

On The Side

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Lady Nancy Astor owns a private taxicab. Is for her exclusive use. How I envy her. Practically all my adult life I have wanted to own a taxicab. It is not so expensive to buy a cab but the salary of the driver must be considered. If I become an opulent fellow, nearly the first thing I am going to acquire is a private taxicab. Think of being able to get into a taxi at 54th Street and Fifth Ave., Manhattan, and saying to the driver, "To the Pimlico track in Baltimore." And then not having to worry about the clicking of the meter. Wonder what the meter would register from 54th and Fifth Ave., Manhattan, to Pimlico? How about New York to Philadelphia? Or to Boston?

Longevity

Dr. Peebles, the minister who wrote that book titled "How to Live a Century," proved he knew what he was writing about. He lived to be 100 years old. When Dr. Peebles was 97, he officiated at the marriage of Dr. A. M. Morrison, who was 100 years of age at the time. The bride was 72. Dr. Morrison is the author of a book titled "Efficiency of Life At One Hundred Years or More."

Horses and Women

Paris expert on hair care says champagne makes an excellent hair rinse, especially for redheads. Why not bring your wife home a few bottles of champagne some day this week? . . . Color psychologists say the color with the least sex appeal is orange. That with the most sex appeal is pink. . . . Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 22) women will never admit they are wrong. They are bitter battlers for the last word. And will continue an argument far, far into the night to get it. Or, so say the stargazers.

Bartenders

How well informed is the bartender at your neighborhood pub or cocktail bar? Does he know how to make a "First Night Cocktail"? That is the drink that won Max Jordan of London the title of "World's Champion Bartender" in competition with

drink mixers from all over the world. The ingredients of a First Night cocktail are brandy, Vandy Hum (South African), Tia Maria and Vita Cream.

Passing By

Edward G. Robinson, America's greatest character actor. Real name is Edward Goldenberg. He is a graduate of the College of the City of New York and has a Master of Arts Degree from Columbia. He speaks eight languages. . . . Primo Carnara. At 49, he is still going strong as a professional wrestler. He was named Primo because he was the first child of his parents. He weighed 22 pounds at birth. Some baby! I believe the New York City record for weight of an infant at birth is 20 pounds.

Club Noel

In Paris there is a club made up of people who were born on Christmas Day. It is called the Club Noel. If there were such a club in this country, Evelyn Nesbit would be eligible for membership. She was born on a Christmas Day in Pittsburgh, Pa. At 14 she became a model. At 15 she went on the stage. It was on January 25, 1906, that her husband, Harry Thaw, shot Stanford White. Evelyn was then 22.

Cooking

Does your wife know how to boil an egg? The supreme test of culinary skill is the ability to properly boil an egg. Nine out of 10 housewives think they understand egg boiling but they don't. The proper way to boil an egg is first to heat the water to a boiling point and then put the egg in it. By any other method the egg is not properly boiled.

COOL CAKE

Indianapolis — (U.P.) — Indianapolis city council members had a cake ready for a birthday celebration honoring their clerk Teresa Laffey. But she couldn't attend the council session because of illness. The problem was solved by putting the cake in a deep freeze until Miss Laffey returned to work.

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Earthquake Touches Off Tidal Wave Alert

Honolulu — (U.P.) — A heavy earthquake in the Gulf of Alaska touched off a tidal wave alert in Hawaii Tuesday.

The University of California at Berkeley recorded three distinct quakes "which could have done great damage" if they occurred in inhabited areas.

They began recording here at 9:17 p.m. EST. A spokesman said they were "strong enough to make the tidal wave alarm system clang like mad."

The tidal wave alert was called off when reports from Fairbanks and Sitka, Alaska, and the Philippines indicated no unusual change in tides.

Boston College Girl Falls on Mt. Shasta

Dunsmuir, Calif. — (U.P.) — Twenty-year-old Emily Hatfield, a Boston college student vacationing in the west, spent New Year's day in a Mt. Shasta hospital after falling 1,500 feet down the slopes of Mt. Shasta.

Hospital attendants said she suffered bruises and cuts since she fell most of the distance in the snow but landed on rocks.

Forest rangers said Miss Hatfield and three male companions had notified the forest service of their intention to climb the mountain and were properly equipped but not roped together. The girl slipped as the party was returning from the summit.

HOT HORNETS

Shirley, Mass. — (U.P.) — Call fireman Donald Sidiau got more than he bargained for in helping to extinguish a barn blaze. The 21-year-old smoke-eater was hospitalized for treatment of stings inflicted on his hands, face and neck by flame-maddened hornets.

Assistant Secretaries Appointed by President

Washington — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower Tuesday appointed new assistant secretaries of interior and health, education and welfare.

The President appointed Ross L. Lefler, Philadelphia, to the newly created post of assistant secretary of interior for fish and wildlife.

Mr. Eisenhower appointed Elliot Lee Richardson, Boston attorney, to be assistant secretary of health, education and welfare. He succeeds Roswell Perkins who resigned.

Soviet Soldier Joins Hungarians in Flight

Eisenstadt, Austria — (U.P.) — A Soviet soldier joined three Hungarian Army men Wednesday in flight to the West.

The Russian was the fourth Red Army soldier to ask and receive asylum in Austria along with the flood of 156,000 Hungarian refugees who have poured across the Iron Curtain since Oct. 28.

Group Seeks to Have Morse on Demo Ticket

Washington — (U.P.) — Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) Tuesday announced formation of an organization to boom Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) for a place on the Democratic national ticket in 1960.

Neuberger said the group—the National Friends of Wayne Morse—proposes to boost Morse "an outstanding leader of American liberalism." The move has received "voluntary and enthusiastic support" from all over the country, he said.

Neuberger said the organization was formed "solely from a profound conviction that the country needs the services at the head of our government of a man of political courage and tested liberalism. Wayne Morse meets these qualifications."

He said Morse knew nothing of the decision to form the organization. Officers include Neuberger, chairman; John H. Travis of Hood River, Ore., head of the Oregon Friends of Wayne Morse; and Hugh H. Earle, treasurer of both the Morse and Neuberger senatorial campaigns.

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