

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

THE NOTED minister, Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick, summers in Maine, and recalls a romantic interlude that occurred there a few years back. The local blacksmith, only five-feet-one for all his muscles of steel, fell in love with a girl who towered fully a foot above him. Diffident for months, he proposed marriage to her one night in a sudden burst of courage, and was promptly accepted. He climbed on top of his anvil and kissed the girl rapturously. Hours later, walking home through a pasture, he asked if he might kiss her again. "No," she decided. "Let's not overdo our sparring."

"Shucks," said the disappointed blacksmith. "If I can't kiss you no more, I might as well stop lugging this anvil."



How to get ahead in the Navy: The Secretary of the Navy was inspecting a recently launched carrier. The entire crew stood at attention. "I suppose," said the Secretary jokingly to the carrier's Captain, "you know the name of every man on the ship." "I think I do," was the Captain's unexpected reply.

"Aha," smiled the Secretary. "What's the name of the third man from the left there in the rear rank?"

"William Jones," said the Captain.

The Secretary addressed the seaman himself. "What's your name, lad?" he asked.

"William Jones, Sir," replied Seaman Jonathan Abernathy.

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The Family Council

Editor's note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, three editors and a women's editor. Each article is a summary of a family disagreement presented to the Council. The Council deals with problems, major and minor, encountered by guidance counselors and social workers. Edited by Mrs. Alma Denny. Copyright by General Features Corp.

Mrs. C. Y. - How can two brothers turn out so differently?
George Y. - Why not? He's Dan and I'm me, George.

Mrs. C. Y. - Our sons are a year-and-a-half apart in age, yet they are miles apart in temperament and accomplishments. George enrolled in our state university and flunked out during his freshman year, while Dan, who followed him there a year later will be graduated this June as a Phi Beta Kappa honor student.

And it's not a matter of brains, because George was an A-student right through high school. My husband and I are puzzled. What went wrong? We treated both boys alike, tried not to spoil them but gave them every encouragement. Now, at this late date and after he completes military service next year, George talks of returning to college. But he'll be 23, and how will he feel among the teen-age freshmen?

George Y. - I don't know how my folks can expect me to be a carbon copy of Dan, their pride and joy. He takes to teachers, books, rules and regulations, like a duck to water. I didn't, when I was 19. Now after being in the Army this long I think I can get used to the campus curfew, the heavy assignments, and all those do's and don't's.

Of course I'm sorry I couldn't breeze through the four years like Dan. Maybe being a college boy went to my head. It was my first experience being in the company of lots of older fellows. Whatever they did, I did, even if it was drinking, gambling, and staying out late. A little of that during Army leaves is all right, but in college it got me in trouble, and pushed my marks below the water-line!

Latin American Reds Forced into Open

Washington - (UPI) - DeLesseps S. Morrison, U.S. Ambassador to the Organization of American States, told congressional investigators Thursday that the Communists in Latin America are being forced into the open.

"Increasingly thwarted in the field of political action with repeated losses in recent elections, the Communists are apparently turning more and more to outright violence," Morrison said.

He made the report in testimony before the House foreign affairs subcommittee on Latin America.

The ambassador said that the American republics "are increasingly coming to realize that Communist subversion in one country affects the security of the community as a whole."

However, he said subversion is basically an internal problem, and "the main burden of combatting it rests with the individual governments concerned."

Veterans Loan Bill Passes in House

Salem - (UPI) - A bill to raise the ceiling on state veterans' real property loans passed the House Thursday and went to the Senate.

The measure would lift the limit on real property loans from \$13,500 to \$15,000, and on farms from \$30,000 to \$40,000.

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Experiments Being Held With Strontium-90 and Swine

By DELOS SMITH
UPI Science Editor

New News - (UPI) - One of the major dangers of excessive atmospheric "fall-out" to human beings is what it might do to their reproductive efficiency. For this reason there is sharp scientific interest in experiments with strontium-90 and the reproductive efficiency of swine.

The three scientists responsible for the experiments meant nothing invidious by seeking human values in swine. Obviously they couldn't use people in this field. Next best for finding true answers were members of the Pitman-Moore breed. As swine they're called "miniaturs."

The adult usually weighs around 155 pounds. This is comparable to usual human weights. Their food requirements are similar to the human, and so are their gastrointestinal tracts and their ratio of bone mass to body size.

All this is important because strontium-90 is a radioactive "fall-out" particle which gets into animals by way of what they eat. It is first soaked up by grasses and grains, for instance. Then animals eat the grasses and grains.

protected them in large measure from the dam's intense radioactivity. Besides the radioactive particles emitted by strontium-90 "decay" have a very short range - a range too short to reach the fetus.

The scientists are R. O. McClellan, M. E. Kerr and L. K. Bustard of the General Electric Company's Hanford laboratories, Richland, Wash. Their results still are in the preliminary stage. As of now they know the fetuses of dams with relatively low strontium-90 radiation - those which will be born since the dams will survive pregnancy - absorb some radiation into their bones. They get these small amounts from the maternal gastrointestinal tract.

Once in their gastro-intestinal tracts the strontium-90 for the most part gets deposited into their bones because metabolism treats it as though it were that essential bone mineral, calcium. Its radioactive half-life is 28 years. Thus any creature with strontium-90 incorporated in its bones is being subjected to internal radiation for a long time.

The scientists added strontium-90 to the food of female swine, in daily doses. The "controls" got none, of course. The remainder were divided into four groups. The first got a very small daily dose but much larger than those human beings the world over now are getting due to the "fall-out" from the nuclear explosions of the past.

The second group got five times that dose daily. The third got one five times larger than the second and the fourth got one five times larger than the third.

When strontium-90 was deposited in their bones, the swine were mated. In the lower dose ranges all gave birth to litters normal both in size and vitality at the proper time. There were no detected differences between these offspring and those of the "control" swine.

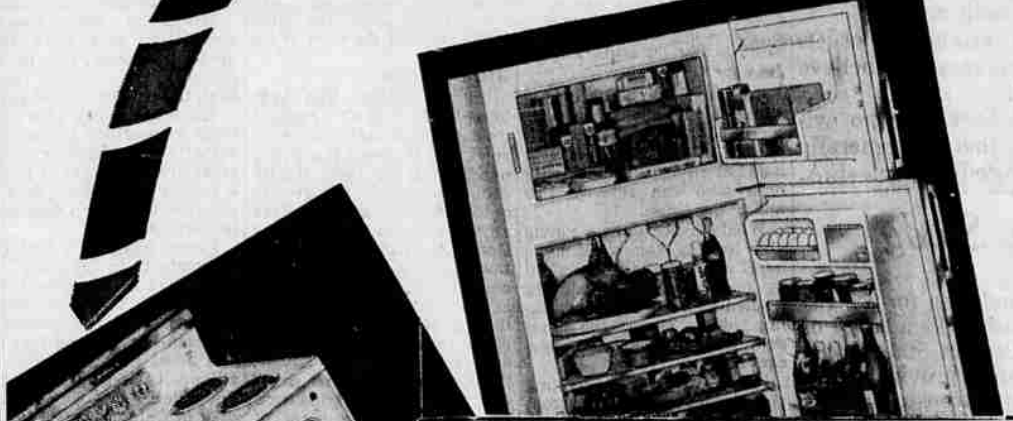
But in the two highest dose ranges, the swine did not survive their pregnancies - they were killed by the constant internal radiation coming from their bones.

All had conceived, and the fetuses had developed normally up to the death of the dams. It seemed apparent that the thickness of the uterus wall and of the placenta

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