

STAR GAZER

By CLAY R. POLLAN
Your Daily Activity Guide
According to the Stars
To develop me for Saturday,
Read words corresponding to numbers
of your Zodiac birth sign.

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Contest to Reduce Porcupines To Be Held Another Year

The Medford Kiwanis club, Jackson County Chamber of Commerce and 12 lumber concerns have decided to sponsor another year-long contest to reduce the population of porcupines in Jackson county.

The first contest ended July 1 with a total of 7,575 porcupines accounted for during the year.

The current contest will run from July 1, 1957, to June 30, 1958. All persons between 12 and 18 years of age who live in Jackson county are eligible to compete for prizes, a spokesman said. A total of \$450 in prize money will be awarded to nine winners. Three awards will be made at the end of the year, three on Dec. 31, and three for the six months period ending June 30, 1958.

In addition to the cash prizes, the county clerk will pay a bounty of 50c for each porcupine killed in the county by anyone regardless of age. The skin from the nose including both nostrils must first be well salted and dried before it is presented as evidence.

Young people who wish to enter the contest must first obtain a receipt from the county clerk and then register that receipt with the Chamber of Commerce at 328 South Central ave., Medford.

Foresters and farmers are hopeful that another year or two of effort will result in reducing the number of porcupines in the county to a point where the damage the rodents do to young timber trees and orchards is much less than it has been in recent years, the spokesman said.

NO SCHOOL SALE

Valparaiso, Ind. — Red-faced school officials at nearby Washington Township assured townspeople the local school is not for sale. They said a "for sale" sign nailed to the front door of the school by some prankster was intended to advertise the sale of a number of old school furniture sets.

On The Side

By E. V. Durling
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Am asked if it has ever been so hot in New York City that an egg could be fried by merely putting it on a sunny sidewalk. Believe it may have been that hot at some time but have never heard of anybody frying an egg on the sidewalk of New York. Incidentally, a Californian told me that on an August afternoon he had fried an egg by putting it on the sidewalk in front of a store in Palm Springs, Calif.

Please Note

Speaking of inflation, as everybody seems to be now, you can at this time in New York City get 440 French francs for a United States dollar. When I was in Paris in the summer of 1939 you could get only 33 francs for a United States dollar. In 1918 in Paris during World War I you could get only five francs to a United States dollar.

Asking

Queries from clients. Q. What do you think of the Floyd Patterson-Pete Rademacher championship bout? A. It could be interesting. Pete has a psychological advantage. Patterson better not be over a confident. Then there is the possibility of a lucky punch such as Firpo landed on J. Dempsey in that historic brawl at the Polo Grounds. I have no prediction to make as to the outcome of the Patterson-Rademacher affair but as Harry Balogh would say, "May the more proficient participant emerge triumphant."

Says He

"Can you suggest a word for 'girl' that will mean 'girl'?" writes a Philadelphian. "As used by the feminine sex 'girl' has come to signify only a human female. Where I work there are a dozen matronly types of an age range from son-in-high-school to married-daughter-and-

DYING TOO EXPENSIVE

Buenos Aires — City authorities launched a drive today against the high cost of dying. Mayor Eduardo Bergalli named a special commission to study the possibility of establishing an economical municipal funeral service. The cheapest funeral in Buenos Aires costs about \$100. Bergalli blamed the situation on "profiteers in these activities."

Grauman, theatre owner of San Francisco, who first called Miss Pickford "America's Sweetheart".

Get It Right

Dr. Edward C. Kilbourne, 102 years old of Seattle, Wash., is the country's oldest dentist. So I note it said. Dr. Kilbourne is retired. The oldest active dentist in this country is 88-year-old Dr. Arthur White of Pasadena, Calif., who has been practicing dentistry for 66 years.

Those Triplets

Curiosity has been expressed by some subscribers as to the weights at birth of the triplets that 42-year-old Londoner, Mrs. Rose Cohen, recently gave birth to. The triplets have been named Barbara, Susan and Patricia. Their weights at birth were: Barbara, four pounds, 14 ounces; Susan, four pounds, 8 ounces; and Patricia, three pounds, 3 ounces.

Among The Married

What is your nickname for your wife? Or should I say pet name? Feminine subscriber who married when 16 and her hus-

band was 18 says her spouse calls her "Puppy". Inspiration of this name, she confesses, was "the mess" she made of home managing and cooking when first married. Her husband said, "You can get in more trouble than a pup." And he has called

her "Puppy" ever since. A Bostonian wants to know if there has ever been a "society wedding" in Manhattan at which the bridesmaids wore red. When Estelle Manville, Tommy's sister, married Count Falk Bernadotte her bridesmaids wore red.

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The Medical Roundup

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Rectocele: What Is It?

Women want to know what is a rectocele. Many a woman, during a hard labor, has her pelvic floor so badly torn that no longer are there any muscles to hold the womb up. As it comes down, the wall of the rectum comes down with it. Similarly, the bladder comes down, and this is called a cystocele. Often, with a cystocele, the urine which tends to stagnate in the bladder gets infected, and then the woman has frequency of urination with some burning. In these cases, the first thing to do is to have a good surgeon perform an operation. If he can find enough muscle with which to make a new pelvic floor, well and good. If not, he may turn the uterus on its side and use it to plug the hole. Often, I strongly advise a woman to have this operation performed as soon as she is done with her child-bearing because it may well be that after suffering terribly for 30 years or more, she will finally be driven to accept the surgeon's help.

Softening of the Bones

Old people will sometimes develop a softening of the bones (osteoporosis) of the spine (vertebrae) which causes them to collapse. As a result, the person tends to become round-shouldered, and perhaps even with his head at right angles to his body. I remember a woman of 55 who, after the menopause, said her chest had seemed suddenly to collapse so that she got very round-shouldered and soon lost four inches in height. Naturally, with this collapse of the vertebrae, there came pressure on some of the nerves that come out from the spine, and she suffered greatly from neuralgic pains in her chest-wall and in her upper abdomen. I had to get an orthopedist to put her into a strong corset that kept her spine from collapsing still farther. Then we tried the usual treatment of giving her large amounts of ovarian hormone. Old men also can sometimes get this osteoporosis of the bones of the spine, and they, too, will get badly round-shouldered. They are usually given male hormone. Some doctors have tried giving both male and female hormone. I have seen many cases in which this hormone treatment did not work. Perhaps some of the new and stronger hormones, recently developed, will do better. Unfortunately, we do not know enough about the chemistry of the process.

The Inheritance of Schizophrenia

When, in this column, I have spoken of the enormous amount of evidence that shows that psychoses commonly develop on the basis of an inherited tendency, many lay persons, but no psychiatrists, have written to scold me for my supposed lack of knowledge of the many articles and books on the subject. I wish these critics could read a recent article by Dr. Kenneth Z. Altshuler, of New York State Psychiatric Institute, at Columbia University, who, after reviewing the literature, said, "All the investigators have found increased expectancy rates for the relatives of schizophrenics as compared with the general population." In simple speech, this means that if a man has schizophrenia in his family, his chances of getting the disease are several times greater than the chances of the average person in the country. To illustrate: because I have no schizophrenia in my family, my chances of getting the disease when I was small were less than one per cent. If I had had a schizophrenic brother or sister, my chances of getting the disease would have jumped to 14 per

cent. If one of my parents had been schizophrenic, my chances of getting the disease would have been 6.4 per cent, and if both my parents had been schizophrenic, my chances of getting the disease would have been 68.1 per cent. If I had an alike-twin brother who was schizophrenic, my chances of getting the disease would have been about 87 per cent. These figures are taken from Dr. Kallmann's interesting book on the subject. In many cases, the child of a schizophrenic inherits only a mild form of the disease, and becomes simply a shy, retiring "schizoid" person.

A Person Cured Suddenly

I've always marveled at those persons with a nervous trouble who are suddenly cured by reading a sentence, or a poem, or an article, or part of a book. This material acts like a key in a lock to straighten the person out. It seems to supply the idea that the person needed to reorganize his mind and his life. In his autobiography, the great John Stuart Mill wrote of a time when he was 22, and after years of overwork as a child prodigy had gone into a mental depression. Then he picked up Wordsworth's poems and found in them a couple of thoughts that promptly cured him. One was that the world is beautiful, and the other was that one can develop one's character and not just accept it ready-made.

Dr. Alvarez hopes his readers will understand that it would be impossible for him to answer requests for information or to attempt to diagnose by mail.
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French Troops Said Torturing Prisoners

Paris — A well-known writer who recently toured Algeria charged today that French troops and police there are torturing and sometimes killing Arab prisoners.

Louis Martin-Chauffier's charges were printed by the Socialist weekly *Demain*.

"A large number of persons arrested in roundups or investigations are released immediately," Martin said. "Others are handed over to the legal authorities for trial... but police and soldiers hold many suspects for days, weeks and even months without notifying anyone in authority."

"Sometimes the questioning is so harsh that the victim dies of it, or in some instances a prisoner who survives the ordeal cannot be allowed to live to tell the tale. In either case, he disappears without leaving a trace."

"Sometimes a brief note states that he has escaped, or committed suicide, or that he has been shot while trying to escape."

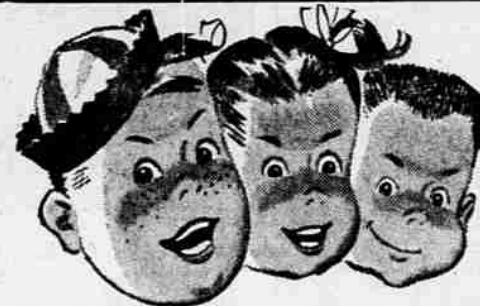
Fire Department Gets 83 Calls in July

The Medford Fire department answered 83 alarms during July according to the monthly report of municipal activities released by City Manager Robert A. Duff.

The Medford Rural Fire district answered a total of 21 calls for the same period. The rural department was called to put out 20 grass and trash fires while the remaining one was caused by a forgotten appliance in a dwelling.

The city fire department answered six dwelling fire alarms. Chief cause of the dwelling fires were fires but children playing with matches caused one and a forgotten appliance another. Three false alarms during the month were reported by the department.

Hermiston — The Umatilla county fair opened here Thursday.



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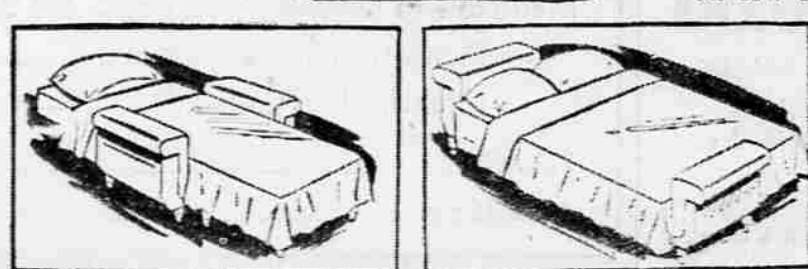
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