



POLLY'S POINTERS

Powdered Sheets

POLLY CRAMER

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DEAR POLLY—Please do not laugh at me, but my suggestion has to do with powdering after a bath or shower. Perhaps you, too, end up with a powdery mess on the floor, white footprints, etc. For years I have been powdering my sheets. When I finish my shower, I roll on my bed a time or two. I end up evenly powdered and there is no powder on the bottoms of my feet. Certainly makes nice-smelling sheets, too.—R.L.P.

GIRLS—This is a novel idea if I ever heard one. Being too generous with the powder could mean that a lot would sift through on to the bed pad, so go easy with it.—POLLY

DEAR POLLY—I have some tips for scholars' use around their desks at home. Slice a piece off one side of a large sponge rubber ball. Punch several holes in the curved sur-

face of the larger piece, large enough to hold pencils. Paint a perky face for the "fish" and glue on a sturdy cardboard tail to serve as a rudder. Set the fish on your desk.

Keep a few spring-type clothespins in your desk. They are perfect for clipping papers together. Paint them different colors and label "History," "Math" and so on.

To make a colorful bookmark, cut an arrow shape out of some colored felt. Then cut a deep "V" out of the arrow's tail. All of these make nice, inexpensive gifts that teen-agers would like.—BETH

DEAR POLLY—We keep our small dog in the house, and as she walks around, the metal tags on her collar keep jingling. They wake the baby and annoy me, as well. I put clear plastic adhesive tape around the tags to hold them together. It is certainly quieter around our house now.—S.W.

DEAR POLLY—Mine is a time-saver for laundry day. I wash the clothes that are to be ironed first, then put them in the dryer for about five minutes or a little longer, according to size of the load. While the rest of the clothes wash, I iron these clothes just as they come from the dryer. I have fewer wrinkles, the clothes are just the right dampness for ironing and the iron seems to glide over them. For the clothes that are too dry in spots, I keep a spray bottle of water at the end of the ironing board. Do be sure to put a newspaper or scatter rug on the floor, for the water sprays a little farther than the clothes. Now I finish my ironing in half the usual time and have more time to spend with my two little daughters.—MRS. S.D.

Share your favorite homemaking ideas... send them to Polly in care of Herald and News. You'll receive a bright, new silver dollar if Polly uses your ideas in Polly's Pointers.

SOFTLY DOES IT

AUSTIN, Tex. (UPI) — How to give moon spacecraft a softer landing is part of the goal of a \$16,000 research program at the University of Texas. Engineers have a National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) grant to study a method for cushioning such a landing.

Researchers will do their theoretical investigations at the University's Balcones Research Center. The method they are studying involves equipping space vehicles with a tripod landing gear of breakable metal tubing. As the craft settles on the moon, or to a landing on any difficult surface, the lengths of tubing would crumple under the landing weight, break into tiny fragments and thus cushion the landing.

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YOUNG AT HEART — Eighty-eight-year-old William Duce was in rare but futile form at the New Mexico State Fair in Albuquerque as he fired a high, fast one at the carnival kewpie doll stand. Duce didn't win a doll, though a crowd formed and cheered his efforts.—UPI Telephoto

BASIN BRIEFS

MALIN
MRS. ROY THOMPSON and Mrs. Doris Walgamott, Ashland, visited relatives and friends here Friday.

MR. AND MRS. GLEN SCOTT of Mesa, Ariz., visited their son and family, the A. G. Scotts.

MR. AND MRS. HERMAN VOWELL and daughter, Susan, visited the Quarter Horse Show at the Tulelake-Butte Valley Fair last week. Vowell showed his stallion, Poco Caesar, placing first in his class; Poco Leta placed first in the mare class; and their mare, Jubilee Jane, placed second, shown by Susan.

MRS. CURTIS GUTHRIE, Portland, and Francis Wagner, Seattle, visited recently with their sister and family, the A. G. Scotts.

MR. AND MRS. JERRY DERRY visited in Portland last week with Mr. and Mrs. Roger Seibert. Kimberly and Gary Derry remained with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Evans.

MR. AND MRS. ALLEN J. REYNOLDS of New York City have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Con Johnson. They are moving to the West Coast to make their home.

SHERRY CANNON, Reno, visited her grandparents last week en route to Eugene where she will enter the University of Oregon.

MRS. PHILIP BLOHM has as guests, her uncle, Hugh Banks, Seattle, and son, Warren Banks, San Diego. Warren continued on to the University of Washington where he will enter his junior year.

MRS. ELMONT KENYON and daughter, Marcia, were in Corvallis last weekend, where Marcia will resume her studies at Oregon State University.

MR. AND MRS. DON URELL and daughters, Carol Ann and Janet, Redmond, spent the weekend with her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Halousek.

MR. AND MRS. JOHN MADDEN and daughter, Judy, were in San Francisco last week, where Judy left for Washington, D.C., to enter an IBM school.

MELVIN KENYON left for Fort McClellan, Ala., last week after spending a 10-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmont Kenyon.

MR. AND MRS. CHARLES JOHNSON had as guests, her sister, Mrs. Maude Burgess, and son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Burgess, Sacramento.

CONRAD D. JOHNSON, son of Mr. and Mrs. Con Johnson, returned home last week after spending nine months in Stuttgart, Germany, where he was a student at the Stanford University extension. He will now begin his junior year at Stanford University in Palo Alto.

MRS. JIM McVAY and daughters, Elcie and Stephanie, accompanied her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Mathers, Klamath Falls, to Tillamook, where they visited her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Mathers.

MR. AND MRS. BILL SCHMIDT had as guests, her parents,

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hillegas, Lowry City, Mo., and an aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Perry, Osceola, Mo.

MRS. FRANK VICTORIN left this week for Whittier, Calif., to visit her daughter and family, the Dick Donaldsons, who are the parents of a baby boy born Sept. 13.

MR. AND MRS. FRED COLEY are the parents of a baby boy, who was born Sept. 10 and named Tracy Dale.

DAVID CLARK, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Clark, is home recuperating from a broken collar bone. He was thrown from his horse last Sunday.

BOB BAUER, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Bauer, is to be X-rayed for a neck injury he received in the Henley and Malin football game last Saturday.

MR. AND MRS. ERNEST GRAY spent last weekend vacationing near Bend, where he enjoyed fishing in the Deschutes. Mrs. Gray, church organist, was replaced last Sunday by Mrs. T. W. Lowry.

MR. AND MRS. KENNETH MAY and family of Ashland have moved here. He is employed by the Loveness Lumber Company.

CARL BOHEME, Los Angeles, is spending several days with his sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Havlina.

MR. AND MRS. BILL HAYS were recent guests of her mother, Mrs. Julia Gallo, Fort Bidwell, to help celebrate her 88th birthday.

MR. AND MRS. DICK CANTBALL and children of Corpus Christi are visiting their parents, the Bill Cantball and Wayne Woods.

U.S. Readies 'Secret' Launching Of Satellites

CAPE CANAVERAL (UPI) — Project 823 is an ambitious military plan to launch "secret" satellites from Cape Canaveral.

Aside from its physical successes, or failures, Project 823 should provide an enlightening measurement of the gap between Pentagon theory and testing center fact in the matter of space secrecy.

Exactly which end of the Washington-Cape Canaveral axis will be enlightened remains to be seen. But there is a hunch at this end that the Defense Department will find the results roughly equivalent to arranging a private belly dance in Times Square.

In a place like Cape Canaveral, where launchings are staged before 125,000 talkative Americans, garden club women roam around gantries, and rocketry is discussed by everyone from school age to senility, secrecy seems mostly a product of someone's hopeful imagination.

Plenty of Publicity
But back to Project 823, which surely ranks as one of the most publicized secret space programs in recent history. You may have heard it referred to under the curious code name of "Vela Hotel."

The Defense Department authors having "informed sources" quoted on secret projects. But Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara either ignored the "no-talk" tag on Project 823-Vela Hotel, or someone forget to tell him about it.

In any event, McNamara told the Senate in open session recently that the United States was getting ready to launch satellites to detect nuclear explosions in space. He didn't mention any names, but since Vela Hotel is the only such project going, one guess should suffice.

Neither did McNamara say where the launchings would take

place. But since America has only two bases for such a firing, a guess would have stood at 60 per cent chance of being right.

Firing Set Back

As it happens, the Atlas-Agena rocket for the first shot is standing on launch pad No. 12 at Cape Canaveral. The firing, originally set for September but now slipped into October, will attempt to put a pair of Vela Hotel satellites in circular orbits 50,000 miles up.

Pope's Statue Being Readied

VATICAN CITY (UPI) — The statue Pope Pius XII did not want has been quietly erected in St. Peter's Basilica.

Reporters visiting the world's largest church today spotted a huge bronze statue of the late pontiff, still covered by a canvas but obviously ready to be unveiled at an early date. The statue was ordered several years ago by cardinals appointed in Pius' reign, although he expressly begged off such an honor in his last will.

"I beg those with whom the matter rests not to busy themselves or to worry about erecting any monument to my memory," Pius XII said in the testament that was published after his death in 1958.

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A combed eye or wheat straw thatched roof may last as long as 60 years.

The Pentagon has ordered the Air Force to keep quiet about it. But the shot will be about as hard to hide, or to ignore, as an elephant in the closet. The Atlas-Agena might not awaken the dead, but it has sent a goodly number of the living scurrying from a deep sleep in the past.

Quite possibly, there will be no announcement of success or failure. However, that should remedy itself with time. The federal space agency's "satellite situation report," which comes out every two weeks, carries a concise list of orbiting satellites, secret and otherwise.

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