



FIVE MILLIONTH CONSUMER—Agriculture Secretary Orville Freeman makes a telephone call from his Washington office to a New Mexico cattle rancher who becomes the five millionth consumer to receive electricity through REA loans. Behind the secretary is a huge photograph of the rancher and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. McGuffin of Tatum, N.M., using a kerosene lamp which is now replaced by electricity. (UPI)

The Medical Roundup

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Some Curious Signs Of Heredity

For many years now, it has been popular to say that heredity has hardly any effect and environment is everything. Years ago, a man became a world-famous astronomer by claiming that he could take any child, and by training him well, could make perhaps a great scientist out of him. Thousands of able persons who have struggled for 25 years trying to make something of a mentally defective child they early adopted could have told this professor how very wrong he was.

In a recent number of that excellent little journal, Science News Letter, I found the reports of two interesting studies which should go far to change the opinions of those persons who believe that only environment is important, and who turn a deaf ear to the hundreds of thousands of intelligent mothers who keep saying, "My difficult or mentally disturbed, or mentally retarded child was peculiar from the day he was born. He was not quiet and good-natured and happy like my other babies; he was restless, bad-tempered, and unhappy. He cried differently; he went into tantrums; and held his breath, and he tried to run the place to suit himself."

On the campus of Antioch college, in Yellow Springs, Ohio, there is the remarkable Fels Research Institute in which several able men keep studying the environment of children and men and women from birth until they are 20 or so. Dr. Lester W. Sontag, the director, just reported that one can detect the influence of heredity even before a child is born. The type of heartbeat of the unborn child sometimes will warn the investigators that the child will later have problems. Also, a definite relation has been found between the activity of the mother baby in the month or two before his or her birth and "the social apprehension of the child when he reaches nursery school age."

Aggressive Pre-Schoolers

Curiously, the less active babies tend to become the most aggressive pre-schoolers. An irregularity in the heart rate of the fetus tends to continue after birth and until the child is in his or her teens. The young adults who have grown up with an irregular heart beat tend to show

Riots on Chinese Mainland Reported

Hong Kong—The Hong Kong Tiger Standard reported today that some villagers in Kwangtung Province, on the China mainland coast, rioted against the Communists last week after hearing rumors of a Nationalist invasion.

The paper quoted an unidentified Hong Kong businessman who arrived here Thursday as the source of the report.

Raul Castro Lauds Soviet Assistance

Moscow—Cuban Defense Minister Raul Castro told a Moscow television audience Thursday night that the American economic blockade of Cuba has "affected" Cuban life.

But Castro, brother of Premier Fidel Castro, said things were "not as hard as they might have been, were it not for the disinterested aid of the Soviet people."

He said Cuba is ready "to bring other Latin American countries out of their trance."

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Nitrogen Harming Health of Babies

Pasco—A high concentration of nitrogen in irrigation blocks of the Columbia Basin project in Franklin county is a threat to the health of area babies, according to the district health officer.

Dr. Vernon Michael, Franklin county health officer, said the problem is caused by nitrogen fertilizer and has been increasing in some parts of the county.

Only one child has been affected by the problem, he said. The infant, who lives on a farm near Eltopia, recovered from the illness, which Michael said resembles carbon monoxide poisoning.

He said the maximum number of nitrates in well water which is safe for babies under six months of age is considered to be 10.

At the Bureau of Reclamation office at Eltopia, the number of nitrates per million during tests have jumped from 21 in October of 1958 to 55 in April of 1960.

Flight Engineers To Appeal Order

New York—The flight engineers union says it will appeal a federal judge's second extension of a no-strike order which would prevent a walkout against Pan American World Airways at least until Aug. 8.

Federal Judge George Rosling Thursday extended his temporary restraining order against the Flight Engineers International Association which initially had halted a brief engineers' strike against Pan American on June 23. The judge said he wanted more time to bring out the facts and study the law in the case.

STAR GAZER

By CLAY R. POLLAN

Your Daily Activity Guide According to the Stars

To develop message for Saturday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.

ARIES	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Taurus	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Gemini	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36
Cancer	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48
Leo	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
Virgo	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72
Libra	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84
Scorpio	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96
Sagittarius	97	98	99	100	101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108
Capricorn	109	110	111	112	113	114	115	116	117	118	119	120
Aquarius	121	122	123	124	125	126	127	128	129	130	131	132
Pisces	133	134	135	136	137	138	139	140	141	142	143	144

Spencer Not To Be Available for State Demo Post in 1964

By DOUGLAS GRIPP
Salem—E. D. "Ed" Spencer, has served notice that he is not a candidate for another term as State Democratic chairman in 1964.

He was elected here to a two-year term as chairman, and told the Democratic state central committee the same thing. He said he wanted more time to bring out the facts and study the law in the case.

He manages a trading stamp firm here, and all of his free time, meaning every evening and week end, is devoted to party problems and activities.

He admits he can't complain much, and he doesn't, because he is doing it by choice.

Speaking of organization, Spencer says that if the 1965 legislature won't repeal the 1961 law requiring state political conventions after primary elections, then he hopes at least the time limit can be relaxed.

The law now requires both major parties to hold post-primary, conventions within 45 to 50 days after the May election. Spencer favors extending this to 60 or 70 days.

He points out that county central committees don't get reorganized sometimes until 45 days after the primary, and this makes planning for a state convention too short and too hectic.

CLOSE SHAVE

Carlstadt, N. J.—Frank Stratley, 44, had a close shave Thursday because he took a late shower after finishing work at a warehouse here. Finding the warehouse locked for the night, he was glad to get through a skylight and accidentally triggered a burglar alarm. It took him more than an hour to convince policemen who growled him that he was "clean."

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