Almanac for the past 75 years, and I wish the darn fool that changed the reading of the moon's column had died before he done it."

Ranks With Calendar

That hasn't kept a lot of old and new-timers from racking up the Almanac alongside the calendar and the mail order catalogs as things to look at once in a time.

Weatherwise, in the salty language of yesteryear, the picture looks thus for 1956. January will be snowy, cold, and rainy according to where you live. In February many harbors will freeze and the "ice crackles like grandma cackles." March is likely to be cold one day and warm the next, "and lower all sails for tornadoes." April will give a lot of us "frog which freezes the dog, spring 19 days old and still snow."

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October will be normal, and November will be windy and cold with some snow and "please wear your wool vest." In December, the snow "comes to stay" in lots of places.

Old Wive's Tales

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The hunting seasons are listed by states by dates and it is interesting to note that a man may go out and stalk bullfrogs without any guff from the game warden from Jan. 4 to Oct. 31. The limit is 12, which is a pretty big sack full of froglegs.

And if you girls ever come up with a food committee problem for the stitching circle or the church, right there on page 45 it tells you that a 14-inch layer cake will give you 40 servings.

I particularly was interested in a little item which tells how to wash a black lace veil. You start by mixing "bullock's gall with enough hot water as you can bear your hands in. Then

you pass your veil through it—and then . . ."

Oh, well, ladies you can look it up for yourself.

Around Hollywood

By **ALINE MOSBY**
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Hollywood—(U.P.)—Leslie Caron, the unpredictable sprite, surprised Hollywood again today by announcing she's retiring in her ballet slippers forever and will be a "dramatic actress."

Big-eyed Leslie whirled to fame in "An American in Paris" after Gene Kelly saw her dancing in a ballet. But the tiny French star served notice that fans have seen the last of her on her toes. "I will never dance again—unless a very good musical comes up some day," she said. "I would like to concentrate on acting. I am very ambitious. Three or four years from now I hope to do Shaw's 'Saint Joan' on the stage."

New Career Plotted
While Hollywood friends figured Leslie was becoming a lonely hermit in Cinema City since her divorce last year, she instead was plotting a new Leslie Caron. Today, wearing a skirt and sweater and nibbling on a nearly raw hamburger in the MGM commissary, Leslie spoke methodically of giving up a talent that made her a world favorite.

A year and a half ago she slipped out of Hollywood and danced again with her former ballet company in Paris. That, she revealed, was her swan song. She then tried a straight dramatic role in a play in Paris. "That made me decide to give up dancing," she said. "I waited until I was pretty sure I had a future in acting before deciding to quit dancing. After I finished this play in Paris I knew I could do it."

Ballet Requires Devotion
"I love ballet very much. But ballet is a way of life. It takes tremendous devotion. It is too exhausting. Besides, I want time for a social life. I would like to know some of the other performers in Hollywood."

Leslie is so determined to act that she leaves soon for Paris to study "classical" acting. "It's fun in life, after you have gotten somewhere, to look forward to something else," she said, with a smile.

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Penicillin, Other Antibiotics Lose Some Magic Against Bacteria

By **DELOS SMITH**
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New York—(U.P.)—Sad news from the health front is that penicillin and other antibiotics have lost some of their magic against bacteria which sicken and sometimes kill us. Evidence of this has cropped up in the treatment of complicating bacterial diseases which commonly accompany measles. It appears to justify the belief of some scientists that the day will come when antibiotics have no magic left. Measles is a disease caused by a virus, and antibiotics have no effect on viruses. But the measles viruses make human beings susceptible to disease-causing bac-

teria, and in their heyday the antibiotics were highly effective in slaughtering bacteria. So it became rather usual for doctors to reason this way: Here's a simple case of measles, so I'll keep it simple and prevent any bacteria from causing complications—like bronchial pneumonia or an ear infection—by giving the patient an antibiotic here and now. The day of reckoning is at hand, it would seem on the basis of evidence gathered by Louis Weinstein, a doctor of bacteriology as well as of medicine. Weinstein is a professor at Boston University Medical School, lecturer at Harvard University Medical School, and an outstanding authority on infectious diseases. He studied the records of 428 patients admitted to a Boston hospital for measles. Of these 130 had been given antibiotics to prevent secondary bacterial in-

fections, but 36 developed the infections anyway. Out of the remaining 298 patients—those who had not been given antibiotics to prevent bacterial infections—only 42 developed the infections. What has been happening over the years is that bacteria, which can and do "resist" the antibiotics, have been replacing the bacteria which couldn't have so died. The New England Journal of Medicine, which published Dr. Weinstein's evidence, commented gravely that his findings "re-emphasize the need for critical review of the routine prophylactic (preventive) use of antibiotics in simple non-bacterial infections—notably, the common cold—and influenza, and indeed in many other situations in which such prophylaxis is frequently advocated."

Tuna Fishermen Ask Tariff, Quota

San Francisco—(U.P.)—West Coast tuna fishermen urged the federal government today to establish a "reasonable" tariff or quota on Japanese tuna imports to bolster prices in this country. James Cope, a Seattle, Wash., tuna boat captain, told a hearing of the Senate Interstate and Foreign Commerce Subcommittee yesterday that tuna prices have been falling steadily because of direct competition from Japanese fishermen "who pay no taxes and have no limit to the cuts they can take" in prices. "Tuna fishermen had a good season catchwise this year," Cope said, "but even so, we're not able to maintain an American standard of living. What would happen in a poor season I don't like to think about."



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