



"I brought along a date that's not going to give me any back talk!"

SENATOR SOAPER SAYS:

Appropos the new all-glass hotel in Dallas—how does the architect build the main chute behind a transparent pillar?

The old home town was too small for mashers. There was, though, a barbershop M. C. to announce any passing attraction.

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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

By HASKINS

A reader can get the answer to any question by writing The Press-Telegram, information bureau, 115 Eye St., N. E., Washington 2, D. C. Please enclose three (3) cents for return postage.

Q. How many employees of the Federal Government have been dropped from the rolls since the end of the war? N. E.

A. Since V-J Day, 1,680,000 federal employees have been dismissed.

Q. Why is the present Jewish year 5708? From what event does the Jewish calendar date? S. A. H.

A. The Hebrew calendar dates from the year 3761 B. C., the year of the Creation according to Jewish tradition. Thus the year 1947 corresponds to the Jewish year 5708, which commenced last Sep. 15.

Q. Was Russia expelled from the League of Nations? L. D.

A. The League of Nations voted the expulsion of the Soviet Union on Dec. 14, 1939, on a charge of aggression against Finland.

Q. Is there any connection between the Bretons of Brittany, France, and the Britons of England? E. S. T.

A. The inhabitants of Brittany are the descendants of Celtic tribes which emigrated (about A. D. 450 to 600) from south-west Britain after the Saxon invasion.

Q. Are fishes born with or without scales? D. Z.

A. Fishes are born without scales. The scales develop from nuclei and grow in size as the fish grows.

Let's Explore Your Mind



This is the biggest thing in life. The best rules are given in "How to Pick a Mate," by Dr. Clifford Adams, director of Penn State Marriage Clinic. Probably in your public library.

Soil Conservation Needed

THE place to find a lost article is where you lost it. The way to recover stampeded cattle is to go after them and bring them back.

Any school kid could make up dozens of such truisms; yet there is one such matter, equally simple but of immeasurable importance, which all of us have overlooked.

Since the earth cooled enough to support life, and worms and earth molds began to devour dead vegetation, there has been an everlasting contest between the soil builders and the elements that carry soil from the surface of the earth into the sea.

For untold thousands of years the life-giving minerals in the soil have been washed away, and now the soil builders, thwarted by the folly of mankind, are steadily losing their fight to keep the earth fertile.

The Agriculture Committee of the House of Representatives, at last made conscious of our losses, asks whether the federal government should buy land and build up a reserve of fertility, as it has established reserves of oil and other things.

Perhaps it should. But there is another thing it can do and should do and very likely will do soon or late. It is an obvious thing, strangely overlooked. It is a great and profitable-public work, which could provide employment for all of the jobless when the next depression comes.

It is not a new thing; the idea is centuries old. In China and Italy you may see terraced mountainsides which resemble giant stairways.

The risers of the stairs are stone walls, perhaps two feet high, and the space behind each wall is filled with good earth and made level. Thus the steep slope is transformed into a succession of level fields, and the soil cannot wash away. Rain washed it from the mountainsides ages ago; people carried it back in baskets.

Good land has been reclaimed from the sea, notably in Holland, by building walls and dykes and pumping out the water behind them.

When the Germans and the British blasted openings in Holland's dykes to let in the sea, people said the salt water would ruin the soil forever. But when the war was ended, Dutch experts said the soil would be as good as ever in a few years.

Evidently immersion in salt water does not ruin soil. And beyond doubt our engineers could find a way to restore it quickly to its original value.

Since the first settlers came, this land has lost one half of the topsoil that covered it. Much is this soil, with all its priceless minerals. It lies at the mouths of our rivers, caught in the continental shelf. Untold millions of tons of it are at the mouth of the Mississippi, the richest mud on earth, dumped on the floor of the Gulf to build many miles of land that lies unused.

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McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

Today's interesting hand was sent to me by Jerome Scheuer of Boston, who played it in a rubber bridge game at the Boston Chess Club. This is one of the oldest clubs in the United States. It actually was a chess club, but today its members probably are not outstanding chess players. However, some of New England's finest bridge players are enrolled.

In commenting on this hand, Scheuer said he thought that North should have bid two diamonds instead of one spade. Also, he pointed out that East's double was very bad. Remember that at rubber bridge very little is gained by setting the contract one trick, doubled or not doubled. Unless you are positive of setting a hand two tricks, you should not double. If you do, you may give the declarer information that will help him to make the contract. That is ex-

actly what happened in this case. Scheuer won the opening spade lead in dummy with the king, cashed the spade ace and ruffed the third spade with the five of clubs. He realized that, in order to make the contract, the heart suit had to break. He cashed his four heart tricks, discarding four diamonds from dummy.

Then he cashed the ace of diamonds and ruffed a small diamond in dummy with the deuce of clubs. Dummy's fourth ruff was led, East was forced to spade with the seven of clubs, and Scheuer over-ruffed with the eight. He then led the ten of clubs, and all East could do was to cash the ace and king. The last trick was won in dummy with the club jack.

GERMS SAVED MATERIAL for scientific experiments in the distant future was inclosed in the cornerstone of a new Laboratory for Germ-Free Life at the University of Notre Dame which was laid recently. The specimens inclosed in the cornerstone may be studied by scientists when the building, which is expected to be utilized for more than 200 years, is razed.

Included in material sealed in the cornerstone were bacteria, viruses, protozoa, insects, worm eggs and fungi. Bacteria cultures were frozen and dried out by vacuum for preservation. Samples of penicillin, streptomycin and sulfa drugs also were sealed in the cornerstone in order that when it is opened medical science will be enabled to determine whether the drugs have retained their potency.—Notre Dame University Bulletin.

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Crossword puzzle grid with clues for horizontal and vertical words.

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