

Jump Over Hat On Floor? Don't Bet! You'll Lose, Sure

Standing Paper Match On End Also Good Bet

If anyone offers to bet you that he can drive a golf ball 600 yards or toss a paper match in the air so that it lands edgewise, don't bet him. Because he certainly can.

And if ever a hatcheck girl tells you that you can't jump over your hat if she puts it on the floor, don't bet on that either. Because you certainly can't.

According to a recent Gallup poll more than fifty million of the country's adults bet on something at least once every six months. No bet is more popular and intriguing than the "sure thing" wherein each party is convinced he can't possibly lose.

Here are some examples: Your golfing friend will win every time if he tees off from the edge of a frozen lake. And that paper match, if first bent into a V, will always land on its edge. It doesn't take a hatcheck girl to keep you from jumping over your hat on the floor. All it takes is someone who knows enough to put the hat in the corner of a room.

There are some bets which you can win by losing. You casually mention that it is extremely difficult to stand a quarter on its edge. When someone bets he can do it, you reply, "All right, I'll give you a nickel for every quarter you can stand on edge."

The more quarters he balances, the better—provided they're his own quarters. You simply pick them up and give him a nickel for each quarter, which is exactly what you promised to do.

Just a 'Lens Hound'



ITS "NO CONTEST" as far as the other entries are concerned when "Rag Mop," a Maltese Terrier pup, gets his profile snapped for a camera contest "Rag Mop" dusted off the competition in short order when the judges saw this picture of him taking life easy. (International)

60% Of Families Are Car Owners

Over 2 Million Own More Than One Auto

Some 56 percent of the nation's 43.8 million families, or 24.5 million, owned automobiles early in the year, according to a survey issued by the Federal Reserve Board.

In view of the heavy production and sales of new cars last year and this, the percentage is now believed to be more than 60 percent. Over two million families own more than one car. Early this year families with less than \$3,000 in yearly income owned 35 percent of the nation's family cars. Those with incomes from \$3,000 to \$5,000 owned 39 percent of the cars; those with incomes over \$5,000 a year owned 26 percent of the cars. Moreover, 85 percent of the families with incomes over \$7,500 had cars and 22 percent of them had more than one.

Car ownership in towns of various size ranged as follows: Over 50,000 population, 41 percent of the families owned cars; in towns 2,500 to 50,000 some 54 percent had cars; and in towns of less than 2,500, 56 percent were owners. In rural areas, 65 percent had automobiles.

PNG Men Eligible For Appointments To West Point

Fixed Quota Eliminated Under New Procedure

(By Pennsylvania News Service) The entrance door to the U. S. Military Academy at West Point has been opened wider than ever before to eligible enlisted men of the Pennsylvania National Guard. This was revealed this week by the State Department of Military Affairs under a new selection procedure established by the army for the civilian components with no limitation fixed on the number that may qualify for the regular entrance examination from Pennsylvania.

Previously, Pennsylvania and other states were given a fixed quota of candidates for the National Guard. These were filled by the highest scorers in competitive scholastic examinations conducted by the Department of Military Affairs through the Department of Public Instruction.

The previous system has been altered to provide for selections without quota limitations by the Adjutant General of the Army on the basis of a competitive examination to be conducted at all locations on November 15.

Under this radical departure from established procedure, all enlisted personnel who are active members of the Pennsylvania National Guard and who meet the eligibility requirements may apply for the examination.

Candidates will be selected about Dec. 15 for the regular West Point examinations to be held in March on the basis of their previous examination scores.

Convulsions Often Warning Sign Of Another Ailment

Convulsions in a child are a terrifying experience for mothers and may make them panicky.

In a convulsion, the infant works the muscles of the face, jaw, arms and legs in short jerky movements; the eyes roll up or have a staring appearance, and the mouth. The muscular movements usually are followed by a period in which the muscles are rigid. The infant breathes heavily and his face turns purple or blue.

Most convulsions last but a few minutes, says the Cambria County Medical Society, and in most instances the child comes out of it spontaneously, without treatment, and little the worse for it.

However, say the physicians, a convulsion is but a symptom. It may be caused by digestive disturbance, sometimes it is a symptom of epilepsy or meningitis or poliomyelitis.

The onset of an infectious disease such as scarlet fever is often preceded by convulsions, and a child suffering from rickets may be stricken.

If a convulsion appears, the medicals say the first of all a mother should control her excitement as she can be of little help if she is distraught and hysterical. Placing the child in a warm water bath is an old-fashioned and helpful treatment.

The doctor should be called to determine the underlying cause of the convulsion.

Army Volunteers to Be Sent to Ft. George Meade

Sgt. Robert J. Snyder of the Army and Air Force Recruiting Station at Barnesboro has announced that the training center for Army volunteers in the future will be Ft. George G. Meade, near Baltimore. Previously, volunteers were sent to Ft. Dix.

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Expert Terms Foreign Cars OK, If You've Enough Cash

'Low-Cost' Rolls-Royce On Market, \$10,000

If the purchase of foreign cars continues at the present rate, some 40,000 Americans will buy them each year. But expert opinion is that many of these buyers will soon switch back to American models.

This is especially true in the case of foreign sports cars, says the famous automobile writer Richard Reddy.

"The average motorist who buys one expects tremendous speed and dash. He soon finds that it rides hard, steers abruptly and requires endless gear shifting. He also finds it exceedingly expensive to keep in repair."

Finally he finds that, although it has the sound and sensation of speed, it actually can't keep up with the domestic cars. Disgusted, he sells it (at a stiff loss) and buys a Buick, Lincoln or Cadillac, with all the gadgets and comforts he secretly preferred all along.

Admitting that all the foreign-made small cars sell for fairly low prices and give excellent gas mileage, the writer points out that the first trade-in of such a car will more than wipe out any economies.

He says Rolls-Royce has come out with a "low-cost" model costing a paltry \$10,000. The Daimler, the Isotta-Fraschini, the British MG, the Cisitalia, the Alfa-Romeo, and the British Riley cost from \$1,800 to \$20,000 and each has certain characteristics which make it a good investment (with dividends in pleasure only) for the playboy, sportsman or real small-car lover.

As an example of how superior the American car is considered for general all-around performance, Reddy cites the case of a famous French racing driver who ordered a new pleasure car. His admirers and fans couldn't wait to learn which of the European models he chose. When the car arrived, it was a Chrysler.

It is wrong to be envious of something the neighbors buy. How much better to waltz right over and borrow it.

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Pennsylvania Federation of Labor Sets Legislative Aims for Next Year

Harrisburg—The Pennsylvania Federation of Labor adopted a far-reaching legislative program at its recent biennial legislative conference.

Key-noting the meeting, President James L. McDevitt told the 300 delegates that the November election was the factor in the success of the program.

In the field of major legislation the unemployment compensation proposal favored increasing maximum unemployment compensation from \$25 to \$35 a week and called upon the 1951 legislature

to raise the minimum weekly payments from \$9 to \$20 and lengthen the number of compensation weeks from 24 to 30.

Similar increases were proposed for workmen's compensation and compensation covering the Occupational Disease Act.

The federation again will sponsor an anti-injunction act restricting common pleas judges from issuing labor injunctions unless the matter goes to a jury.

The conference has called for a fair employment practices act which will be similar to that in force in New York state. Also called for is a bill for equal pay for equal work by women and reducing women's maximum work week from 48 to 44 hours a week.

As to taxes, it asked that tax revisions be made in Pennsylvania tax structure to provide for a progressive income tax program and a ban against wage or sales tax. Approved also was the repeal of the soft drink tax and the 1947 "tax anything" law. The conference urged repeal of the 1947 law requiring compulsory arbitration of public utility labor disputes and a companion statute affecting public employees. A full program for increases in salaries of teachers also was adopted.

Big Gallitzin Mine Get Good Report In U. S. Inspection

Describing a few recent improvements, a federal coal mine inspector again reported many findings conforming with recognized safety standards at the Pennsylvania Coal & Coke Corp.'s 1,150-ton-a-day No. 10 mine at Gallitzin, the U. S. Bureau of Mines announced Saturday.

When a reexamination was completed in October by Inspector William Rachunis, the mine had 190 employees.

Sufficient air of good quality was circulated and air-coursing was satisfactory, Inspector Rachunis reported. He also praised the replacement of some defective timbers, repair of headlights on the No. 10 locomotive, locking cutter chains when mining machines are parked or trammed, the guarding of some exposed equipment, and installation of a new safety switch on the shop drill.

Advising more effective pressure-relief facilities for the ventilating fan and display of approval plates on permissible electric equipment, Rachunis also recommended the firing of all shots or series of shots immediately after charging when blasting on shift, replacement of additional broken timbers, and insulated support for some electric light wires.

Other suggestions included the enclosing of the open-type motor at the crusher in the tipple, discontinuance of getting on or off moving haulage equipment, and wearing of safety-toe footwear by men exposed to falling objects and goggles by those in work hazardous to the eyes.

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