



**PLUCKY**—Nine-year-old Tony Lepre, struck down by a speeding stolen car six weeks ago in Newark, N. J., smiles courageously as he is visited by his father, George, in Newark's Martland Medical Center. Doctors were forced to amputate both of the youngster's legs. When Newark papers reported that Tony's dad was jobless and in financial difficulties, contributions of \$8000 poured in to aid the plucky lad.

### Langley Declines Jury Invitation

Portland—(U.P.)—District Attorney William M. Langley yesterday declined an invitation to appear before the Multnomah county grand jury.

Langley said he sent a letter to the jury explaining his reasons for not appearing.

Police Chief Jim Purcell and Mayor Fred Peterson appeared before the jury in response to invitations.

None of the e was under subpoena.

The jury is in its second week of investigating vice allegations here.

### Bakery To Build Plants In Salem and The Dalles

Portland—(U.P.)—E. F. Davidson, president of the Davidson Baking company, announced here yesterday that his company will build new distribution-sales buildings in Salem and The Dalles.

Davidson said the identical buildings will be 40 by 140 feet. Cost of each of the two buildings will be about \$52,000.

### Construction Center Office Shows 'Something Wrong'

San Francisco—(U.P.)—Even the casual visitor feels there is something wrong with the stairway leading to the ultra modern offices of the Construction Materials center.

The feeling becomes stronger on entering the spacious "library" and exhibit rooms where all the materials of construction, decor and furnishing are blended into something resembling an unfinished movie set.

On the stairs, one wall is finished with paneled redwood, set off in style with attractive planters of greenery. The other wall is cracked ancient plaster with blistered paint. The steps and risers of the stairs are worn with age.

One office has the exposed ceiling of pipes and rafters seen in an old warehouse, while other offices have the latest thing in sound-proofing. A floor may be covered with imported Danish cork flooring, another may be simply the splintering boards of the original building.

#### Not Many Spacers Left

"It's for a purpose," explained Victor di Suvero. "Those unfinished portions are the blanks left to fill in our three-dimensional catalog. They will be filled with an in-use exhibit — and there

are not many spacers left."

The Construction Materials center is the brain-child of 28-year-old di Suvero, and is the first of a series of centers contemplated from coast-to-coast in such cities as Los Angeles, San Antonio, Seattle, Denver, Portland, St. Louis, Chicago, Atlanta, Miami, Boston, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and New York.

The purpose is simple in concept. The center provides a permanent exhibit of nearly every product that goes into the making of a home or an industrial building. Competitive products are displayed side by side and are presented impartially so that the architect, builder or do-it-yourselfer can choose for himself.

Here related products can all be examined in conjunction. All the elements of a proposed exterior or interior for a home can be seen together so that a complete and accurate picture can be formed in a very short time. Here such questions as "Who carries it?", "Will it really stand up to the weather?", "What does it actually feel like?", "Does it slide easily?" can be answered immediately.

The center is unique. Not only are there samples of all mater-

ials such as Italian marble tiles, Dutch and Australian plywoods, British expanded aluminum, Japanese fencing, German lighting fixtures, but each is exhibited in use.

Scientifically designed "wing displays" carry samples, and drawers have bulkier items. In addition, all are cataloged in an extensive library system so that manufacturers can be put in touch with potential buyers and consumers or vice versa. This is no direct salesmanship. There is an objective study.

"The center," said di Suvero, "has been conceived as a service for the public, supported by the manufacturer, to provide usable current information concerning their products. It differs from exhibits like a 'home show' because it is permanent. It is not a trade show or a selling organization. We've had inquiries from everywhere and are in the process of setting up branches in every major building area in the country."

#### NICHOLS VACATIONS

Harman Nichols, author of the Mail Tribune's column, Comment on This and That, is on vacation. His column will be resumed on his return.

### SHAKESPEARE WOOS REDS

Tokyo—(U.P.)—Shakespeare finally has come to the Communist Chinese stage. Peiping Radio reported today Romeo and Juliet was performed in Peiping Tuesday night for the first time.

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### On The Side

By E. V. Durling

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From this hour the summer rose sweeter breathes to charm us. From this hour the winter snows lighter fall to harm us. Fair or foul—on land or sea, Come the wind or weather. Best and worst, whatever they be We shall share together.

Excessive weight is a life shortener. The larger the waist line the shorter the life line. That's what the physicians and health experts are constantly claiming. However, it isn't necessarily so. Here are some notable exceptions. I know of a Chicagoan who is 81 and weighs 200. She feels fine. She has three sisters; one is 77 and weighs 260, another, 75, weighs 235, and another, who is 73, weighs 300. They, also, all feel fine. They had a sister who weighed 110. She died years ago. Incidentally, she was the only one of the four sisters accepted for life insurance.

**Guide To Guys**  
Cancer (June 22-July 23) men are easy to get and hard to hold. To win the affectionate regard of an Aries (March 21-April 20) man, flatter him on the brilliance of his intellect. As for a Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20) encourage him to tell his troubles but never tell him yours. Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20) are easiest men to break into matrimonial harness. They make no show of resistance when asked to help with the housework. The first man to have a "his" apron pinned on him was probably a Piscean. Or, so say the stargazers.

**Dessert**  
How does your wife rate as a culinary expert? How versatile is she in making desserts? Does she know how to make "utterly deadly pecan pie"? Certainly, there is a dessert so named. The recipe can be found in the cook book titled "Cross Creek Cookery" by Marjorie Kinan Rawlings.

**Asking**  
Queries from clients. Q. Was there a song titled "Praise The Lord and Pass The Ammunition" or was that just a remark made by somebody? A. Was titled of World War II song written by Frank Loesser. Q. Who was the better actress, Sarah Bernhardt or Sarah Siddons? A. Mrs. Siddons is rated the best actress of all time. She achieved no recognition as an actress until after she married and became a mother. These who claim motherhood is a necessary experience for a great actress use Mrs. Siddons as an example. However, others say motherhood had nothing to do with Sarah's recognition. That at first she was miscast in being given comedy parts when her great talent was in being a tragedienne.

**Horses And Women**  
What are the measurements of the "perfect" feminine leg? Willy de Mond says they are as follows: ankles, 8 1/2 inches; calves, 12 3/4, and thighs, 20. Among those who have nearly perfect legs is the Princess Rainier nee Grace Kelly. Her measurements are: ankles, 8 3/4; calves, 12 1/2, and thighs, 19 1/2.

**Expectant Papa**  
Are you by any chance an expectant papa? Have you the necessary knowledge to deliver a baby in case of an emergency? That is, if no doctor is available. If policemen can learn how to deliver babies, why not you. I heard of a father of 14 who officiated at the delivery of all his offspring. He was not a doctor. Nor was he a policeman. He was a boilermaker by trade. He mastered the technique of child delivery by reading books on the subject.

**Streamlining**  
The most fattening cocktail is the Dry Martini which has 130 calories. A jigger of Scotch has 113 calories; Rye, 127; Rum, 134, and Gin, 122. Keep this in mind if you are supervising the streamlining of your wife so she will present a glamorous appearance in a bathing suit. Wives being streamlined should be limited to two cocktails per party, no matter what the ingredients of the drinks are.

**Conscience Bothers; Railroad Gets Check**  
Minneapolis—(U.P.)—The Minneapolis & St. Louis railway office here recently received a \$3 check from a Port Townsend, Wash., man who said his conscience has bothered him for more than 40 years.

The man said in an accompanying letter that he took a trip from Watertown, S.D., to Stamford, S.D., in 1909 or 1910.

He explained that he lost his ticket and promised the conductor to mail him the money but never did.

"As near as I can remember," the letter said, "the fare was \$2.54. This however, may not be correct, so I am enclosing \$3."

**Hilton in Portland To Discuss Hotel Plans**  
Portland—(U.P.)—Hotelman Conrad Hilton arrived here yesterday to meet with local business leaders on the possibility of building or leasing a new downtown hotel here.

A spokesman for Hilton said plans were "still in the discussion stage." Talks were scheduled with business leaders today.

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