On The Side

By E. V. Durling

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Paris—To make the horses and women coverage of this trip complete as possible, I took a courageous step. I agreed to go with my girl friend to a fashion showing at the elegant establishment of Monsieur Christian Dior. Quite a variety of models exhibited an amazing number of different garments in speedy fashion. None of the attire shown created any degree of excitement among the assembled fashion enthusiasts until the display of Monsieur Dior's latest idea in "looks." This is a "long look." Skirts about three inches from the floor. If the good Monsieur can put over this "long look," all the ladies who went for the shorter look this year will have to buy new clothes. Or, so I heard it commented. The long look calling for much more material will also undoubtedly be highly pleasing to Monsieur Boussac, the textile manufacturer, and original backer of Monsieur Dior.

Models

As for the clothes show, my girl friend says pictures of most of them have already been shown in the leading fashion magazines. As for the models, they were the usual excessively slender paper-weight type. I don't believe one of them tipped the beam at over 105 pounds. Several of the petite manikins appeared to weigh around 80 pounds. Their waist measurements were from 18 inches to 21 inches. Incidentally, it would be imagined a dress model would be easy to feed. That dieting would be necesary. However, I understand most of them are very heavy eafers. They don't even pause when the pastry tray is passed around. Nevertheless, they never gain an ounce.

Model Manner

As the models tripped about, they cast haughty, arrogant and contemptuous looks at the assembled viewers. That's part of the act. One model tossed a mean look at me. I threw it right back at her. That threw her off her stride. She began smiling. Probably really a very good natured girl. She looked something like Myrna Loy.

Hats

Some of the models displayed hats. Monsieur Dior sells everything. Several of the young women wore those inverted flower pot or upside down wastebasket hats. Others wore those dishpan shaped hats flat on the head. Fifteen minutes of the fashion showing was enough for me but I held on to the finish. As we left, my girl friend said, "Tomorrow I'll take you to a Jean Patou showing." I said very firmly, "No you won't. Tomorrow I am going out to the St. Cloud race track to get back some of those francs I lost at Longchamp."

Taxicabs

There are 11,000 taxicabs in Paris. Just about the same number as in New York. There are no numbered streets in the French capital, so a taxi skipper really has to have a memory and know the city. On the avenue Wagram there is a cafe called "Au Rendezvous Des Chauffeurs." This is a taxi drivers' eating place. Nearby is a special parking garage for taxicab. One of the greatest difficulties experienced by New York taxi drivers is to find a place to park their cars while they eat. In Paris it appears the comfort and convenience of everybody is carefully considered.

Sidelights

No one-man buses in Paris. All the city line buses have a motorman and a conductor. . . . Most Parisiennes outlive their husbands. In Paris, the widows outnumber the widowers five to one. . . Most of the night club floor show girls are English. That's because most French girls are poor dancers. Practically all the night club "nudes" are French.

Onion Soup

As I may have said, I don't care for onion soup. However, if you do, I can tell you where the best onion soup in Paris is found. It is at a cafe called "Au Chien Qui Fume" (The Dog Who Smokes). This cafe was founded in 1796. It is the Halles market section. The name of this quaint place is inspired by the fact that it is decorated with pictures of dogs smoking pipes and cigars.

16 Women To Serve In New Congress

Washington — (U.P.) — Sixteen women will serve in the new Congress, tying the record high set in the first session of the last Congress.

Thirteen incumbents and two newcomers were elected to the House. Sen. Margaret Chase Smith (R-Me.) also will be back. Her six year term doesn't expire until the 1960 elections.

The newcomers are Mrs. Florence P. Dwyer, Republican, who unseated a Democrat in New Jersey's 6th district; and Mrs. W. T. Granahan, a Democrat, who took over the race of her late husband, a five-term congressman in Pennsylvania's 2nd district.

They will offset vacancies in the feminine congressional contingent created by the death of Mrs. Vera Buchanan (D-Pa.) and by the defeat in the primary elections, five Republicans and eight Democrats, were reelected.

Eisenhower's Farm Assessed at $6,250

Gettysburg — (Special)—The labor newspaper "Labor" claimed last week that President Eisenhower's farm here is assessed at $6,250, although some estimates have put its value as high as $300,000.

County Tax Assessor D. W. Woods said a reassessment is being considered, but he pointed out it is difficult because of the amount of goods and services contributed to Ike's farm by contractors and businessmen, "Labor" said.

Among the gifts have been a $4,000 tractor, 18 head of cattle, a cultivator, a rowboat, two flower gardens, hogs, a golfing green and other presents.

Republicans have defended the gifts as proof of Ike's popularity, but Democrats have been critical.

LOSES ELECTION BET

New York—(U.P.)—Harry Ferace, a New London, Conn., liquor dealer, paid off an election bet here Wednesday. He was pictured in the lobby of the News Building eating the 76-page election edition of the Daily News. In a letter to the newspaper Ferace promised to eat the paper if Stevenson lost.

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Johnson Scheduled To Speak at SOC

Ashland — Paul B. Johnson, former director of the American Friends Service committee's village development project in rural Jordan, will speak Friday, Nov. 9, at 11 a.m. in the Southern Oregon college library, and at 1:00 p.m. in Churchill hall auditorium. The public has been invited to attend the latter session, Dr. Arthur Taylor, chairman of the social science division which is sponsoring the appearance, announced.

Johnson recently returned to the West Coast after having spent three years in Jordan. Although its activities were primarily agricultural in nature, the program upon which he was working reached many phases of village life, including health, and sanitation, water use, communications, and rural credit.

As director of the project, Johnson gained an intimate knowledge of the villagers with whom he worked as well as of the governmental and political regimes in that part of the world.

ISRAELIS INCLUDED

London — (U.P.) — Pravda today published a list of congratulatory messages received in Russia from well-wishers abroad honoring the October Bolshevik revolution anniversary. Moscow radio said the list included the Israel Communist party.

Is That So?

By EUGENE BURNS
Ranger-Naturalist

To meet the hazards of their environment, all animals make wonderful adaptations. Particularly in protecting their helpless oncoming young. Not the least of these wonderful answers is the lowly frogs'. Mainly it's because frogs' eggs when laid in the open water are at the mercy of all sorts of hazards — ponds may dry up; fish, salamanders or other amphibians may eat the eggs; or water insects may deposit their own eggs inside them for the young to devour once they hatch.

A tree frog in Mexico deposits its eggs in the moisture-catching leaves of an airplant which grows on trees. When hatched, the little tadpole moves about much as a worm, feeding on the food available on the wet surfaces of the airplant's leaves. Without ever going near water, it gradually sloughs off the tail, acquires legs and lungs of the adult. And in the process, frustrates its many would-be enemies.

With the common midwife toad of Europe the male takes over the newly laid eggs. Instead of resorting to the water, the male calls the mute female from an entrance to a hole in the ground which he may have made. After she has expelled two strings of eggs, the male fertilizes them and then thrusts in one leg and then the other through the mass of eggs—much like stepping into a pair of trousers — entwining the gooey mess about his rear legs. Then, while the female hops blithely off, the solicitous male takes his precious though cumbersome cargo to his burrow. In the following nights, from time to time, he emerges to feed with the eggs still wrapped around his shanks. This foraging is important because the eggs absorb dew from plants. After three weeks, the male carries his precious load to some pool or stream. When the eggs are dipped into the water, the larva burst the soft coverings and take up life, to become adults . . .

Pops Eggs Into Mouth

The male of the South American frog does it differently. After the eggs have been fertilized, he pops from five to 15 into his mouth. Instead of passing them down his gullet, he works them through a small slit on each side of his tongue to reach his vocal pouch. He then carries them in this built-in nursery until the young are fully formed and they then depart by way of his mouth.

Others carry tadpoles on their backs. In Panama the male forest frog has been seen carrying tadpoles arranged in alternate directions—just like hand-packed sardines — on his back to pools. Once launched, the little tykes were on their own.

Suinam Method Unusual

But even more unusual perhaps is the Suinam toad's method. When the female is ready to lay her eggs, she extends a long tubular structure from her vent. This is carried forward on her back by a helpful male who presses on it as the eggs come out, one by one. The eggs stick to her skin and each gradually sinks into a separate pocket which forms to receive it.

Each of these individual nursery chambers is covered by a lid apparently developed from portions of the egg capsule, just

for this purpose. Some weeks later tiny but almost exact replicas of the adults appear, having gone through all the larval stages while sealed in the protective cavities of their mother's back.

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Dairy Cattle Takes SF Show Spotlight

San Francisco — (U.P.) — Dairy cattle took the spotlight today at the Grand National Livestock Exposition, Horse Show and Rodeo.

Major event of the day was the sale of Grand National Holstein-Friesian dairy cattle. Guernsey and Brown Swiss dairy cattle also were judged. Milking demonstrations were scheduled in the model barn.

At the Hereford breeding cattle sale Wednesday, Irvin Mann of Adams, Ore., paid a top price of $5,100 for a bull named "LM Zato Heir 19," consigned by Long Meadow Ranch of Prescott, Ariz.

The second high price was $1,500 paid by M. A. Clark of Paraiso Hereford Ranch. Soledad, Calif., for a bull named "C Zato Heir 35" consigned by Circle L. Ranch of Dyer, Nev.

Area Men Purchase Registered Cattle

Two local men have purchased registered cattle in recent weeks.

David Holmes, Bear Creek orchards, purchased 30 open registered heifers from Martin Herefords, Stevensville, Mont., and a herd bull from Curtice Herefords, Stevensville.

Ralph Cook, Hillcrest-Phoenix rd., Medford, bought 20 registered Polled Herefords from Charles Welty's 7 mile Hereford ranch in Custer, S. D.

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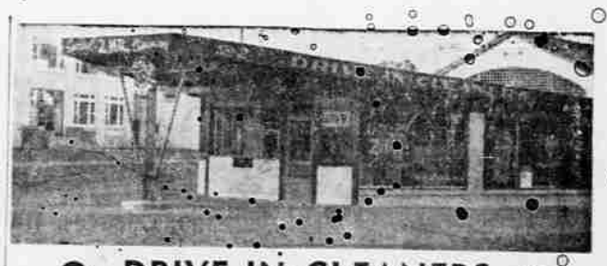

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