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Green Grass

By FLORENCE JENKINS

The Pacific Northwest is noted for its green lawns, so we were interested in reading a report from a golf course, giving its secret for really green greens.

"Water lightly and often" is the recipe.

Don't pay any attention to the malarkey about not watering in the bright sun. Just water the entire grass-covered area as often as possible. The idea is to replace each day the moisture removed from the soil by the plants and by evaporation.

If the top layer of the soil can be kept lightly moist, then any water applied is supposed to go straight down to lower layers, making a little water go a long way.

Watering often encourages profuse and abundant growth of grass. To that we can testify. The lawn mower at our house really gets a workout during the summer. We haven't even had time to get it sharpened between mowings this year.

A man by the name of Edwin Budding in Stroud, England, is responsible for a lot of the grass-cutting that goes on today. Back in 1830 he patented a heavy, gear-driven contraption which combined a roller with a blade and whacked off the top of the grass. He sold 1,500 of his machines over a period of 30 years.

Lawns were not so popular in those days, apparently. Last year, Americans bought more than three million power mowers alone, to say nothing of the hand mowers which were purchased.

Power driven mowers aren't new, either. The first mower with a gasoline engine was patented in England nearly 60 years ago. The first ones were used mainly on golf courses and for public grounds.

After World War II, when makers of small motors found themselves with top heavy inventories, power mowers for home use really began to come into their own.

The first electric lawn mower was patented in Australia and most of the companies in this country have experimented with the idea by now.

The day when most "lawns" in America would have been hay fields except for the family cow or goat seems to have long passed.

Soft?

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP) — Things a columnist might never know if he didn't open his mail:

Are American cows getting soft? Are they too contented? They now lag behind the cows of six other countries in milk production. The average U.S. cow produces only 6,300 pounds of milk a year, compared to 9,040 pounds for a cow in Holland, the world leader.

You probably don't know how busy your little body really is... even when you're resting it destroys and replaces 10 million red blood cells every second.

Famous people sometimes have some odd drinking habits. Christopher Columbus put salt in his wine. And Frederick the Great liked to flavor his champagne by stirring in a little mustard.

One reason you have to watch your weight. The ordinary adult, according to Dr. Carlton Fredericks, the nutritionist, consumes his own weight in food every 50 days.

Marital truth: "A marriage goes on the rocks," says singer Lisa Kirk, "when neither party wants to be a mate — and both want to be captain."

Three of every five families in the United States now are protected by some form of health insurance.

The federal budget has been balanced only five times in the last 27 years. This was a big red ink year despite the fact the Bureau of Engraving and Printing turned out 35 million dollars daily in fresh bills.

Fashion news: This notation appears in Sir Samuel Pepys' Diary in the year 1669: "My wife this day put on her first French gown, called a sac."

One way to make a million dollars. Invent a cigarette with a built-in cough syrup.

The Maori tribesmen of New Zealand believe that the moon is the permanent husband of all women and plays a more important role in reproduction than do earthly husbands.

Meteorologists believe the world is growing slightly warmer. One proof: The ice in the Arctic Ocean is only about half as thick as it was late in the 19th century.

You looking for some clean money? Japan is experimenting with a new kind of paper currency that can be laundered.

Men seem to be getting vainer than women. Here's an example: Barber shops in New York City now outnumber beauty parlors 3,004 to 2,993.

The nicest old girl in America is the Statue of Liberty. She has proboscis two-feet-six.

Prosperity note: Latest statistics show 23 per cent of American families are living beyond their income.

There is one heartening fact about the growing problem of juvenile delinquency. Last year there were about 18 million boys and girls between the ages of 10 and 17 who were not picked up by the police for any crime whatsoever.

Our quotable notables: "There is no point high enough that one can say, 'This is the peak.'" — violinist Jascha Heifetz.

Hamsters, popular as pets and subjects to science in laboratory experiments, are now being raised for their fur. It takes 120 of the little animals to make minky a coat.

Canine comfort: There's a summer camp in Westchester County for dogs.

It was G. K. Chesterton who observed, "the world will never starve for wonders; but only for want of wonder."

No Help

By JAMES MARLOW

Associated Press News Analyst
WASHINGTON (AP) — The public argument between Vice President Richard M. Nixon and Premier Nikita Khrushchev may have given diplomats a shock but it didn't amount to much except perhaps to help both men politically at home.

They agreed Sunday their fast set-to at the American fair in Moscow Friday was just frank and hardhitting but not belligerent. It was almost like calling the whole thing good, clean, fun.

All they did was hit each other over the head with propaganda where it could get the most mileage—in front of reporters and TV—since all they said to each other had been said before by themselves or their governments.

It was pretty much an old story except for the way it was done. It didn't come any closer to settling anything—or making anything worse—between the United States and the Soviet Union than a high school debate between an all-American boy and an all-Russian boy, each sticking up for his own country.

Both men knew any real hope they might have for settling American-Soviet differences rested in their private talks, of which they have had several.

To professional diplomats, used to washing dirty international linen out of sight and with polite palaver, the spectacle of these two high government officials stepping on each other's toes may have seemed clumsy.

But the United States and the Soviet Union both have been clumsy in the way they have handled Nixon's visit. Nixon's own government put him under a handicap and left him open to abuse before he ever got to Moscow.

There is small excuse — except on the ground of thoughtlessness — for the fact that Congress and the Eisenhower administration combined to declare last week Captive Nations Week. This was a deliberate, anti-Communist slam, intended to remind the satellite peoples this country hadn't forgotten them.

What was forgotten was that last week was also the week Nixon was to arrive in the Soviet Union and that the Russians might—as they did—take out their irritation on Nixon.

But if this was clumsy, the Soviets looked even more gawky. They were incredibly clumsy.

They provided the world with living evidence of Nixon's suggestion to Khrushchev that the Soviets are afraid of ideas. Khrushchev's rejoinder — "we are telling you not to be afraid of ideas" — looked ridiculous in view of events.

The Soviets insisted that more than 100 books — including the World Almanac — be taken off the shelves of the American book exhibit at Moscow.

On top of this the Soviets scrambled up the news coverage of Nixon's trip with censorship — a fact that was duly noted in the American press whose dispatches from its reporters in Moscow were delayed or chopped up.

But, while ideas unquestionably have more freedom in this country, there should be a slight pause before crowing.

It was only six years ago that the State Department — under the prodding of Sen. Joseph McCarthy (R-Wis) — went in for some book-burning among volumes on the shelves of this government's overseas libraries.

Nixon's ordeal in Latin America last year — when, because of anti-American feeling, he had to endure spit and stones — did him political good. It created great sympathy for him and appreciation for his sturdiness in an ordeal.

Now his slug-fest with Khrushchev should do him political good here. Many Americans, fed up with Khrushchev's bluster, can easily identify themselves with him and tell themselves: "He told off that guy."

And Khrushchev could hardly lose at home by battering on Nixon. Any Russians, more concerned about their own feeling of inferiority toward the United States than the actual content of the argument, will no doubt applaud their premier for standing up to the American.

Fungus Disease
BY EDWIN P. JORDAN, M.D.
Written for NEA Service

Mrs. H. asks for information about ringworm, how to get rid of it, and whether it has anything to do with diet. Like others, she is particularly anxious to know how to get rid of it.

This skin disorder is not related to diet. Ringworm is not caused by a worm, and its appearance on the skin is by no means always in the shape of a ring.

It is often also called athlete's foot, but is not always on the foot and occurs in many people besides athletes. Its correct name is dermatophytosis.

This disease is caused by fungi, which belong to the plant world. These fungi grow best in the damp and dark. They will last for some time on towels which are not dry, or on damp floors.

Hence there is more likely to be trouble with them in warm weather when more people use locker rooms and engage in athletics. Of course, infections are often spread at other times of the year in gymnasiums and indoor swimming pools.

The fungi do not thrive in the absence of moisture. For this reason the feet should be kept clean and dry, the socks and shoes dried and aired frequently, and towels should be completely dry and never shared.

A dusting powder consisting of 10 per cent boric acid in powdered talc to be used on the feet twice a day has also been recommended. This could be used on the groin too, especially by anyone who is more or less exposed. Even with precautions, however, it seems unlikely that this disease will disappear.

Usually it produces some itching and scaling, cracking or some other peculiar appearance of the skin. Occasionally the symptoms can be really severe. On the other hand the symptoms can be so mild as to pass practically unnoticed.

Self-treatment is undesirable because

the drugs contained in some of the preparations used may set up a secondary irritation of the skin. Some of our skin specialists have told me that they have more trouble treating the skin of those who had worked on themselves than they do with the disease.

In recent years some doubt has been cast on the contagiousness of ringworm. For example, a number of healthy volunteers placed their feet in water which had been contaminated with the fungi causing ringworm, but not one of them caught the disease.

Thus it seems that susceptibility, the reasons for which are still obscure, is about as important as being exposed to the fungi.

Air-Conditioned
FROM THE BEND BULLETIN

The Deschutes country has an untapped natural asset that would be highly prized these warm summer days.

That asset is the chilling air of its lava tunnels and fissures. Subterranean vents have been tapped in Bend a number of times through the years in connection with basement excavation. Generally, these holes, from which rushed arctic air, have been capped.

They would have been an asset if developed into a home-cooling system.

East of Bend, when work was under way on the Central Oregon highway, in earlier years, a crew struck a fissure in the roadside lava. From that fissure, on warm days, roared a cooling breeze.

It would have been a roadside attraction if a rest area had been developed there and a building erected over the cooling vent.

That Wind Cave would also be a tourist attraction, if the road into the area were improved.

Visitors to Lava Cave State Park this week were amazed at the sudden change in temperature, from the 96 degrees at the opening to about 42 degrees back a few hundred feet. Members of a group of tourists who remained outside were complaining about the heat. Those who came out of the cold were chilled.

Possibly the cold air of the mile-long Lava Tunnel could be tapped, at a point near the highway, and a small roadside building erected. Such a "roadside cooler" would be a tourist attraction that would receive more attention from tourists than Lava Butte, or possibly even the Three Sisters.

Of course, the tapping of the cold subterranean air would be only seasonal in interest. But tourists are seasonal creatures in this Northwest country.

The Almanac
United Press International

Today is Monday, July 27, the 208th day of the year, with 157 more days to follow in 1959.

The moon is in its last quarter. The evening stars are Jupiter, Venus, Saturn and Mars.

On this date in history: In 1909, Orville Wright set a world record by staying aloft in an airplane for one hour 12 minutes and 40 seconds.

In 1931, a swarm of grasshoppers destroyed thousands of acres of crops in Iowa, Nebraska, and South Dakota.

In 1945, the Communist Party of the United States was re-established.

In 1953, an armistice was signed at Panmunjom ending the Korean War.

In 1954, Great Britain agreed to end her 72-year-old occupation of the Suez Canal Zone.

In 1955, Austria regained her sovereignty after 17-years of occupation by foreign troops.

Thought for today: British statesman Benjamin Disraeli said: "Mr. Kremlin was distinguished for ignorance; for he had only one idea, and that was wrong."

Quotes
United Press International
MOSCOW — Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev, speaking to Vice President Richard M. Nixon while the two posed for photographers outside Khrushchev's concrete mansion overlooking the Moscow River:

"Keep smiling. Otherwise they'll say we just had a quarrel."

HAVANA — Cuban President Osvaldo Dorticos Torrado, telling a crowd of 300,000 cheering peasants that Fidel Castro was withdrawing his resignation:

"At this moment of maximum emotion, I am able to announce to you that Fidel Castro, in the face of your mandate, has agreed to return to the task of prime minister."

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By Jimmy Harlo

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