

They'll Do It Every Time By Jimmy Hatlo



On The Side

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If even slightly superstitious the man elected president of the United States in 1960 will have something besides the cares of office to worry about. Every president of the United States elected in a year ending in zero has died in office. That includes Harrison, Lincoln, Garfield, McKinley, Harding and F. D. Roosevelt.

**Sidelights**  
The eight children of a Chicago couple named Thibbeau, all have the same initials, that is, "T. T." the youngsters are named Turk, Terrance, Thomas, Timothy, Toby, Tamara, Therese and Tracy. The Thibeaus also have a dog named Toni. . . How frequently should a man get a haircut? Sir Anthony Eden, one of the world's most fastidious fellows, gets his hair cut once every three weeks.

**Champion**

Ever hear of a champion named David Jones? I never did until the other day. Mr. Jones, a Missourian, is said to be the world's champion speller. Is

claimed he once spelled 15,000 words consecutively without making a single error. And that he has never been defeated in a spelling match.

**Cruel Sports**

In the 1954 running of that horribly cruel "sporting" event, the Liverpool Grand National Steeplechase, four horses were killed. In the 1953 running three horses were killed. The deaths of these horses inspired the organizing of that British group called "The Society Opposed To Cruel Sports."

**Guide To Guys**

Aquarian (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) males have a preference for girls who are not easily conquered. Or as the saying goes, "Hard To Get." They prefer to pursue rather than be pursued. Most Aquarians are successful. Many become famous. A woman who marries a man of that sign stands a chance of being relegated to the background, of living in reflected glory. Or so say the stargazers. (Note: Men born under Aquarius include Abraham Lincoln, Lord Byron, Robert Burns, F. D. Roosevelt, Charles Dickens, Henry Irving, Thomas Edison, Charles Darwin, Seymour Berkson, Jack Benney, Garret Garret, Jimmy Durante, Ronald Colman, Adolphe Menjou and Edgar Bergen.)

**Please Note**

It was that distinguished producer of innumerable successful stage plays, Charles Frohman, who observed: "All great plays are written backwards because every great play is a solution of

some human problem." . . . All football stadiums, baseball parks and race tracks should have escalators to aid the patrons in reaching the right spots in the stands. This would be very effective assistance in battling the nation's number one killer, heart disease.

**Percentage**

An extensive check revealed the jackpot on a "One Arm Bandit" machine turns up once in every 2,667 times. The house take on such machines is 25 per cent and up. The house take on craps is around one and one quarter per cent. Incidentally, the gambling casino at Monte Carlo, Monaco, has only two craps tables but features a large battery of "One Arm Bandit" slot machines.

**Psychiatrists**

There is a higher percentage per population of Psychiatrists in Beverly Hills, Calif., and environs than in any other section of the world. One of the most popular of these practitioners is a beautiful blonde. She has both men and women patients. It is said patients are strongly inclined to fall in love with their Psychiatrists. May be nothing to this. However, we suggest feminine subscribers completely check the situation before permitting their husbands to consult a beautiful blonde, or even a brunette, Psychiatrist.

**Briefly**

Abraham Lincoln originated the practice of referring to a wife as "The Little Woman" when he so referred to his mate in a political speech. . . Note it said "Will Success Spoil Rock Hunters?" Is the "longest legitimate stage play title seen on

Supersonic 'Race Track' To Test Emergency Bailouts

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Hurricane, Utah—(U.P.)—A semi-public showing of SMART, America's fastest "race track," is planned for late this month on Hurricane Mesa, just west of colorful Zion National Park.

SMART stands for Supersonic Military Air Research Track. Objective of the 12,000-foot long track and its rocket-propelled sleds is to perfect ways for crews of America's supersonic airplanes to survive emergency bailouts while flying high and fast.

Civilian contractors turned the test track over to the government last summer, but military security has veiled operations since and nothing has been made public on performance of the \$2,000,000 facility.

However, the Air Research and Development Center at Baltimore, Md., operator of SMART, and the Coleman Engineering Co. of Los Angeles, the civilian contractor, have set up a limited tour of the project for newsmen on May 25 to provide a first-hand account of its operations.

**Two Sleds Propelled**

If the track is operating according to original plans, the press, radio and television reporters and cameramen should see a spectacular demonstration.

They will see a pair of highly polished steel tracks, six-feet, eight-inches apart, that have been placed—precisely level—on concrete pedestals marching more than two miles through a clearing on the top of Hurricane Mesa.

At the edge of the clearing are 28 towers where high-speed cameras record progress of the experiments.

At the north end is a reinforced concrete "blockhouse" where project directors, protected from the intense heat of the rocket blasts, operate controls.

A director's signal "blast off" the rockets. Two sleds, riding the greased rails on slipper-like "shoes," are propelled down the track at a speed designers hoped would exceed 1,500 miles an hour, more than twice the speed of sound at this altitude.

When the sleds reach the south end of the mesa, a projection from the underneath side of the rear "pusher" carriage splashes into a water trough that serves as a braking device to bring it to an abrupt halt.

As the "pusher" stops, the forward sled receives another rocket blast—according to specifications—and leaps over the edge of the mesa. At the same time, a projectile simulating that carried by aircraft "ejects" the test capsule carried on the sled.

**No Passengers on Sleds**

Both the capsule and the forward sled are lowered by parachute to landing mats at the base of the mesa, 1,500 feet below the rimrock edge, and onto the desert between Hurricane Mesa and the meandering Virgin river.

Arrangements have been made to stop traffic on the highway from Hurricane to Zion Park while the experiments are in progress to avoid having some of the devices land on passing cars of park-bound tourists.

The Air Force, in setting up SMART, said that at no time would humans be carried in the sleds but the "cargo" would be confined to instruments and dummies.

At a similar "slower" track in New Mexico, Lt. Col. John P.

Stapp late in 1954 rode a rocket sled at a speed of 632 miles an hour, the fastest man has ever traveled on the ground. An unmanned sled on the Navy's track at China Lake, Calif., has attained an announced speed of 1,280 mph.

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State Fisheries Funds in Jeopardy, Neuberger Claims

Washington — (U.P.) — Sen. Richard Neuberger (D-Ore.) said yesterday that Oregon is in danger of losing federal funds appropriated for the restoration of salmon runs on the lower Columbia river and accused Gov. Elmo Smith and the Oregon Fish commission of placing the federal aid in jeopardy.

Neuberger said that at a recent hearing on the Columbia fish program senators were critical of the lack of action taken by the state to carry out its end of the bargain.

**Money Not Used**

Sen. Allen Ellender of Louisiana, chairman of the public works appropriations subcommittee, said that by the end of June, \$500,000 of the amount appropriated by Congress for restoration of the salmon runs will not be used, Neuberger said.

"The longer you delay this thing the more it is going to cost. Maybe if Congress cut it a little bit, we might wake them up. I would like to serve notice on them right now, as chairman of this committee, that if you come here next year with an unobligated balance, I guarantee you we will cut it back," Neuberger quoted Ellender as saying.

**Land Difficulties Told**

William Hagen, Jr., assistant chief of the Game-Fish and Hatcheries branch of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife service, told the meeting that the Oregon Fish commission has not been able to obligate its money rapidly enough because they had land difficulties and in procurement of engineers.

"There is no valid excuse for this inability of Oregon to live up to its obligations under the Federal-State Cooperative project," Neuberger commented.

Neuberger placed the blame on Gov. Smith, saying that the governor in the past had not been an advocate of conservation and evidently is indifferent to the situation.

**Litigation Causes Delays**

In Portland, M. T. Hoy, state fisheries director, said the state was moving as fast as it was able to meet its obligations to federal agencies. He said there had been numerous delays caused by protracted court litigation over fish commission suits to condemn property for hatchery construction. One such case, in Hood River county, was delayed for months because of a missing heir, Hoy said.

About 99 per cent of the U. S. tobacco crop moves to market by truck, in addition to 97 per cent of the milk, 96 per cent of poultry, eggs and cotton, and 91 per cent of grain.

Europe consumes more wheat than it can produce.

Broadway in 50 years." How about that play titled "Six Characters In Search of An Author?"

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