



"No, no—not him! He looks like just the kind of a heel that would refuse to put up his hands!"

Sen. Soaper Says: POOR PA

By H. V. WADE
A SOLEMN sight is the mighty armed service as it gets out the pencil and the back of an old envelope to build a national defense down to a price.
Next to two air views of the same ball park taken a year apart, nothing looks more alike than pictures of Gromyko and Gromyko.

Leahy of Notre Dame says the team will lose seven grid contests this fall, which, while it doesn't amount to much as a prediction, is a sign of a normal spring.
Ma found a photograph taken twenty years ago which our son Joe Rich has on my back. The only difference now is that he's a lot heavier.

RADIO PROGRAMS — TODAY AND TOMORROW

Table listing radio programs for stations like NLAC, KFI, KMPC, KECA, KHJ, KFVB, KNX, KFOX, KFAC, KGER. Includes sections for TONIGHT, DIAL-LITES, TELEVISION SCHEDULE, and Noon.

Bill Sought Smoking Ban for Women

By HASKIN
A READER can get the answer to any question of fact by writing to the Editor, 130 Eye St., N. W., Washington, D. C. Please enclose three 10-cent stamps for return postage.
Q. WHO WAS the Congressman who once introduced a bill to prohibit women from smoking? O. R. L.
A. Paul Johnson, Congressman from Mississippi from 1919-23, introduced H.R. 7252 to prohibit female persons in the District of Columbia from smoking cigarettes in any public place, and to prohibit owners of public places from permitting female persons to smoke on premises controlled by said owners or lesses and prescribing penalties therefor.

Q. Who was the first ruler of Germany? V. Z.
A. German history proper begins with the treaty of Verdun in A. D. 843. In this year Charlemagne's grandsons partitioned his empire, conceding to Louis the German the lands east of the Rhine. It was the first time a German prince ruled German-speaking tribes.
Q. How large is the Caspian Sea? T. R. Y.
A. The Caspian Sea has an area of approximately 170,000 square miles and is the world's largest lake or inland sea. It lies between Europe and Asia with Soviet territory on three sides. For more than a century, however, its level has been falling chiefly because of a reduction in the volume of water poured into it by the Volga.

Q. What celebrated songs were written originally on a menu card? J. J.
A. Schubert's "Wo Is Sylvia" and "Hark! Hark! The Lark." Schubert and some friends are said to have been in a public garden enjoying refreshments when the composer happened to open a friend's volume of Shakespeare at Cymbeline and jotted down the melodies.

Matador and Matada

By BILLY ROSE
IF YOU HABLE a little Espanol, you figure to have heard of Cantinflas, the Mexican comedian who rates right up there with Chaplin, Groucho, Fendall and the other belly-laugh heavyweights.
The day after we arrived he took us for a spin through the residential district—that part of Tequila Town where the prim-

ordial hobnob—with the day-after-hobnob—and then for a look-ster at some of the countryside. Thirty miles out, as we were about to turn back, we passed an impressive walled-in cemetery and, having heard that the Mexicans do interesting things with marble and chisel, I suggested that we get out and absorb a little culture.

A few words from Cantinflas, and the top, an old coat as white on top as Mt. Popocatepetl, swung open the gate and, for the next half hour, as we moseyed around the tombstones, the comic played guide and briefed us on the inhabitants who were taking it easy for keeps.

As we strolled around the cemetery, Eleanor, who always has an eye peeled for the roman-tic, spotted a pair of identical headstones, one of which was inscribed "Matada" and the other, "Matador."

"I thought a bullfighter rated a ton of marble down here," I said, pointing to the second stone. Cantinflas flashed the grin that stands 'em up in every movie house in Latin America. "In Spanish," he said, "matador can mean either 'killer of bulls' or just 'killer'."

My wife reached back into her high school Spanish. "Then the matada is the woman he killed," she guessed. The comedian nodded. "There's an interesting story behind these headstones," he said. "I don't know how true it is because the only man who can confirm it won't discuss it. Anyway..."

Several decades ago two peasant boys, Luis and Hernando, grew up in the same village and became close friends. They both fell in love with a beautiful girl named Anita who chose Hernando. On his wedding eve, Hernando found Anita in the arms of Luis and plunged his maize husking knife into her heart.



"Of course it's a good one! It's a standard brand just like a car or tractor!"

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

I THINK we have really passed a milestone in history... and I think your children and your grandchildren will tell you that in the days to come.
—President Truman, commenting on the signing of the Atlantic Pact.
LIKE COMBATING illness with vaccination, we must secure ourselves against war by a vaccination which we might term the armed services.
—Maj. Gen. Edwin P. Parker, provost marshal-general of the U. S. Department of Army.

At a desk in the small, two-room office in the Bronx from which she directs her nationwide business, Mrs. Crocetti talked shyly of how as a widow she had made a success in an industry dominated by men.
"Being a woman is no handicap," she smiled, "because I have such a reliable group of men working under me."

"My husband and I both worked on Italian language newspapers here a quarter century ago. But my husband opposed Mussolini at a time when many people still favored him. Forced to enter another field, her husband, G. M. Crocetti, became a tile contractor. The business grew through the years and at his death in 1943 Mrs. Crocetti took over. The firm is still expanding."

"We bid on tile-setting projects all over the country," she said. "I don't do much of the collecting work. I like to do the collecting. It's more fun."

Mrs. Crocetti said that most of the technical work, the estimating of costs and preparing of work schedules, was done by her two sons—Emanuel T. Spans and Arthur Crocetti.

"They have been with my husband and me so long they are almost like sons," she said. Those in the industry say, however, that Mrs. Crocetti is a shrewd and capable executive who knows every detail of tile contracting.

"One of the biggest problems is to keep the tilesetters happy," she said. "They are skilled craftsmen, and they are as temperamental as any artist."

"They work in teams—a tile-setter and his helper. And we call them 'husband and wife.' A good team is something like a happy marriage. They want to stay together."

"But if the team quarrels and with each other—well, one of them has to take a trip to Reno." About 75 per cent of the tile setters are of Italian descent. Many have been with the firm since its founding, and Mrs. Crocetti keeps in close touch with their families—their births, marriages, sickness.

"Often they want me to advise them on what their sons should study in school," she laughed. Mrs. Crocetti has soft brown eyes and graying hair. She looks more like a motherly housewife than a career woman. And she likes that.

She still writes a column of home advice for an Italian paper here. She also has written a cook book and has 1500 recipes—most all of which she has tested in her own kitchen.

"Right now I'm going in for things a little out of the ordinary," she said, "like rabbit, frog legs and tripe dishes." She has three children. One she teaches sociology. Another is a graduate student in psychology. Her daughter, Emma, 17, is in college here.

"The only one in the family who wants to go into the business is my 3-year-old grandson," she said. "He wants to drive a truck for me."

DISTAFF SUCCESS STORY

Woman Heads Tile Firm & Doing Record Ceiling Job

By HAL BOYLE
NEW YORK (AP) Mrs. Mary Crocetti, who loves to putter about the kitchen, has the biggest ceiling problem in America today.
She is a plump, pleasant woman of 50 who operates a \$1,000,000-a-year business, one of the nation's largest tile contracting firms.
Her workmen now are installing clay tile on the twin ceilings of the new \$80,000,000 tunnel that will link Brooklyn and Manhattan.
"They are the longest ever installed in the United States—917 feet," she said. "That will take about 3,200,000—all set by hand."

AUNT HET



"Amy has got herself into a bit of a fix. The more selfish you are, the more you suffer when you have to put up with someone who has got herself into a bit of a fix."

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