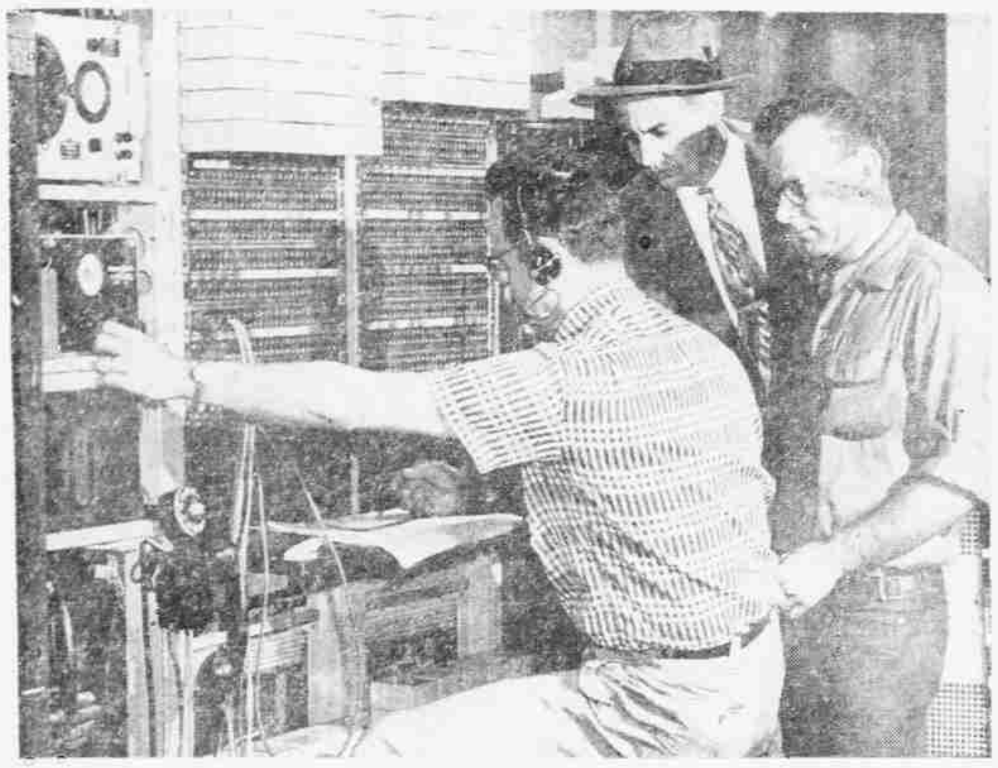

INSTALLING THE HEART OF A CONVENTION—Pacific Telephone & Telegraph installation foreman G. R. Sletner (center) and Robert Merchant (right) look on as George Vewis checks circuits of radio and television audio test panel being installed in San Francisco's Cow Palace. The telephone equipment, enough for an average size community, will be the "heart" of the Republican Convention in San Francisco the week of August 20.

Hood River Youth Drowning Victim

Hood River—(U.P.)—A 12-year-old boy drowned yesterday in the Columbia river at Koberg beach, two miles east of here. The victim was Gary Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brown of Sheridan, Ore. His father is pastor of the Nazarene church at Sheridan.

According to witnesses, young Brown and a 11-year-old niece, Sonja Steiber, were swimming with an innertube about 15 feet off the south shore of the Columbia when the two children began calling for help.

One of the swimmers in the area, Mrs. Keith Thompson, rescued the girl, but the boy apparently slipped from the innertube and vanished in the water. Attempts by other swimmers to rescue the boy met with no success.

His body was recovered about an hour after he disappeared.

The victim was visiting in the home of his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Orpheus Steiber, Hood River.

Agronomists estimate that weeds competing with crops are costing North Dakota farms up to $1,000 a year.

Fraud Ruled in Eugene Waivers

Eugene —(U.P.)— Circuit Judge William Fort has ruled that fraud was connected with the signing of waivers to a Eugene woman's estate, reportedly valued at $100,000.

The judge made the ruling in a suit brought against Edward J. Phillips, Eugene electrical contractor, by three persons who thought for many years that Phillips was their father.

The three sued Phillips, charging that he fraudently persuaded them to sign waivers to their rights to the estate of their late mother, Corrine I. Phillips Wilske.

They grew up thinking they were Phillips' children, but discovered that their real father was Carl F. Wilske of Illinois.

During the trial, Wilske had claimed that his wife had deserted him for Phillips in 1929, taking the three children with her. The children claimed that after their mother's death, Phillips had them sign a paper that later turned out to be a waiver of their rights to the estate.

Reckless Driver Dashes For Enough Cigarettes

Detroit —(U.P.)— Henry Gibbs led police a merry auto chase through side streets and alleys, halted his car at the curb and dashed into a drug store.

Arrested minutes later, Gibbs explained he thought he would go to jail for reckless driving and wanted to make sure he had enough cigarettes to last through his sentence.

He was fined $50 instead.

CIVIL WAR SALUTES

Geneva, N.Y.—(U.P.)—The soldiers' plot in the Glenwood Cemetery here is not always the quiet place it should be. Someone apparently gets a bang out of touching off a blast in the Civil War cannon on display in the cemetery. Twice this spring neighborhood residents were roused from sleep by explosions. Both blasts were traced to the old firing piece.

Reedsport —(U.P.)— Harry B. Fogelberry, 65, Portland, was fatally injured near here Wednesday in a one car accident.

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On The Side

By E. V. DURLING

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The fool that willingly provokes a woman
Has made himself another evil angel
And a new hell, in which all other torments
Are but mere pastime.
—Beaumont and Fletcher

One night I sleep under a blanket and a couple of quilts. Where? Why, sir down in Monmouth county, New Jersey, next night I could be tossing off the sheets and turning on an air conditioner. Variety may be the spice of life but I don't care for too much of it in such proximity. Still they say it is the variety in the climate that is responsible for so many New Jerseyites and New Yorkers living to a ripe old age. The claim is that if you safely pass the age of eight in either of these states your chances of unusual longevity are great. That being because your system has developed great powers of endurance. I don't know about new Jersey but I believe there is a higher percentage of healthy active octogenarians in New York than in any other city in the United States.

Please Note

How many heroines of hit plays have been salvation army lassies? That query is inspired by the announcement that there is to be a revival of Shaw's "Major Barbara" with Glynis Johns playing the title role. The first salvation army heroine was that of the part played by Edna May in "The Belle of New York." Incidentally, Edna was only 17, and an unknown chorus girl, when chosen for the part that made her famous. The second salvation army heroine was in the play titled "Salvation Nell." Mrs. Fiske played it. The third was "Major Barbara" played by Grace George. The fourth was the heroine of "Guys and Dolls."

Asides

It was thackeray who said, "to love and win is the best thing, to love and lose the next best" . . The best barbers and beauticians in the world are found in Italy. So you knew that? Did you know that the Italians are also tops in handling laundry and dry cleaning?

Sidelights

Marciano is the only heavyweight boxing champion who was undefeated when he won the title. Now if you claim to be a well informed sports fan, tell us who defeated Jack Dempsey before he won the title. How about Gene Tunney?. . Ira Grossel. Film actor, professionally known as Jeff Chandler is now 37 and has had grey hair since he was 15. Gray hair on a young man seems to have quite an appeal to many women. But I don't know why.

Get It Right

Elinor Glyn is still being wrongly credited with having originated the term "it." Get it right! The originator of this term was Rudyard Kipling wrote: "'Tisn't beauty, so to speak, nor good talk necessarily. It's just 'it.' Some women'll stay in a man's memory if they once walked down the street."

Asking

Queries from clients. Q. Was the original "Girl In Blue" a trapeze artist or a dancer? A. Mlle De Leon, the original girl in blue, was a trapeze artist. A feature of her act was removing her fancy garters and tossing them into the audience for the customers to scramble for . . . Q. If you were interested in acquiring a thoroughbred, what breeding lines would you favor? A. I would try for a Nasrullah colt having a French mare for a dam. I could also be interested in a colt sired by Polynesian, and might consider any yearling with a bit of Pomey blood in him. I would not race my colt until he was three years old.

The Family Council

Editor's Note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, a newspaper editor, a women's page editor and two newspaper writers. These consult with clergymen of all faiths and denominations. All letters are held in complete confidence.

Evelyn—I can't bring a new husband into this home.

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B.S.K.—We don't want to lose our grandchild.

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Evelyn—My husband died two years after our marriage, and I have raised my boy in the home of my parents-in-law. It is now five years that we have been living this way. I have been working in the family business, where my late husband was a partner with my father-in-law, and my mother-in-law has been helping with the boy.

Recently I became interested in a man as the result of an introduction maneuvered by my late husband's cousin. We have been seeing each other frequently and we have discussed marriage.

Now, my relationship with my parents-in-law looms as an insoluble difficulty. When my husband died, I was so downcast it never occurred to me I would ever again want to be married. I agreed to stay on with them permanently, but I don't see how a new husband would fit into the picture.

My mother-in-law seems understanding, but my father-in-law refuses to see there is any problem. He simply says my husband is welcome to come into the home but that my boy should remain with the grandparents if I should decide to leave them.

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B.S.K.—We had only one child, and he is gone. Now we have only one grandchild, and it would be wrong to take him away from us. I took my son into the business as a partner, and I hope that some day our grandson may be able to take over the business.

We realize that Evelyn is still young and entitled to marry again. If the young man is willing to live with us, he is welcome. But if he cannot accept that situation, perhaps he will also find it difficult to accept a stepson. I am, frankly, afraid of the complications if Evelyn and her husband should have other children.

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The Council—Evelyn made an initial mistake in deciding to make her home permanently with her in-laws after her husband's death. She should have maintained close relations with them, but should have made it clear she would have her own home as soon as circumstances permitted.

The invitation to the suitor to join the family of the in-laws may be entirely sincere, but it is rather preposterous. The future marriage would have a better prospect if Evelyn were already maintaining her own home. As long as the boy is cared by the grandmother, this man will never find out whether he is really willing to become the boy's father.

The present setting is simply not conducive to a good start in a new marriage for Evelyn and her suitor. The parents-in-law have certainly done their best; they can best help now by assisting Evelyn to get her own apartment, and to let her raise her own son. Such a course would serve better to earn her continued gratitude and to keep close ties with the grandson than any bitterly controversial attitude.

Mr. B.S.K's course would either prevent the marriage from taking place or probably doom it to failure. In either case, all concerned would be hurt, the grandson probably most of all. Evelyn must have her own family.

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Portland Water Shortage Hinted

Portland—(U.P.)—The possibility that Bull Run reservoir could dry up by Sept. 19 if the state's present heat wave continued was expressed today by Chief Engineer Kenneth Anderson of the city water bureau.

Anderson urged the city to get started immediately on a $20,000,000 four-year program of constructing water bureau facilities. The construction would be intended to head off possible water shortages in years to come and would do nothing toward increasing the city's present water supply.

The Bull Run reservoir stores 10,000,000,000 gallons of water. On Monday of this week it was full. Since Monday, Anderson said, the city has been consuming an all-time daily record of 181,000,000 gallons.

"And if we have three or four more days of this weather," Anderson said, "this will be raised to 200,000,000 gallons a day."

Last year maximum daily consumption was 156,000,000 gallons.

Racing Commission Gets New Member

Salem—(U.P.)—Robert T. Mautz of Portland, chairman of the Oregon racing commission, resigned yesterday and Gov. Elmo Smith named Charles A. Evans of Independence to succeed him on the commission.

Mautz, who is also Oregon Republican national committeeman, said that he was resigning because of lack of time. He was first named to the commission in 1948.

Evans for many years has been racing superintendent for the Oregon state fair and has served as racing director and steward. He raises thoroughbreds on his Polk county ranch.

Heat Wave Blamed For Phone Disruption

Canby —(U.P.)— Oregon's heat wave was held indirectly responsible for a disruption of local and long distance telephone service here yesterday.

Solon Oscar Morse, 78, of Canby, fainted from heat Thursday afternoon and the car he was driving plowed into the Canby telephone office.

Robert Reilly, state police officer, said Morse apparently blacked out from the excessive heat. His car swerved out of control into the Canby Community Telephone association office and came to rest in the rear of the switchboard.

All of the telephone company employees escaped injury. Morse was taken to Oregon City hospital for treatment of a broken hip and numerous cuts.

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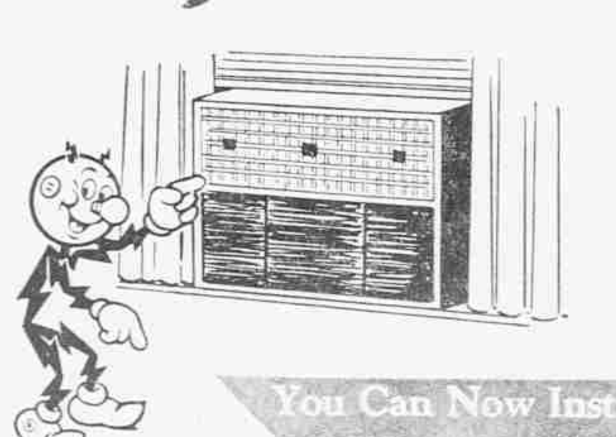

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