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Sage Sideglances

While the man was putting in our new television and tuning out the snow, I remembered watching the plumber install the first city water tap in my mother's kitchen, to replace the pitcher pump in the old iron sink; and the thrill of turning it on and off.

I didn't know that I was never to experience like thrill again; that my father's house had started its trek toward an establishment run by push buttons, switches and robots.

I didn't know that one day we would hear voices and music come from a machine that talked; or that our magic lantern stills of Niagara Falls would come to life—pictures that moved.

That the pictures would become gaily colored, and then would talk, no one could have made me believe. That sound would ever travel without wires was unbelievable.

The bicycle was the wonder of the age. It got people to places where men made speeches, bands played, actors performed. That the whole family would some day be transported by its own horseless conveyance would be the skies and sail under the sea was only the fantastic muse of Jules Verne.

The man said: "It should be all right. If you have any trouble, let us know." So here was the contraption that was to bring distant scenes into our living room; like that first water tap brought water to mother.

By the time the motion picture had its public debut in storefront Nickelodeons, I had become press agent for drama, opera and vaudeville. If the early movie industry had been sure of itself, I would have been put in jail for what I wrote about this upstart competitor of the legitimate theater.

I said that it challenged every lofty American ideal; that it would sap the time, destroy the eyesight, wreck the morals of the nation. That "smelly firetrap Nickelodeons" will some day crash over the heads of innocent children, parked there by gadding mother, and leave their little charred bodies in the hideous pyre. Editors believed in me and printed columns of it.

Time, as ever, met the critics. The authorities banished Nickelodeons; science smoothed out the flickers, legitimate theaters added movies to their programs; ornate cinema palaces went up. And now the upstart was under my own hand.

NEW YORK (AP)—Millions of Jovelyn single girls are moping this Leap Year day because they aren't among the married.

"What does it really take to win a husband?" they wonder.

The answer to this has stumped sociologists and psychiatrists. Scientists have been unable to come up with a test tube solution.

Now business is trying to solve the problem. For the creation of new families is becoming more and more important to a growing nation.

If people quit getting married the nation would soon smother with unsold refrigerators, washing machines, and layettes.

I have at hand the results of a little business research into the matrimonial field. It is a survey made by Shadow Wave, a Lever Brothers home permanent.

This firm polled about 100 guys and 100 gals on this question: "What are the five most important weapons in a girl's arsenal needed to get her man and make 1952 a successful Leap Year?"

The returns are in and, I must say, very distressing. The disturbing truth is that there are dramatic and fundamental differences of what qualifies a man looks for in a mate.

Even where there were areas of agreement, the emphasis differed.

Both sexes agreed the girl ought to be well-groomed and attractive in appearance.

But the girls themselves stressed neatness, while the bachelors voted heavily for more definite feminine allure.

"Pleasing personality" was high on the men's list; the women voted for "charm," and just what that covers remains a mystery.

The ability to cook rated near the top with the lads, but the lassies hardly even mentioned the kitchen art, perhaps because of a growing womanly conviction that cooking is something done only in the back rooms of restaurants.

Many men put down "a sense of humor."

The girls worded it more often "the ability and willingness to humor him."

In general the bachelor girls pictured the prospective bride as a nice clean girl—it was amazing how many mentioned cleanliness—in love with health and home, conversationally gifted and so informed about her husband's busi-

They'll Do It Every Time



Hauptmann Still Guilty

(Samuel G. Blackman, the writer of this dispatch, covered the Lindbergh baby kidnapping and the execution of Bruno Richard Hauptmann for The Associated Press. Blackman, now chief of the New York and New Jersey bureaus of the AP, asked former attorney general David T. Wilentz and former governor Harold G. Hoffman, their views on the kidnapping had changed after 20 years. Wilentz maintains it was a one-man job, Hoffman, who once gave Hauptmann a reprieve, believes more than one person was involved.)

By SAMUEL G. BLACKMAN
TRENTON, N. J. (AP)—Was the Lindbergh baby kidnapping solved by the conviction and execution of Bruno Richard Hauptmann?

There is no new evidence — 20 years after the kidnapping on March 1932 — to alter the verdict that Hauptmann alone kidnaped the infant Charles A. Lindbergh Jr. and killed him.

Time has not changed the opinion of David T. Wilentz, New Jersey's chief prosecutor, who told the jury that the evidence leads only to Hauptmann.

Nor have the passing years changed the views of former governor Harold G. Hoffman that Hauptmann's execution left many riddles unsolved.

Hoffman, who once gave Hauptmann a 30-day reprieve from death but refused a second one, said Friday:

"I believe that the crime was committed by more than one person.

"I believe it would have been difficult to execute that crime without the assistance of someone who was inside either the Lindbergh or the Morrow household.

"The police, once Hauptmann had been apprehended, and the 'loose wolf' pattern of execution was decided upon, not only failed to make, but made every effort to hinder further investigation that might have brought others to the bar of justice."

Hoffman, now director of the State Division of Employment Security, made the statement when asked if his views now differ from those he held in 1932.

His intervention in the case as governor, including a secret visit to Hauptmann in the death house, stirred wide controversy.

"I received hundreds of letters, both praise and criticism. To criticize, he said, he sought only a complete solution of the case.

"There was some evidence presented, seeming to point to the guilt of Hauptmann that I am not sure I can believe. However, I have indisputable documentary evidence that certain witnesses made substantial changes in the statements they made to the police and the grand jury and the evidence that they gave upon the witness stand at Flemington, evidence designed, two years after they were first interviewed, to prove that Hauptmann was the lone wolf murderer."

The tragic kidnap story was one of the nation's most celebrated criminal cases.

Suffering from a cold, the blond 18-month old baby, first child of the famous flier and Anne Morrow Lindbergh, was tucked in her crib in the couple's Sourdland Mountain home near Hopewell. A few hours later he was missing.

A crudely written note demanding \$50,000 ransom was left on a windowsill. A rickety ladder lay outside. Both became telltale evidence two and one half years later.

A nationwide hunt got underway for the baby and the kidnapers — but they believed more than one. Lindbergh made a contact through an intermediary, Dr. John F. Condon, better known for his initials "JFC" as "Jasie."

Dr. Condon delivered the \$50,000 ransom in a Bronx cemetery to a man he addressed as "John."

The string ensemble will conclude the program.

JACOBY on Canasta

"Sgt. Charles W. Jones, of Memphis, Tenn., and I played an unusual game of Canasta recently just before he left Fort Benning for duty overseas," writes a Georgia correspondent. "I was leading by a wide margin until the last hand."

"On that last hand he gave me quite a pasting until I finally managed to meld out. I thought that I could imagine we checked that count two or three times before we accepted it as final.

"Is there any provision in the official rules for setting a deadlock of this kind? Could I have stopped the game to add up all my points and those of Sergeant Jones before deciding whether or not to go out?"

The law makes no provision for settling a tie of this kind. One of the ways of ending a game is by means of a tie score, in which case neither side wins. This may be frustrating if you are particularly anxious to have a winner for settling a tie. It is always possible to play another game.

This reminds me of the questions that constantly stream into my mailbox. "Who wins the game?" they always ask. "The player with the high score or the player who melds out on the last hand of the game?"

The answer is that the high score always wins. Most Canasta players play for points rather than melds. If you play for melds, a player (or side) with more points always wins from a player (or side) with fewer points. It doesn't matter which player melds out on the last hand of the game.

Similarly, if the difference between the two sides is zero (a tie), there is no winner at all. It does not matter who melds out on the last hand; and the laws do not provide any other way of breaking the tie. If the two players are anxious enough to break the tie, they can agree on any procedure that pleases both of them.

My correspondent's second question is not so easily answered. You are always allowed to stop and think before playing. An expert always knows the score and can tell you what cards are concealed in closed canastas. But even an expert may have to guess at the value of the cards that an opponent has in his hand. There's no way of counting those points accurately.

Leap Year Has Long And Colorful History For Men

Today we come to that extra day of February which once in four years transforms an entire twelve months into a period of nervous anxiety for the more timid souls of the masculine tribe. Some believe that certain of the female persuasion assume leap year was insulated solely for them and take full advantage of this rare opportunity.

The reversal of wooming procedure during leap year dates back for hundreds of years. In A.D. 1288 a Scottish law declared: "It is ordained that during the rein of his majesty King James for each year known as leap year, each maiden lady shall have liberty to beseech ye man she likes, albeit he refuses to talk her to be his lawful wife, he shall be muled in ye sum of one pound... except if he can make it appear that he is betrothed to another woman, he shall then be free." Previous entanglement in "the holy bonds" also excused him.

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Whatever the general opinion, leap year is not a social but an astronomical institution. Most of the ancient peoples had very unsatisfactory calendars. The year of the Assyrians and Hebrews consisted of 12 lunar months, or 354 days, to which a 13th month was added every two or three years. The Mohammedan countries to this day use a 354-day year without a correcting leap-month. The Egyptians used 365 days from very ancient times. As accurate as this was, after 730 years mid-winter came when the calendar said it was summer.

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No Progress In Bus Talks

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Negotiators for Pacific Greyhound Lines and the AFL Motor Coach Employees Union met again Friday with Federal Conciliator Omar Hoskins in an effort to head off a threatened strike.

Hoskins met with them Thursday but reported little progress.

A strike of 3,500 employees is set for Sunday at 12:01 a.m. in California, Nevada, Oregon, Arizona, New Mexico and parts of Utah and Texas.

The union seeks a 40-hour, five-day week and wage increases that would pay long distance drivers' pay from \$7.26 to \$8.50 per 100 miles. The union asks hourly wages for short run drivers be increased from \$1.63 to \$2.04.

The company has offered a four per cent wage boost and a two-year contract that would tie wage scales to the cost of living.

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Smoking In Bed Cause Of Fire

Smoking in bed resulted in a small fire in a cabin behind 1143 Pine St. at 11:40 p.m. Thursday, according to firemen.

The cabin was occupied by LeRoy McNeil and is owned by Mrs. Nina Currier, firemen reported.

A hole was burned in one wall of the cabin and other minor damage resulted from smoke and flames.

CRASH KILLS EIGHT
RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, (AP)—Eight persons were reported killed and 23 injured Thursday night in the crash of a Pan-Alr Do Brazil airliner trying to land in a fog at Uberlandia, 425 miles northwest of Rio.



FRONTS FOR FRIEND — Jane Russell (right) told a Los Angeles Supreme Court that she had known Yolanda Elliott (left) for 11 years and the designer had a reputation for honesty and integrity. Miss Elliott was accused of stealing a fur stole by her former roommate, entertainer Anne Sterling. Yolanda claimed she paid Anne \$200 for the fur.

Minister Hits Home Outlook

The Rev. George Alder, First Christian Church, charged Fairview PTA members yesterday with the principal responsibility for the mauling of a character in their youngsters.

Alder, in a brief talk before the PTA group said child character was mauling on the three-pronged basis of home, school and church. And he said the church should be placed the major importance on home life.

He said a principal evil of modern home life was the popular practice of both mothers and fathers working.

"We're placing too much importance on material things... Not nearly enough on spiritual," said Alder.

He cited the vicious circle of a woman who "had to work to buy time-saving gimmicks for her house work so she would have time to work and make money to pay for the gimmicks."

INSTRUCTORS DIE
CARTAGENA, Spain (AP)—Three instructors from Alcazar Air Force School were killed in a plane crash Friday, but their eight students parachuted to safety. The instructors were flying a Junkers transport of Spanish Civil War vintage. Officials blamed the crash on engine failure.

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Demo Leader To Speak Tonight

Mrs. Margaret Cawood of Portland, vice chairman of the Oregon Democratic Committee, is to be guest speaker at a meeting of the Klamath County Demo Central Committee tonight.

A no-host dinner is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. at the Winema, and the meeting will follow.

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