



MISS DEPAUW—Two Miss DePauws from Evansville, Ind. Miss DePauw for 1962 is Miss Marilyn Lucille Schaaf, a DePauw University sophomore. She was crowned by Miss Ellen Myers, left, last year's queen. Miss Schaaf will represent DePauw in the Miss Indiana contest at Michigan City, Ind., this summer. (UPI)



ODD EGG — Double yolk eggs, or even triple-yolkers, turn up occasionally, but the turkey egg pictured above is something far more rare. There is an egg (complete with shell) inside the outer egg. It was found by the Marvin Hart family, who operate a turkey ranch on the Applegate. According to Alton Hart, operator of Hart's hatchery, Medford, this is very unusual and out of the millions of eggs his firm has handled this is the first one of this kind he has seen. The bowl contains the "innards" of the outer egg while the outside of the inner egg can be seen inside the outer... well, Mrs. Turkey must have been a little confused, too.



BLOWS A KISS — Miss Clooney of 1961, Marlene Schmidt, blows a kiss to photographers as she arrived in San Francisco for a round of personal appearances. Marlene's next stop will be Japan. (UPI)

Petition Deadline Noted For Board Appearance

Salem — May 21 is the deadline for Oregon property taxpayers to file petitions with county boards of equalization for correction of assessments.

All boards will convene Monday, May 14, to make their annual review of assessments in their respective counties and, under Oregon law, a property owner may appear or be represented by an attorney before the board when it considers petitions for reduction of assessments.

Taxpayers are reminded that they cannot wait until they receive their tax statements in the fall to appeal their assessments. If they do not know the assessed value of their property at this time, they can obtain it at the county assessor's office. By dividing the assessed value by the assessor's posted delinquent (25 per cent in most counties)

The Medical Roundup

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On Prevention of Suicide

In one year, some 100,000 Americans attempt suicide and some 20,000 succeed in doing away with themselves. Since many more thousands would be suicides who land up in the huge Los Angeles County General Hospital. As the doctors say, many of the 100,000 who last year tried suicide and failed, will try it again, and some of them will succeed.

Everyone who has a depressed and melancholy relative ought to know something about the danger of suicide. The topic has become so important that, in a number of places in the world, there now are kindly, devoted people who sit by a phone every night and all night, ready to talk to people who have come to the point where they seriously are contemplating suicide. These rescue groups are saving many lives.

I was glad to read recently that, in England, the ancient law that prescribes severe punishment for people who have attempted suicide, has been removed from the statute books. Evidently, at last, the legislators have faced the fact that a person who attempts suicide is not "bad," he is ill; he usually is suffering from a depression, and he greatly deserves our sympathy.

I recently read a new book, "The Cry for Help," edited

and partly written by Norman L. Farberow and Edwin S. Schneidman, of the Los Angeles Pioneering Suicide Prevention Center. They have been studying thousands of would-be suicides who land up in the huge Los Angeles County General Hospital. As the doctors say, many of the 100,000 who last year tried suicide and failed, will try it again, and some of them will succeed.

Many Misconceptions
As the authors of the book say, there are many misconceptions and mis-statements about suicides. The commonest one is that people who talk about suicide won't attempt it. Actually, 75 per cent of the people who committed suicide previously had attempted it, or had threatened to commit it, or had talked about it.

The point that many families should know is that often, when the invalid seems to be getting well, he is in the greatest danger. With his increase in energy, he may gain the will and the strength to go ahead and do away with himself.

As I said, most of the persons who commit suicide are in a depression. A well-adjusted person is not likely to commit suicide no matter how much sorrow comes to him. The important point is that whenever a depressed man, woman or child talks of committing suicide, the family should know that there is danger ahead. In many cases, when the person is found dead, there is some difficulty in deciding whether the death was accidental or suicidal. Commonly, the family could remove all doubt if they cared to, but because they much prefer that the death be reported as accidental, they say nothing about the person's depression, or the fact that he had been under the care of a psychiatrist, or that he had previously attempted suicide, or he had threatened to commit it, or several of his relatives had been suicides.

The only way to keep a person from committing suicide when he wants to do it, is to keep him in a locked ward in a mental hospital. And, even there, he may manage to do away with himself. Sometimes a few electroshock treatments will bring a person out of his depression, will put an end to his compulsion to commit suicide. Today, also, there are a number of anti-depressant drugs which may give the patient much relief.

Jerking of the Legs
A few people write, much distressed because their legs jerk—especially at night. Usually, the home doctor has to say he never before saw a case of such jerking; he can't find anything on it in the medical literature, and so he does not know what to do. He may find that a strong dose of a barbiturate at night will help. I read a European book on the subject but did not learn anything about treatment.

The people who suffer from this very distressing disease seem generally to be a "bunch of nerves." I was just reading an article by an expert on convulsive troubles by Dr. Raymond D. Adams, Professor of Neurophysiology at Harvard, who says that recently such jerking has been classified as a rare form of muscle spasm possibly related to epilepsy. Hence, he advises all such persons to have electroencephalograms made; also that the doctor try the effect of an anticonvulsive such as dilantin.

Springtime is a good time to give attention to your weight. If you would like to have Dr. Alvarez' booklet, "Weight Control," send 25 cents and stamped, self-addressed envelope with your request to Dr. Walter C. Alvarez, Dept. MMT, The Register and Tribune Syndicate, Box 957, Des Moines 4, Iowa.

3,241 Precincts Listed in State

Salem—UPI. There are 3,241 precincts in Oregon for the May 18 primary election, State Elections Director Jack F. Thompson has announced.

This is 341 more than for the November, 1960 general election. The increase is reflected by such factors as population increases, realignment and annexation by cities, Thompson said.

Multnomah county has the highest number of precincts, and gained the most—up 213 from November, 1960 for a new total of 1,216 this May.

Thompson said the biggest factor in Multnomah was a realignment of precincts for the convenience of voters.

The number of precincts is determined by the number of registered voters, figuring a maximum of 500 voters per precinct.

Some counties lost a few precincts but others besides Multnomah showing appreciable gains include:

Clackamas 221, up 53; Washington 160, up 30; Jackson 123, up 10; Linn 104, up 14; Marion 163, up 11; Lane 257, up 6; Douglas 103, up 5; and Benton 30, up 5.

Rosemary Clooney Seeking Divorce

Santa Monica, Calif. —UPI—Rosemary Clooney tearfully testified Wednesday that husband Jose Ferrer admitted having love affairs with other women and told her "he could not change" his ways.

The blonde singer, seeking a divorce, also charged that Ferrer, an Academy Award winning actor, had "violent shows of temper" both in public and at home that constituted an act of cruelty.

Miss Clooney answered questions about the couple's complex financial affairs. She told Municipal Judge Mervyn A. Aggeler that she now is \$29,033 in debt.

After noting that the singer earned \$2 million since 1953, Aggeler commented, "and she's broke."

The judge recessed the trial until next Tuesday and instructed the couple and their attorneys to try again to work out a financial settlement.

Tunnel Work Held Up For Shield Repairs
O'Brien Work on construction of the Randolph Collier tunnel on Highway 199 south of here was held up temporarily last week while repairs were made to a shield being used on the job.

Work was expected to be resumed this week, however. Meanwhile, the Mercer-Frazier company has been stockpiling gravel near the Oregon-California state line for the past three weeks under subcontract to Morrison-Knudsen. The gravel will be used for surfacing on approach construction to the tunnel.

Scientists Discover Moon Emits Rays

Washington —UPI— Scientists have discovered that the seemingly inert moon is a giant x-ray machine.

Dr. Richard W. Porter, New York, told the International Committee on Space Research that the moon emits x-rays in response to a heavy bombardment it receives from solar and cosmic radiation.

These so-called secondary x-rays are among the lunar characteristics which the United States wants to investigate with space instruments before it undertakes to land a man on the moon and bring him back.

Porter, chief U.S. delegate to COSPAR, presented a summary report of American space achievements to the third international symposium on space science.

COSPAR is an organization of space scientists from 18 nations. Nearly 1,000 are gathered for the first international symposium to be held in this country. The 19-member Soviet delegation includes cosmonaut Gherman S. Titov.

Porter said that in 1961 the United States launched more than 300 high-altitude balloons carrying scientific

equipment to investigate the upper atmosphere.

In the same period, it launched nearly 900 high-altitude weather rockets. In addition, it shot into space more than 75 larger rockets to investigate the environment in which men someday will travel on their way from the earth to destinations among the planets.

X-Rays Predicted
Accompanying even more than these rockets were 31 artificial earth satellites and deep-space probes sent out to distances of many thousands of miles.

Porter said that it had been

theoretically predicted that the moon would emit x-rays as a result of the unremitting bombardment to which it is subjected by cosmic and solar radiation.

He said instruments were flown on a high-altitude rocket "to determine whether or not x-radiation from the moon could indeed be detected." The experiment was successful and the suspected radiation was found to exist.

ELECTED MAYOR
Woodburn —UPI— N. F. Tyler has been elected mayor here, succeeding Delbert G. Garner.

Hope Abandoned For Rickenbacker

Malibu, Calif. —UPI— The Coast Guard, after an intensive two-day air and sea search, has given up hope the nephew of famed World War I flying ace Eddie Rickenbacker would be found alive.

The Coast Guard searched more than 1,000 square miles of ocean for missing Edward D. Rickenbacker, 23, believed drowned when his 17-foot sailboat overturned. A companion, Richard Rapaport, was found drowned when the capsized craft was discovered Sunday.

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