

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

A WOMAN PASSENGER on a Midwestern day coach effectively squelched a honeymooning couple who were seated directly behind her. The honeymooners had been making rude comments about her looks, costume, and dilapidated suitcase, and she finally had about all she could stand. Noting that the bride was obviously several years older than the groom, she loudly demanded, "Madam, would you mind asking your son to keep his knee out of the back of this seat?" Other passengers guffawed. The honeymooners said not another word for the balance of the journey.



"I've got the worst luck in the world," pouted one of the lovely chorines at a Las Vegas hotel. "Lose all your dough at the tables?" sympathized a friend.

"It's not that," said the girl. "But every time I see a rich guy I want to marry—I'm already married!"

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HUSSEIN CEDES POWERS

Amman, Jordan.—King Hussein has relinquished the power to declare war on behalf of his kingdom, it was announced today. The change in powers came in the form of an amendment to the constitution which ceded war powers to Iraq's King Feisal in his capacity as senior monarch of the Iraqi-Jordanian Federation.

FEWER ATOMIC PLANTS

London.—Britain will hold up its expensive nuclear power program and concentrate on cheaper coal-fired power stations for the next year. A government white paper, outlining capital investment in the electricity, coal and gas industries, said that a higher proportion of projected power stations would be coal-fired.

Root of Mexican Yam Produces Success as 'Birth Control Pill'

By LOUIS CASSELS
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Washington.—Scientists believe that maybe—just maybe—they have found the long-sought "birth control pill."

It is a synthetic hormone called Progestin, made from the roots of a Mexican yam.

Preliminary trials, conducted in Puerto Rico during the past few months, indicate that Progestin is highly effective in inhibiting ovulation—and hence preventing pregnancy—among women who take one pill a day from the 5th to the 25th day of their menstrual cycles.

No serious side effects were observed in the continuing Puerto Rican tests. A number of women complained of upset stomachs after taking the pills. But in many cases this has proved to be purely psychological. The women continued to experience gastric disturbances even when they were switched from Progestin to sugar pills.

Dr. John Rock, director of the Reproduction Study Center at Brookline, Mass., and one of the pioneers in Progestin research, said in an interview that much more extensive testing will be required before doctors can say positively that the pills have no long-range undesirable effects.

But he said the results so far was highly encouraging.

Among one group of 206 Puerto Rican wives who have been taking the pills for nearly a year, there have been 19 pregnancies. All occurred among women who acknowledged that they "skipped" several of the prescribed daily doses. In another group of 139 women, there has been only one pregnancy.

Progestin has several advantages over other anti-fertility pills tested in the past, Dr. Rock said. It does not interfere with normal menstruation, if taken as prescribed. On the basis of evidence to date, it does not cause permanent sterility. Women who have taken the pills for several months have been able to conceive promptly after halting the medication.

Progestin is fairly expensive at present, but mass production doubtless can bring the price down sharply. One drug manufacturer is already providing the pills (under the trade name "Enovid") for the U. S. market.

The great significance of the new pills, according to Rock, is that they answer the urgent demands of overpopulated countries like Japan and India for a simple, safe, cheap method of controlling births in poor and illiterate families. Since World War II, popu-

lation control has become a top priority problem for many underdeveloped countries. Modern health programs—such as the use of DDT to eliminate malaria—have sharply reduced the death rates of these countries, but the birth rates have remained at the traditionally high levels.

The result has been a "population explosion" unprecedented in human history. The population of the world has grown by nearly 500 million since the end of the war. It is still growing at a rate that will cause it to double before the end of this century.

North Bend Woman Drowns in Flume

Empire, Ore.—A 53-year-old North Bend woman, Mrs. Margaret M. Rose, apparently drowned in a water-filled flume some time Monday night at the Cape Arago Lumber company.

The victim's body was not discovered until Tuesday morning, according to Coos county coroner Brewer Mills. John F. Ross, the woman's husband, said she accompanied him to the mill site about 6 p.m. Monday but as they started to walk over a dock she decided to return to their car and wait for him. He said his wife had been in ill health and subject to fainting spells.

When he returned to the car about 7 p.m. she was not there and he notified police, he said. The body was discovered in the flume below the bridge.

Waterlogged Dam Apparently Doomed

Bennettsville, S. C.—A waterlogged earthen dam, leaking water from a 300-acre lake through rapidly widening cracks appeared doomed today.

Authorities said that a full break might come "any minute." About 250 families living in a low-lying area below the structure left their homes late Tuesday when the rain-swollen lake began threatening its retainer of red clay.

Rain which began here Tuesday morning continued to fall heavily during the early morning hours today. National Guardsmen were standing guard around the evacuated area and the State Highway department was cutting a diversionary channel in an effort to reduce the pressure on the dam.

Court Records

MUNICIPAL COURT
Leon Edwin Small, no Oregon driver's license, \$10.
Guy Wayne Gillaspie, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Edna Francis Jenkins, disobeyed traffic signal, \$5.
John Lee O'Neil, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Mark R. Hackney, disobeyed traffic signal, \$5.
Anthony James Williams, wrong way on one-way street, \$10.
Thomas Raymond Salvetti, disobeyed traffic signal, \$5.
Goldie Mae Goldthorp, failure to yield the right-of-way to vehicle, \$10.
Arnold Gene Pence, disobeyed traffic signal, \$5.
Jeanne Marilyn Albertson, disobeyed stop sign, \$5.
DISTRICT COURT

Earl M. Manley, no PUC permit, \$5.
Dale J. Jones, no motor vehicle license, \$5.
David E. McClurg Jr., defective brakes, \$6.
Jack L. Gault, no operator's license, \$5.
Ronald W. Robertson, violation of basic rule, \$15.
Walter Anderson, route 4, box 115, Grants Pass, driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor, \$255 bail forfeited, 90 days mandatory suspension of operator's license.

Helen L. Little, four persons in front seat, \$5.
Tommy J. Merton, failure to stop, \$10.
Robert R. Bibey, no operator's license, \$10.

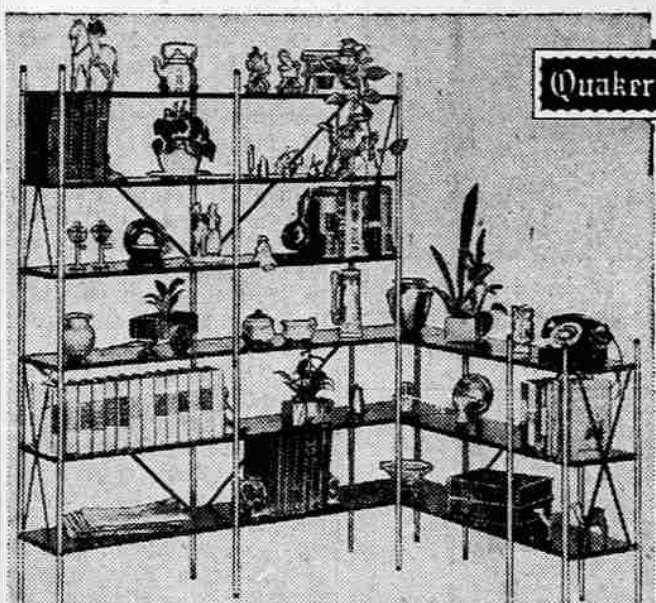
CIRCUIT COURT
Annie May Driscoll vs. James A. Driscoll, divorce decree.
Ruth R. Teague vs. Charles J. Teague, divorce decree.
Berta Ruth Britt vs. William Thomas Britt, divorce complaint.
Carol Edwards vs. Bill L. Edwards, divorce decree.
Judith Marlene Cooley vs. Keith Allen Cooley, divorce decree.
James Edward Palmer vs. Barbara Lee Palmer, divorce decree.
Helen Fern Valentine vs. Archie Ernest Valentine, divorce decree.
Dorothy Irene Kobernick vs. Richard Alfred Kobernick, divorce decree.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS
Sterling L. Allen, route 1, box 124E, Eagle Point, and Lorraine DeRosa, LaBarge, Wyo.
Melvin Keith Ehrlich, Livermore, Calif., and Fern Luella Bush, 405 Earhart St.

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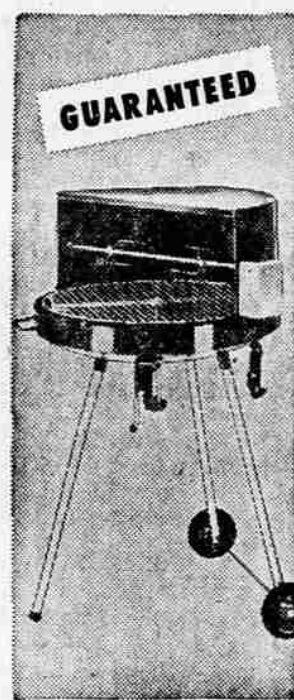
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