Inventions Make Life Simpler, Sweeter and More Expensive

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New York—(U.P.)—You may be taking a vacation, but the people who work at making your life simpler, better designed, sweeter smelling and more expensive never seem to stop.

Reports on only 10 days of such progress piled up on this desk during a recent vacation—a sloping, sliding hill of fat envelopes filled with triumphant announcements.

A perfume company is ready to start scenting women's bank checks. The sweet-smelling check enclosed with that announcement proved it can be done.

Somebody thought up a comb with flexible teeth. It adjusts to fit your head.

A company that makes pot holders and dish cloths hired the man who founded the National Society of Decorative Designers to style their products. A pot holder should be a thing of well-designed beauty, the company reports.

Christian Dior set to work on the pot shape in hats and came up with a square bowl. The down-turned cloche brims that have covered our foreheads for the past couple of seasons should continue, the French designer decreed.

Another Frenchman did the impossible. He patented a dining table on which dishes appear and disappear without being touched by human hands. The table is equipped with a moving conveyor belt. Press a button and a place setting moves in front of you. Press another button and it moves on to a compartment under the table where the dishes are washed, dried and polished. You still have to carry the food to the table from the stove.

The first American-made rugs to be mothproofed will be in stores this fall, one fat envelope proclaimed. The mothproofing process also will be included in some children's sweaters.

Men now can wear plastic golf shoes and dacron hats. The hats are strawlike and sturdy and the shoes are expensive and colorful.

Dieters now have a new low-calory bread and non-fattening ice cream cones. The cones are made of dextran instead of sugar.

Know Your Way

Then there are the belts for girls who like to know where they're going. The buckles are equipped with authentic compasses, and back-to-school dresses for girls who prefer to keep track of where they've been. Small diaries dangle from the belts.

In case some inventive brain isn't already at work at this, we have analyzed this 10-day pile of progress reports and come up with a suggestion which ties in with several of the developments. It is an invention for dieters who buy the Frenchman's automatic dining table.

Just build a set of scales into a dining room chair seat. The diner could set them at his desired weight. When he had eaten his quota, the scales would automatically release the conveyor belt button and the food would move away from him and disappear under the table.

Native of India Discusses Impact Of English Rule

Ashland — Dr. Eddy Asirvatham, lecturer from Madras, India, spoke to an assembly of townspeople and students Wednesday morning at Southern Oregon College.

His topic, "A Birdseye View of India," contained a brief reference to India's history from 3,000 B.C until the present with the greater emphasis placed upon the years from 1947 when India gained her complete independence until the present.

Dr. Asirvatham observed that a number of both good and bad results were apparent when considering the impact of England's rule upon his country. He cited the fact that the elimination of great famines was good; that 34-000 miles of railroads were built by the British; a knowledge of the English language was imparted to the upper classes; a parliamentary system of government was instituted; and a large measure of law and order was brought to the country.

As negative results under British rule, he listed: A loss of manliness, courage, and national self-respect; that the British had failed to solve the dual problems of poverty and mass education and the problem of mass ill-health was virtually neglected.

In support of the latter contention, Dr. Asirvatham said that even now nearly one hundred million of his countrymen suffered from malaria each year and that more than two million a year would die from this debilitating disease. Tuberculosis alone claims one-half million lives each year.

He declared that India was making giant strides in combating hunger and disease, saying that since 1947 after taking over from the British, the average life expectancy had risen from 26 to 33 years.

The current foreign policy of India, according to Dr. Asirvatham, is that of independent neutrality—serving as a bridge between East and West in the promotion of universal peace. He stressed the current friendliness between India and the British as an example of peaceful relationships between conqueror and conquered brought about by relatively peaceful means.

In conclusion, he expressed the view that India would like to see a situation come about where there would be "One World—with One Destiny."

AAUW Sponsors Festival Program On Radio Tonight

Ashland—"American Association of University Women presents scenes and music from the Oregon Shakespearean Festival" is the title of a special feature broadcast to be presented over Ashland radio station KWIN tonight from 8:30 until 9:30 o'clock.

The program will feature scenes and excerpts from the nationwide NBC broadcast of "Julius Caesar," which was presented during the 1952 festival season. Also included in the broadcast will be several transcribed instrumental numbers by festival musicians. Lindy Gordon, a member of this year's festival company, will act as mistress of ceremonies.

This transcribed program was previously broadcast to the Portland-Corvallis area over radio station KOAC, and was presented by Gladys D. Chambers of the Oregon State System of Higher Education. The AAUW program is a yearly feature, presented in cooperation with the festival and with Oregon State college.

Picnic Held

Electa Social club held the annual picnic last Friday at Touvelle park. Cards followed the picnic dinner.

Fifteen attended the event.

Mackinac Island, Mich — (U.P.)—Mary G. Franks has been elected first woman member of this famed resort island's village council.

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Selections to be played by the Ashland City Band will include: "Star Spangled Banner," "High School Cadets March," Sousa; "Pavane," Ravel; "Scepter of Liberty," Lolivaboti; "Carry Me Back to Old Virginy," Bland; "Marche Militaire Francaise," Saint-Seans; "Appalachian Suite," Kinyon; "Jeannie With the Light Brown Hair," Foster; Brigadoon selections, Loewe; "The Girl In Satin," Anderson; and "The Foot Lifter March," Fillmore.

The free concert will be given in the Butler Memorial bandshell. The public is invited to attend.

Episcopal Women Plan Luncheon at Black Oaks

Members of St. Elizabeth guild, St. Mark's Episcopal church, and others interested are holding a no-hostess sack luncheon at Black Oaks on the Rogue Friday, June 29.

Those wishing transportation are asked to be at the church at 11:45 a.m.

Coffee for luncheon will be furnished.

CALENDAR

Thursday

6:30 p.m.—Pocahontas lodge, Redman hall.

7 p.m. — Pythian Sunshine Girls, Pythian building.

7:30 p.m.—Phoenix Thursday club, home of Mrs. Vaughan Quackenbush, South Pacific highway.

8 p.m. — Reames Chapter O.E.S., Medford Masonic Hall.

Printed butterflies flutter on the waffle pique used in this swim suit by Brilliant Sportswear. The suit is designed with either black, blue, or red butterflies on the white background of the cotton pique. The National Cotton Council reports that cotton is setting the pace in swim suit fashions.

Lard Best for Crust Says Food Specialist

Urbana, Ill.—(U.P.)—For pies like "mother used to make," use lard, Geraldine Acker, University of Illinois foods specialist, advises.

Miss Acker says lard has higher shortening properties and makes flakier crusts than other types of shortening. She says a standard pie crust recipe calls for ¼ cup of lard to 1 cup of flour, while other types of shortening must be used in a ratio of ½ cup for each cup of flour to obtain the same result.

Researchers Begin On Packaging Study For Dairy Industry

Ithaca, N.Y. —(U.P.) — A new packaging method soon may be saving money for milk and food processors—and for housewives, too.

Dairy industry researchers at Cornell University have begun tests on a new and cheaper packaging method in which one machine combines the production and filling of plastic-coated paper containers. The machine can turn out as many as 70 complete packages a minute.

The packages are pyramid-shaped and are formed by the machine from a single roll of paper. The forming, filling, sealing, and counting of the packages is all done automatically.

Medford Artist To Exhibit Work

Six modern paintings by Steve Bayless, Medford, will be shown at Frake and Smith Paint and Wallpaper store for the next 10 days.

Three of the paintings were ribbon winners at the recent art show in Grants Pass sponsored by American Association of University Women.

His "Composition No. 29," and "Coastal Waters" won blue ribbons and "Ships" won a white ribbon. Also exhibited at Frake and Smith will be "Composition No. 11," "Composition No. 19" and a work entitled "Blue Nude."

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