



GETTING WELL - Francis Mike, 3, an Eskimo boy from Alaska, wears his parka as he plays with blocks, well on his way to recovery after a delicate open-heart operation at Presbyterian Medical Center in San Francisco. Francis underwent surgery for a defect in the inner wall of his heart and hospital personnel said he was a good patient, except for his reluctance to part with his parka and mukluks. (UPI)

The Family Council

Editor's Note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, three editors and a woman's editor. Each article is a summary of an actual case history. The Council reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors. (Copyright by General Features Corp.)

Irwin F. - Why can't I have a summer of just doing nothing at all?

Mr. H. F. - He'll get tired of hanging around, or get into trouble.

Irwin F. - Here comes summer and I've managed to persuade my parents that, at 16, I'm too old for the camp I've been attending the past few years. But now we keep arguing about how I should spend the time.

I'd like to know how it feels to just do plain nothing. All it will mean to Dad is continuing my allowance, and that's a big saving over what camp would cost. There's no point in my going to summer school. My marks are high - mostly A's. They're proof of how hard I work each term and why I really deserve a rest.

I've never had a chance to loaf, to get up when I feel like it and spend some time doing as I wish.

Mr. H. F. - There's an old saying, "The Devil finds mischief for idle hands." Irwin's idea of spending the summer doing what he "feels like" may lead him to feel like doing things that are bad for him, things he'll regret.

I can understand his desire to know how it feels to be a hobo - a hallelujah-bum - because by nature he's like me, a serious hard-worker. That's now I know he'd quickly grow tired of a vacation without any schedules or responsibilities. A few days, even a couple of weeks, of sitting around and dreaming up things to do would be enough. He'd keep crazy hours, too, and his health would suffer.

I want him to take a summer job before all the good ones are gone.

The Council: Freedom to do what one feels like doing can become the heaviest tyranny. Irwin is likely to find himself a slave to whim, impulse and the plans of others with whom he'd like to tag along. Centuries ago, the poet Ben Jonson pointed out that he who is his own boss has a fool for a master. Irwin will enjoy his summer more if he plans his relaxation around a fixed commitment, rather than in place of one.

Mr. F.'s misgivings are a valid. Three eventualities can

Journalists From New Hampshire

Concord, N. H. - (UPI) - New Hampshire has made a generous donation to the journalism field.

For example: the first newspaper in Chicago - the "Democrat" - was founded by "Long John" Wentworth, a native of the Granite state, and Charles A. Dana, editor of the New York Sun for many years, was born in Hinsdale.

Horace White, editor of the New York Tribune and New York Evening Post for many years, was born in Colebrook and Charles R. Miller, long-time editor of the New York Times, was born in Hanover. Charles Farrar Browne, better known as "Artemus Ward," spent his newspaper apprenticeship on the staff of the Coos County Democrat in Lancaster.

smash Irwin's idyllic dream. He'll grow bored, he'll grow reckless and court danger, and he'll feel guilty about wasting time.

Presently besieged with school assignments, he can't imagine growing bored with a nothing-to-do respite. But after a week or two of sniffing around for trails of interest, of "horning" in on the plans of others, he may regret the formlessness of his vacation. By then, alas, all the best jobs will be filled.

Worse, he may let his boredom lead him toward excitements which maim or corrupt. And, looking back at the end of the summer, what will he have to show for the time? Will his plan look as tempting as it does now in anticipation? We think not. He may find himself envying friends who spent the precious weeks making money, discovering future contracts and stacking up "experience" credentials.

Hence, we recommend a plan and a program. Some kids can direct themselves with these. They go ahead with a serious project (inventing, building, exploring) which they can't devote much time to during the school months. They keep regular hours, proceed in an orderly way and are self-propelling.

Since Irwin evidently has no such burning "call," we suggest a summer job. Although the field is somewhat limited because of his age, it can be augmented through direct canvass by both Irwin and Mr. F. among friends and business acquaintances.

New Phone Booths Resemble Pagodas

New York - (UPI) - Those aren't temple bells ringing. It's the Gung Yung Deen Wah.

That is Chinese for Public Electric Talker. New York's Chinatown has just acquired outdoor phone booths about as Chinese as they can be.

The roof resembles a Pagoda. The signs and instructions are in Chinese characters. When the first of 12 \$2,000 booths was installed, Chinatown celebrated the occasion with dancing lions, cymbals, firecrackers and incense.

The Committ for the Improvement of Chinatown, New York, has other plans to dress up the exotic narrow streets on Manhattan's lower east side. Ideas include replacing regular street lights with lanterns and building colorful archways over the streets.

Women Inmates Learn Gardening From Club

Trenton, N. J. - (UPI) - For the past 12 years, the inmates at the New Jersey women's reformatory in Clinton have practiced the techniques of growing and arranging flowers under direction of the Community Garden club of Hunterdon County.

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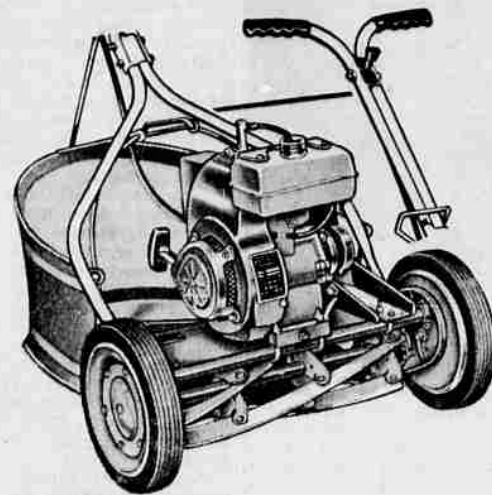
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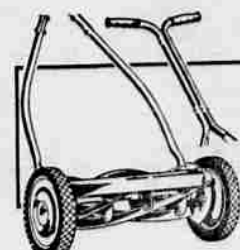
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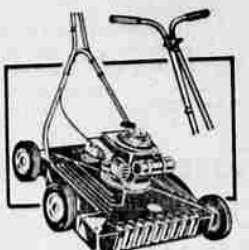
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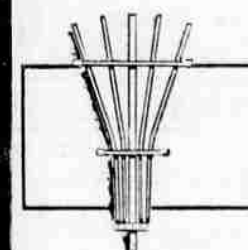
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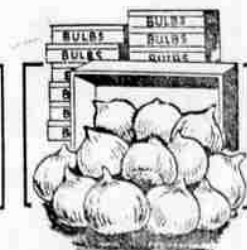
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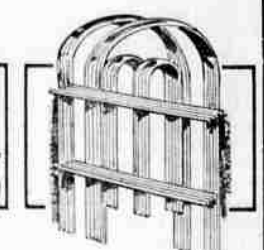
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