



"With all the gloomy news in the papers, I'd think you fellows could predict a pleasant day more often!"

'999' Was First to Exceed '100'

By HASKIN

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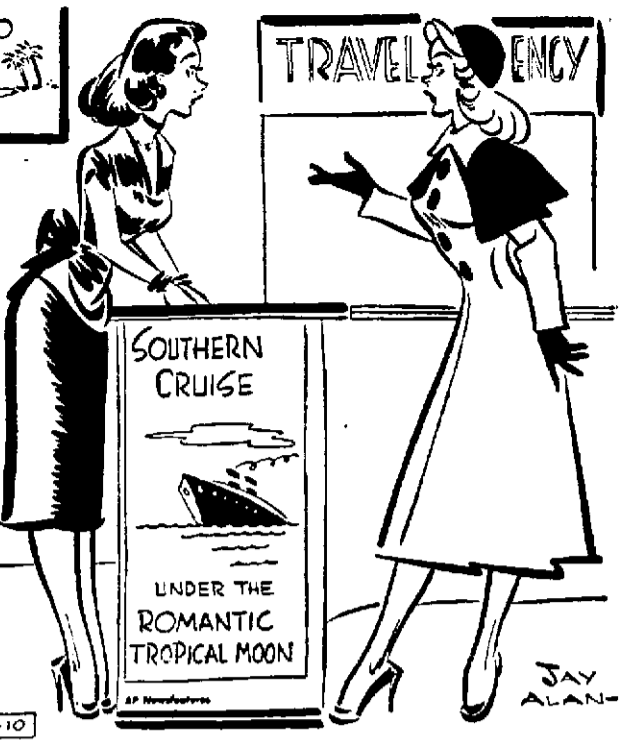
Q. When did a railroad train attain a speed of 100 miles an hour in this country? B. D. G. A. Locomotive 999, pulling the Empire State Express, attained a speed of 112 1/2 miles an hour on the level track west of Batavia, N. Y. The date was May 10, 1893.

Q. How many decibels of noise are considered detrimental to a person's health? F. K. A. The U. S. Public Health Service says that there is very little information in the literature relating to sound intensities and frequencies as they affect a person's health. The currently accepted standard that is being used today is between 80-90 decibels. The relationship between the decibel level and the frequency level and their effect upon the human body is still unknown.

Q. How did the royal family of the Netherlands acquire the title Orange? F. R. J. A. It was derived from the small principality of Orange in what is now Vaudaise in southeastern France, which passed to the House of Nassau in 1530. The name comes from the ancient Latin "arautio," and has no connection with the fruit.

Q. What is the difference in weight between a muslin sheet and a percale sheet of the same size? A. V. A. The difference in weight between a full-size muslin sheet and one of percale is about half a pound.

Q. What is meant by "Horse Marines"? T. T. A. The expression "Horse Marines" refers to a mythical corps very commonly used in the British Royal Marines are confined to Artillery and Infantry and do not include Cavalry. Being ignorant of seamanship, they have always been the butt of blue-jackets. To belong to the "Horse Marines," means to be an awkward, lubberly recruit.



"Nevermind the romance, if I take this cruise will you guarantee I'll find a husband?"

THIRD MOST ANONYMOUS Man Named Smith to Seek Legal Language Changes

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK. (AP) The third most anonymous man in America is John Smith—any John Smith. The only men more anonymous than him are those two classic buddies of the Spenserian penmanship books—John Doe and Richard Roe.

Remember your business school texts? "Pay to the order of John Doe, \$50, signed Richard Roe." Or else it was "Pay to the order of Richard Roe, \$100, signed John Doe."

So far as I have been able to find out that is all these two philanthropists ever did—just write worthless checks back and forth to each other.

But John Smith—there's a man of a different fiber. Yes, any John Smith. America owes much more, by a long way, to John Smith than to its John Does and Richard Roes, who just exchange bills of lading, receipts, bank drafts and I. O. U.'s in the nation's schoolbooks.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

WE MUST show the nation that business is the lifeblood of our country's growth, and business in turn must prove its interest in the welfare of our workers. —George H. Bender (R), retiring Congressman from Ohio.

THE commandment of peace is a matter of divine law. Its purpose is the protection of the goods of humanity inasmuch as they are gifts of the Creator. —Pope Pius XII.

THE GREAT newness which comes from the war is the springing into being of tribunals able to judge international criminals. —Judge Michael A. Musmanno of Pittsburgh, member of the International War Crimes Court at Nuremberg.

WE IN AMERICA have come to take our efficient agriculture for granted. We often fail to appreciate fully the effects of science and technology. —Secretary of Agriculture Brannan.

POLLS REPORT

Immediately after election the red-faced Messrs. Gallup, Roper and Crosley asked a committee of sociologists and statisticians to go over their figures and try to figure out why they had made such ghastly errors.

The committee has now reported. It says that the pollsters were operating in good faith—which is scarcely news. It says also that they were too cocksure and that their methods both in polling and evaluating their figures were slipshod.

What a crusade! Farewell to the "whereas" and the "wherefore!" Good-bye to the "be it resolved!" Welcome to the American language!

They say ignorance of the law is no excuse. But how about the members of the U. S. Supreme Court who drop a close 5-to-4 decision? If Smith wins his fight, perhaps all nine judges will be able to agree on what Congress really means when it passes a law.

Let's Explore Your Mind

By ALBERT EDWARD WIGGAM, D. Sc.



Answer to Question No. 1. Yes. Nearly all kids then had some sort of home. But Dr. R. A. McKibben says in 1946 2,000,000 mothers with children under 10 had to work away from home. Four million children had lost one or both parents; 700,000 homes had been broken by divorce and 100,000 babies that year were born out of wedlock.

Answer to Question No. 2. Yes. Formerly when the children were reared, Mother and Dad went on living alone with occasional visits from the children and grandchildren. If left a widow, mother lived around among the children—sometimes wanted—sometimes not.

Answer to Question No. 3. No. For instance, as quoted by Brit in his Social Psychology, candidate in a recent election said: "I must restore and revitalize liberty."

As was expected, when the supersonic plane came along, science has developed a faster type of sound, at Rice Institute. This is so a pilot won't have to back up to hear the tail gunner.

Beyond Layman's Ken

DR. JOSEPH A. PEARCE, director of the Dominion Astrophysical Observatory at Victoria, B. C., reports the discovery of two stars respectively about 28 and 34 times as large as the central orb of the system to which the earth belongs. Known thus far simply as HD215835, these monster fragments of infinity are roughly 40,000 multiples of our sun in brightness. Their surface temperatures are approximately 36,000 degrees centigrade—that is, about six times as hot as Shakespeare's "fire that severs day from night."

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