

On The Side

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How is the traffic situation in your section? Do you have a tough time driving to and from work? Are you aware that among the current leading causes of stomach ulcers is constant driving of an automobile through difficult traffic? Among New York City taxicab drivers, suffering from stomach ulcers is becoming so prevalent that it is taking on the aspect of an occupational ailment.

Guide to Gals

The most flirtatious, fickle and unpredictable females of the Zodiac are those born under Gemini (May 21-June 20). Gemini girls usually have at least five engagements before they finally decide on a man to marry. Even after that Gemini women usually marry twice or more. The Duchess of Windsor is a Gemini. A man who has a deep and affectionate interest in a Gemini never knows when he is going to unexpectedly find himself carrying the torch. Or, so say the stargazers.

Fashion Note

So Schiaparelli, the darling of the Place Vendôme, is to design socks for men. That should be really something. Imagine reading in a credit part of a theater program: "Socks by Schiaparelli." I am afraid, however, I will be unable to personally feature any Schiaparelli socks. The day I graduated from high school I promised my Uncle Al never to carry a brief case, play a three horse parlay or wear fancy socks.

Passing By

"Toots Shor. Justly popular restaurateur. A very interesting fellow. Has a genius for restaurant management. A very lively wit and is skilled at repartee. He has a lovely wife and family and is a fine husband and father but his knowledge of baseball is greatly overestimated. Let's face it. How can you respect the opinion of a man who insists that Joe Di Maggio was a better outfielder than Zack Wheat?

Infants

How much did your first baby weigh at birth? How much at the age of six months? The weight of a baby at age of six months is usually double what it was at birth. However, there are some outstanding exceptions. A remarkable infant named Stephen Cantelli of West Somerville, Mass., weighed seven pounds at birth and 25 pounds, 12 ounces at the age of six months. So the six month old Stephen more than tripled his birth weight. Is it a record?

Asking

Queries from Clients: Q. Which Marquis of Queensbury originated the boxing rules and when? I claim the Marquis originated the three-minute round and the 24 foot ring. A. John Sholto Douglas, eighth Marquis of Queensbury framed the boxing rules in 1865, the principal changes from the old rules being the use of gloves, the 24 foot ring and the three-minute round. . . . Q. Is the next "P" hurricane to be called Pauline? A. No, ma'am. The "P" hurricane is to be called Peggy. Following are names selected for rest of hurricanes of 1955: Linda, Martha, Nelly, Ona, Peggy, Queena, Rosa, Stella, Trudy, Ursula, Verna, Wilma, Xenia, Yvonne and Zelda.

Minors

Not only is it illegal to sell a minor alcoholic liquor but it is against the law to give an under age person alcoholic liquor. If a minor is served with a drink at a cocktail party the host can be arrested and subjected to a fine or imprisonment or both. Many under age women are very clever at making themselves appear much older and have no hesitation in lying about their age to get a few drinks. All persons over 21 should have identity cards establishing the fact. Or drinking licenses, available only to those over 21, should be issued.

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Science May Be Near To Proving Other Worlds Exist in Outer Space

By JOSEPH L. MYLER

Washington—(U.P.)—Man may be on the verge of proving that other worlds exist in space beyond the solar system.

Dr. Helen S. Hogg, astronomer of the National Science Foundation, told the United Press that this could well be "one of the great scientific events" of the coming decade.

She said at least two observatories are searching intensively for "gravitational proof" that the nearer stars possess planets like

those, the Earth among them, which swing endlessly around the Sun.

Most modern astronomers believe there must be in the universe millions, perhaps billions,

of life-bearing worlds similar to the Earth. But even the nearest presumably would be far too tiny and too dim to be viewed directly by even the greatest telescopes now in existence.

Most Retired People Interested in Work

Detroit—(U.P.)—Dr. Ferdinand Mauser, chairman of the department of marketing at Wayne university, said the widely held idea that people look forward to retirement so they can start taking things easy just isn't so.

Mauser, who directed a recent study of persons over 65, said that of the 144 people interviewed 91 had to retire and 51 of those wanted to continue to work but could not because of company or union policy.

Mauser said interviews indicated that persons over 65 have a strong need to retain identification through work, if only on a part-time basis. Nearly half said they were interested in doing community and charity work even though it offered no salary, he said. There were "strong indications" that security extends far beyond financial aspects.

"The chief worry in the over 65 group is isolation—the loss of feeling of belonging," he concluded.

Assuming science does establish gravitational proof of planets outside the Sun's system, will man ever perfect the means actually to see them? The United Press put the question to Hogg and some others who have thought about the difficulties involved. Their comment follows:

Hogg: "That will be quite an order." Atmospheric turbulence is the big obstacle now. But suppose the rocket men succeed in setting up a space laboratory outside the atmosphere? In that event "there would be some wonderful discoveries."

Prof. George Gamow of George Washington University: "There is very little hope (of seeing other worlds) with the instruments we have now. But nothing is impossible."

Astronomer Francis P. Scott

of the Naval Observatory: "If I said 'no' some smart fellow would come along and do it."

Look To Moon

Benjamin Adelman of the National Capital Astronomers: "It might be possible if we could establish an observatory on the Moon."

A new statement of theoretical reasons for belief in "other worlds than ours" appears in the current Atlantic Monthly. It was written by Donald H. Menzel, director of the Harvard Observatory. He believes that "life, even

human or superhuman life, may exist in millions of places in the universe."

As of now, however, about all that astronomy hopes to prove in the reasonably near future is that there are other planetary systems in the regions of space closest to the Sun.

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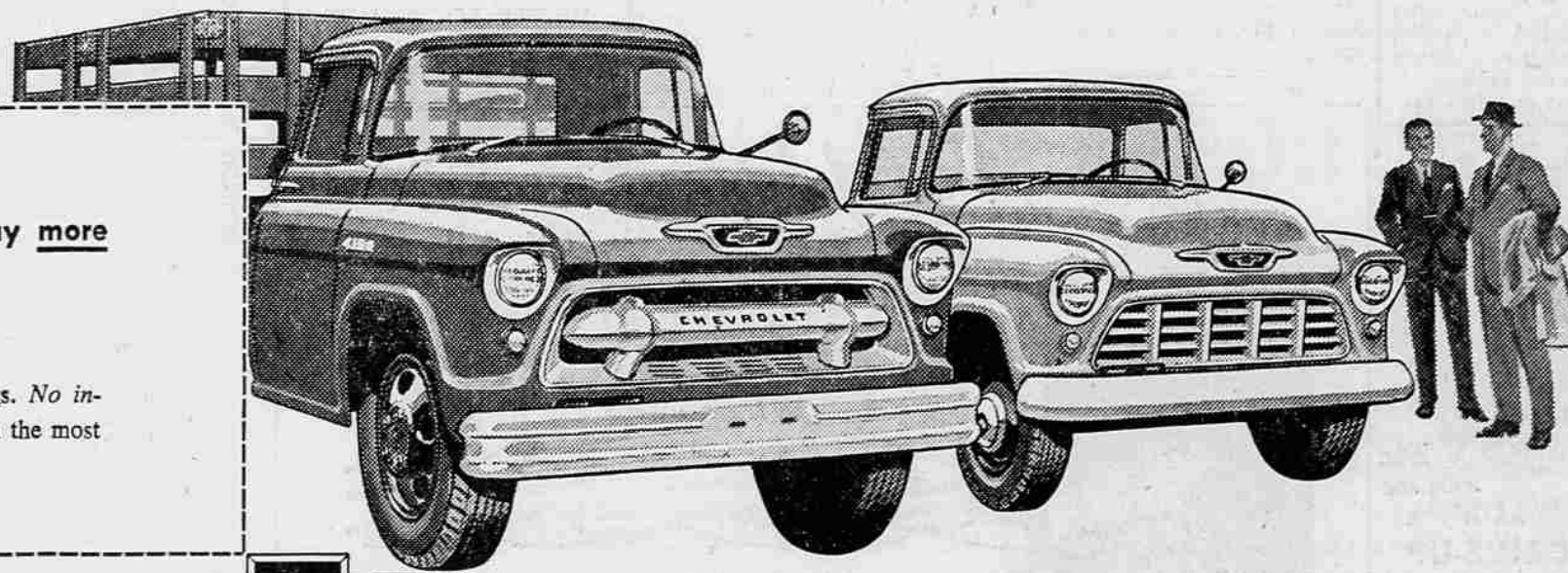
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