

Medic Advises On Avoiding Food Poisoning

Baltimore (Science Service)—'Tis the season to be jolly, not suffering from food poisoning after a holiday meal.

This is the season when food is prepared in larger quantities than the housewife usually offers her family, Dr. Huntington Williams, commissioner of health, Baltimore, warned.

Turkeys and other large fowl, canned hams and menus prepared from frozen foods need not cause poisoning if a few precautions are taken at this time.

Bake Turkey First

Do not stuff large turkeys or fowl unless the bird is baked 20 to 25 minutes per pound of the combined meat of the fowl and dressing.

It is far safer to bake the dressing outside of the turkey and serve it separately. By doing this, the inside of the large fowl and the dressing will be heated thoroughly.

Hams in Refrigerator

Keep large canned hams refrigerated at all times. Canned hams should be treated the same as bottled milk. It is often better to cook the ham thoroughly before serving.

Treat frozen food the same as ice cream. If it thaws and is still cold, it may be refrozen or kept cold in the thawed condition. Like all perishable foods, the frozen varieties should be served either cold or hot, but never warm.

As a rule of thumb, keep in mind the adage, "When in doubt, throw it out."

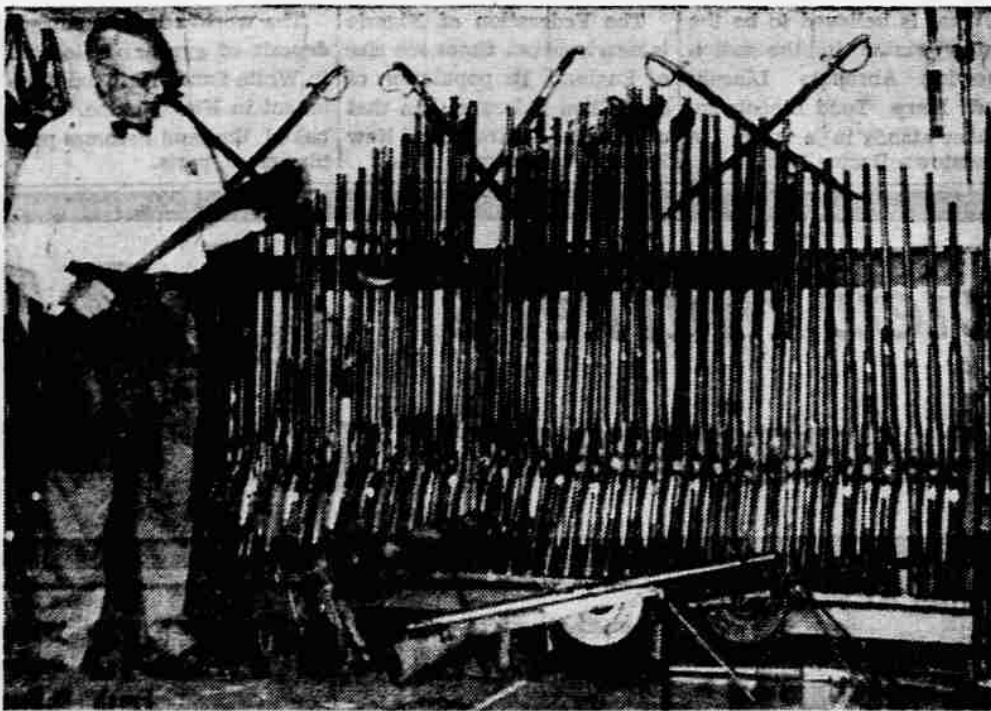
Gun-Toter Worried After Bank Holdup

Boswell, N. M. — Kenneth L. Hooper, owner of a gun and machine shop next door to a bank, played it safe.

He had just finished repairing a gun and was going outside to test it when the bank's burglar alarm sounded.

Gun in hand, halfway out the door, it occurred to him that police rushing to the scene might misunderstand. He stepped back inside quickly.

"Even then, I felt kind of conspicuous," he said.



SWORD EXAMINED—Louis E. Capek, Bangor, Mich., gun collector, examines a Chinese executioner's sword in front of a portion of a gun-lined wall in his game room. The prominent gun collector takes sharp

Gunslinger of Old Not Always Good Guys, Collector Declares

Bangor, Mich. — (UPI) — A prominent gun collector here takes sharp issue with television's portrayal of the gunslingers of the Old West as a bunch of "good guys."

To Louis E. Capek, an honorary editor of "The American Rifleman," monthly publication of the National Rifle Association, they weren't much different from the neighborhood bully of today.

"The gunslinger was not always an expert shot, nor was he necessarily a man of great courage," Capek said. "But they were bold people, looking for excitement to break the monotony of life on the range."

Often Ordinary Men

"And their victims were most often ordinary men, not looking for a gun fight, with a natural reluctance to take another man's life."

Capek was spurred into investigating the history of the West, its lawmen and its badmen in the last third of the 19th century when he began collecting guns 30 years ago. Now he has more than 450 firearms, some dating back to the early 1700's. He also has an impressive array of swords, knives and other armament.

Besides presenting many gunmen of the Old West in a light much different from

Secret Ingredients Said Used as Bait

New York (Science Service) — When an advertiser on television or radio tells you his product contains—and then identifies the ingredient only by mysterious letters and numbers, he is attempting to endow his product with a value which it really lacks.

The psychological reason for this was explained to the American Psychoanalytic association here recently by Dr. Alfredo Namnum of Yale university department of student mental hygiene.

This technique of advertising is like gossip, he explained. Gossip does not, as it pretends, pass around important secret information. When the gossip requires the listener to pledge secrecy, she is only trying to create excitement with something which is basically boring and indifferent, Dr. Namnum said.

what they really deserved, Capek says television also has been guilty of another major technical error.

Although most Western heroes are portrayed as dependent on the six-gun, he said, in reality the rifle or shotgun was more apt to be their favorite weapon.

Capek pointed out that one of the southwest's most famous outlaws, William H. Bonney, better known as "Billy the Kid," used a rifle to gun down most of his 21 victims.

"Billy the Kid carried a pistol of course," Capek said, "but more for looks than use." And it was a rifle in the hands of Arizona Sheriff Pat Garrett that brought an end to Bonney's life of crime, Capek added.

Worked in Oregon

Capek, who has led hunting and gun collecting trips in the U.S., South America, Mexico and Canada and who worked as a cowboy in Oregon during his youth, says the history of firearms and the growth of the nation are closely linked.

American's traditional freedom to bear arms was a basic factor in its development, he said. He also feels that accuracy with firearms is another important American tradition, pointing out that our forefathers on the frontiers had to be good shots in order to survive.

Warmth of House Determined by Care

East Lansing, Mich. — (UPI) — Home warmth depends on proper heating equipment, on the type of home in relation to the climate and on proper upkeep, says Coral Morris, home management specialist at Michigan State university.

A home which is kept in good repair will make you more comfortable and save on fuel bills, Morris said, also giving this advice:

Cracks around chimneys, vent pipes and roof corners should be caulked shut or repaired.

Weatherstripping a round frames of doors and windows will prevent cold air from seeping in. It is available in metal, plastic and felt and is easy to apply.

Insulation can also do much to slow down the loss of heat through walls and ceiling. Two to three inches of bulk insulation is best for walls, while three to six inches is advisable for ceilings. In houses built without insulation, protection can be obtained by insulating ceilings and floors with a blanket or a board type material.

Since heat is lost less easily through two sheets of glass than through one, it is a good idea to have storm doors and windows. Inexpensive but effective protection may be had by placing a plastic material over windows.

However, don't go to extremes in making your home draughttight. Adequate home ventilation is essential during all seasons for health and comfort.



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Disappearing Fish Being Investigated

San Diego, Calif. — (UPI) — The mysterious appearance and disappearance of huge schools of sardines along the southern California coast might be caused by changes in temperature and currents in the ocean.

This is the theory of some of the scientists investigating the problem at the U.S. Bureau of Commercial Fisheries laboratory here.

Jack Marr, biologist and director of the laboratory, recalls that the annual sardine catch was running 150,000 to 180,000 tons a year in the "heyday" of the sardine industry in California.

"Then it suddenly dwindled to 40,000 tons in the 1949 season, and it dropped to 15,000 tons in 1951," he said. "Then the sardines just disappeared."

But, in 1958, the sardine catch suddenly rose to 24,000 tons.

Record high ocean temperatures during the past two

Scientists Seek Way to Dispose Of Atomic Waste

Monaco (Science Service) — The ultimate method for the disposal of radioactive waste has still to be found if nuclear energy is to be produced on a world-wide scale in the future.

This is the opinion of the leading experts in the field, and it was stated by R. Burns, chief industrial chemist at the United Kingdom's Atomic Energy Research establishment, Harwell, at the meeting of the International Atomic Energy agency on disposal of radioactive wastes in Monaco.

In order to make power production from the atom economical, efficient low cost filters will have to be developed. It has been estimated that the cost of air cleaning in a nuclear power plant can in certain cases amount to as much as 5 per cent of the total operation costs of the plant.

years led the scientists to believe that temperatures and currents affected the fish population. The questions of how and why remain unanswered.

Scientists, however, are not so much worried about the radioactivity which is being produced during the operation of a nuclear power plant as about the radioactive waste which is released when fuel

Gun Mishaps Reach Peak During Autumn

New York (Science Service) — Firearm accidents are approaching their peak for 1959 as the October through December hunting season swings into high gear. But nearly half of the year's firearm accidents will take place around the house rather than in the woods.

Boys 15 to 19 years old are more frequently victims than members of any other age group. Although representing only three per cent of the population, they account for about 16 per cent of fatal injuries by firearms. About 2,400 persons were accidentally shot in 1958, about 90 per cent of the victims being men and boys, report Metropolitan Life Insurance statisticians.

is being reprocessed. There is a very close limit for the disposal of radioactive waste into the oceans, the atmosphere and the soil, and scientists are therefore not so much thinking in terms of waste disposal as in terms of storage.

Director Sterling Cole of the International Atomic Energy agency considers the term "waste" a misnomer. Simply because we do not now have a ready use for the material, he said, does not mean that in time a use will not be found and the "waste" products may become a valuable asset.

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