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Plastic

By FLORENCE JENKINS
The 1,101 companies in all branches of the plastics industry which comprise the membership of the Society of the Plastics Industry, Inc., have come out with another warning against misuse of ultra-thin plastic bags of the type used to cover garments fresh from the dry cleaners.

Joining the Society of the Plastics Industry in this nationwide plea are the American Academy of Pediatrics, American Academy of General Practice, U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, National Safety Council, National Institute of Drycleaning and the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

Like matches, scissors, kitchen knives, electrical devices and similar useful household items, ultra-thin plastic bags should be kept away from children.

The American housewife is being warned to curb her natural instinct to save, use again or invent new uses for these thin plastic bags.

The heavier plastic bags used for vegetables and fruits have been widely and safely used to store leftovers in the refrigerator, carry damp articles on a trip and protect books and purses in the rain.

It's the misuse of any useful article which creates a hazard. One distributor of these ultra-thin plastic bags to drycleaning establishments in Klamath Falls now attaches a tag with a warning against using the bags as mattress covers or leaving them within reach of infants.

Destroy these thin plastic bags when they have served their intended purpose. The ways to do this are to tear or shred the bag with the fingers, tie it in a knot and throw it away, preferably in a garbage pail with a tight-fitting cover.

In the works now is a new type of plastic bag to cover cleaning. Manufacturers say one can breathe through this plastic. But it isn't on the market yet, so extreme care should be used with the ultra-thin bags which come into the home—especially if there are small children in the family.

Columnist's Mail

By HAL BOYLE
NEW YORK (AP) — Things a columnist might never know if he didn't open his mail:
Do the days seem longer to you now? Well, they are getting longer. Each year the 24-hour day is lengthened by one hundred thousandth of a second.

It isn't true that camels, the "ships of the desert," can go several weeks or even months without water. The maximum time a working camel can go without a drink is 8 to 10 days.

President Charles de Gaulle of France had an odd nickname during his student days at St. Cyr, the French West Point. His fellow cadets called him "the Asparagus."

Antonio Stradivarius, the famous violin maker, once sent a collection of his fiddles to London for sale at \$10 each. They were returned to him unsold because of the high price. One of those same violins today would be worth \$20,000 or more.

The only ground for divorce recognized by every state in the union is adultery.

Our quotable notables: "If you stick to any opinion long enough, it becomes respectable." — Bertrand Russell.

The wooden truth: Despite the widespread increase of plastic and light metal products in this country, the average American still uses twice as much lumber as a Russian, four times as much as an Englishman, and six times as much as a Frenchman.

You hear a lot about how broke old people are. But 40 per cent of all U.S. citizens over 65 have fluid assets of at least \$2,000.

Grownups are getting bigger, but babies at birth are smaller. The largest baby in medical history was a 32 1/2-pound tyke born in 1879 to Mrs. Anna Bates, a 7-foot-3 1/2-inch lady from Nova Scotia.

Speaking of medicine, did you know that a physician is not bound by law to accept a new patient even though there's no other doctor around?
Unusual lady: Eleanor Roosevelt has been praised for many qualities, but she has one virtue that makes her really rare among women. Despite her busy schedule, she is almost never late for an appointment.
Some dieters fondly believe they can melt away fat through hot baths. But, according to a study by the Bon Ami Institute, it would take 370 hot one-hour baths to lose a single pound!
You may be bored on the job, but you're safer there. Last year one out of every 20 Americans

was killed or suffered a disabling injury by an accident away from work.

In 25 years as a disc jockey, Martin Block, dean of this lonely industry, has played some 400,000 records. Enough to make a stack twice as high as the Empire State Building.

Worst pun of the week: Arthur Murray tells of the guy who lost his girl, Edith, because whenever they went out to dinner all he would do was sit and eat pastry. He went to a psychiatrist who told him: "You can't have your cake and Edith too."

In Sweden girls believe they can get their marriage off to a good start by giving a loaf of bread to a poor person.

It was Joseph Conrad who observed: "What humanity needs is not the promise of scientific immortality but compassionate pity in this life and infinite mercy on the day of judgment."

Common Stocks

By SAM DAWSON
AP Business News Analyst

NEW YORK (AP) — Common stocks are odds-out favorites with the pros who handle the personal trust accounts in American bank and trust companies.

The Trust Division of the American Bankers Assn. estimates today these funds total 49 1/2 billion dollars. And the banks have invested 30 1/2 billion of this, or 62 per cent, in common stocks.

But who's responsible for the investments makes quite a difference. Of the 30 1/2 billion in common stocks, 18 1/2 billion is in funds where the bank has no investment responsibility or shares it with others. Where the bank has sole responsibility, the common stock holding comes to 12 billion dollars, or 39 per cent of the total.

Since the survey of the funds as at the end of 1958 was the first to be made, ABA has no comparison figures. It cannot say if the amounts in common stocks have been rising or falling, or if the total in trust accounts has been growing.

The survey is based on a sampling from 121 selected trust institutions with a total of 185,000 accounts. ABA says the estimates should be accurate within five per cent.

The report sheds light on some of the investing habits of Americans. According to ABA figures, the nearly 500 billion dollars in trust funds compare with about 277 billion in the market value of all common stocks listed on the New York Stock Exchange, with 86 billion dollars in reserves of life insurance companies (less premium notes and policy loans).

The report lists 60 billion dollars in time deposits in commercial banks, 48 billion in savings and loan associations (less shares pledged against mortgage loans or investments by the U.S. government, 34 billion in time deposits in mutual savings banks and 13 billion in mutual funds held by open-end companies.

Americans have many other billions invested in various kind of government bonds, in corporate bonds, in pension funds, and in real estate.

In handling the personal trust accounts, ABA says, the banks in addition to common stocks have invested nearly eight billion dollars in state and municipal securities; 2 1/2 billion in U.S. government securities; almost as much in corporate bond and debentures; 2 1/2 billion in preferred stocks; 871 million in mortgages and 2 1/4 billion dollars in participation in common trust funds.

These are funds authorized by law to be established by a trust department to combine money belonging to various trust accounts in its care. There are more than

300 of these in the nation. They aim at cutting investment handling costs.

The Lighter Side

By FRANK ELEAZER
WASHINGTON (UPI) — A Senate secretary with a number of years service behind her was stopped the other day by a Capitol guide with the suggestion she might profit by taking the official tour of the building.

"I can't do it today," she hedged, without denying his premise. "I don't have on my halter and shorts."

Officials say it isn't actually mandatory that tourists wear next to nothing when they visit our law factory here. On the other hand it has become obvious in the recent hot spell that they aren't required to wear anything much more than that either.

Several summers ago House members got so distracted by what the visiting ladies weren't wearing that a rule was imposed banning shorts in the galleries except where worn by girls under 10.

There is no evidence that attendance fell off among the House members. However, it was ascertained within a few days that dozens of the rejected visitors not only were over 10 but over 21, and were registered voters in some congressional district. So that rule was repealed.

Now, the rule for visitors in both House and Senate galleries is come as you are. And several lawmakers have been heard lately to comment on the number of women who appear to have received this message while out taking the sun.

Male and female, the taxpayers are visiting the Capitol again this summer in droves. And more than one jostled statesman has been moved to observe, as he beat his way through the corridors, that some of them acted as if they owned the place.

"Where are all the members of Congress?" They usually want to know after finding only a dozen of the House's 436 members, or three of the Senate's 98, on the House and Senate floors. The answer is, they are in the offices answering letters from home, and attending to other such priority chores.

"Where is the President?" is another all-time favorite inquiry, a sad commentary on what they are sad to teach in the civics classes back home. This one is so standard, in fact that the guides now try to head it off by an early announcement that the President lives and works at another local tourist attraction, called the White House.

The Capitol tour takes 35 minutes and I don't know anywhere else you can pick up so much history for 25 cents. There is also the chance you will bump into somebody whose name you can mention on the postcards you write to your friends.

One presumed student of the current political scene, aged about 10, was spotted recently hanging around the entrance to an elevator marked "senators only." After the passage of enough orators and presidential prospects to satisfy the most ardent celebrity hunter, somebody finally asked this visitor what he had on his mind.

"I'm waiting to see Harmon Killbrew," he is said to have answered.

Another elevator, I am embarrassed to say, is marked "press only." A lady observed this sign above the call button and asked, "What do they think we are going to do, pull it?"

When apprised that the sign meant the elevator was reserved for us newsmen, she asked, with some reason, how come? "Because nobody else wants to ride with us," a harassed reporter replied.

White House News

By MERRIMAN SMITH
UPI White House Reporter
WASHINGTON (UPI) — Backstairs at the White House:

After President Eisenhower leaves office in 1961, he might live in Washington a good part of each year.

In fact, there are some well-founded rumors to this effect—well-founded to the extent that several persons normally quite familiar with the activities of the Eisenhower family have been talking guardedly about essentially the same story.

Generally, their version is this: The President and his wife will take an apartment in one of Washington's leading hotels and live there on a more or less permanent basis. This would not mean their being in actual residence all of the time in Washington, but their apartment would be headquarters.

Naturally, they're expected to spend some time at their farm in Gettysburg, but somewhat as they do now—frequent week ends and more protracted periods several times a year.

A 12-months-a-year diet of Gettysburg could be quite lonely for the Eisenhowers, and being gregarious people they're not expected to go into hibernation on the farm come Jan. 20, 1961.

There is one report that the hotel apartment has been selected and reserved. In addition to comfortable living quarters, there would be a combination study and office for the President and working space for a secretary.

If this is true, it sounds like he might be planning to write another book when he leaves office.

On the other hand, it could mean nothing more than a sensible preparation to cope with the flood of mail that follows a chief executive long after he departs from 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue.

Here in Washington, the Eisenhowers would be close to a number of old friends. They could make trips to New York and Augusta, Ga., directly from the nation's capital without the slight, but added detail of having to travel first from Gettysburg which has no air or railroad passenger service.

This could be more than a casual consideration, because after January, 1961, there'll be no fleet of limousines and helicopters at the disposal of the family except what they provide for themselves.

If the President continues to play golf a good bit after he leaves office, he'd undoubtedly prefer the nearby Burning Tree Club to the Gettysburg Country Club where he knows comparatively few of the members.

For reasons known only to them, the White House Staff almost never announces the fact more often than not, the President goes back to his office in the late afternoon to work some more after he comes in from a round of golf. This part of his working schedule barely gets any attention.

Almanac

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Gas Stations May Be Closed

YAKIMA, Wash. (AP) — The president of the Washington State Gasoline Dealers Assn. said Friday the group is continuing to make plans for a statewide shutdown of service stations in the event peace talks with major oil companies fail.

"We are definitely going ahead with our work on the plans," Leroy J. Weston said here.

Dealers' representatives met in Seattle Thursday with officials of Standard Oil Co. of California, Sam Boddy, assistant state director of the Department of Commerce and Economic Development, said results were promising.

More meetings are planned. Gas dealers say the wholesale pricing policies of the distributors are giving rise to prolonged gasoline price wars.

The home that John Howard Payne wrote of in "Home Sweet Home" was a little cottage in East Hampton, Long Island.

Employers Contributions Exceed Jobless Payments

The Oregon Department of Employment said 76,810 persons were paid a total of \$30,276,408 in unemployment insurance benefits between July 1, 1958 and June 30, 1959.

This was some 12 million dollars under the previous fiscal year when 95,269 people drew benefits.

For the first time since 1951, income from employer taxes exceeded benefit payments. The 27,000 employers who finance Oregon's unemployment compensation program paid \$32,361,580 in payroll taxes during fiscal year 1959. In contrast the tax income last year was less than half the amount paid out in benefits. Employers have paid at a 2.7 per cent tax rate since April, 1958.

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Vertical Jet Shot Fails

ALAMOGORDO, N.M. (AP) — An F100 jet fighter failed to take off Friday as it was blasted from its vertical launching pad by its missile propellant rocket.

The failure marked the debut of the first of a series of tests planned at Holloman Air Force Base in vertical launchings. The propelling rocket disengaged from the craft and blew up just above the launching tower.

The tower was damaged from the explosion but no one was believed to have been injured in the blast. The plane was not manned and plunged into the ground after a half-mile flight.

Air Force officials said the plane was carrying a nuclear "shape" when it was fired from the launch pad. The tests are part of the Air Force's Mace missile test program, and are being conducted by North American Aviation.

The Air Force has not disclosed any details on the nuclear "shape" and is keeping the project secret.

ROMAN GALLEON SIGHTED
GROSSETO, Italy (UPI) — An Italian diver Wednesday reported finding what appeared to be the ruins of a 2,000-year-old Roman galleon. The find was made by Capt. Leonardo Fusco at a depth of 170 feet in the Mediterranean off Italy's west central coast. Plans were being made to recover the wreckage.

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