Key Claimed Significent Symbol Of Helplessness in Mental Cases

By DELOS SMITH
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New York—(UP)—A director of a 1,000-bed mental hospital reports that simply giving some patients keys to keep and to use will bring about an improvement in their mental conditions.

No other places, not even prisons, probably, are more thoroughly locked and keyed than mental hospitals. Yet, as Dr. Aaron S. Mason said, "almost complete silence is maintained" about those locks and keys.

"To the mental patient, the key is the most significant symbol of his helplessness," said Mason. "It is viewed as token of the whole structure of power and responsibility in the mental hospital."

Heads VA Hospital

Mason is professional services director of the Brockton, Mass., Veterans Administration hospital. There, as in other mental hospitals, every room, every closet, every cabinet—every cubicle or receptacle of any kind—has its lock and a corresponding key.

Certain Brockton patients are given keys to rooms in which they can carry out their assignments in "industrial therapy." Although the hospital was opened in 1953, "no untoward incident has resulted from this policy." On the other hand, "we have observed marked improvement in some patients when they are given the recognition and responsibility of handling keys," Mason said.

He looked forward to a day when locks and keys are used in mental hospitals in the same way they are used in homes—"mainly for the protection of property." He thought that more and more "the concept of custody and control" was dying out among mental hospital administrators and more and more they were accepting the "trend of the open hospital."

Some Hospitals Open

An "open hospital" is one in which there are no locked doors, and patients may come and go as they please. The advocates of this practice still are in a minority in psychiatry but definitely there is a "trend."

Mason said that at Brockton almost half the patients are in unlocked wards and their number has doubled in the last two years. A basic premise of the "open hospital" advocates is that if mental hospital patients are given to understand they are incapable of assuming responsibilities, they will react by being thoroughly irresponsible.

THEY COME IN ALL SIZES—June Tuma, five-foot, nine-and-a-half-inch blonde from Louisiana, towers over Jane Wooten of Due West, S. C., who's a mere four-foot-eleven. The two girls are the tallest and shortest of the National College Queen contest finalists competing at the Belmont Plaza Hotel in New York. The nation's 30 finalists will go to Asbury Park, N. J. for the final judging and crowning.

Stock Market Setback Of Last Week Normal In Advancing Moves

By ELMER C. WALZER
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New York—(UP)—The stock market, like business, has been going through a rolling readjustment with the favorable moves outweighing the unfavorable, according to market men.

Elmer Walzer

Last week's setback was seen as a normal interruption to a series of advances in the averages—a breather, as some described it.

It is noted that the market has performed just as many of the experts said it would. They anticipated and were right that there would be a high degree of selectivity.

713 Issues Advanced

On June 11 when the industrial average rose 5.72 points, a total of 713 issues advanced, while 631 declined and 218 held unchanged.

The next day there was a small rise and 504 issues rose, 437 declined, and 250 held unchanged. On the 13th, the industrials rose 1.92 points and gains and losses were exactly evenly divided at 463 with unchanged issues at 241.

On Monday of this week when industrials hit their high since Aug. 17 at 513.19 more stocks declined than gained—417 to 506—while 254 were unchanged.

The Washington discussions on the budget and the money situation brought the tight money problem to the fore and played a part in the decline.

The relatively low volume, however, indicated to the financial district that there was no widespread unloading of stocks at this time.

Many in the street considered the decline but an interlude in the market's rise.

Some Cause to Worry

However, it was pointed out that if the industrial average should be depressed below the 500 level there might be some cause to worry about a further, more vigorous setback.

Wall Streeters continue to hope for a rise in the railroad issues which it is felt could be the tonic the market needs at this point. The rails, however, haven't cooperated with the hopefuls up to now.

In a short time the comparisons with a year ago in many lines will show sharp gains because of the steel strike in 1956. This will not make the current situation any better but it will look a lot better to many who don't delve too closely into the statistics, it is held.

So far this year the market has adjusted itself to tight money, declining copper prices, poor car-loadings comparisons, oil cutbacks, and narrowing of bond-stock yield spreads.

Eugene Man State Commander of DAV

Salem—(UP)—William Manley of Eugene was named state commander of the Oregon Department of Disabled American War Veterans at the group's annual convention which closed Saturday.

Mrs. Pearl Zeck of Newport was named commander of the auxiliary.

Other DAV officers include Emmet D. McCarty of Ontario, junior vice commander; George Yeoman, Portland, chaplain; Dorr Quayle, Portland, treasurer, and Thomas Van Laningham, Oregon City, adjutant.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Finton, Klamath Falls, will serve as senior vice commander for both groups.

FINGER TOO FAST

Toledo, Ohio — (UP) — Ernest Halter's trigger finger proved faster than his draw. Halter said he was practicing his draw in a field with a .22-caliber single-action frontier gun when he pulled the trigger before getting the gun out of his holster. He suffered a leg wound.

NAVAL CHIEF DIES

London—(UP)—Sir Louis Henry Keppel Hamilton, 67, chief of naval staff of the Commonwealth Naval Board from 1948 and a hero of both world wars, died Saturday.

On The Side

By E. V. DURLING
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A dominating factor in the sensational success of the musical show titled "The Bells Are Ringing" is the performance contributed to the piece by the highly versatile Sidney Chaplin. I knew his uncle whom he is named after very well. That Sidney Chaplin was an extremely clever fellow who never achieved the fame and fortune his talents called for. He starred in a feature comedy film titled "The Submarine Pirate." His success was so great that it worried his brother Charlie. So Charlie paid Sidney $75,000 a year to stay off the screen. Charlie wanted to be the only Chaplin in the limelight.

Quaint Food

Who eats fried bees? How about fried grasshoppers? I noted both these items offered for sale in cans in a Madison ave. food shop. Imagine a man coming home from the office after a difficult day's work and saying to his wife: "What's for dinner, darling?" And she answers, "Fried bees." Other quaint types of food offered in this same shop are rattlesnake meat, quail eggs and lily bulbs in syrup.

Asking

Queries from clients. Q. In what New York restaurant is the best chance to see the most celebrities? A. "Toots" Shor's. And you don't have to be a celebrity or a V.I.P. to get service there. "Toots" plays no favorites . . . Q. So you keep on saying the husband should wear his wedding ring on his right hand. The etiquette experts say the left hand is correct. How about this? A. I repeat. Wearing a ring on the left hand is a sign of submission. Wearing one on the right hand is a sign of authority. The wife agrees to obey so her ring goes on the left hand and her husband's on the right. As for the etiquette experts, practically all of them are women and therefore prejudiced. They think if a man wears his wedding ring on his right hand he might take the matter of his authority tod seriously and make things difficult for his wife.

Asides

How familiar are you with the works of Honore de Balzac? Ever read his highly interesting and instructive book titled "The Physiology of Marriage. A Book For Brides and Bridegrooms. Prospective and Veteran"? . . . In Midtown Manhattan can be seen more beautiful and well dressed women than in any section of any other city in the world. Not all wealthy women either. New York business girls are now said to spend 25 per cent of their weekly salaries on clothes.

Please Note

Speeding down Fifth Ave. I saw a young fellow on a motorcycle with a very pretty blonde young woman clinging to the rear seat. When a girl will go motorcycling that way with a man it is an indication of real love. Before "Buddy" Rogers and Mary Pickford were married they went motorcycling in that fashion. Now they have been happily married for 20 years.

Patents

According to the law only things that have "utility" can be patented. That is things that serve a useful purpose. It was this requirement that is said to have prevented the gambling machine known as the "One Arm Bandit" from being patented. However, I notice in the most recent list of patents granted one has been issued for a "horse handicapping slide rule." So, perhaps the powers that be are becoming a little more broadminded in judging what serves a useful purpose.

Luncheon To Honor Scholarship Holders

Ashland — Honored at a special luncheon Tuesday will be the Oregon Shakespearean Festival scholarship winners.

Host for the annual luncheon is the Ashland Chamber of Commerce. This season's festival group includes 28 winners, holding scholarships in acting, technical and box office work.

Each of the scholarship people will be the personal guest of a chamber of commerce member at the noon event, which will be held at the Elks club lounge. The company members will introduce themselves to the group, tell their hometowns, and state what role or position they currently hold with the festival

Boy's Body Recovered From Drainage Ditch

Portland — (UP) — The body of Jack "Rinky" Kramer, 6, was recovered Sunday in a drainage ditch southwest of Portland International airport, near his home.

Multnomah county police said apparently the boy drowned while fishing Saturday.

The common tongue of Egypt is the Arabic.

Defense for TV Viewers Against Commercials Is Old Experiment

By DELOS SMITH
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New York—(UP)—A new, workable defense for TV viewers against boring TV commercials and tedious TV performers is to conduct a scientific experiment while waiting for the horrors to exhaust themselves.

You don't have to be a scientist to conduct this experiment. You just sit there in the dark room, directing a steady stare—not at the brightly lighted screen, but a foot to the left of the screen.

Then you jerk your eyeballs rapidly to the right, in a sort of twitching movement. This twitches your vision rapidly across the screen, and the twitch should be halted abruptly a foot to the screen's right.

Bush Off Image

Execute this maneuver correctly and you'll discover you've brushed an image off the screen and suspended it in thin air to the right of the set. It stays there only a few thousandths of a second, but is it there.

That's the beginner's experiment. As you get good at it, you can start your twitching are farther to the left of the screen and end it farther from the right. Then you can suspend as many as four images in a row.

This is a TV viewer's defense which now is being tried out by a growing number of scientists. They got the idea from an English colleague, T. G. Crookes, who both originated it and worked out the science of it.

The phenomenon is not new, of course. If you look at a lighted picture in a dark room or at a movie in a dark theater and jerk your eyes away, your retinas will retain for a flash of time, blurred streaks of light.

Not As Wholes

It is blurred light because the lighted picture comes upon the retinas all at one time, and so do the individual "frames" in the film of the movie. But the "frames" of TV reproduction don't come onto the screen as wholes.

The "frames" form top to bottom with a speed which the eyes are incapable of detecting, of course. The speed of the twitching eye when co-ordinated with the speed of the forming "frame" brushes the intact "frame" off the screen and hangs it in the air.

Crookes found that the best distance from the TV for the experiment was six feet. At a closer distance, the string of suspended images overlap. At six feet they are separated with spaces between.

Four Persons Saved As Boat Capsizes

Newport, Ore.—(UP)—A 14-foot boat capsized near the Yaquina bay jetty Sunday but the four persons aboard were rescued by the Coast Guard.

Rescued were Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Van Hovel and Virgil Soule, Vancouver, Wash., and Jeanette Scalbeck, 21, Portland.

A tower watchman saw their small boat overturn and a Coast Guard motor lifeboat on patrol outside the bar was called by radio. Two members of the lifeboat crew jumped into the water to rescue the two women while the men were pulled to safety by a lifeline.

Seed Growers Voting On Producer Commission

Salem—(UP)—Growers from Salem, Albany and McMinnville areas began voting today on whether to form an Oregon highland bentgrass seed producers commission.

Polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Friday. Two-thirds of the registered producers voting must favor the proposal for passage.

AUTO PIONEER DIES

Rye, N.Y. —(UP)— Charles B. King, 89, a pioneer in the automobile industry who designed, built and drove the first automobile in Detroit, died Sunday.

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