SUCH IS LIFE—Not Really

By Charles Sughroe

Weather Prophet Is Signed by Navy

"Ace" Prognosticator Knows All About Storms.

Chicago.—On the day that the United States declares war against any other nation, Dr. Selby Maxwell will join the navy for the duration of hostilities.

The United States navy says little about anything in which it is deeply interested. But there's something about storm movements and battle fleet maneuvers that interests the navy greatly. And while Doctor Maxwell, a Chicago scientist, doesn't know much about fleet maneuvers, he does know something about storms. In fact, he is known throughout the Middle West as the nation's ace weather prognosticator.

The navy will back up that statement. Every weather prediction that Doctor Maxwell makes is checked by navy officials at the Great Lakes Training station, Great Lakes. Very conservatively, these officials state, Doctor Maxwell is 65 per cent accurate in calling his shots. But, for the past three months, they also admit, very quietly, that he has been 94.6 per cent right.

It was only a year ago that a shabby farmer hitch-hiked 300 miles to Topeka, Kan., where Doctor Maxwell was addressing a grain merchants' meeting. The farmer asked the question:

"Doctor Maxwell, I read last year that you predicted a dry spell for this farm land again. I've lost everything I had in the drouths. I have one planting of wheat left. Shall I plant it now?"

"No," Doctor Maxwell advised. "Save it until next year. Plant it then. If you get a reasonably good crop, plant again for seven years. If the soil goes bad again in drouths—move out."

Facing the ridicule of his neighbors, the farmer refused to plant his wheat. His neighbors lost their crops; he still has his one planting.

Doctor Maxwell deals in nothing more occult than simple mathematics.

He has a formula by which he can foretell the weather for any city or country on any date.

He is now a man of forty-two, slight, getting bald, a little vague as astronomers always are, and finding things extremely simple.

Served in War.

As a young man he did research at Northwestern university seeking the secrets of clouds and weather, only interrupting this work for the war, which, curiously, he participated in on the staff of the Italian government's propaganda division.

In 1918 he hustled back to Northwestern and studied there until 1933, seeking one thing—the formula for forecasting storms.

Three years ago he found his answer.

Is it right?

Preparing to settle down to some pretty serious storm forecasting three years ago, Doctor Maxwell called at the United States hydrographics office in Chicago one day to borrow some data and instruments.

People there talked to him about his research, what he sought, what he found, and quite unexpectedly the United States navy displayed the most amazing interest in his work.

There were floods in the East a few months ago. Doctor Maxwell said there would have to be floods. Ten days and eleven hours before the water started rising he broadcast a warning.

He knew that from watching his prediction maps. He makes these up a month in advance for farmers and in each square of the calendar there is a simple weather map to give farmers a clear picture of what's coming for that month.

TWO-PIECE FROCK

Black and white with red patent leather. This two-piece print frock has a white gilet of tucked net and pique. The belt and bag are red; and the off-the-face hat is black and white pique.

Hindus Unite Apes at Ritual Marriage

Bombay, British India.—The ceremonial "marriage" of a pair of monkeys, with all the ritual of a Hindu wedding, was conducted at Surat by a Sadhu (Hindu ascetic) "in response to inspiration."

The male monkey is supposed to be a descendant of the monkey-god Hanuman. Thousands lined the streets to watch the marriage procession.

AMAZE A MINUTE
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CLIMBING MOUNTAINS
By
LEONARD A. BARRETT

The reason so many persons achieve only a modicum of success is that they are satisfied with mediocrity. Anything to get by. Let well enough alone. Why worry. Do not permit the spirit of ambition to interfere with contentment. Endeavor to be satisfied. Rest easy in mind and heart, and let the world go by. How frequently we hear it. We are satisfied to perform ordinary, very ordinary tasks. We feel quite satisfied to do many things in the same way as our fathers did them. Any attempt to think in grooves other than they thought, seems to us disloyal and decidedly radical. This attitude of mind—doing only what is expected of us with the least possible expenditure of energy—is witnessed all the way from a certain type of man who works in the factory to the one who tries to earn a living by his wits. Under no circumstances would this factory man strike his hammer after the whistle blew. Many times we have seen him lower his arm and with satisfaction lay aside his tool rather than do a stroke of work after the noon siren. The man in the store who cautiously watches the clock seldom rises above the commonplace. No person who occupies a place of executive or administrative responsibility makes himself indispensable, until his task challenges his best talent and enduring strength, even at the point of sacrifice.

Many persons do not rise above the ordinary because they are too well satisfied with the commonplace. Perhaps it is the path of least resistance, but certainly not one to release the best that is in us.

It is easier to climb a hill than a mountain, but the view from the mountain top is far more inspiring than that from the top of a small hill. We hesitate to attempt to scale the mountain because it is very steep, perchance, rough, and marked with dangerous pitfalls. We choose the hill and try to be content. All the while the mountain offers a more glorious challenge, a more gigantic achievement. At a distance, the mountain appears very steep. We shrink from ascent. We forget that all real success is not as much the result of genius as of strenuous toil, sweat, and self-sacrifice. We struggle to avoid the mountains and wonder why we are not farther advanced along life's highway. We are content with the small opportunity, while the larger one may be just around the corner. We are satisfied to aim at a house top rather than at the stars.

Mountains do not come to us. We must go to them. When we find them rising majestically above us, they seem cold and remote. Not so! If they could speak, they would say something like this: The pathway to my summit is not easy. It is rugged and dangerous; but I offer you a true challenge, an appeal to your strength and your courage, a spirit of adventure, an opportunity which will test to the limit the "best" that is in you. Come, climb to the heights sublime. Although you may not reach the top, you will have the lasting joy of having tried.

Not what we do, but what we strive to do, gives life its real zest and its enduring peace. Find your mountain and ever remember that

"Not failure but low aim is crime."

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HEAD OF WELLESLEY

Miss Mildred Helen McAfee, thirty-six, dean of women at Oberlin college, in Oberlin, Ohio, was elected president of Wellesley college. She succeeds Dr. Ellen Fitzpendleton, whose retirement takes effect in June. Miss McAfee will take over in the fall. She graduated from Vassar in 1920, and received the degree of master of arts in 1928 from the University of Chicago. Miss McAfee is the daughter of Rev. Dr. Cleland Boyd McAfee of New York city, secretary of the Presbyterian board of foreign missions, and former moderator of the general assembly of the Presbyterian church.

The Household
By Lydia Le Baron Walker

PERSONS who dislike to telephone, probably have one reason, unsuspected, that gives this feeling. This is that their telephone desk is not properly equipped. How often do all of us hear:

"Just wait a minute, please, until I get a pencil and paper, to jot down what you say," whenever we wish to leave a message, or when the person talked to wants to help her memory about a date, or anything that requires definite remembrance.

So let us start our telephone desk furnishings with a pad and a pencil, not a loose pencil that can be taken away absent mindedly, but one that is secured either to the desk or to the pad. Strange as it may seem, it is difficult to get an ordinary pencil with a ring at the end or attached to it in any way. And pads seldom come provided with pencils fastened to them.

Once I became so discouraged in my search that finally, in despair, I drilled a hole through the metal of an eraser tip on a pencil (first removing the eraser), ran a fine cord through it, leaving a long end of cord, and this I tied to the desk. Ever since then, taking down notes has been a simple matter, for a pad, too large to be thoughtlessly removed, is by the phone. By the way if you want a small fancy pencil, there are some kinds that can be had with ring-ends. Personally I want a regular pencil, not a fancy one that is liable to get out of order. But whatever kind you choose be sure to secure it to pad or desk, and have plenty of leeway in length of fastening.

Let me suggest that pad-sheets have message transferred to their proper places quickly, lest they be lost. Put any telephone numbers in the telephone address book or file on the desk. This brings up the subject of these books. They are essential unless we prefer a file. Many persons do. An excellent file can be made from any small alphabetically arranged box file. The advantage of this filing system, is that cards can be eliminated when not needed. Consulting the files is easy.

Calendar.

Don't omit a calendar. It can be attached to the pad. Such combinations of calendar and pad are among the desk accessories on the market If preferred the calendar can hang above the desk.

Keep the desk clear of extraneous articles. Slips of paper on which messages have been written will get lost at times, and someone in the household will be puzzled and annoyed. Each person should look out for her own messages, and when she gets those for others not present, she should deliver them promptly, or put the written note in some place where a message will be found soon after the absent one returns. Co-operation, order, and correct desk equipments, make telephoning more pleasurable.

Sustained Effort.

There is nothing like sustained effort to win out in whatever you attempt to do. Working "by inspiration," as the saying goes, is a fine idea during periods of inspiration; but unless these periods are very frequent, accomplishment is little. It is when you continue to plod along in the interims between these inspirational times, that the total of what you do sums up well.

This is no plea for plodding. There is a vast difference between plodding and sustained effort. The plodder gets into a routine of work that becomes mechanical in its monotonous repetition of tasks in sequence.

The persons who work only when they feel like it, and it is amazing the number of such workers, often work with an ardor when they do, that is devastating to their constitutions. When the zeal is spent, so are their physiques. Such persons scarcely know the meaning of moderation. They intermittently work furiously and collapse in rest. Nerves get on edge and spirits fluctuate.

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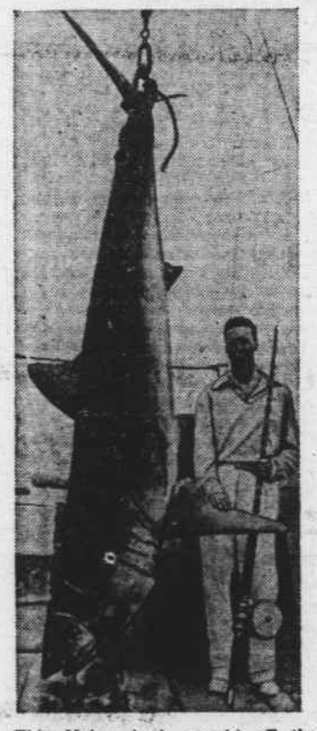
EQUALS THE RECORD



This Mako shark, caught off the shores of Bimini, English isle, 45 miles off Miami beach, by Norton Conway, New York stock broker, equals the world's record for this type of fish. It weighs 798 pounds. Conway spent more than one hour in boating his catch.

Took Her Hair but Not Her Head

Mrs. Robert S. Platt, wife of Professor Platt of the Geography department of the University of Chicago, submits with a laugh to demands of Aguarana Indians for a lock of hair. The Indians are natives of Peru, inhabiting the eastern foothills of the Andes near the headwaters of the Amazon. In days agone they took the heads of visitors to their lands.

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PATTERN NO. 460

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All Around the House

New cabbage cut in strips, dropped in salted water and boiled for from ten to fifteen minutes, is much more digestible than when boiled for a longer time.

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Leftover fruit juices should be canned for next winter's use. Added to gelatin desserts, puddings, etc., they give a delicious flavor.

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Meringue falls when the oven is too hot. If you wish to bake a meringue successfully, have oven less than moderate heat.

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Don't use a stiff brush when washing linoleum. This destroys the luster. Wash lightly with soap and water.

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Label preserving jars with adhesive tape and write on tape with red ink what each jar contains.

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One-third whiting, one-third plaster of paris (poison) and one-third flour mixed with water into a smooth paste, is excellent for filling small cracks in plaster.

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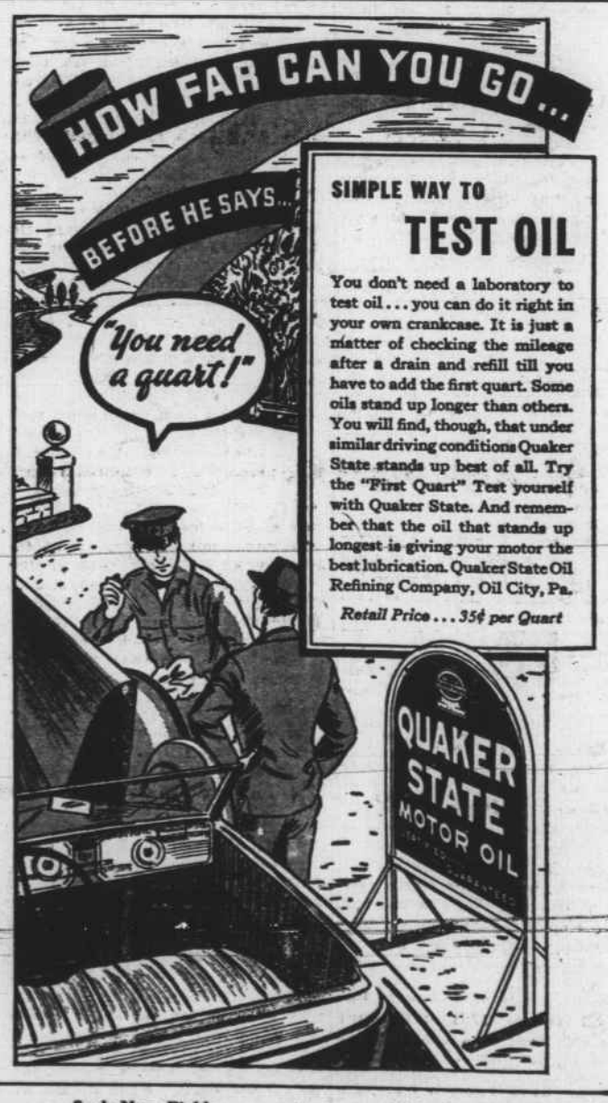

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