

Quotes From the News

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New Orleans—Beatrice P. Adams, on why she killed her renege lover by repeatedly running over him with her automobile: "God and I are tired of men taking advantage of women. I realized he was like all other men—rotten to the core. I thought I'd do the world a favor."

Moscow—Soviet violinist David Oistrakh, on the reception given violinist Isaac Stern, first American soloist to appear in Russia in 10 years: "I am very glad to have been present at this success of a colleague and friend. All Moscow eagerly awaited this concert."

United Nations, N.Y.—Henry Cabot Lodge Jr., U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, on the success of U.N. Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld's mission to the Middle East: "Once again, as in the release of the American fliers imprisoned in Communist China, Mr. Hammarskjöld has earned our respect and gratitude."

Washington—Murray M. Chotiner, Vice-President Nixon's 1952 campaign manager, on charges he used Nixon's name in his private legal practice: "At no time have I ever used the name of the vice-president in connection with any client... before any agency of the United States."

Manila—Florentino Das, who sailed alone in the 26-foot Lady Timarau from Honolulu to the Philippines, on his faith during the long voyage: "I just said, 'God if you don't like the Lady Timarau to reach her destination, just drop your ladder up there and I'll start climbing.'"

Paducah, Ky.—The Rev. William S. Evans, at funeral rites for the late Senator Alben W. Barkley: "Across his beloved state and throughout the nation and the world, men have loved him, respected his integrity, followed his counsel, and have been enriched by his personality."

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Laughs of the Day . . .

New Rochelle, N.Y. —(U.P.)—Mayor George Vergara said today the city would no longer honor a contract made in 1889 by French Huguenot settlers.

In payment for a land grant, descendants of Lord John Pell, on each June 24, have received "one fatte calfe."

San Fernando, Calif. —(U.P.)—Burglars chopped a doorway into the rear of a liquor store here Thursday and took more than \$600 in merchandise.

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Franklin, N.J. —(U.P.)—Burd and bees are giving the Hardyston Township Committee a problem—and vice versa.

George Burd, a beekeeper, complained Thursday that many of his bees have died from a weed-killer spray the township uses on roadsides.

Montgomery, Ala. —(U.P.)—J. L. Weldon was fined \$1 Thursday for illegally parking a sawhorse.

She said she put the carpenter's sawhorse in the street in front of her home to reserve a parking space for her son's car.

Dartford, England —(U.P.)—Capt. Frederick Briggs was fined five pounds \$14 Thursday for speeding.

Police said he drove the 2-230-ton ship "Cavallo" down the River Thames too fast.

Is That So?

By EUGENE BURNS
Ranger-Naturalist

For those who love fresh flowers in the living room—and who doesn't—I've got good news which may double the life of your cut flowers (and halve your flower bill) and perhaps help you put delicate blooms on your table which you had previously dismissed as being too perishable and not worth the effort of arranging.

These flower-saving ideas have been gleaned from many sources: a thick file, interviews with some of Japan's leading flower arrangers including Utsa Tsukuda, one of Japan's most venerable teachers and flower arrangers, and from two excellent new books, "How To Make

Cut Flowers Last" by Victoria R. Kasperski and "First Aid for Flowers" by Mary Reynolds Babcock.

Question: What is the best time to cut flowers, early morning or evening?

Answer: The later in the after-



noon the better, preferably after the sun has gone down. During especially hot weather, a very early morning cutting—well before the sun has dried the dew on the petals—is all right.

Question: With what kind of an instrument should you cut flowers?

Answer: Always cut the stems with a sharp knife—not a scissors and never break the flower off by hand. For heavy branches, use sharp pruning shears or a small saw. A dull knife or scissors will bruise or pinch together the tubes which give the flower water.

Question: Should you cut straight across?

Answer: No. Always cut the stems at an angle. This benefits the plant from which it is cut—it heals faster because it collects less water moisture than a straight-across cut.

Also the slant cut cannot come to rest flat on the bottom of the container and cut off the water supply. It does not tend to squeeze the stem cells as the straight cut does. And finally, more cells are exposed for water intake.

Water for Flowers

Question: Should flowers be plunged into water immediately after cutting?

Answer: With a few exceptions, flowers should be plunged into water immediately after cutting. In fact, it is a good idea to carry a container of water into the garden. The exceptions, curiously, are the gladiolus and marigold. They respond well to slight wilting. Left out of water for a while after cutting will benefit them.

Question: Should flower stems be cut under water?

Answer: Many. When stems are cut above water, air bubbles immediately rush into the open cells of the tiny moisture-conducting vessels and the bubbles impede the flow of the water up the stems.

Cutting stems under water prevents the formation of these air bubbles.

But if stems are cut under water they should remain under water—and if possible kept in the same water in which they were cut. Obviously, if stems cut under water and lifted and placed in another container or handled much while they are being arranged air bubbles may again develop and block the water-conducting cells.

Those which particularly benefit by recutting under water are chrysanthemums, which the Japanese love, asters, carnations, sweet peas, snapdragons, marigolds and marguerites.

Question: What is the advantage of burning the ends of flower stems?

Answer: The burning dries the ends of stems to hasten the absorption of water—not because of the exposure to air. Among those flowers benefiting by burning the stems are roses—they respond particularly well to this treatment.

Question: What about plunging stems into boiling water?

Answer: Good idea for some, such as poinsettias, poppies, oleander—all of which secrete juices. This dipping seals the cells from which the sticky substances exude and so helps prevent clogging. Additionally, it helps expand the adjacent water-conducting tubes.

In doing this, hold the stems at an angle into the near boiling water for one to two minutes so that the steam does not reach the flower or foliage. Then place the flowers immediately into water which is room temperature.

In two succeeding articles to appear in The Mail Tribune, we will deal with conditioning cut flowers, the best temperature of water, water changing, the use of chemicals and by the way, the use of aspirin as a flower restorer appears useless.

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Standard Board Recommended

Washington—(U.P.)—A recommendation to reduce the standard thickness of one-inch boards has been made to the Commerce department by the American Lumber Standards committee.

Committee officials refused to comment on the proposal or even to confirm that the recommendation had been made.

However, government sources said the committee had decided to go along with West Coast lumber producers and permit lumber to be cut three-quarters of an inch thick, instead of 25-32nds of an inch. The latter width now prevails generally in the industry and is required by the Federal Housing administration on FHA-insured construction.

The Commerce department will now pass the recommendation among other segments of the building industry to obtain their views on the change. This may take six months or longer.

Meanwhile, FHA will not formally change its 25-32nds requirement, although it has agreed to approve use of thinner boards to prevent any work stoppages.

TERMS MET

Chicago —(U.P.)—Mrs. Iris Smiles, 26, was all smiles today, because her husband satisfied all her requirements for setting aside a divorce decree. Smiles bought her a new convertible, began construction on a new home, gave Mrs. Smiles a checking account, made reservations for a second honeymoon in the Bahamas, and promised to cultivate an interest in art and music.

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