



'ATHLETE OF THE YEAR'—Maureen Connolly leans on fence at the stadium of the West Side Tennis Club in Forest Hills, N.Y., where she won the national tennis championship. The 17-year-old blonde from San Diego, Calif., who won the crown 12 days before her birthday, has been chosen as the female "Athlete of the Year" of 1951 in the annual poll conducted by the Associated Press.

Electric Proposals Blow Fuses of U. S. Chorines

By RICHARD KLEINER
NEW YORK (NEA) — Hugo Gernsback, go to the rear of the

class, and take your electronic mating machine with you. An exhaustive survey of American womanhood (well, we talked to four girls, and that can be exhausting) proves unquestionably that they want no truck with machine-made marriage.

Health Unit Asks Time

SALEM (AP) — The State Board of Health asked the State Emergency Board Wednesday for permission to stay open Saturday mornings.

Employees of the board, as do all other state departments, work a five-day week.

The board of health said it could give the public better service by remaining open Saturday mornings.

If the Emergency Board makes the investigation, it probably would decide whether all state departments should work a 5 1/2 day week. Staying open Saturdays probably would require additional funds.

The Emergency Board is a legislative committee that advises the governor on how to spend his emergency fund between legislative sessions.

Gernsback is editor and publisher of Radio-Electronics Magazine. In his annual forecast of things to come, he predicts the world of the future will see a contraption which will "tell prospective couples if it is safe for them to mate, or not."

Four chorines—two married and two single—from "Guys and Dolls" didn't think much of the idea. In fact, cute and single Barbara Ferguson wrinkled up her cute and single nose and said, "Humph, I never did believe in electricity."

Onna White, tall, striking and married, was even briefer in her comments. She didn't even bother wrinkling up her nose as she remarked, "It stinks."

TWO TESTS
Gernsback's electronic marriage counselor would be based on two tests—first, an elaborate questionnaire to see if the couple meet proper standards for successful marriage, and second, a "linked" test (taken while kissing, holding hands or otherwise in close contact) to see if they have what Gernsback calls the proper "electric relationship."

The four young ladies thought highly of the "linked" test idea. Little Miss Ferguson, who is still single, felt that something like that would be important. "How," she asked, "can you live with somebody who does nothing to you?" She added that she's felt such electric responses with men of the opposite sex at times.

Corroborating evidence, in the form of a faint smile and the word "Yes" came from the other single girl, glamorous, red-haired Alicia Krug.

Marcia Maier, a curly-haired brunette who is married, wasn't quite sure if she'd felt an electric response or not.

"A chemical response, yes," she said. "If electrical response and chemical response are the same thing, I've noticed it."

About those standards of marriage, however, there was no agreement. In fact there was an interesting session about what standards are important.

"You must have adequate finances," said Miss Ferguson, single.

"Not necessarily," said Miss Maier, married. "You can be happy even if you're a pauper, if you are in love."

"Ridiculous," said Miss Ferguson, single. "If you're starving, the guy doesn't look so good any more."

Miss White, the other married girl, went along with Miss Ferguson on the financial idea, which probably proves nothing. She also added "love" and "understanding" as prerequisites for a happy marriage.

Besides money, Miss Ferguson mentioned some other things. She said she thought sense of humor and mutual interests—such as children and pets—were vital. Miss Maier just said, "Chemistry," bringing that up again.

Gernsback's own list of standards includes such things as heredity, individual taste, education, IQ, health, texture of hair, odor preferences, musical sense, artistic sense, color perception and physical contour.

The single girls, surprisingly, were much fussier than the married girls. Miss Krug felt seven of those 11 items were important. Miss Ferguson eight, Miss Maier thought only five mattered, and Miss White said no to all but four.

All of them agreed that similar backgrounds of education and IQ were helpful, and some of them felt that similar texture of hair or color perception meant anything to the chances of a happy marriage.

MOOT POINT
The big problem, of course, and one which may face romantic young things in years to come, is

whether they would go ahead and marry if the machine predicted an unhappy union. The girls said they would.

"I'd marry the guy," Miss Maier muttered.

"I'd get married, anyway," said Miss White.

"I'd throw the machine out the window and get married," said Miss Krug.

"I'd go right ahead and get married," said Miss Ferguson.

Gernsback's machine would give the result in percentages—such as a 75 per cent chance that the marriage will succeed—and the girls felt that a 50 per cent average would be enough to give them a fighting chance.

Which proves there'll always be a woman and no machine to change that.



ZOO'S BOSS — Pretty Julie Allen, above, holds a rare job for a young woman. She's director of the Miami, Fla., Crandon Park Zoo. In addition, she performs a lion-taming act, using only a whip and a stick in a cage full of snarling beasts.

Damage Suit Filed Today

PORTLAND (AP) — A \$38,500 damage suit was filed here Tuesday, an outgrowth of fire aboard the Danish motorship *Erria* which claimed 11 lives.

One of the 103 survivors, Angus M. Brumlee of Edmonston, Ala., and Whitehorse, Y.T., filed an admiralty libel action asking \$15,000 death damage for his wife Kathleen, 46; the same sum for his daughter Elizabeth Mary, 6; \$5,000 damages for injuries to himself, and \$3,500 for the loss of personal possessions.

The complaint, filed with the federal court clerk by John D. Williams, who said he was administrator of the victims' estates, said the ship was not seaworthy and was operated carelessly. Ship's officers failed to sound general alarm, failed to hold a fire drill, failed to send up rockets for help, and directed passengers to the ship's lounge where eight of them died the suit said.

Many of these points were investigated at a recent Coast Guard hearing on the Dec. 20 disaster but no findings have been reported.

TOPPED BLUE DEVILS
DURHAM, N.C. (AP)—Jerry Barger, freshman quarterback from Salisbury, N.C., led the Duke University football team in net yards gained this year with 613 yards, 336 of them by passing. Red Smith, sophomore halfback was next with an even 500 yards, 442 of them by rushing.

JOB OPEN
WASHINGTON (AP) — The civil service commission announced Wednesday it will receive applications for the postmastership at Crescent City, Calif., with the deadline Jan. 29. Names of the applicants will be made public Jan. 21.

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