

A Newsy Trip Around The World

By Elizabeth Saunders

In Hagerstown, Md., William Dean got thirty days in jail because he couldn't tell a lie. A justice of the peace asked him if a suspended sentence would persuade him to stop drinking. He replied: "I will never stop drinking as long as I live."

Fishing with spades is now popular in Siam, many rivers having dried up and caused the fish to burrow into the mud.

Doctors in the Columbia Dental School in New York have at last discovered a real pain-killer when drilling teeth. For two years 500 persons who volunteered for the experiments have been drilled and jabbed without pay or honorable mention in the news papers until Winchell told of their heroism.

Having reached the age of 160, an Indian woman living in the remote village of Bir Ramchandrapur, North East India, claims to be the oldest female in the world. Although somewhat bent with age, she is still quite active.

The United States consumes annually about 15,782,000 pounds of the kind of cherries that go on top of fancy sundaes.

W. J. Hoople, who lives near Humberston, Mo., has trained 15 mallard ducks to pick the worms from his tobacco plants.

Los Angeles once had a law prohibiting street-car conductors from shooting rabbits (and other game) from the car platforms.

Eleven feet tall, a hollyhock in Dover Lodge, England, has produced 120 flowers this year and still has 20 buds.

In Leominster, Mass., the Drum and Bugle Corps of the Leominster Eagles went to the County Tuberculosis Hospital to entertain the patients. When they returned, the big bass drum was missing.

In Watertown, Wis., a proud neighbor took his new born baby over to Hugo Briesemeister's house to be weighed on Hugo's scales. Hugo's face was red when the indicator showed 40 pounds. He uses the scales to prove the fish he catches are big ones.

Max Berman, New York dye mixer, who has always wanted to be an opera singer, spends all of his extra time and money coaching three young girls who he believes will become famous concert stars.

New Jersey experts insist that roses, carnations, sweetpeas, and other flowers grow in ordinary sand with success. This is done by applying "chemical" nutrition.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard King of Sinton, Texas, have been married nearly 75 years without a death in their family, according to Robert Ripley. Their 12 children and their children's, children's children's children are still living! Five generations.

Lorenze Barth, Canton, Ohio, earns his living by posing in department store windows, taking the place of wax figures.

The following dialog took place in the Nice Correctional Court:
The Judge: "Where do you live?"
Prisoner: "With my brother."
Judge: "Where does your brother live?"
Prisoner: "With me."
Judge: "Yes, but where do you both live?"
Prisoner: "Together."

Dr. J. C. Moessner, a chiropractor of Marion, S. C., was the first patient in his own hospital. He fell from a scaffold and broke four bones in his right ankle while inspecting the renovation of a building he converted into a chiropractic hospital.

More than 19,000 people yearly visit the farm home of F. L. and Joseph Eily, Ridgeway, Iowa, brothers. They are wood carvers of clocks. Once they refused a \$16,000 check for a single clock.

Four-year-old Gloria, Mae Orlantii, of Dabell, Ill., is a confirmed pipe smoker. While she plays with her dolls she puffs almost constantly on a briar pipe. Her daddy, mine worker, boasts that his daughter has never had a sick day in her life and smokes 12 pipefuls of tobacco daily.

A farmer in Germany recently divorced his wife because she refused to bear children. The court held the farmers are the mainspring of German blood, which wives must help to perpetuate.

In Hollywood, Calif., a Great Dane, was given a blood transfusion recently. He is believed to be the first

dog ever given a blood transfusion.

An old law in Kansas says that it is illegal to eat snakes in public.

In Chicago, burglars with plumbers skill stole every bathtub in an unfinished 158 apartment building during the last few months. H. A. Fitzgerald, the owner, reported to police the other day. The 158 bathtubs and other plumbing equipment valued at \$14,000.

Miss M. Morris, Dallas, Texas tavern proprietor, has a glass tabletop underlaid with \$27,280 worth of torn American currency. It ranges from \$1 to \$1,000 in denominations and includes many gold certificates.

In Milwaukee organized labor had two men to picket a store with signs saying: "UNFAIR." The proprietor of the store hired two husky negro women to walk beside the pickets with larger signs which said: "JUST MARRIED."

Safety-conscious surveyors on the Lincoln Highway near Aurora, Ill., were worried about the cars which whizzed by. An incentive member of the crew figured out a set of red circular patches for the seats of their trousers as warning signals.

In Boston, Mass., when Mrs. Helen Cunningham, 70 year old charwoman was removed to a hospital for treatment she was found to be a walking bank. Hospital attendants found three home-made money bags sewed into her clothing containing approximately \$3,500—all in bills.

Ray Sullivan of Enid, Okla., grew a lemon 16 inches in circumference and 17 1/2 inches in length on a three year old tree.

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Extension Workers Study New Program

RALEIGH, Dec. 25—Agricultural authorities agree that the complexity of modern civilization has given rise to farm problems unlike any that have been encountered before.

To aid in the solution of these problems have been called the philosopher and the sociologist, as well as the scientific research worker and the farmer in the field.

The broader social and economic aspects of rural life must be considered in the development of an adequate long-time farm program, said Denn L. O. Schaub, director of the State College agricultural extension service.

With this in view, North Carolina's extension workers made a special study of the deeper implications of present conditions while holding their annual conference at State College last week.

In working out a sound program, the dean said, they must encourage farmers to cooperate in balancing

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their farming schedules so as to maintain their own self-sufficiency while producing the commodities needed by society.

CENSUS OF BUSINESS WILL BE TAKEN SOON

Loanard O. Hayes, Jr., who has been named local supervisor of the Census of Business, today announced that enumeration work will start in the Third District on January 2nd. He said twenty-nine enumerators will be named within the next few days to make the canvass in this district, which includes nine counties.

Offices of the Census are to be established at New Bern, and a staff of four persons will be employed to handle the work. All Census employees are bound by a strict Census oath not to reveal any information contained on business reports and the law makes any violation a criminal offense.

Mr. Hayes stated that every retail and whole sale business, all hotels, places of amusement, business service companies, insurance agencies, real estate offices, and trucking and bus companies; all banks, office building managers and contractors will be canvassed for reports on their operations during the calendar year 1935. The results are to be tabulated in Philadelphia, headquarters of the Business Census, and become the basis statistics which businesses use in planning their operating policies.

AAA Will Protect Contract Signers

RALEIGH, Dec. 24—The AAA plans to base its 1936 cotton adjustment payments on a rate considerably higher than five cents a pound, according to J. F. Criswell, of State College.

The new cotton contracts stipulate that the minimum payments will be five cents a pound on the average production of the land withdrawn from cotton cultivation.

The exact amount of the adjustment payments next year will be to determine by the price of cotton and amount of money available, Criswell said, but it is safe to say the payments will be well above the minimum.

The AAA plans to protect the contract signers in case the price goes down next year, Criswell said, and for this reason provision is being made to increase the adjustment pay-

ments. If the Bankhead act is not continued next year, he explained, growers not under contract may expand their production enough to cut the price down to a low level, possibly six or seven cents a pound.

Growers with contracts will receive adjustment payments in addition to the income from the sale of their cotton, and will be able to get a fair acreage, and receive adjustment payments accordingly.

Those without contracts will get only the amount for which they can sell their cotton on the market. If the Bankhead act is discontinued, he went on, contract signers will be allowed to sell all the cotton they can raise on their allotted acreage.

A grower may adjust his 1936 acreage by 30 to 45 per cent of his base acreage, and receive adjustment payments accordingly.

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