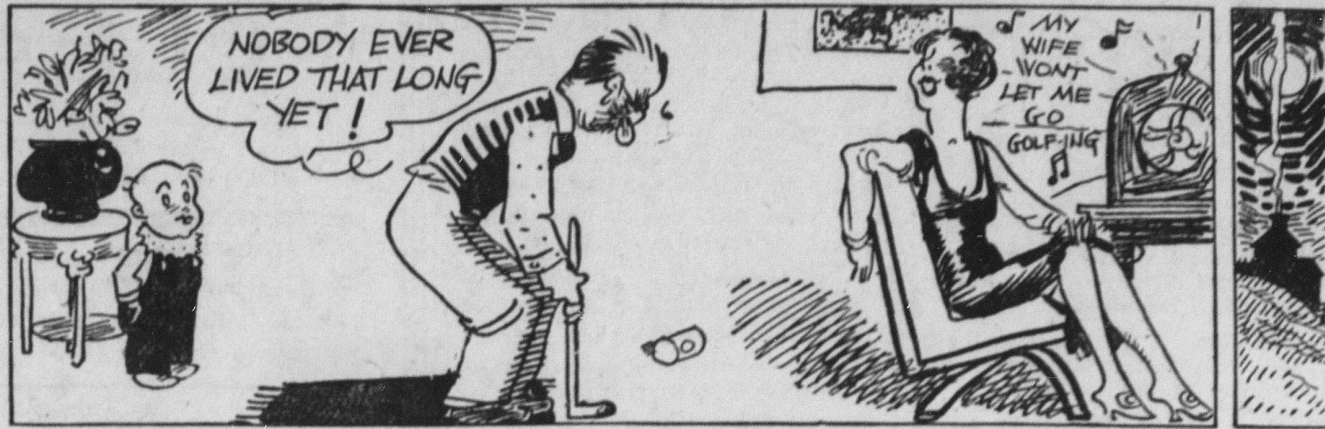


SUCH IS LIFE—Page Mr. Methuselah!

By Charles Sughroe



Community Building

Plan Roadside Gardens for American Highways

An ambitious plan to plant roadside flower gardens along the entire length of all the main American highways is being sponsored by women's organizations in several eastern states. A considerable extension of the movement is expected to develop during the coming year, with the enrollment of sponsoring organizations in all the remaining states of the Union.

Backers of the movement urge that the common roadsides are telltale revelations of the civic spirit dominating a community. Four states—Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Virginia—have already officially recognized this fact in their highway departments by making substantial appropriations and attaching a competent landscape architect to the staffs in charge of road maintenance and upkeep.

Chance for Home Owner to Improve Property

A few hundred dollars spent for alterations or remodeling will do more today for the home owner than a similar purpose any time since the beginning of the World war back in 1914. Scores upon scores of home owners are taking advantage of this opportunity and a number of far-seeing business men, sensing the demand for modernization, have equipped special departments to furnish the supplies and oftentimes the workmen.

Homes that were thought to have passed their day of usefulness, although situated in a good residential section, have blossomed forth with new exteriors, adding not only to their own appearance, but to the appearance and desirability of their neighborhood.

The home owner of today, like the automobile owner, wants to be modern. He wants the latest in design, appearance and operation. While the automobile, due to its construction, is limited in life, the residential dwelling, if properly cared for, will last a century.—Cleveland News.

Concrete Tree Abomination With "modern" art and "modern" architecture occupying more and more space in our magazines, one naturally expects to find the "modern" in garden design. Gardening seems to respond more slowly to modernism, however. The tree, the shrub, or herbaceous plants, is old-fashioned and will not change its manner of growth. Concrete trees, which we understand have been introduced in Europe, inevitably lack the appeal of seasonal changes.

While their introduction would naturally be opposed by both nursery men and tree doctors, they would require treatment, perhaps, by the sand blaster, which might, after all, be economy. Actually, it is possible that with their use one could illustrate the fact that design is of the greatest importance in the garden, and that a landscape composition can be achieved without the use of plants, but it is hard to be serious about a concrete tree.—Washington Star.

City-Planning Idea Grows More than 800 American cities now have city-planning commissions and zoning regulations. The rapid growth of the city-planning movement, which got its real start at the beginning of the present century, is due to the business man and property owner's realization of the fact that money put into well-kept parks, pleasant streets and beautiful buildings is not an extravagance but an investment, the Architectural Magazine observes. Even the intelligent remodeling of a single house may raise the standard of an entire neighborhood. The difference between profitable and unprofitable rental of either home or business property is often dependent upon the attractiveness of its surroundings as well as the features of the building itself.

Informal Garden Best The average home owner who must attend to most of his garden work himself will find it advantageous to plan his outdoor living room his garden along informal lines. Such informality will give his garden a delightful air of freedom and grace, and inasmuch as the plants are permitted to develop naturally they do not require the constant care to keep them looking well that the formal planting demands.

Details Make Difference Details very often mark the difference between a charming garden and "just another garden." The proper placing of a bit of rock work, a flowering tree, a flagstone path, or an inviting lawn seat may be just what is needed to make your garden individual and appealing.

Muted Music It's a moot question in social ethics whether the gentleman who blows his own horn makes a desirable member of the community band.—Country Home.

Newest United States Cruisers to Have Formidable Deck Protection

Washington.—The last of the ten eight-inch gun 10,000 ton Washington treaty cruisers to be built by the United States under the London treaty will have the most formidable armor deck protection ever built into a vessel of this type. These vessels will have an armor deck skin thick enough to stop the eight-inch gun projectile up to ranges of 25,000 yards.

to be built are to be armed with an increased number of anti-aircraft machine guns. The first eight-inch gun cruisers had so little armor protection they were referred to by high ranking flag officers as "tin clads." Had the naval designers known as much as they do today, the first eight-inch gun cruisers could have been as well protected as the last ten are going to be. Investigations have shown that the first eight are each about 1,000 tons under weight. The total lost tonnage for the eight vessels is 7,100 tons. This unused tonnage could have been used in armor protection had not designers made the weight safety factor too high.

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**Halley's Comet**  
The world's most famous traveler, Halley's comet, was "rediscovered" in 1682, being visible for a month. Previous visits had been noted in 1456, 1531 and 1607. Halley predicted that it would return once every 76 years. That his calculations were correct is attested by the visitor's appearance in 1759, 1835 and 1910.  
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sels at slightly more than 9,000 tons. Their displacement is as follows: Chester, 9,200; Houston, 9,050; Northampton, 9,050; Pensacola, 9,100; Salt Lake City, 9,100; Chicago, 9,300; Louisville, 9,050, and Augusta, 9,050. All of these vessels could have been 10,000 tons displacement. The lost tonnage cannot be built into eight-inch gun cruisers, as the United States is limited to 18. Whether it can be transferred to six-inch gun cruiser tonnage is a moot question.

STRANGE AS IT SEEMS—By John Hix



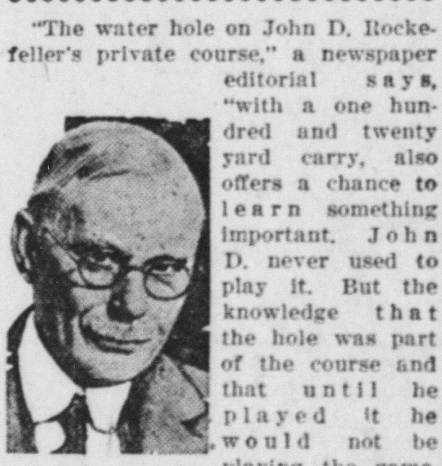
GERHART FIESELER, A GERMAN STUNT FLIER, FLEW UPSIDE DOWN FOR 15 MINUTES COVERING 21 MILES

A PARROT, OWNED BY MRS. J. W. NORRIS, CUMBERLAND, MD., LIVED TO BE 37 YEARS OLD. HE COULD CALL EACH MEMBER OF THE FAMILY BY NAME.

SAMMY BOHNE, MINNEAPOLIS THIRD BASEMAN, PLAYED THROUGH 34 CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITHOUT AN ERROR

Playing the Game Through

By THOMAS ARKLE CLARK  
Dean of Men, University of Illinois.



"The water hole on John D. Rockefeller's private course," a newspaper editorial says, "with a one hundred and twenty yard carry, also offers a chance to learn something important. John D. never used to play it. But the knowledge that the hole was part of the course and that until he played it he would not be playing the game, irked him. He practiced long and hard until he was its master. Now he shoots that hole regularly and likes it. Men often like best that which has given them the hardest struggle."

Lovely Dinner Pajamas



There is beauty and grace in every line of these lovely dinner pajamas. They are fashioned of french blue silk crepe, combined with flesh tone crepe. The bodice is uniquely cut in front and back.

Getting Her First Sight of a Rose



Miss Marie Morley, thirty-one years old, of Merchantville, N. J., has just gained her sight after being blind since birth. She is shown seeing the beauty of the rose in the family garden. An operation performed by Dr. George H. Moore gave her the power of sight.

makes the prince of Wales the best loved man in England. He doesn't hesitate at hazards. Walsh was pretty far behind the bunch in the mile run in the fall handicap as was also Harding. Harding saw that he had no chance of winning and dropped out and threw himself down on the grass without finishing the last lap. "What's the use?" he asked when some one inquired why he sidetracked at that point in the race. "I was out-distanced and I saw no good reason for wearing myself out."

Giant Mooring Mast Now Is Ready for Dirigible

Akron, Ohio.—A giant movable mooring mast to drag the mammoth dirigible Akron in and out of the Goodyear-Zeppelin corporation airdock has been tested and pronounced fit. Powered with a 240-horse power gasoline engine, the mast is 75 feet high, weighs 200 tons, and attains full speed in locomotion at two miles per hour. Although originally designed by British engineers, the "iron horse" was made mobile by United States naval experts.

Wants Brother Missing 33 Years Declared Dead

Utica, N. Y.—If a man has not been heard from for 33 years, he should be legally dead. Mrs. Elizabeth Casey believes. Her brother, Henry Cregg, left home in 1898 to get work on the Great Lakes. Mrs. Casey wants him declared legally dead so she can collect a legacy of \$699.91 which is now held by the county treasurer.

Grandmother at 30 May Be Great-grandma at 50

Hornung, Pa.—Mrs. Nevada Marshall, who was a grandmother when she was thirty years old, may be a great-grandmother at fifty. Mrs. Marshall was married when she was twelve and became a mother at fourteen. Sarah Ann, a granddaughter, is almost five. "If she marries as young as her mother and grandmother, I may be a great-grandmother before I'm fifty," Mrs. Marshall said.

Long Walk Unbalanced Mind, Says Stabber

New York.—His walk from Chicago to New York had unbalanced his nerves, Sheila Kalesen, porter, explained in Tombs court as he was held without bail for the grand jury on a charge of stabbing Charles Dean, assistant trust officer of the Empire Trust company. Kalesen had walked from Chicago in the hope of realizing on some oil stock. He is accused of stabbing Dean when told the stock was worthless.

Baby Born "Dead" Brought to Life

Milwaukee.—Said by doctors to have been born lifeless, an infant was rushed to a hospital here while the father forced his breath into the baby's lung. The baby was placed in a "mechanical lung," and, doctors said, its respiration became normal. The baby was born to Mr. and Mrs. Mano Westendorf, near Fox Point. Dr. F. H. Schultz used every known artificial means available to induce life. Then Doctor Schultz ordered the father to run with him to his automobile and he speeded to Milwaukee with the infant, while the father kept his mouth glued to the baby's.

Oklahoma Farmer's Calf Has "Three in One" Leg

Stigler, Okla.—Three legs in one gives a calf owned by a prominent dairy farmer near here the distinction of having seven legs. From the right shoulder of the calf there grows a large leg about the size of a cow's leg. At the end of the leg are three separate and distinct feet with divided hoofs, bones, and joints.

Bull on Rampage, So Marines Are Summoned

Philadelphia, Pa.—The marines were summoned recently when a runaway bull threatened to wreck havoc on South Broad street near the League Island navy yard. The laksoer, Pvt. Robert R. Thompson, made a flying shot at the animal and neatly enclosed "its neck within the rope."

Recognize Him?



Americans are accustomed to the sight of Will Rogers, actor and philosopher, in rather slouchy attire; indeed, Mrs. Rogers said recently Will never owned evening clothes. But here he is in formal dress and still looking happy. Never before has he been thus photographed.

Count Cutelli Is Movie "Big Noise"

New York.—The real "big noise" behind the talking pictures has come to light at last. He is Count Cutelli, an Italian nobleman, who can bark like a dog, cry like a baby, roar like a lion, crow like a rooster, whistle like a steamboat—in fact, there's hardly a noise that he cannot imitate.

Southpaw Marksman



This is Motorcycle Policeman Gairie Upshaw of Pasadena, Calif., southpaw marksman who has again been chosen a member of the United States rifle team for the international small bore championships to be held at Bisley, England, in July. Upshaw has been a member of the Dewar team for the past four years of international competition, and chalked up a 598 out of a possible 600 in the 1929 shooting to equal the records. He has won 65 medals and many other trophies in various rifle matches.

**Father Sage Says:**  
The knowledge drawn from experience is quite of another kind from that which flows from speculation or that from discourse.