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Tough Test

By BILL JENKINS

It is not enough that mankind has been exposed to all the tests that can be imagined—now we are picking on the grass.

A couple of scientists down in California by the name of Russell Perry and Marston Kimball have come up with a machine to measure the amount of punishment various grasses can withstand.

The device features a series of small paddles which beat the grass. These paddles are of various designs and textures and can be changed around in order to test the wearing qualities of grass for such things as friction, tearing, striking and compaction.

The idea is that it will make it easier for people to choose the proper grass for cemeteries, playgrounds, parks and golf courses.

I suppose it is all very well, although I am a little vague as to just what grass would be best for a cemetery. Something that wouldn't frighten easily, I suppose.

But the whole thing strikes me as another step in the direction of automation and the labor saving devices.

It might not be more practical, but it would certainly be a lot more human and appealing if the grasses were to be tested in action.

For a golf course, for instance, we could hire a firm of experts to test it for such things as divot-resistance, spike-tearing, resistance to tear stains and the ability to take constant beating by clubs in the immediate vicinity of sand traps. I would imagine that this futile beating of the tear-soaked areas in question would be pretty tough on any grass.

The experts could also test it out for nine holes a day, for eighteen, for thirty six and, on an overtime basis, of course, for seventy two hole play.

In the case of parks and playgrounds battalions of small children could be turned loose on experimental plots to test grasses for shoe scuffing, diaper-pressing and root resistance to the efforts of a small boy wielding a pocket knife with one broken blade.

If they would be interested in a carefully conducted test of the resistance of grass to a man loafing in the shade I will gladly offer my services.

In the case of cemeteries I shall have to leave it to the experts to devise human means of testing. Perhaps we could even use the machine here without undue criticism. I don't know about others but I have a natural, built-in dread of burial grounds.

Being half-dead anyway I don't want to strain my luck.

Soviet Schools

By BILL TEAGUE

Of United Press International

An Ohio professor who has gathered some first-hand information on the subject says "Don't let anybody tell you the Russians don't have problems."

The statement came from Professor Gerald Read of Kent State University at Kent, Ohio. Read returned recently from a tour of schools in the Soviet Union.

While in Russia, Read and Dr. William Brickman of New York University arranged for 73 American students to visit schools in Kiev, Moscow, Tashkent and Leningrad. The group started on the tour last week.

The trip now being made resulted from the formation of the comparative education society by Read and 600 other American educators . . . a group which sponsors field studies in foreign lands.

Read said after the first trip to Russia the only way the Soviets would agree to let Americans visit their schools was "that we agree to let 70 Russians visit American schools." And agreement was made and the Russians will come to this country in November.

The bespectacled Ohio educator says some areas in this country will be closed to the Russian teachers. But he says they will inspect schools in New York, Baltimore, Washington, Nashville, Tennessee, and Cleveland and Kent, Ohio.

Professor Read expressed the hope that the exchange will allow teachers from both nations to gain first hand knowledge of school systems in other nations.

Read said that some groups would have you believe that Russian teachers are all highly paid individuals who "wallow in social prestige." But he says this is not true.

Read pointed out that wherever he went in Russia, teachers told him: "What a wonderful system of education you have in America."

And the professor added that he found Soviet teachers are faced with many problems: Poor pay, a shortage of classroom space, juvenile delinquents, absenteeism, and that most common complaint of all: The Russians are not getting the best people to go into education, into the Soviet Union's schools.

Read also found that the state dictates how teachers will teach, and that they have freedom of discussion only in certain areas.

The American educator said it is difficult for him to understand why people call it "the great Russian school system."

However, the professor admitted

would be war with the United States.

The Chinese Reds would have an easier time snatching a couple of tiny and lightly defended islets held by Chiang off the China coast. It's unlikely the United States would fight for them.

And since this country let the Reds grab the Tachen Islands a little further up the coast a couple of years ago, and without a fight, the Reds may feel they can acquire a little more real estate, the islets, without trouble.

Alcohol

Klamath Falls (To the Editor)—Since coming to the Klamath Basin some 15 months ago I have enjoyed reading the editorials and the letters to the editor in the Herald and News, since they give me an idea of the community and its problems and needs. Some of the matters I have agreed with, others I have not.

I do not know the policy of your paper concerning the alcohol problem, but if the picture and notation concerning alcohol in last night's paper (August 12) is any indication of your paper's and therefore the community's stand concerning alcohol, then we are in a pretty sad state.

In courses in physiology in both high school and college, beer or alcohol in any form was never included in the list of needed foods for the human body. Even aside from the moral implications, there is no need for beer to be classified as "staple foods," along with milk and bread.

There are many things that could be mentioned to support my stand on this, such as the effects of alcohol on the highway traffic accident, on both juvenile and adult delinquency, the comparison of American spending on alcohol and on public education, the tremendous problems of alcoholism, both known and unknown, and many others.

The person who drinks for "social reasons" is saying both to himself (or herself) and the community that he is not "fit company," or a good conversationalist unless he is drunk.

I realize that many will disagree with me, and have the right to do so, but I do not believe that it can be shown from a medical or physiological standpoint that beer is a "staple food."

George Casey
73 Pine Street.

More Ambulance

Beatty (To the Editor) — Mr. Wynne's one sided criticism of the Chiloquin Ambulance was appalling. Mr. Peace should have the intentional fortitude to make his own complaints thus saving Mr. Wynne the taking of sides he said he did not.

The Chiloquin ambulance has made four successful, swift, safe, and efficient runs to Beatty, and the residents of this community are grateful for this free and dedicated service.

As for something going wrong with the Chiloquin Ambulance, accidents can happen to anyone. They happen to trains, planes, boats, and cars. They happened to covered wagons, stagecoaches, and horseback riders. I am afraid we are due for a lot of them in the future too. But it seems to me, and my friends here in Beatty, that the Chiloquin ambulance ought to be forgiven the accidental jiggling of a fuel pump without Mr. Wynne practically accusing them of trying to do away with the innocent victim entrusted to their care.

Another thing, why put all the blame on the Chiloquin ambulance men just because both ambulances show up at the same accident? The Chiloquin ambulance wouldn't have come if it hadn't been called.

One other little cotton picking thing, we are not all millionaires, so we feel that these men who are attendants and drivers for the Chiloquin ambulance, and who have given so freely of their time, and

that the Russians do have a wonderful educational program in the afternoon. That's when the teachers go home and the Communist party takes over.

"What we do in football," Read said, "the Russians do in physics."

asked nothing for themselves but the satisfaction of serving others, these are a breed of men that this old world could stand to have a lot more of. Let us not be biting backs, it is not democratic, to say nothing of its not even being nice.

We are having a community barbecue and picnic August 28, sponsored by the Beatty Recreation Association, to which we have invited a member of the Chiloquin Fire Department to speak. We would be very pleased to have Mr. Wynne and Mr. Peace come on out and feel free to speak also. We wouldn't want it said that we are taking sides either. You just can't tell, once they are full of good food, they might even like us.

Swimming Pool

Klamath Falls (To the Editor)—I should like to take up a bit of your space, concerning our municipal swimming pool.

It is my understanding that all children of city employees are admitted to the pool free, because their fathers are employed by the city. I think this is most unfair in view of the fact that there are several children who are cleaning up the yards of the pool for a free swim. The parents of these children pay taxes too. If this is the case, I think it's high time someone did something about it. Anyone agree?

Another thing that needs some attention, in my opinion, is the deck of the pool. The kids at the pool are constantly reminded to walk, not run, on the deck. The lifeguards, I'm sure, would appreciate a little record that said, "walk, walk, walk," over and over. Nevertheless, the kids fall every few minutes. The deck is very smooth and slippery. Would it be possible to have the deck roughened a little before next spring?

Last, but not least, I, along with a lot of other adults, have been kicked, poked, splashed and nearly drowned by a lot of mighty happy kids that have had a wonderful time at the pool this summer, and that is as it should be. But, please have a heart. We mothers, and fathers too, have lots of fun swimming—at least we would if we could. If you could open the pool, weather permitting, for a week, our little people would be off to school, and to tell the truth, I, for one, would love to go swimming minus five or six hundred little arms, legs and bobbing heads.

There should be no problem. Admit adults only. The kids had it all summer, so let us have it for a week.

Come on, mom and dad, stand up and holler. Let's all go swimming.

Thanks for the space. I hope it hasn't been wasted.

Mrs. R. C. Antley
2225 Vine Avenue.

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Guessing Game

By JAMES MARLOW

Associated Press News Analyst

WASHINGTON (AP) — One of the penalties this country pays for nonrecognition of the Red Chinese—which means we have no representative in China to talk with them—is that we don't know what they're up to. We guess.

And there's been no end of guessing these past few days on why the Chinese Communists on mainland China are blasting away at Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalists on the offshore islands, like Quemoy.

Since one guess looks as good as another, here are two:

1. The Reds may wind up just insignificant bits to boost their prestige a bit.

2. They may also be doing this to help the Soviets put pressure on the United States to get its troops out of Lebanon.

The Chinese Communists didn't start the fireworks against the offshore islands — Chiang's main force is on Formosa—until after Soviet Premier Khrushchev visited Peiping a few weeks ago.

The United States is now sufficiently concerned about the Red Chinese tactics to put the 7th Fleet on the alert around the Formosa Strait.

So long as American troops remain in Lebanon, there could be an explosion. So long as there is shooting near Formosa, the United States might get mixed up there.

The last thing this country wants is to have to fight in two places at once, and two places as far apart as Lebanon and the Formosa Strait.

So—the Soviets may have felt a rumour around Quemoy might be added to get out of Lebanon.

Formosa and the islands of Quemoy and Matsu are heavily defended by Chiang's forces. For the Red Chinese to try to take the islands would be a blood bath. It might involve shooting with the United States.

If they tried to take Formosa—since the United States has a treaty with Chiang to come to his assistance—there almost certainly

Pogo



Quotes

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LOS ANGELES — Attorney General William P. Rogers, on school integration:

"There is no state, granting the will, which cannot maintain law and order and at the same time permit a final decree of a court to be carried out."

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Gov. Orval Faubus, on President Eisenhower's attitude toward integration:

"If the President thinks the pace of integration should be slowed down to occur peacefully, we are in agreement. I am for him."

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Maj. Gen. Paul Adams, commander of U.S. ground forces in Lebanon, on a rebel demand to withdraw tanks from positions near a rebel-held section:

"If fired on, they (U.S. forces) will return the fire in sufficient volume to stop hostile fire, making sure to attack the hostile fire at its source."

INDIANAPOLIS — Police Lt. Richard Caine, on the finding of an unexploded bomb under the bedroom window of Maurice Hutcheson, president of the Carpenters Union:

"I do not consider this an attempt on Hutcheson's life. It is more of a scare than a serious try to kill somebody."

STOCKHOLM — Printer Ernst Ahlberg, on how the people of Greensboro, N.C., helped him after his daughter lost her arm when she was struck by a whirling airplane propeller:

"They all did their utmost to give us help and support. I don't know what we would have been up against if we had not received all this support."

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