



THE LITTLEST PONY—William Hine keeps a rope tether on two ponies, mother and daughter, in White Water, Ohio. But for this little one it might as well be a dog leash. Baby weighed in at 18 pounds the day she was born and was 16 inches long, 16 inches high. Now, at two months, she is fatter, has broadened out and is somewhat taller. But even when she is full grown farmer Hine predicts that she will still be one of the smallest ever.

Survey Of Gobbledygook Leaves One's Mind Clear

SACRAMENTO Calif. (UPI) — Here's some fresh ammunition in the war on gobbledygook.

These gibes at bureaucratic lingo were put together by California Motor Vehicles Department employee Elzy Wright, of Daly City, and published in the department's monthly bulletin.

It is in process — So wrapped up in red tape that the situation is almost hopeless.

We will look into it — By the time the wheel makes a full turn, we assume that you will have forgotten about it too.

A program — Any assignment that can't be completed by one telephone call.

Expedite — To confound confusion with confusion.

Channels — The trail left by interoffice memos.

Coordinator — The guy who has a desk between two expeditees.

Consultant (or expert) — Any ordinary guy with a briefcase more than 50 miles away from home.

To activate — To make carbons and add more names to the memo.

To implement a program — Hire more people and expand the office.

Under consideration — We're looking in the files for it.

A meeting — A mass mulling

by-master-minds.

A conference — A place where conversation is substituted for the dreariness of labor and the loneliness of thought.

To negotiate — To seek a meeting of minds without a knocking together of heads.

Re-orientation — Getting used to working again.

Reliable source — The guy you just met.

Informed source — The guy who told the guy you just met.

Unimpeachable source — The guy who started the rumor originally.

A clarification — To fill in the background with so many details that the foreground goes underground.

We are making a survey — We need more time to think of an answer.

Note and initial — Let's spread the responsibility for this.

See me, or let's discuss — Come down to my office, I'm lonesome.

We will advise you in due course — If we figure it out, we'll let you know.

Let's get together on this — I'm assuming you're as confused as I am.

Forwarded for your consideration — You hold the bag a while.

Marriage Boom Enjoyed In Japan

TOKYO (UPI)—Japan is enjoying the greatest marriage boom in the nation's history.

According to Welfare Ministry figures, close to 850,000 couples will have wed before the year ends.

About seven out of every 10 couples go through the traditional Shinto ritual, sipping ceremonial wine to close the deal instead of muttering, "I do."

The rest are married in Buddhist or Christian ceremonies, while a small fraction—perhaps two percent—have civil ceremonies that involve little more than taking an oath in front of a group of friends or relatives and going off on a honeymoon.

There also has been a crop of off-beat marriages during this boom year.

One couple was married in front of the hippo cage at the Nagoya zoo, because the Japanese believe the hippopotamus makes the most

faithful spouse in the animal kingdom.

Another traded vows on top of a television tower.

And several dozen couples, imitating Western examples, were married in front of TV cameras on one of Tokyo's most popular programs, "Television Marriage."

Welfare officials figure the marriage boom is a logical result of Japan's baby boom of the 1930's, when mothers were turning out children at the rate of two million a year.

In the last few years, Japan's bachelors have been abandoning their freedom by the millions. In 1956 more than 710,000 were married; last year it was 770,000; and this year an all-time high of 850,000.

The Welfare Ministry figures some six million men between the ages of 25 and 34 are still on the loose, but the outlook for them is bleak. There are seven million women in the same bracket waiting to catch them.

Better living standards, an improved housing situation and—probably most important—some revolutionary changes in the status of women all account for the marriage boom.

More and more women are finding jobs today. This gives them

more opportunities to hook unattached males, as well as a talking point to coax the reluctant ones into marriage—they can guarantee a second income in the family.

Officials figure the boom will begin tapering off slightly next year, then drop sharply around 1960 when the war-time scarcity of babies begins making itself felt.

This year, the biggest rush for the altar has come in Japan's traditional marrying months—early spring and late fall.

The superstitious, however, avoid marrying during the month of October. This is the month when all the Shinto gods—or "kami"—are believed to take off for an annual convention on the Japan Sea coast in Southwestern Honshu Island.

One of them is "Zizumono Kami," the match-making god, and there are those who believe it's a bad idea to get married while he's out of town.

Vodka Gets Bad Press From Pravda Readers

By ANTONY AUSTIN

MOSCOW (UPI) — Readers of Pravda, the Communist Party newspaper, are earnestly beseeching Soviet authorities to increase the price of vodka and place "sharp limitations" on its sale in public places.

These drastic proposals are being played up in Pravda as a measure of the wrath of a people aroused against "hooliganism" and crime, which the paper traces largely to excessive drinking.

Thus it appears that Premier Nikita Khrushchev's recent strictures against the demon vodka have found the same sober approval that all his other proposals have among the Soviet people, judging from the Soviet press.

Khrushchev said it would be a good idea to limit vodka sales in restaurants to one small wine glass per customer. If the man wants more, the premier said, let him go to another restaurant—reeling from place to place he'll sober up in the fresh air.

Some time has passed for grim reflection, and now Pravda reports that its readers are writing in "in the thousands" and are "wrathfully stigmatizing drunkenness as a shameful phenomenon."

There is no place for it, they write, in a country where inequalities, exploitation and unemployment have been "liquidated" and

everyone is free to spend his time in joyful work and cultured rest.

As reported by Pravda, the paper's readers are demanding that this state of affairs be ended forthwith through the following measures:

—An increase in the price of vodka and "sharp limitations" on the sale of vodka in restaurants, cafes and caterers.

—Creation of workers' brigades to help police maintain law and order and "keep a watchful eye on all those who lead a parasitic existence." Brigades of this kind have already made their appearance in Moscow and some other cities.

—"Prophylactic" measure by the regular police against known criminal types, so as to forestall possible crime.

—Stricter court penalties for crime.

—Stiffer parole provisions. Prisoners should no longer be paroled by the prison authorities but only by court order.

—Sternest regimens for hardened criminals in jail. Prison conditions today "leave room for them to lead dissipated lives, which has a negative effect on other inmates."

—More public trials, "for their educational value. A reader in the Slobodsky region reported that people there last summer demanded a public trial for a man charged with rape and murder, but the demand was rejected and people still do not know the verdict.

"I created and launched it in June 1946," he said.

"To present it, we picked a model named Bernardini. Her main occupation was dancing in the nude in night clubs.

We chose her because of her perfect plastic qualities," he said. "When she displayed the bikini the first time she did a sort of striptease in which she took it off, folded it up and put it in a match box."

At the moment the bikini was launched, Reard said, France was heading into an explosion of joy and high living after the grim years of occupation and war.

"People were in the mood for new ways to amuse themselves and enjoy themselves," he said. "The bikini came out just at the right psychological moment."

The phosphorescent bathing suit, as Reard puts it, "swims by itself" because of tiny bits of cork in its seams. It is designed so that it can be peeled off quickly and easily in the water. Reard explained, and it is for girls who like to enjoy the freedom of a midnight swim with no bathing suit at all.

There are not, apparently, too many girls who seek such enjoyment. Reard confesses the bikini has not been a tremendous success.

Reard said he tries out all kinds of eccentric bathing suits in his hunt for a first-class invention. Here are some of the new ideas he has attempted without, alas, producing another "bikini" success:

—A bathing suit made of plywood strips. "It can be waved," he said.

—A bathing suit of woven gold cloth. While worn it can be hooked up to a radio and used as an antenna.

—A bikini made of supple aluminum bands. "It shines brightly in the sunlight," he said.

—A bikini decorated with strips of formica plastic. "It also shines brightly in the sunlight."

—A bathing suit which has patches of specially treated fabric. When the fabric is damp, patches can be struck on it.

—A bathing suit covered with small squares of mirror glass. "You can look at yourself in your bathing suit."

Then there is the model Reard calls the "flying saucers." On this one the usual swimming halter is replaced by two simple discs or cups without any visible means of support. The secret:

The "saucers" are attached by means of a special adhesive tape that doesn't show.

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NEW YORK (UPI) — The Rev. Walter Wellington Pitt Jr., of Hampton Bays, New York, who was ordained an elder at the 1958 session of the New York East Methodist Conference, once served as a member of the Nassau County Police Department.

HEART SURGERY AID

BETHESDA, Md. (UPI) — A technique for evaluating the effects of heart-valve surgery while it is still in progress has been developed at the U.S. Public Health Service's National Heart Institute here.

YAM HEALTHFUL

BLACKSBURG, Va. (UPI) — The sweet potato has a high energy value. It's full of proteins and carbohydrates, and a fair source of iron. Its potassium salts bring about a basic reaction in the body, balancing the acid effects of breadstuffs, meats and eggs.

WORLD TRAVELLER

HAMDEN, Conn. (UPI) — After he had driven eight miles on his tricycle, four-year-old Donald Clarkson of North Haven was found exhausted and crying. He told police, "I ran out of gas."