

## On The Side

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In discussing remarkable catches, I said I had seen an outfielder open a gate in left field at Yankee stadium, step into the stand a little, reach out and make a one hand catch of what appeared a certain home run. Fellow I was talking to said such a catch wouldn't be an out, that as soon as the ball crossed the rail of a stand it was either automatically a foul or a home run. I still claimed that the batter in this case was called out. What is your view of this argument?

### Please Note

Added weight shortens a thoroughbred's stride. In sprints it is of minor importance. Even up to a mile a good horse is not seriously handicapped by weight up to 130 pounds. Over 130 in races over a mile is a real handicap. That's why owners of stake stars so often refuse to run their horses when assigned over 130 pounds. In his last three races, Swaps should have been assigned at least 134 pounds. However, if he had been, he would have been kept in the barn. When an infraction of the rules was once charged, the New York race tracks posted a sign reading, "foul claimed." August Belmont thought that was a vulgar way of expressing it. So he changed the sign at Belmont park to read, "objection." Other tracks soon followed suit.

### Asking

Queries from clients. Q. What is the United States record for the most marriages by the youngest woman? A. Can't answer definitely. However, 35-year-old Juanita Deere of Tulsa, Okla., has been married 18 times so far. She has just filed for a divorce from her 18th husband so it can be assumed she will take a 19th spouse soon. Q. I claim Frenchmen who are six-footers are rare. What is the average height of the modern Frenchman? A. Average height of males in France is five feet, six and one-half inches. That's not so bad in France as the average female there is only five feet, two inches in height.

### Sidelights

Do you consider yourself sharp as to pronunciation? If so, how do you pronounce port said? ... Am asked who wrote the lively and inspiring ditty titled, "It's a great day for the Irish." It was none other than Victor Herbert. ... At what age could you recite the alphabet? How about your son? Or daughter? Arthur Greenwood of Brooklyn could recite the alphabet when one-year-old.

### Great Great Grandma

There's a Dallas, Tex., and a Dallas, Ore. Here is something for Dallas, Tex., to try to top. Mrs. R. I. Newton of Dallas, Ore., became a great, great grandmother at the age of 65. She became a mother at 16, a grandmother at 32, a great great grandmother at 49.

### Quartettes

What is the best quartet you ever heard harmonize? My nomination is the Vaudeville outfit billed as "That Quartette," members of which were Sylvester,

Jones, Pringle and Morrell. The most picturesque Vaudeville quartette was "The Primrose Four," billed as "One Thousand Pounds of Harmony." Each member of this group weighed 250 pounds or over. Incidentally, quartette singing is enjoying a sensational revival. The quartette known as "The Hilltoppers" made a recording of the song "Trying" which has already sold a million and a half copies.

### Chowder

Where in this fair land of ours can the best clam chowder be found? I am not prepared to say definitely. However, I wish again most emphatically to say that tomatoes have no place in clam chowder. Many experienced clam chowder enthusiasts claim New England clam chowder is tops. In this delightful concoction the following are used: clams, potatoes, onions, milk and pork. But no tomatoes!

## Eoka Underground Shoots Policeman

Nicosia, Cyprus. — (U.P.) — The Eoka underground shot and killed a Greek Cyriot special policeman Saturday bringing the death toll to four within 24 hours.

At the same time an island-wide strike protesting the hanging of three Greek Cyriots Thursday by British official was called off, although printers walked out of both the colony's English language newspapers.

The latest victim was a cashier of the Land Registry office. He was shot in Famagusta, a trouble town on the eastern end of the island.

Security forces later arrested four men when they combed the district and discovered arms, ammunition and pipe-bomb cases.

### Warning Repeated For Polio Vaccine

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — City health officials have repeated a warning that all children and pregnant women who have not received anti-polio vaccinations should get the shots as soon as possible. Ninety per cent of 180 polio cases reported this year have occurred among unvaccinated persons, they said.

### Legal Newspaper To Start in Los Angeles

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — The Metropolitan News, a weekly legal newspaper, will start daily publication next Thursday, it was announced Saturday.

Publishers Morris Barr and Frank Lorenzi said no major expansion in equipment or personnel was planned.

### 11th Naval District Names Mrs. U. S. Navy

Long Beach, Calif. — (U.P.) — A San Diego navy wife, Mrs. Juanita Marlin, Saturday was named to represent the 11th Naval district in the "Mrs. U.S. Navy" contest. Finals will be held here Sept. 15.

## 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 to complete confidence.

Mrs. B. L.—I long for retirement.

B. L.—I can't give up my job.

Mrs. B. L.—I would like my husband to retire, so that we could get away from the problems of living in a large city and the difficulties of the seasons. With all our children married, I think we could enjoy a comfortable retirement, what with social security and a substantial amount of money we could get by selling our home.

My husband will not hear of retirement. He argues that we would wind up in the poor house because inflation would wipe out the value of our social security and our savings.

I think my husband is foolish to keep on as he is because I am afraid it may shorten his years. I know that, feeling as I do, I cannot do all the housework I have been doing. I cannot take my husband's fears of inflation too seriously, since he has always been a worrier. I feel sure that, with four children doing well, we are in no danger of going to the poor house, even if things should get very bad for us, which is unlikely in view of our savings.

B. L.—My wife doesn't realize what she is asking. If I give up my job and move south to an old man's community, I may as

well die right now. My job gives me not only a salary, but people with whom to enjoy some social life, and it gives me a place in the community. My job is no strain on my health. Because of my many years in this business and the people I know, I can earn my salary without having to kill myself, but I do not know what I would do with myself in a strange community, where I would either find no work or have to do menial work.

There were times when I had heavy burdens and feared I would lose my job if I spoke up on any question or disagreed with anyone, but now I feel more independent and am really enjoying my job and, I think, proving more useful to my boss and receiving more appreciation.

The Council: B. L. knows where his best interests lie, but he has failed to consider his wife's problem.

She clearly finds her present way of living arduous and must have a change. To pack up and go south in total retirement would probably disappoint and disillusion her, as well as make him unhappy. But some relief from her present situation must be afforded. B. L. would be wise to tackle this problem on a number of fronts:

1. A trial trip to a southern vacation city for as much as a

month might convince his wife that permanent living there in total retirement on a skimpy budget would be an unhappy fate.

2. He might consider a smaller apartment, perhaps a residential hotel, perhaps some domestic help or more eating out.

3. As a substitute for retirement, he might offer longer or more frequent vacations, even if that entails a cut in his salary.

The kind of retirement Mrs. B. L. seems to yearn for is certainly no panacea, and probably a dangerous course for this couple.

### NEWSMAN DIES

San Francisco — (U.P.) — William Clinton Wren, 65, for 20 years managing editor of the San Francisco Examiner, died here Saturday after suffering a heart attack.

The fact she yearns for it indicates that her present life is too rigorous, and that she should have more relief from the hardships of weather.

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SHOCKED BY BLAST, faces of survivors picture horror of destruction caused at Cali, Colombia, when seven government dynamite trucks exploded with loss of upwards of 1,000 lives. Injured boy is aided by friends. (International)

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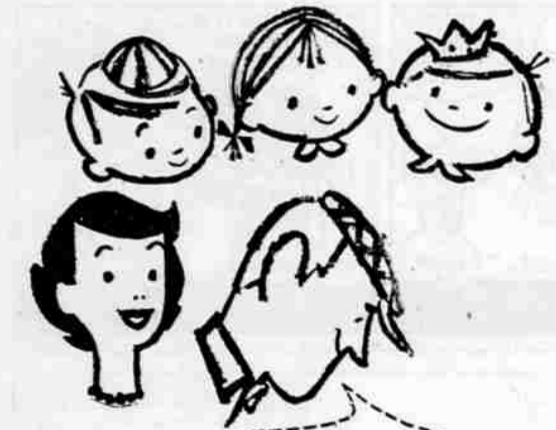
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