

On The Side

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References are constantly made to the high salaries currently paid persons of unusual ability in business, entertainment and sports. That the present day stipends are high there is no doubt. However, they cannot compare in that respect to what persons of similar ability were paid in the same fields 40 or 50 years ago. At any rate, not insofar as net or so called "take home pay" is concerned. For example, over 50 years ago Charles M. Schwab, steel company executive, was paid \$100,000 a year, plus an annual bonus that amounted to as high as \$2 million! And there was no income tax to pay. In 1910, George M. Cohan was offered \$10,000 a week by Marcus Loew for a vaudeville appearance. George turned the offer down. About the same time, Lina Cavalieri was paid \$5,000 a week in vaudeville. Caruso was making concert appearances for \$8,000 a night. Eddie Arcaro, now America's top jockey, does all right financially but he doesn't take home nearly as much money as Winnie O'Connor did over 30 years ago. As for example, Winnie was paid a fee of \$10,000 for one ride, win or lose! That was when he rode John E. Madden's thoroughbred Yankee in the Sheephead Bay Futurity. Also keep in mind that in addition to there being no income tax to pay, the dollar of 50 years ago had about four times the purchasing power it has today!

Menu Cards
Where menu card items are concerned there is definitely something in a name. A cleverly worded menu can do much to increase a restaurant's business. As for example, a railroad dining car menu listed "Pennsylvania Dutch Fried Chicken." A very small number of orders were received. The description of the item was then changed to "Fried Chicken, Kentucky Style." It was a sellout!

Asides
Ever hear of a hotel in which the rooms were not numbered? Such was the situation at the Kirby House in Milwaukee. Instead of a number each room had a name. The bridal suite was named, "Paradise." . . . Bostonian says she aspires to write a novel but has no time as she has a house, a husband and two youngsters to take care of. When Harriet Beecher Stowe wrote "Uncle Tom's Cabin," she had a house, a husband, six children and some boarders to care for.

Drinking
Habitual drinking of hard liquor in the morning indicates the drinker is on the way to a drunkard's grave. On this most medical men are agreed. There has also been written a poetic warning as to the habit. It is as follows:
**Drink in the morning
Doctors say take warning
Claim your inevitable fate
An incurable inebriate.**

Get It Right
Females of all nations considered the Spanish girls have the most beautiful eyes. So I note it said. That's wrong. The Scotch girls have the most beautiful eyes. The Spanish girls have the most beautiful voices. Irish girls have the best complexions. Swedish girls have the most beautiful hair, and Americans, the most beautiful legs.

That Bees
What is the origin of the term "Drawing Room" as referring to a room in a house? That's what I am asked. It was originally called "The Withdrawing Room." It was the room to which the ladies withdrew after dinner when the men went to the "Smoking Room." When the men finished their cigars the host voiced that immortal query, "Shall we join the ladies?" In those days the ladies only smoked in secret. That was when your great-great-grandmother was a whistle girl.

ACCIDENT FATAL
Port Orford, Ore. (U.P.)—Chester Tomski, about 35, fell into a millpond here while working Friday and was dead a few minutes later when taken out of the water. Cause of death was not determined immediately.

Cancer will at some time strike one in every four Americans, according to present estimates. Thus the fight of the American Cancer Society directly concerns 40,000,000 Americans now living. Give to the 1957 Cancer Crusade.

Salem—(U.P.)—The House has defeated 43-15 House bill 641 that would have allowed taverns to sell wine by the glass.



EMPTYING PAIL OF GASOLINE in crowded cocktail bar, four men, angered because they were refused service, caused deaths of six, injuries to three persons in resulting explosion and fire. Body of one victim is covered with sheet in foreground. (International)

Foe of Hawaiian Statehood May Have Succeeded for Time Being

By A. ROBERT SMITH
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Washington—It is beginning to look like one of the strongest foes of statehood for Alaska and Hawaii has succeeded in what many thought was his intent when he set sail for Honolulu last fall.

The man in question is Sen. James Eastland (D-Miss.), who went to Hawaii to conduct an investigation of alleged Communist activity in the islands. This is an old chestnut that has been roasted so long it is no longer swallowable, in the view of most observers as well as statehood supporters. But now, it appears, the Justice Department has swallowed it—and much to the amazement of other leaders within the Eisenhower administration who understood nothing had changed the solid support the administration had been giving Hawaiian statehood the last four years.

The White House recently was the scene of a meeting of various administration officials just below the cabinet level on the statehood issue. Since President Eisenhower has endorsed statehood for both territories, thanks to the persuasive work of Secretary of the Interior Fred A. Seaton, ways and means of getting the bills through Congress were being discussed.

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It was the consensus that statehood has a good chance in the Senate but that it would have its worst difficulty in the House. One reason, among many minor handicaps, is that while statehood will increase the size of the Senate by four, it can not increase the size of the House, which must remain stable at 435 members unless Congress itself decides to lift this ceiling and let the House become more unwieldy.

This means that when the territories are admitted as states and given three seats in the House, two for Hawaii and one for Alaska, three congressional districts somewhere in the present 48 states will have to be abolished—and three present congressmen will be out of luck. No one knows who would be hit, but many members know they come from states that are vulnerable because their population growth has been below many other states.

No Problem in West
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Americans Said Acquiring Taste for Old-World Flavor In Consumption of Wine

New York—(U.P.)—Americans, who have traditionally liked their drinks short and to the point, whether it be bath-tub gin or a shot of Kentucky mash, are fast acquiring a taste for the more subtle, old-world flavor of wine.

U.S. wine producers, who run a poor second to makers of more authoritative spirits, are savoring this latest revolution in American taste with keen relish. Consumption Will Double

E. Otto Sichel, research and promotion director of Fromm and Sichel Inc., distributors of Christian Brothers wines, told the United Press that if this taste trend continues wine consumption in the U.S. will double in the next ten years.

Sichel noted that last year the industry sold some 580 million bottles of wine and harvested a cool 600 million dollars. However, on a per capita basis, Americans drank slightly less than four bottles, as compared with some 160 bottles polished off by the French.

The 50-year-old wine merchant who is descended from an old German house of vintners, said Americans now are drinking about twice the amount of wine they did in 1939.

Four Per Cent Imported
He pointed out that most wine drinkers in this country prefer "grapier" and "fuller bodied" wines to the "subtle delicacy" of French vintages. Indicative of this he added, is the fact that only about four per cent of all the wines consumed in the U.S. are imported.

"You also cannot impress Americans with vintages," he said. "Just as Americans want each pack of cigarettes to be the same," he added, "they want each bottle of wine to taste the same no matter what the year."



SUCCESSFUL heart ailment, Herbert Fleishhacker, 84, banker-philanthropist, who founded San Francisco Zoo, is dead. (International)

CONTRACT AWARDED
Portland—(U.P.)—The Corps of Engineers Saturday announced that Robert Mathews, Coos Bay, has been awarded a \$1,843 contract for removal and disposal of a sunken steel barge from the Yaquina river near Toledo.

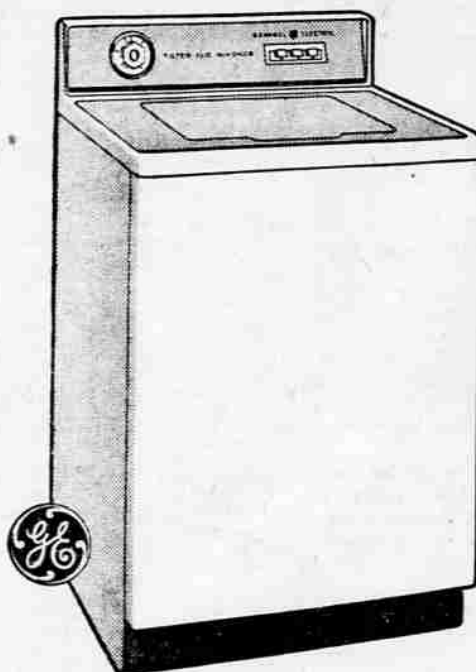
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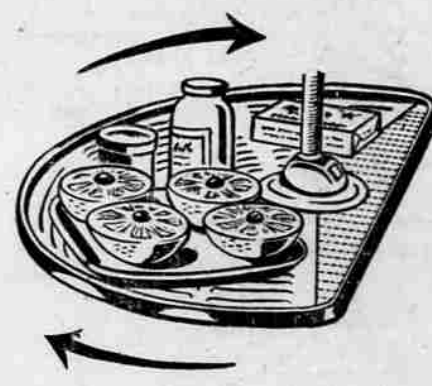
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