



**SHOCKING U. S. Naval Academy officials, Susan Johnson, 17, donned midshipman's uniform, marched and ate with students, escaped undetected by brass.**

**Pacific's Air Routes May Gain Extension**

Extension of Pacific Airlines' routes has been recommended by a civil aeronautics board examiner, according to an announcement by T. R. Mitchell, executive vice president of the airlines.

If approved by CAB, Pacific Airlines routes would be extended to include Los Angeles, Burbank, Long Beach, Catalina Island and San Diego, Mitchell said.

**More Than 4 Million Americans Said Wearing Contact Lenses**

New York—UPI—You would not notice it—of course—but more than four million Americans now wear contact lenses.

They are spending more than 100 million dollars a year on the tiny slivers of plastic and their numbers today, according to the Eye Research Foundation, compares with 200,000 in 1950 and about two million two years ago.

Behind this boom is an improved contact lens—a far cry from the old kind, which was oval shaped and covered even the whites of the eyes. The new lens is about the size of a small thumbtack head and weighs about as much as a down feather.

It floats on the natural tear layer of the eye and is held into place by a force known as capillary attraction—a kind of suction. And it covers less than 60 per cent of the iris.

The modern design lenses can be worn 16 or more hours daily and, if correctly prescribed, cause no pain. They can't pit, won't steam up or cloud in weather changes or streak in the rain.

And, because the lens follows the eye and because of the absence of spectacle frames, there is a 15 per cent

gain in margin vision—the peripheral view.

According to the Eye Research Foundation, the lenses are used most frequently for these vision disorders: myopia (nearsightedness), hyperopia (extreme farsightedness), astigmatism (distorted, blurred vision), aphakia (post-cataract removal), and keratoconus (cone-shaped cornea).

Children and teen-agers wear 27 per cent of the contact lenses in use today. Fifty-nine per cent of the wearers are female; 41 per cent male.

**Improves Appearance**

A recent survey by the Eye Research Foundation tells why men, women and adolescents are switching to contact lenses, which sell for \$150 to \$300.

Women do so primarily to improve their appearance and vision. They also said their mates—or dates—prided them into getting rid of the spectacle-frame look. Sixty per cent of the gals who wear the lenses are single.

Men said they changed because of ego, athletic activities, the influence of women and because "contacts" are less bothersome.

Adolescents said they changed to improve their appearance and to gain more social acceptance.

Among recent improvements in contact lenses is a process for grinding the lens' edge to hitherto unattainable angles. This means the edge never touches the eye-lid or the eye. And this reduces adaptation time by 80 per cent.

The process was developed by Dr. Gilbert Cepero, of Havana, Cuba. The ophthalmologist recently reported 90 per cent of 217 patients adapted to such lenses in less than one week, wearing them 10 to 12 hours on the first day.

Normally, it takes two to six weeks to reach this goal.

Another aid is an electronic device developed by Dr. A. E. Reynolds of Tulsa, Okla., which determines the exact curvature of the cornea and allows the grinding and polishing of a perfect fit in contact lenses for the first time.

**Bifocal Contact Lens**

And now, there is the bifocal contact lens. Introduced only last spring, 500 are wearing them today. An experimental tri-focal contact lens is also in the works but it hasn't been tried out yet.

Even hypnosis is being used in contact lens research. Eighteen patients from Milwaukee, Chicago and Lexington, Ky., all suffering from anxiety over the transition to contact lenses, were hypnotized.

Dr. E. E. Aston, reporting on the experience, said: "It was suggested that they would have no discomfort when the lenses were inserted and worn. The hypno-therapist stressed that they could accommodate to the new lens with ease."

Dr. Aston said patients responded with gratifying results in every single one of the cases.

Contact lenses now come in 200 shades—or tints. In Hollywood, according to the Eye Research Foundation, the lenses sometimes are used to change the natural color of a starlet's eyes.

In one case, for example, the script called for a blue-eyed red-head. The red-head had brown eyes, but in the film her eyes are blue. A lens of the proper tint did the trick.

**Majority Can Adjust**

Ninety million Americans wear spectacles and the Eye Research Foundation, predicting an even bigger boom in contact lenses, notes that the majority of these can adjust to the practically invisible "contacts."

What do you do with the lenses when you're not wearing them? They are kept in tiny receptacles smaller than pocket-size tins of aspirin. Or in cylindrical cases—smaller than lipstick tubes. There is a depository at each end, one marked "R" and the other "L" to signify which lens goes where.

Incidentally, these are lined with rubber or plastic. Velvet or a plush lining would cover the lens with lint.

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**Federal Reserve System Sees Money Gets To Right Place**

Editor's note: All that most of us know about money is that we work for it, spend it, try to save it and never seem to have enough of it. But the subject isn't even as simple as all that. How does your bank manage to have enough money on hand to cash all the checks presented to it? How does the Federal government determine how much money should be in circulation? What about inflation? Deflation? Credit? Following is the first of six dispatches explaining in everyday terms the mysteries of the money system as it affects our daily lives.

**CLYDE H. FARNSWORTH By UPI Correspondent**

New York—UPI—One morning recently, a white canvas sack arrived by registered mail at the post office in Orono, N.Y. It looked like a bag of flour, but closer examination showed there were red letters on it announcing that the sack had come from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. And inside was \$38,500 in denominations running from \$1 to \$100.

The post office phoned Bill Johnson, a vice president of the First National Bank of Orono, telling him the sack had arrived. Johnson enlisted a bank guard, drove to the post office, signed for the money and returned to the bank with it.

Pulling out the neatly wrapped bills, he handed the money to a teller to count saying: "Guess we have enough now to handle the weekend withdrawals."

Filling that sack is just one of the jobs of the nation's super bank, the Federal Reserve System, which sees to it that money is at the right place at the right time and has a lot to say on the ability of your bank to give you a loan.

Handles Billions It's a big job. Your bank might deal in millions of dollars. The Federal Reserve handles billions.

Actually, 12 super banks, each responsible for a certain geographic area, make up the system. The New York bank, for example, rules from the

New York City financial district over money and credit matters in an area encompassing New York State, southern Connecticut and northern New Jersey.

The other super banks are located in Boston, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Richmond, Va., Atlanta, Dallas, St. Louis, Chicago, Minneapolis, Kansas City Mo., and San Francisco.

Assets of these 12 banks—made up largely of government bonds and certificates representing gold buried mainly at Fort Knox—are nearly \$52 billion—triple the assets of the nation's biggest corporation.

Without Federal Reserve controls, there might be too much money chasing too few goods and services like cars and shoe shiners, or too little money chasing too many cars and shiners.

With too much money around prices tend to rise and you've got inflation. Too little money brings recession.

Wasn't Always Control There wasn't always this control. Before the Federal Reserve was born in 1913, the nation was plagued by panics caused largely by too much or too little money around.

A particularly severe panic led a fed-up Congress in 1907 to appoint a commission to update the nation's financial machinery. From this grew the Federal Reserve.

Now you can be sure when a holiday comes your bank will have plenty of cash that you can draw on for gas or a weekend in the country. Or, if you're a farmer, your bank can lend you enough to ship crops to market.

You also can be sure when you see prices starting to rise all around you that the Federal Reserve is trying to check their advance by restricting the supply of money.

It's true there have continued to be inflation, recessions and even a depression

despite the Federal Reserve. But this shows not that the super banks aren't doing a good job, but that the problems are immense when it comes to preventing wide fluctuations in the world's most complex economy. (Next: What Is Money?)

**LIZ' DAUGHTER OKAY**

Los Angeles—UPI—Elizabeth Frances Todd, 15-month-old daughter of actress Elizabeth Taylor and her third husband, the late Mike Todd, has been released from UCLA Medical Center where she had been under treatment for pneumonia. The child, taken to the center Nov. 13 by Miss Taylor and singer Eddie Fisher, was released Saturday.

The name of Bruce comes from a town named Bruys in Normandy, France.

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