More About Those Year-Round Schools

The possibility of a 12-month school year has been kicked around for several years now.

The recent California Citizens Commission on Education recommended that the Legislature study the possibilities of a year-round year.

Educators have debated the effect of a three-month vacation for teenagers. It has been pointed out that this country no longer has a rural economy — child labor has been replaced by machines. Yet we still retain the short school year with a long summer vacation.

S. Bryan Jennings of Middleburg, Fla., a member of that state's chamber of commerce committee on education, has been an outspoken advocate of year around school use.

Jennings advocates "the efficient use of educational facilities and teaching personnel by abolishing, as rapidly as possible, the outmoded system of operating schools for nine months in the year and allowing our buildings, which represent the investment of billions of dollars—to stand idle for the remaining three months of each year."

Jennings estimates that if all of the schools in the nation would operate 48 weeks in the year with staggered enrollments, the equivalent of 444,099 additional classrooms would be created—equal to a construction cost of $18b billion. (Cribbed from Sun-Stat.

They Really Ate In Grandpa's Day

You probably aren't eating as much as you did a few years back—according to scientists who have been checking up on the amount of food we consume.

One result of this is that our dinner plates have been shrinking in size. They are considerably smaller than they were in grandfather's and great-grandfather's times.

They and their forefathers consumed food in a big way. Up to a century ago six or seven courses at an ordinary meal were quite common.

The newspapers of earlier times frequently told stories of extra-special eaters, too — men who ate record amounts of food to win wagers or just for the sheer fun of it.

Gargantuan eaters are rare to-day. No one organizes a festival of the stomach as did some of our ancestors. You don't hear for instance of record appetites like that of a man named "Beefsteak Pete," who once consumed seventeen pounds of beef for dinner or that of "Lambey" Smith who actually ate seventy-five small lamb chops at a single meal.

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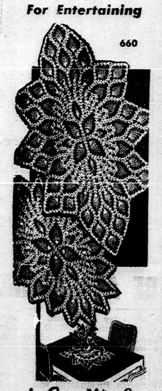

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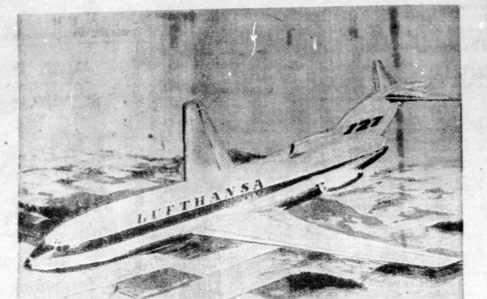


LUFTHANSA GERMAN AIRLINES has announced the order of 12 Boeing 727 jet aircraft, boosting to 25 the total number of jets the airline has in operation or on order. The new short-to-medium-range aircraft are scheduled for Lufthansa's routes to the near east and within Europe, the first six being delivered by summer 1964, the balance by summer 1965. Summer will see the German carrier operating jets on all long-distance segments of its five-continent network, 50 flights weekly on the North-Atlantic runs alone.

CHRONICLES of GINGER FARM

Ouendoline P Clarke

Oh dear, it looks as if we've got to face it again . . . the speeches, the promises, the propaganda that always precedes a general election. We almost wilt at the thought of it. Not because we are so well satisfied with the present government that we want them to remain in office; not even because we are dissatisfied with them and want them out. Sounds as if we're sitting on the fence, doesn't it? It isn't even that. When the time comes we shall know which way to vote — but we would like to postpone it as long as possible.

Our immediate interest is the weather. We haven't really had a bad winter but yet I don't know of any year when we have looked forward to spring so eagerly. Last week it made me feel just wonderful to see a red robin strutting around on the lawn. He won't be so welcome later on when small fruits are ready for picking. But have you noticed — although you see robbins at this time of the year you never hear their sweet song. Maybe they are afraid of getting laryngitis if they warble too much before the weather warms up. Most people look for an early spring when Easter is early but of late years there seems little connection between Easter and the weather. Here's hoping this spring will be an exception.

I think the children around here must be longing for spring too. Anyway they make a beeline for our patios, front and back, whenever we have a six-foot overhang that keeps dirt in the planters nice and dry, making it just like a sandpile for the youngsters to play in. That is until the dirt gets mixed up with the snow. Then they are able to make mud pies with which they plaster our steps and patio. A lovely mess, I assure you. Generally their shouts and squeals of delight betray them so it isn't long before Partner or I chase them home. Their mothers are no more pleased with their escapade than we are because they go home with snowsuits plastered with mud. I am thankful it is the patio we have to clean up and not the kids! Anyway, the poor little tikes have to play somewhere.

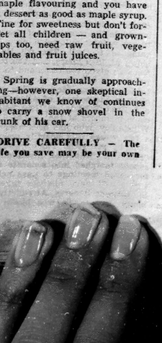
Incidentally, have you noticed how times have changed the way in which children get fresh air and exercise in winter? When our two were small I used to dress them warmly and take them for a walk, even if it was only for half-an-hour. And I kept them on the move. That way they didn't get a chance to get cold or run into mischief. Nowadays mothers put snowsuits on their pre-schoolers and send them out to play by themselves. The snowsuits are such a protection against the weather there is little fear of them catching cold. But what is there for the poor little mites to do? Naturally, if they can find any nice dry dirt they are going to play with it. Failing that they get bored and come pounding at the door for a cookie or to go to the bathroom. Mothers grumble because children are no sooner dressed than they want to come in again. To my way of thinking it is easier to take them for a half-hour's walk rather than turn them loose on their own. Exercise is what they need — and the fresh air is good for mother too. Of course on a farm children can always find plenty to amuse them at the barn — and they love to help Daddy with the chores. Which goes to show there is no place like a farm for raising a family.

Speaking of raising a family I was very interested in the economy measures published a few days ago by one of our newspapers. Some of them looked quite good. But I couldn't help thinking that a luxury those meals would have been in England when we were on war rations. To make our weekly ration of two ounces of butter go further we mixed it with mashed potatoes and then remolded it into pats. A filling and favourite dessert was bread pudding. Our family still likes it. Here is the recipe. Grease a pyrex dish with margarine. Fill it three-quarters full with stale bread. Sprinkle with brown sugar, raisins, currants and peel. Add cinnamon and vanilla. Also two tablespoons of margarine. Beat one egg and sufficient milk to cover the bread. When bread is soaked blend thoroughly with fork. Bake in 375 degree oven about an hour.

Good old-fahioned oatmeal porridge instead of packaged cereal is another budget saver. If you know how to make it properly. Too often it is a thick, lumpy mess. It should be smooth and creamy and served with brown sugar and whole milk. And why should pork and beans always come out of a can? Any good cook book will tell you how to make Boston baked beans. Soup? There is nothing so economical as homemade soup, with rice, or pot barley as a filler. Potatoes? Scalloped potatoes go a lot farther than boiled. And do you know that brown sugar syrup makes a good dessert for children if fruit is not available. Boil two cups of sugar with one cup of water. Add vanilla or maple flavouring and you have a dessert as good as maple syrup. Fine for sweetness but don't forget all children — and grown-ups too, need raw fruit, vegetables and fruit juices.

Spring is gradually approaching—however, one skeptical inhabitant we know of continues to carry a snow shovel in the trunk of his car.

DRIVE CAREFULLY — The life you save may be your own



PETITE — Vicki Trickett flies in for a visit. She'll soon star in "Gidget Goes Hawaiian."

An Otter Makes Himself At Home!

I have never been able fully to make up my mind whether certain aspects of otter behaviour merely chance to resemble that of human beings, or whether, in the case of animals as young as Mij was, there is actual mimicry of the human foster parent. Mij, anyway, seemed to regard me closely as I composed myself on my back with a cushion under my head; then, with a confiding air of knowing exactly what to do, he clambered up beside me and worked his body down into the sleeping-bag until he lay flat on his back inside it with his head on the cushion beside mine and his fore-paws in the air. In this position, such an attitude, as a child devises for its teddy-bear in bed, Mij heaved an enormous sigh and was instantly asleep.

Mij and I remained in London for nearly a month, while, as my landlord put it, the studio came to look like a cross between a monkey-house and a furniture repository. The garage roof was fenced in, and a wire gate fitted to the gallery stairs, so that he could occasionally be excluded from the studio itself; the upstairs telephone was enclosed in a box (whose fastening he early learned to undo); my dressing-table was cut off from him by a wire flap hinging from the ceiling, and the electric wires were enclosed in tunnels of hardboard that gave the place the appearance of a power-house.

All these precautions were entirely necessary, for if Mij thought that he had been excluded for too long, more especially from visitors whose acquaintance he wished to make, he would set about laying waste with extraordinary invention . . . There was nothing haphazard about the demonstrations he planned; into them went all the patience and ingenuity of his remarkable brain and all the agility of his muscular body.

More usually, however, when he was loose in the studio, he would play for hours at a time with what soon became an established selection of toys, ping-pong balls, marbles, india-rubber fruit, and a terrapin shell that I had brought back from his native marshes.

At night he slept in my bed, still, at this time, on his back with his head on the pillow, and in the morning he shared my bath. With utter indifference to temperature he would plunge ahead of me into water still too hot for me to enter, and while I shaved he would swim around me playing with the soapsuds or with various celluloid and rubber ducks and ships that had begun to accumulate in my bathroom as they do in a child's — From "Ring of Bright Water," by Gavin Maxwell.

Matrimony is a process by which the grocer acquires an account the florist had.

"You'll appreciate it more, Daddykins, when you get the bill."

Scarlett O'Hara Comes Back Home

Miss Scarlett O'Hara of "Gone With the Wind" fame came home to Atlanta, Georgia, after 20 years of wandering in foreign parts, and the people took her to their hearts like a long-lost daughter.

The British actress, Vivien Leigh, whom the whole world identifies with the charming but turbulent heroine of the late Margaret Mitchell's epic of the Civil War, returned for a three-day visit in connection with a revival of the film which first made her famous. The revival is a part of Atlanta's Civil War Centennial Celebration.

Standing on a floodlighted platform in front of Loew's Grand Theater where "Gone With the Wind" first was shown 22 years ago, Miss Leigh looked into the upturned faces of thousands of Atlantans crowed into the triangle formed by Peachtree and Pryor Streets (Atlanta's counterpart of Times Square) and told them: "It's wonderful . . . It's wonderful to be back." Her cultivated British voice was choked with emotion.

With her was Olivia de Havilland, who played the part of Melanie Hamilton, the gentle and faithful wife of Ashley Wilkes. She also was greeted by stormy applause. Only they of the four principal stars of "Gone With the Wind" are left today. Clark Gable, the swashbuckling Rhett Butler of the film, passed on recently. Leslie Howard—the cultivated but futile Southern aristocrat, Ashley Wilkes—was lost on a British transport plane during World War II.

The movie's revival brought back a flood of memories to Mayor Hartsfield, who has served in his post longer than the mayor of any other large American city, whites Joseph H. Baird in the Christian Science Monitor.

It was he who welcomed the film stars at the premieres in the same theater Dec. 15, 1939. When he met Miss De Havilland at Atlanta's new municipal airport, she noted the modernistic administration building and looked away toward the downtown skyline where 20- and 30-story skyscrapers now rise where once there were historic buildings of the period Civil War era, and observed:

"Yes," the Mayor said with a grin, "a new city, but the same old Mayor."

At a press conference at the Biltmore preceding the ball, Miss Leigh, who described herself as a "middle-aged Scarlett," disclosed plans for an around-the-world tour with other British actresses and actors with a repertoire of four plays. These will include Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" and "Merchant of Venice," "Duel of Angels" and "The Lady of the Camellias."

After a tour of Far Eastern countries, the British players will come to the United States in the fall of 1962.

A correspondent found a chance to ask Miss Leigh a question that always has intrigued him: "How did you, as a British actress, manage a convincing Southern drawl?"

"I just studied it for two weeks," she replied.

Miss Leigh said that recently she had seen the screen tests which she had made in Hollywood before Mr. Selznick assigned her the coveted role of Scarlett O'Hara, and was amazed now that he had done it.

Modern Etiquette

By Anne Ashley

Q. When a business letter is addressed jointly to a man and a woman, what is the correct salutation?

A. "Dear Sir and Madam."

Q. If a man is walking with a woman and she is carrying her coat on her arm, should he offer to carry it for her?

A. This is not expected.

Q. What is the best way to introduce couples to each other?

A. One good way is merely "Mr. and Mrs. Carson, this is Mrs. Rogers." Or, "Mr. Carson, Tom Carson, Helen and Rogers."

Q. Some fellows I've met occasionally phone me asking me to make blind dates. Is it be proper for me to accept these?

A. Blind dates are dangerous unless arranged by a friend. In this case you mention, it's almost like being "picked up" on the street. Boys who go to blind dating on telephone usually pretty poor picks themselves, or they would have to get dates this way.

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PARIS IN SPRING — Actor Karl Boehm has eyes only for his wife, Mouchie, as they take in the sights of Paris. He is in the French capital for the filming of "Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse."

Wedding Ducks Come Home

The ducks cheer us up. It is a sight to see them return every evening, trundling rapidly along the trail, bobbling along like toy ducks on an invisible string. They invariably make a certain place above the creek for duckish deliberations — seeming to make up their collective mind. They hesitate, stretch their necks this way and that, make false starts, and run back and forth. Suddenly, seized by an enthusiastic group impulse, they go tunneling down the steep bank and into the water; bobbing and ducking like corks, showering crystal skeins of water from their backs and drinking and dipping as if they have not had a drink for a week.

On winter nights the ducks return home voluntarily, but only at a particular time—just at twilight merged into the proper degree of darkness. We could say "duck-dark," or as Edna said, somewhere around half-past-five-time. Balmy spring evenings are quite a different matter. We sit in our last duty after the day's work to hunt up and down the creek for our delinquents.

We go after the "up-ducks," a drake with two wives who is smart enough to keep them registered, while Edwin pursues the "down-ducks" usually farther away and among more critters. We endeavour by any means we can think of to induce the ducks to return home. My phony fox-bark was very effective until the novelty wore off. Then I tried using my flashlight as a "witch light" switching it after the ducks and herding them along, much to their terror.

My flashlight did very well indeed until last night, when its feeble light had to compete with a great golden moon shining out from behind dark clouds. The moon was warmly mysterious and the ducks remained moored in a large pool. I waved them homewards. I spoke bland words calculated to make them think returning thoughts. They moved about uneasily, making noncommittal sounds in their throats. I added a few pebbles aft, but they only moved farther away. Ducks are master geopoliticians. They force you to climber over and detour around waterfalls. In desperation I step into the icy pool, finally floundering up over my knees in the cold eddying water, while they fly down across the falls, or take to secret duck trails through the woods to avoid too much water. A mountain stream can be too tempestuous even for a duck.

These forays are apt to be strenuous, but we keep after them until the whole mutinous crew is back at the home port, following its leader single file into the duck house. We are bedraggled, our shirts torn and boots squishing with water, but we are usually laughing and feel ten years younger. — From "In the Arms of the Mountain." by Elizabeth Seeman.

Government officials are those people who take 35 acres of land and shape it into a mile of packed earth for your benefit. They call it a superhighway.

WIRED FOR SPACE — It's not ribbon for milady's spring outfit that Shirley Gray is examining. Pretty spirals are an important part of the guidance system of a missile. The ribbons — "contour cables" — are plastic with flat metal strips embedded in them and save nearly half the weight of conventional wiring.

Pool Hustlers Getting Scarce

They were shooting Sin of Angels" in New York, producer-director Robert Rossen explained, "because I like to work in New York," and they had picked the Ames Billiard Academy, just off Times Square, "because of the size, and the feeling of age —of having been lived in by pool players." The movie, derived from Walter Tevis' short, dramatic novel, "The Hustler," is all about a man who plays pool for money.

For two weeks, crews had been making the old poolroom look even older, installing beat-up leather chairs, seedy looking curtains. During the same two weeks, Paul Newman, who plays "Fast Eddie" Felson, the young pool-hustling hero, was taking lessons from ten-time world-champion pocket billiards player Willie Mosconi. Jackie Gleason, who at his current weight of 255 pounds plays "Minnesota Fats," the big man whom Fast Eddie has come to town to beat, needed no lessons, having spent much of his youth hanging around pool halls in Brooklyn, where he once made a string of 96 balls. Gleason practiced for the film at home, on his own table.

At the Ames Billiard Academy, director Rossen, gray-haired, and sporting a maroon knit shirt, squinted through a viewer and Charlie Maguire, the assistant director, yelled out: "All right, cut the chatter!" Newman took his place beside character actor Myron McCormick, and the scene rehearsal started.

Gleason, in a conservative overcoat with a huge red flower in the lapel, came in the front door, went over to check his coat, revealing an identical, huge red flower in his jacket lapel, dragged, our shirts torn and boots squishing with water, but we are usually laughing and feel ten years younger. — From "In the Arms of the Mountain." by Elizabeth Seeman.

Newman missed three balls in a row. "Cut," called Rossen.

"At this rate, we'll be doing four minutes a day," said Rossen. "We're pretty much on time."

At another table of camera, Willie Mosconi was showing a pool shot to McCormick. McCormick tried it, sank the ball twice, and beamed.

Mosconi, the biggest stick in the pool game (he once ran 526 balls without missing), was wearing a sport jacket with a Brunswick emblem on it. It is his job to sell Brunswick pool tables and the idea of pool-playing to the public. "The old green-paint-on-the-window joints are going," he said. "They're not economical any more. And the hustlers have gone with them. Of course, I won't say they won't come back. He admitted, however, that pool players looking for action could still find it. "Well, yes, there's Bicycle Charlie here in New York, and Kokomo Joe in Miami. In Chicago there's Big Time Charlie and State Street Willie, and then there's Cheery Nose — he's a roomer. But this movie shows what pool was, say, twenty years ago. Not what it is today."

Newman, Masconi said, was an apt pupil. "He looks like a professional. Of course, he's liable to make a shot three times, and then miss it six times in a row. But he looks good. You know, he used to rack balls at Kenyon College [at the Student Union] for 75 cents an hour."

The next scene was ready. Newman and Gleason lagged the balls, to determine the break. Newman won.

"Cut," said Rossen, because Gleason was not supposed to win.

They did it again. Gleason won. Newman broke. As the camera moved in, Mosconi raced in to change a few balls to make easier shots for Gleason. Gleason walked around the table.

"Cut," said Rossen.

"Ridiculous," said Gleason. "If the balls broke that way I'd play the eight!"

Everything stopped for a conference.

"I'll practice that break tonight," Newman promised. In his new simplex Park Avenue apartment, Newman now has a pool table in the dining room. "We eat in the living room," he said, "or in the dining room off the pool table."

"Cut the chatter," Maguire hollered. "Please. One more time." From NEWSWEEK.

Should Atomic Wastes Be Dumped?

Will radioactive waste stay harmless indefinitely once it's been dumped into the sea? This problem is vexing America's scientists.

As ever-greater quantities of so-called low-level atomic waste are disposed of in American waters, some fear a leakage, which could be very dangerous for people living along the neighbouring coastline.

Fish, too, could become contaminated and to handle or eat them would cause blistering wounds.

To prevent such dangers, a "hot" waste study project is now operating in the Santa Cruz basin off the Californian coast. There, radioactive material, including debris from atomic factories and laboratories, is being dumped in containers of experimental sizes and shapes, including fifty-five-gallon steel drums and reinforced concrete cylinders.

Lowered by cable, the containers are photographed during their immersion to depths of 1,000 fathoms. After some months, specimens will be photographed again, and others hauled back to the surface for inspection. Sometimes, the pressure of water crushes a drum. Then, however competently sealed, all its "hot" waste escapes.

Latest Thing—The Round Hot Dog!

The hot dog, said the American Kosher Provision Co. last month in tones normally reserved for the fall of governments, is on the way out. In its place, AKP said it was offering a circular frankfurter with a hole in the center, like a doughnut, designed to be eaten on a hamburger bun. AKP claims its round dog, now being test-marketed in New York and Miami, will cost no more than the traditional lengie.

The credit (or blame, depending on the point of view) for the drastic alteration (the first, sausage historians claim, in 3,000 years) lay squarely with the New Frontier. "We feel the Kennedy Administration signals the beginning of a more modern era," said an AKP spokesman confidently. "People are more readily adaptable to change. Give us one season at the beachfront and we'll win over the masses."

Metanwhile, the hot-dog traditionalists were howling. "Blasphemy . . . Irreverence," spluttered a counterman at Nathan's, a popular Coney Island hotdog emporium. "One bite and what have you got left? Mustard on your $3 sport shirt and a hunk of meat in the gutter. This is eating?"

BULL'S-EYE — Remarkable accuracy of the air-to-air Falcon missile is demonstrated by the hole in this 36-inch aluminum target. Standing beside one of the missiles and looking through the hole is James J. O'Reilly, test pilot for Hughes Aircraft Co., maker of the missile. The disc was hit dead center from more than a mile away. In tests at Holloman AFB, N.M., such discs were suspended from a tower and heated to simulate a jet's exhaust. Heat-seeking Falcons were then fired at them from aircraft.

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How Can I?

By Roberta Lee

Q. How can I make putty?

A. By mixing linseed oil with sifted whiting to the proper consistency.

Q. Is there any way to remove small scratches on glass table tops or on the glass screen of a TV set?

A. These are often very effectively obliterated with toothpaste, rubbed on with a soft cloth, and then polished off with another.

Q. How can I clean and renew oil paintings?

A. Best, of course, is to have this done professionally. If you try it yourself, go over the paintings with a wad of cotton dipped in turpentine, rubbing very lightly and carefully. Then apply a coat of special varnish sold in all artists' supply stores.

Q. Can you suggest an easy method of removing yellow stains in a sink or tub, caused by dripping faucets?

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