

On The Side

By E. V. Durling

What 30-year-old mother of your acquaintance has the most children? Thirty-year-old Mrs. Charles Sharp of Keighly, England, has 12 children. These include four sets of twins. Mrs. Sharp may yet break all records for twin births. The United States record is seven sets of twins. The world's record is claimed by the Russians. They claim one of their countrywomen gave birth to 16 sets of twins. However, this must be viewed with skepticism as the Russians claim this same woman gave birth to 49 children in all. That, in addition to the 16 sets of twins, she also gave birth to seven sets of triplets and four sets of quadruplets.

So They Say
What about the marriage of a Libra (Sept. 24-Oct. 23) woman and a Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) man? Such is the query of a young woman of Manhattan. The astrologists claim the signs mentioned are incompatible. A Libra woman wants to dominate the household. A Scorpio man always wields his own way. Both have bad tempers. The Libra woman wants to be humored, soothed and calmed down when angry. A Scorpio male doesn't go for that. He likes to fight. Libras and Scorpios are both very extravagant and unless possessed of an unusually large supply of coin of the realm will probably be heavily in debt in a couple of years after their marriage. Or, so say the stargazers.

Briefly
Women talk 25 per cent faster than men, but say 40 per cent less. The females use too many unnecessary adjectives in conversation. Usually cigar smokers make the best baseball players. However, there is one notable exception to this rule. Ty Cobb has always been a cigarette smoker. He rolls his own.

Horses and Women
Not content with wearing what are with some justice called "silly hats," women are now going in for ridiculous hair styles. The most silly of the latter seems to be something called the "Two Tone Hair-Do." This calls for a woman having her hair so dyed that she appears to be a blonde in front and a brunette in back. For a married woman to feature such a freakish style should be grounds for divorce in all states.

Asking
Queries from clients. Q. What actresses played the featured roles in the silent film titled "Sally, Irene and Mary"? A. Joan Crawford, Constance Bennett and Sally O'Neill. That film was produced 32 years ago. Q. Wasn't the tune titled "Maple Leaf Rag" the first ragtime piano number? A. No, sir. The "Harlem Rag" by Tom Turpin was the first. The "Maple Leaf Rag" by Scott Joplin was the second.

Sidelines
Eamon De Valera, Irish statesman, suffers from weak eyesight. He had a special typewriter built with letters one-half inch high. . . . You are young if you like plays or films that make you cry. If you like those that make you laugh, you are getting old. Such is the claim of a character analyst.

Ford Foundation Announces Final Grants to Schools

New York—(U.P.)—The Ford Foundation announced Thursday the final grants in the foundation's \$90 million program to bolster the country's 45 private medical schools.

The grants, ranging from \$600,000 to \$3.6 million, are to be held as invested endowment for at least 10 years during which time the income is to be used for instructional purposes only. After the 10 years the schools may use the principal sum as well as the endowment income.

Henry T. Heald, president of the foundation, said in announcing the new grants that he hopes they will help focus public attention on the increasing financial needs of medical education.

The additional institution is Seton Hall College of Medicine and Dentistry which was not in operation at the time the initial grants were announced.

The \$90 million medical school program was part of a \$500 million appropriation announced by the foundation in December, 1955. The half-billion-dollar total also included \$210 million to raise college faculty salaries and \$200 million to improve hospital services.

The foundation also has approved an additional \$10 million appropriations to match contributions to the National Fund for Medical Education by industry and individuals and thus far has paid about \$1.4 million to the fund, the announcement said.

Neuberger Motion Defeated by Senate

Washington—(U.P.)—The Senate by voice vote has defeated a motion by Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) to eliminate the Bruce Eddy dam project of Idaho from the omnibus public works bill.

The action came late yesterday after a floor debate between Neuberger and Sen. Henry Dworshak (R-Ida.).

Neuberger called the Bruce Eddy project the "least desirable aspect of a very extensive bill" to practice economy.

The Oregon senator said "leading conservation groups throughout the country" were opposed to the project because the dam would "flood out valuable wildlife resources."

Dworshak answered that Neuberger "never seemed to be interested in economy when similar projects were proposed for his state." The Idahoan said Neuberger and others "want to keep Idaho a complete wilderness forever while projects are approved for other areas."

Is That So?

E. G. Henselman, 1946 Stewart ave., Medford, has won a 30-volume set of Encyclopedia Americana for submitting a "best nature observation" to Eugene Burns, ranger naturalist.



who writes "Is That So?" which appears in the Mail Tribune.

Henselman's article concerned wood rat nests in New Mexico. He described the article briefly as follows: "Wood rat nests in New Mexico are made up of twigs, leaves, pieces of wood and cattle dung. The nest in the center is so protected that the rain never penetrates it. Above the nest is the rat's winter supply of Pinon nuts."

"The Indians find these nests and take out as much as \$5 worth of nuts, leaving the rats without their winter food supply. The nuts are something like a pine nut and are good to eat."

"I was camping out in the mountains one night and unrolled my sleeping bag in an old garage which had a tin roof and sides, but no door at the entrance. I thought I was going to have a good night's sleep, but a wood rat kept me awake most of the night. It would sound like the animal was rattling the tin on the sides. I got up once or twice to try and see the rascal with my flashlight, but was not successful."

The article was submitted to Burns about eight weeks ago. Henselman said a panel of judges makes the award for the "best true-life nature adventure, or the best nature observation, or the best question on nature and wildlife."

Did you know that . . . the honeybee has been associated with man for more than 4,000 years?

The tunnel-driving mole has a sense of direction for its tunnels—under hollows and over ridges, it keeps approximately the same depth. It can excavate tunnels, shoveling away the dirt, at about 15 feet an hour.

In times past a giant ground sloth roamed the Americas which was 20 feet long and considerably larger than a full-grown elephant. In Patagonia, South America, the rolled-up dried skins of one of these animals was found along with cut grass and traces of early humans, suggesting that these beasts may have been kept in herds by primitive man, or at least that they existed at the same time.

Monarch Butterfly
Soon as warm weather comes to the southland in California and the Gulf states, the beautiful black and gold monarch butterfly will push north, laying its eggs on young milkweed plants. Butterflies developing from these eggs, will again push farther north. Thus, by leap-frogging and taking several generations they will finally reach southern Canada in late June and July—a trip of some 2,000 miles.

When colder fall weather arrives, these fragile-seeming butterflies—several generations removed from the original spring migrators—governed by some instinct we can hardly guess at, will begin their long journey south. Then, suddenly, miraculously, they will be found clustered by the thousands upon thousands on a single small tree. One of the most dramatic wintering grounds is in Pacific Grove, Calif., just out of Monterey.

Speaking of migrations, just how the salmon can manage to return to the same river, even the identical tributary in which it was spawned and hatched, after spending most of its life in the trackless ocean also remains an unexplained mystery. That they do this has been demonstrated time and again by tagging fish and catching them years later in the same stream.

Distance of Travel
While in the sea, the salmon may travel 1,500 miles and their journey upstream, as in the Snake and the Yukon rivers, may be an additional 1,000 miles. During sea migrations their sustained speed may be as high as 45 and even 60 miles a day.

The spiny anteater, or echidna of Australia, is one of the last remaining warm-blooded mammals that lays eggs. Usually it lays a single egg a year, places it in her incubator—a pocket of skin

EAGLE POINT Observes 79th Birthday

By MRS. THOMASINE SMITH
Eagle Point—"Granny" Weidman, well-known Eagle Point resident, celebrated her 79th birthday Saturday, March 23.

Granny's motto through life has been "I'm happy when I'm busy" and her many activities prove this must be so.

She was born in England and moved to Portland in 1910, coming to Eagle Point in 1916, where she made her home.

She is a charter member and was a charter officer of the Eagle Point Grange. She served as the first president after World War I, of the Eagle Point PTA, clerk for School District 9 Eagle Point, treasurer for the Townsend club, superintendent of the Community Sunday school, and was usually serving as chairman of entertainment.

As singer in the church choir, she was leading soprano in many cantatas. Through all these busy years Granny stressed that she was always walked to where she was going and not until lately has she owned a pick-up.

Mrs. Weidman has one son, Rudolph Weidman, of Eagle Point, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She has been a widow 27 years this August.

Tuberculin tests were given at the Eagle Point grade school Thursday, March 28 by Dr. A. E. Merkel, county health doctor. He was assisted by Mrs. Nina Vandewalker and Mrs. Cleo Kent, county health nurses, Mrs. Harold Hanscom, PTA health chairman, and students Georgia Weidman, Carlene Hinson, Jerilyn Hansen and Geraldine Rodgers. Out of the 800 students enrolled in the grade and high school, a total of 637 were given the test along with seven preschoolers.

Jerry Cava completed his basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, in February and is now taking a 19-week course at the Aircraft Instrument school, Chanute Air Force Base, Ill.

Interest in China Trade Continues
Washington—(U.P.)—The United States has informed Britain it is "actively considering" whether free world interests would be promoted or set back by increased Allied trade with Red China.

U.S. assurances of continuing interest in the China trade problem were expressed by Secretary of State John Foster Dulles to British Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd at the recent "Big Two" conference at Bermuda.

The United States is not willing to change its own policy of no-trade-at-all with Communist China. The question is whether the United States would agree to some increased trade by Britain, Japan and other allies if the ban against strategic trading is preserved.

Landing Strip Is Approved by Group

Portland—(U.P.)—The State Highway commission yesterday approved a request to build a landing strip for airplanes on Nehalem sand spit after it was told more and more persons are traveling to recreation areas by private airplane.

Chet Armstrong, state parks superintendent, told the commission he has received a number of requests for flight strips near state parks.

It was not indicated when the strip, to be located about midway between Tillamook and Seaside on the Oregon coast, would be built.

The commission denied a request that the state take over development of a park area just south of the Coquille jetty.

The highway committee rejected an offer from the Port of Coos Bay to contribute \$10,000 to the cost of a reconnaissance survey of a proposed new highway route which would cut off 22 miles between Coos Bay and Roseburg.

State Highway Engineer W. C. Williams said cost of the proposed Coos river route was estimated at around \$20 million. Such a sum, he said, is not available "in the foreseeable future."

News About Servicemen GETS PROMOTION

Douglas V. Peters, son of Mrs. Maxine Vincent, 326 Benson st., Medford, recently has been promoted to specialist third class in Germany, where he is a member of the 11th Airborne division.

Specialist Peters a clerk in Company M of the division's 118th infantry regiment, entered the Army in 1953 and completed basic training at Fort Campbell, Ky. He graduated from Medford High school.

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MUSIC MAKING MUDGUARD
Hollywood—(U.P.)—Spike Jones said Thursday he will play an original musical score called "Hollywood Euphony" on his new television show Tuesday. "The main show in arrangement is the clanging of fenders on the Hollywood Freeway," he said.

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