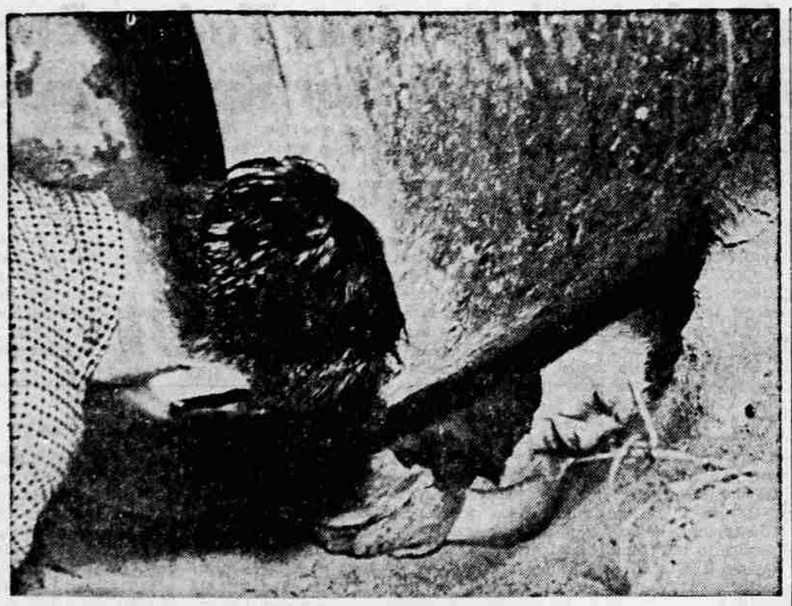

NEAR-TRAGEDY—Perry Luth, 12, of Los Angeles, was trapped under this huge concrete drain pipe for seven hours, after it settled on him while he was playing under it. His father (left) attempts to comfort him while police and firemen work to raise the pipe. Police believe the boy escaped death only because of the soft earth under him. He suffered a broken leg and possible internal injuries.

Most Income Tax Errors Found To Favor Taxpayer

Washington –(UPI)– Wouldn't you know?

When it comes to mistakes in arithmetic on income tax returns, for every error in the government's favor there are two favoring the taxpayer.

Regardless of which way the error is made, however, Uncle Sam's tax sleuths are bound to catch it.

The Internal Revenue Service says in its annual report that tax agents checked the arithmetic on 58,365,000 of the 69,202,0000 returns filed last year.

Mistakes Two To One

They found 1,908,000 returns with mistakes – 1,247,000 of them helping the taxpayer and 661,000 in favor of the government. Only 3,000 of the "wrong" returns were filed by corporations, but the rate of these mistakes still was 2 to1 against the government.

Checking taxpayers' computations saved the government $61,878,000 last fiscal year, or about 10 per cent more than in fiscal 1957.

Tipsters also helped the revenue service collect Uncle Sam's due. IRS reported 694 tipsters received $493,535 in fiscal 1958 for giving information on tax cheaters. The government collected 28 times the total of the rewards.

Can Contest Assessments

Enforcement activities – such as checking on taxpayers who don't report all their income–led to assessments last year of $1,648,465,000, a six-year high. But taxpayers can contest assessments.

Besides checking on arithmatic and cheaters, the tax agents also were busy helping 10,988,000 persons who requested assistance in making out their tax returns.

Nearly half of the persons who asked for help called on the telephone "and apparently were able to complete their returns after getting answers to a question or two," the report said.

Endurance Fliers Continue Marathon

Las Vegas – (UPI) – Two Air Force veterans who already hold the world's non-stop endurance record, today entered their 61st day aloft in a light plane.

Robert Timm, 32, and John Cook, 34, radioed that they intend to stay aloft "until the engine quits running."

The two Las Vegas pilots, who have broken the old record by 11 days, are staging the marathon flight as part of a fund-raising drive for the Damon Runyon Cancer fund.

Eisenhower Proclaims National Fitness Week

Washington –(UPI)– President Eisenhower has proclaimed the week beginning May 3 as National Youth Fitness Week.

He said youth fitness is the foundation of the continuing strength and well-being of the American people.

MASHED POTATOES!

Chicago –(UPI)– An Antigo, Wis., truck driver's trouble really started once his overturned potato truck was righted from a ditch. Once righted, the truck lost its entire load onto the Illinois tri-state tollway, blocking all but one of three southbound lanes.

Fire Does $9,800 Damage to Building

Cave Junction—The main house at the Campfire Motel and Trailer Park on the Redwood highway south of Cave Junction was completely burned Sunday afternoon. The fire broke out as a result of an overheated stove.

Four rigs of the IVRFD answered the alarm but the fire in the main building was out of control prior to their arrival. The 27 volunteer firemen were able to contain the blaze to the one house, saving the adjacent cabins and the surrounding timber which had started to blaze.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Voyers, owners, were in the building when the fire broke out, and with the help of neighbors and passing motorists were able to save a few personal effects. The damage was estimated at $9,800, of which $7,500 was covered by insurance.

The Voyers purchased the motel last April.

The Army's highest institute of learning is located at the White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico.

Job of Page Boy in Congress Not One Of Glamour and Fun But of Hard Work

Washington –(UPI)– If Jimmy Johnson fails to get a Congressional page boy's job, there is one consolation for the 14-year-old Chicago Negro. A page boy's life isn't all glamour and fun.

The boys who get the 50 jobs each session of Congress have their problems. An average day goes like this:

Up at 5 in the morning to eat and get to a special page's school by 6 . . .

Concentrated instruction until 9:45 a.m. . . .

Lunch and off to the House or Senate well before noon to do advance chores, distribution of copies of the Congressional record, etc. . . .

Stay for the duration of the day's session, which may end in mid-afternoon or at midnight.

Of course, these are considered only small annoyances, and thousands each year seek the jobs which pay $1,800 a session.

The pages live in approved boarding houses near the capitol or at the homes of family friends and relatives.

No Special Dormitory

Almost every year one congressman or another has proposed setting up a dormitory, supervised by a house mother, but all such proposals have died.

Congress set up a special committee several years ago to look into reports that some pages were seen smoking and possibly sampling a few beers. The committee never met, but reported the situation, if it ever existed, had been cleared up.

The page school, conducted in a room at the Library of Congress, gives the high school-age boys a concentrated education in English, math, etc. There is a full staff of teachers, complete with principal.

The District of Columbia has staffed and run the school since 1949, when Congress found the job too unwieldly.

Once on duty in the House or Senate, the pages work under two chief pages and several overseers. They deliver messages, bring in bills, and do every sort of errand short of bringing food into the chamber. That's forbidden.

No Specific Qualifications

There are no particular qualifications for the page boy jobs–beyond good political connections, but a fleet foot and fundamental grasp of the geography of the House and Senate office buildings helps.

Generally boys appointed as pages are of above-average intelligence. Several have gone on to hold seats in Congress.

Infrequently a Congressman will lose his temper with a page, or complain to the chief page. Most often the boys are efficient, and only a few have been asked to give up their job.

Like the Congressman who appoint them, their tenure is far from permanent. Some stay several sessions, others only one session or part of one session.

Sen. Albert Gore (D-Tenn.), when he was in the House, had a policy of bringing his pages to Washington for 30-day terms.

Take comfort, Jimmy Johnson. It isn't all glamour and fun.

NURSING HOME FIRE—Anna O'Malley (wrapped in blanket), aged resident of Glen Acres nursing home in Glen Ellyn, Ill., is led across snow covered ground to waiting ambulance as firemen (background) continue to battle blaze which swept the home, killing eight persons. Officials tentatively blamed faulty wiring for the fire.

Putting Alcoholics In Mental Hospitals For Cure Favored

By DELOS SMITH
UPI Science Editor

New York–(UPI)–A groundswell is running in favor of hospitals for treatment and cure, but medical science is not ready with a workable, detailed program of treatment.

Delos Smith

This is the warning of Dr. Melvin L. Selzer of the University of Michigan. He detected the groundswell both in the general public and among public health authorities, and the reason for it is only too clear, he said.

The public is realizing there are some 4,500,000 alcoholics in the country who are costing the taxpayers several hundred millions of dollars annually, he continued, and all this money is largely wasted because it doesn't permanently sober any appreciable number of alcoholics.

Suggests Confinement

Many states already commit certain alcoholics to their mental hospitals. And in North Carolina and Michigan up to 41 per cent of those committed were rehabilitated, he said, "despite the fact that the hospital treatment program was not geared toward the specific therapeutic needs of the alcoholic."

Confining the alcoholic for treatment is a good idea because the true alcoholic won't do anything about his "illness" on his own, Selzer said. In fact, "most alcoholics either do not recognize that they have an alcoholic program or mistakenly feel that they can cope with it themselves."

Selzer laid down several principles for the forced treatment and cure of alcoholics. First, the state should commit them to one mental hospital so there would be enough to justify a treatment program for them, and not scatter them around among a number of hospitals.

Stay Hospitalized Indefinitely

And they should be committed and taken to the hospital while still under the influence of the jag which got them into the toils of the law. Let them suffer the agonies of "the withdrawal symptoms" under medical supervision for its psychological effect. Under these circumstances, they hardly could deny even to themselves that they had "a drinking problem."

Keep them in the hospital for a definitely stated period, say two months. This would prevent them from devoting all their energies to schemes for getting out, and also prevent their well-meaning friends and relatives from abetting those schemes. It would cause them to relax and divert their energies to breaking their alcoholic chains.

The actual treatment should be psychological and educational, Dr. Selzer said.

A FAMILY AFFAIR

Catanzaro, Italy –(UPI)– Farmhand Domenico Sano, 24, changed his mind on the eve of his scheduled wedding on Monday, kidnaped his fiance's 15-year-old sister and ran off with her. Police arrested him a few hours later and rescued the girl.

SAMMY DAVIS SUED

Santa Monica, Calif. –(UPI)– Singer-actor Sammy Davis Jr. was sued for divorce Monday on the ground of extreme cruelty. In her suit, singer Loray White sought $2,000 monthly alimony from her husband of one year.

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