

Curious Aspects Of Many Laws Told in Volume

By LINDO MOORE Be careful of your match in Connecticut—if it shows other than standard time, you are guilty of a criminal offense. And do you know that under the law, if a person steals a pair of shoes and they turn out to be two right shoes, he cannot be convicted? Another word person has been a subject of legal dispute for centuries. These are only a few of the thousands and one quirk of laws that are brought out in Percival Jackson's 'Book of the Law,' entertainingly written account of the curious legal machinery with which this country is burdened.

From the Women's Angle

By NELLIE HURLEY MINIFIE The time worn question of whether married women shall be gainfully employed is before us again in another guise. "Should Married Teachers Continue To Hold Their Positions?" It is a question that has never been settled and perhaps never will be but regardless of all arguments advanced either "pro" or "con" the issue depends in the last analysis on the woman herself. If financial circumstances suggest the advisability of continuing in her profession who, but the woman? Her husband, need he particularly be concerned?



Miss Minifie

To our way of thinking there is no issue involved. It is purely a personal problem and one which every woman at some time or another is called upon to face.

By KATHERINE W. GEORGE As part of the publicity ballyhoo for some motion picture, stories are always issued from Hollywood telling of a corps of experts at work perfecting the details of background scenery, that all may be authentic. And then comes the picture and if it is a newspaper yarn, which is the only kind of which I can speak with authority, it generally turns out to be a pretty horrible and unrealistic affair.

The beautiful girl reporter always leads a lurid and dangerous life among underworld characters, whom she exposes and brings to justice single-handed in the last reel, while snatching time between exploits to capture for her own rich playboy admirer. The reporter here usually spends most of his time fondling an elbow with various comely females about him, and incidentally some sensational tale; then, at the very moment of action time, he rushes into the office and writes "Hurry, hurry, hurry."

Now I hate to take the thrill out of newspaper movies, but really, metropolitan journalism is not like that at all. In the first place, city editors are not careful where they send their girl reporters unless the latter are case-hardened and well able to take care of themselves. And I have never heard of one of them snuggling the Senator's Most Esteemed Bachelor. As for reporters of the opposite sex—they are a hard working lot, who do not forget out a story on their own, except in rare cases, but are assigned to one. And they DON'T DRINK, at least not on the job.

And not even the greenest cub would walk into a city editor's office or the managing editor and say, "Hold two columns on Page 1." Nor does he bring the headlines over his own story while the movie reporter nearly always does. If he were to do any of these things, he would be logging it in some other place pronto, and not for any newspaper.

A reporter is assigned to a story and his job is to get it and usually to write it. Though there are some, notably those on police and City Hall beats, who never write a line and usually wait until they have good news and only spend most of their time away from the office, telephoning in their copy, which is written by one of a staff of re-write men. Other copy, written by the reporter himself, is handed into the city editor, who does his editing, and is edited for publication. Copy-readers also write the headlines after the placing and head-line have been assigned by the news editor. These men also are experts in their field and speed and accuracy are necessary for them.

There are many departments on a newspaper, all of them interesting, snappy, and it is amazing how smoothly the well-oiled editorial machine can operate under pressure. For instance, a reporter has been known to be on the street in six minutes after a big story breaks.

Even if newspaper work is not quite as glamorous as the Hollywood buzzes would have us think, it is still a grand profession and it has its share of thrills. And, of course, one does meet a lot of interesting people.

By MYRTLE B. KNOWLTON With the arrival in February of the first seed catalogue, with its gay and colorful pages, we begin to visualize our own plan for our door beauty as spring speeds on its way. There are innumerable books of worthwhile and constructive value from which to choose, as one's taste and temperament might dictate, and it would seem to us that gardening, as a summertime hobby, is not the least of these.

As a form of exercise it far surpasses, in my opinion, the swinging of dumbbells or the pounding of one's chest, and is surely infinitely more interesting. As an investment of time and energy, its dividends greatly exceed its capital, for it does not only afford health and food for the body, but serves as well the mind and spirit.

Only he who has worked and cared for a plot of his own, be it ever so small, who has taken an interest in one's shrub, rose or bulb and nursed it carefully from infancy, so to speak, having watched it develop from day to day, can fully appreciate the delights of the unfolding process as it passes through its various stages from the bud to the full blown flower to its glory. Our minds are stimulated as we closely observe the transformations daily taking place and growing things, and influences seem to operate between us and them as they appear to take on personalities and minister to our spirits.

We like our garden in the early morning when the air is fresh and cool and before the activity of the day has begun. Bright, smiling, newly-opened pansy faces look gaily up at us as though to say "Good morning," and the sweet, wet rose, just unfolding, turns to greet the rising sun. We like it in the evening, too, after the heat of the day has passed, just as the birds are calling their last goodnight and the soothing quiet of the summer night is about to descend. We seem to absorb a sense of peace from the fresh, clean earth and our sleepy flower friends about us, and are reminded of those fine lines by Thomas E. Brown who so well interpreted it for us.

"My garden is a lonesome thing, God wot, Rose plot, Trimpled plot, Fern plot, The veryest sort of peace, and yet The fool contends that God is not, Not God in gardens when the sun is cold, Nay, but I have a sign, 'Tis very sure, God walks in mine."

Correct Heat Important to Cook

Even the old-fashioned party idea of a taffy pull needs to be changed into compliments to modern science. For such a device as a sugar cookery thermometer is a far better guide for candy than the guess of the best cook.

So suggestions of other uses need not offend even the experts. Several pointers recommended by home economics staff members at Michigan State College deal with temperatures.

Egg dishes and other foods with delicate proteins need low temperatures. Fruit whips take an oven at 225 to 250 degrees Fahrenheit. A slow oven 250 to 300 degrees seems best for sponge cake and custards. Souffles and angel food cake does best at 300 to 325 degrees.

Most cakes go up a few degrees, 325 to 350, and cookies usually turn out the best in a moderately hot oven 375 to 400 degrees. Rolls and muffins get the 400 to 450 degree treatment. This is a very hot oven 450 to 500 degrees issued in special treatments such as the first step in baking popovers.

Hope for Office Here on Bargain Sale of Records

Efforts are being made locally by officers of the Birmingham Musicale to have opened here a distribution center for the symphonic records which are being sold in Detroit by a committee of the nationwide Music Appreciation Campaign.

It was indicated late Tuesday evening by a spokesman for the committee in a conversation with Mrs. D. L. Tate, president of the Birmingham Musicale, that a headquarters would be opened in Birmingham and other smaller centers within the near future.

The committee has been swamped at the Detroit headquarters. Mrs. Tate said, "and so we in Birmingham must be patient until they have time to make arrangements for opening a branch store here."

It will be probably two weeks before the headquarters can be opened here Mrs. Tate said.

COME QUICKLY, SPRING

Oh, longed-for spring, Though well we know You never die, But only rest awhile; Return to earth again, Waken the trees and flowers And the fresh green grasses, From the silence of their sleeping.

Arise the songbirds, And the woodland creatures, Ripple the stillness of the streams, And stir the gentle rain, Bring back the warmth and radiance of the sun To gladden earth again. Come quickly, gentle spring, —BETTY MC DONALD

STALLED CAR BURNS

When Edward Pulliam's car stalled as he was en route to Grand Rapids, he parked it beside the road and walked back to this city for a mechanic. Meanwhile, a passing motorist reported an unoccupied car ablaze near the city. When Pulliam returned, only the charred remains of his auto were left.

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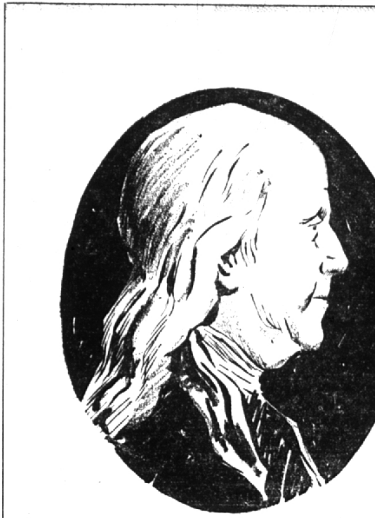
Bills were approved in the amount of \$302,701.80, including a two week payroll in the amount of \$6,599.46.

A petition received requesting an amendment to the zoning ordinance to permit the construction of income bungalows on Frank street between Stanley and Watkins was referred to the City Manager.

Election boards were appointed for April 1 election. IRENE E. HALEY, City Clerk.

Cut Old Timber For Deer Forest

GILCHRIST—Cutting of timber that has reached or passed maturity to make the tops available for deer food is underway in the Black River State Forest. Three crews of 25 enrollers each from CCC Camp Mackinac are doing the work. Some timber is being salvaged from the cutting operations.



A Penny Saved IS A Penny Made —Said POOR RICHARD

YOU CAN SAVE MANY 'PENNIES' IN BIRMINGHAM

MANY years have passed since Benjamin Franklin, "Poor Richard," made the famous statement "A Penny Saved is a Penny Made," but his statement is perhaps more true today than ever before. The wise modern shopper has learned to watch the pennies . . . but she also knows there are many factors to be considered in economical buying. Saving time, energy, buying where you have perfect confidence, where a friendly welcome awaits you, where you are assured complete satisfaction, where every dollar you spend helps to build a prosperous community in which to live . . . these are a few "reasons why" those at home and many good neighbors find it pays to buy in Birmingham PLUS the pennies Birmingham merchants always save you.

In Birmingham competition keeps merchants "O" their toes. They are constantly searching important markets for quality merchandise at savings, and whatever savings they make are passed on to their customers in the form of lower prices. Birmingham enjoys a reputation for selling merchandise of high quality at very reasonable prices. The merchants are proud of this reputation. It is their policy to allow no other town to offer prices lower than those offered for similar quality in Birmingham.

IN ADDITION TO REASONABLE PRICES, when you shop in Birmingham, you have the advantage of up-to-the-minute stocks from which to make your selections, and the pleasure of shopping in modern stores where you find helpful, efficient service, and a real welcome.



BE WISE! ECONOMIZE! Get Your Share of the Bargains to Be Found Every Day in Birmingham

Baldwin Public Library will be closed on Good Friday afternoon from 12 to 3 o'clock.

meal. Then the marriage and divorce laws that reach dizzying heights in number and complexity. State laws create considerable confusion when couples are legally married on one side of the line and bigamists and adulterers on the other.

Mr. Jackson's purpose is to clarify the law in relation to the individual. By pointing out a few of the more obvious legal abuses he hopes for an awakened opinion that will in time bring about much needed legal reform.

Three recent books offer help in understanding the tangled affairs in Europe.

Inside Europe, 1940 edition, by John Gunther. This revision is the last, for the author evidently expects of keeping it with recent events, for much longer. Following the same lines as his earlier work, he tells the story of the last uneasy months in the terms of the personalities that make history.

The features of Gunther's journalistic style makes his book unusually interesting.

Scandinavia, the Background for Neutrality, by A. L. Olson. When the war raged in northern Europe, the world wondered what lay behind the Finnish resistance.

Finland, Land of Heroes, by Toivo Ruuska. The author presents first the Finland of a thousand lakes, of deep forest and rocky coast. He shows how some of the best of modern civilization is cradled to a cultural heritage that dates back into the misty times of the Kalevala.

Animals are Like That, by Frank Buck. Hair-raising tales of breath-taking adventures in Malayan jungles are related by the intrepid writer and adventurer who put "bring 'em back alive" into the language. Man eating tigers, homicidal crocodiles vie with affectionate pet monkeys for the readers' attention.

Period Pieces, by Jenny Hallou. The biography of Ella Wheeler Wilcox, the lady who scandalized the genteel readers of the 1900's with her passages of purple passion. To modern eyes, the purple has so faded as to be almost imperceptible, but Ella herself makes a colorful, if somewhat incredible figure. The biography forms a valuable addition to any library on "Americans."

Best One-Act Plays of 1939, ed. by Margaret Mayo. The editor feels that the one-act play is the present arena for experimentation and success in proof, plays by Archibald MacLellan, Channing Pollock, E. P. Cooke and others. Also included are critical biographies and a series of bibliographies, including plays of the year available for production, radio plays and collections for reading.

Curtain Calls, by Noel Coward. Published, according to the publisher because of the growing demand for Coward plays for reading. The collection includes some of the most popular plays.

After Many a Summer Dies the Swan, by Aldous Huxley. An unusual story with some unpleasant aspects. The famous Huxley wit is directed this time at Hollywood with telling effect.

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Pay Rates Fixed For Fire Fighters LANSING—Pay rates for forest fire fighters this summer in Michigan will be 25 cents an hour for forest labor and 50 cents an hour for keymen the same as in 1939. Keymen are trained, strategically located residents who are on call during the fire season. They are paid only for the time actually spent fighting fires.

OWNS HEN THAT CROWS BROWN CITY (MFA)—Crowing is usually a talent reserved to male chickens, but Mrs. James Stokes has a combination rooster-hen. The bird has the comb and wattles of a rooster, as well as general size and appearance of one, but its plumage is that of a hen.