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A Georgia Mother

While she probably has not broken any world record, the achievement of Mrs. M. F. Smith of Atlanta, who recently bore her 18th child at the age of 38, is worthy of more than passing notice. She was married at 13, and her eldest daughter is 23.

There were no twins or triplets in the family, and of the nine boys and nine girls 15 are living, and there are four grandchildren.

Mrs. Smith's record would have delighted the late President Roosevelt, staunch believer in big families, and might well be viewed with dismay by Margaret Sanger, militant advocate of birth control.

Banning of Firearms

Former Commissioner Whalen of New York wants legislation to prohibit the sale of firearms, on the theory that criminals would thereby be unable to get them. This brings up an old question, in which there is room for argument on both sides, but we doubt that a no-gun law would help much.

The trouble is that the professional crook would find a way, through smuggling, bribery or other unlawful means, to get his gun anyway. Even if all firearms were required to be registered it would take another army of inspectors to keep track of them, besides, every criminal would provide himself with a good-sized arsenal before the law could be put into effect.

Maybe the object sought by Mr. Whalen could be accomplished the other way around—by making it compulsory for everybody to carry a gun after sundown. Then the crooks would have a less advantage.

Sentences for Crime

There is much in the theory of indeterminate prison sentences for criminals to commend its wider adoption, at least as an experimental measure for the protection of society. The idea is that when convicted of a serious crime the offender should be restrained until he gives evidence of a genuine intention to be good.

As we understand it, under this plan the criminal is treated somewhat as an insane person is treated. An insane person is not sent to an asylum for a definite period, but is supposed to be kept there until his condition improves sufficiently to make his release safe. If his condition can not be so improved, he stays for life.

There is a similarity between the lunatic and the criminal in that both are sick. One is mentally sick, the other is morally sick. Both can often be cured by proper treatment. The condition of each should be determined by experts before turning him loose. At least that is the theory of the indeterminate sentence—and it seems sensible.

Demands on Flyers

Hazards of flying, like hazards in many other fields, are not to be measured merely in terms of flirting with sudden death. There must be considered the strain which continued flying exerts on the human body, especially on the eyes, ears, lungs, heart and nervous system.

When bodily resources become

exhausted the individual is likely to lose confidence and judgment. Long flights may bring eye strain and headaches, while the ear is subjected to severe stresses due to cold winds, sudden changes of speed and direction, rapid variations in atmospheric pressure and the terrific roar of the engine.

Therefore, men and women of the air must live a careful life, eat moderately and with a meticulous regard for proper rest, sleep and exercise, and in other ways keep in the pink of condition if they would withstand the strenuous demands of air navigation.

The most successful aviators, both men and women, have been those who gave careful heed to the physical requirements of their profession.

In Honor of Franklin

Two centuries and a quarter after Benjamin Franklin's birth, a great memorial in Philadelphia will fittingly perpetuate his great genius and patriotic services by a tangible monument of practical as well as sentimental significance.

It will be a memorial such as Franklin himself would appreciate most if he were living, being devoted principally to a museum of the graphic arts, which will illustrate the evolution of writing and printing since the earliest recorded attempts of man to express his ideas by visible means. For, be it remembered, in an epitaph written by himself for his gravestone, his only designation is "Benjamin Franklin, Printer."

The memorial building will have a total floor space of more than 500,000 square feet and will cost five million dollars. It will also have a large endowment fund. In the building will be the Franklin Institute, with more than 60 individual museums, libraries and departments devoted to scientific knowledge.

Benjamin Franklin, measured by every standard of accomplishment, is perhaps the greatest figure America has ever produced. As journalist, scientist, statesman and diplomat he exerted an influence of inestimable value to his country and to the world. To him, no less than to Washington, is due the success of the American Revolution, because it was Franklin's consummate diplomacy that secured the aid of France at the crucial moment of the war for American independence.

It is to the credit of the citizens of Philadelphia that at last Franklin is to have a memorial in keeping with his greatness.

The Reaper's Harvest

Each year see many notable personages pass from the world's stage to "the great beyond," and 1933 marked the passing of a full quota of eminent characters. Among the hundreds of national and international fame who died were the following, with their ages at the time of death:

Ex-President Calvin Coolidge, 60; Jim Corbett, 66, former heavyweight champion; "Texas" Guinan, 49, night club hostess; "Fatty" Arbuckle, 46, actor; Alexander Legge, 67, former chairman Federal Farm Board; Rear Admiral W. A. Moffett, 63, lost on the Navy dirigible Akron; Rev. C. H. Parkhurst, 91, anti-vice crusader; Jack Pickford, 36, actor, brother of Mary Pickford; General Frances de Pinedo, 43, Italian aviator; W. L. (Young) Stribling, 28, heavyweight boxer; Rev. Henry Van Dyke, 80, poet, educator and author; T. J. Walsh, 73, U. S. Senator, who died two days before he was to have become attorney-general of the United States; Major J. W. Bean, 100, oldest retired Army officer; Miss Mary C. Beard, 80, co-founder Boy Scouts; Major S. H. M. Byers, 94, aide to Sherman in Civil War; A. J. Cermack, 59, mayor of Chicago, shot by

assassin attempting to kill President-elect Roosevelt; W. N. Dock, 50, ex-secretary of labor; E. H. Sothern, 73, actor; Rev. Wm. Moon, 76, who had married 25,000 couples at Elkton, Md.

A touch of irony is seen in the fact that Major Charles Bradley, who founded the 'last man club' of the Rainbow Division, A. E. F., and who doubtless hoped to be the 'last man' of that division, died last year at Seattle when only 50 years old.

Malaria Vs. Paresis

If we could only discover it, there may be, as Jacques declares in "As You Like It," some good in everything. It is unquestionably true that much that is good and useful has been found in most unexpected quarters. For example, in malaria germs.

For quite awhile experiments have been made which have tended to show that the germs of malaria retard the progress of paresis, or partial paralysis.

A report of cases made by Dr. Edward Gillispie, assistant at Binghamton, N. Y., states that more than one-third of the patients suffering from paresis at that institution during recent months have been so improved by the injection of malaria germs into their blood that they have been permitted to go to their homes.

Dr. Gillispie does not claim that this treatment can be relied upon as a cure, but among the cases treated all but about one-third have shown a favorable response. This is a most hopeful indication of progress toward the control of one of the most dreaded diseases which menaces mankind.

The idea of setting one disease to fight another is fascinating and may have great possibilities as applied to therapeutics of the future.

Strange Spectacle of Miners and Operators

Indianapolis. — The perennial feud between coal operators and miners was put aside as spokesmen for both factions agreed they "must stand together to preserve the coal code and also to protect the coal mining industry from threats of ruin from without." The occasion was the biennial convention of the United Mine Workers of America. For the first time on record, a spokesman for mine owners appeared and by invitation of John L. Lewis, the miner's president. Until this year, under NRA codes, such a strange spectacle could not have happened. Some hard-bitten coal diggers in the vast hall looked dazed but they listened attentively, applauded and finally gave the speaker, C. B. Huntress, executive secretary of the operators' organization, a rising vote of thanks. Huntress said it was time to let bygones be bygones and make new ways better ways than those of the already forgotten yesterday. It was poetic and was inspired by increasing encroachments upon coal by the competition of fuel oil, natural gas, and hydroelectric power, with disastrous results for miners as well as owners. "We're both mad, not any longer at each other. That's a good sign we have recovered our nerve," said Huntress. The miners had already adopted resolutions to cooperate with managements of mines before Huntress arrived.

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The bag had been taken from the prisoner and filed in a small storage room at police headquarters. Halow did not call for the bag after he was released presumably because he feared the bogus bills had been found. A City Hall janitor, Robert Rutherford, was cleaning out the storage rooms when he found the bag. Investigating its contents, he found the bills, some canned goods, an alarm clock, fish hooks and papers. The bills were pieced together by Captain of Detectives Peter Junk and Plainclothes Officer John Roth.—Fort Wayne (Ind.) News Sentinel.

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Bull Bests Truck in Battle on Highway
Arcola, Feb. 9.—Red continues to be a challenge to bulls and to lead them on to combat and to conquer. One day this week, Frank Abercrombie of Tuscola, who drives a gasoline truck, was making his regular rounds east of Arcola, when he came across a herd of cattle grazing in the road. He slowed down to keep from hitting any of them when suddenly from among the herd a large bull dashed out, snorting defiance and made a bee line for the truck.
The truck was profusely painted in brightest red, thus challenging all the fighting blood in the animal's system. Abercrombie, hoping to avoid hitting the beast, swung the truck to the other side of the road, but the bull changed his course and charged directly in front of the truck.
There was a mighty crash, one light was torn off, the radiator caved in and one of the heavy fenders bent down to the wheel. Apparently the bull suffered only the muzzing of the lashes over his left eye and backed away as one of the admiring heifers licked the misplaced lash back into place. The bull waited a moment to see if the truck wanted to carry the fight further and seeing it did not, gave a snort and looked around at the admiring cows with an air so much as to say, "Girls I really do not know my own strength!"
After the attack, the truck refused to percolate and the S. O. S. call was sent to Arcola.

Sidelights
Mary Goldman, the anarchist, who was deported from the United States to Russia in 1919, has been given permission to return to this country for a short visit with relatives and friends. Russia deported her for saying Soviet rule was "a tyranny a hundred times worse than Czarism." She is now a British subject.
Rev. Billy Sunday, famed 70-year-old evangelist, who was once a professional baseball player, has been holding a revival in New York, with sermons punctuated with pungent sayings in his old time manner. Speaking of world conditions, he said: "Every nation reaches a crisis; you can't hand God the hot end of the poker." Another assertion was: "I have got just as much ginger and tabasco sauce for God as ever."

In his syndicated column O. O. McIntyre gives a thumb-nail sketch of Mae West, naughty girl of the stage and screen, who is doing her bit toward making feminine curves fashionable again. Off stage he says she is a very good girl, indeed, who lives quietly in a Hollywood apartment house, seldom goes out, never attends gay parties, smokes moderately, is religious and gives to charities. Her father was an Irish pugilist, her mother a Jewess. Mae is an adherent of the Catholic faith.
Human nature being what it is, it was inevitable that there would be a lot of graft in connection with the billions which are being spent by the government for employment relief and other recovery measures. Heads of the PWA and CWA are trying to find means of checking the widespread racketeering that has been reported. President Roosevelt recently stated that he was receiving between 200 and 300 letters a day complaining against irregularities and political manipulations in the CWA.
Your news items would help to make this paper more interesting.

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