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Just Chattin'

Billiards and Aviation Combine For A Lasting Memory

By W. W. EDGAR

AS I walked toward the entrance of the Dearborn Inn, where I was a guest at lunch the other day, my eyes suddenly came upon a sign that startled me. I stood still, read the words and gulped. It wasn't that the sign carried a warning of some kind that should frightened me. It wasn't that it unfolded an amazing message.

The sign, that one could pass many times and not notice it, just had these simple words—

"Site of the old Ford Airport."

As I read them, standing there on the walk, memory of one of the strangest and interesting episodes came tumbling down through the years again as they oftentimes have a want to do and they carried me back almost four decades. It was in mid-winter of 1929 or 1930 and I was laboring in the sports department of the Detroit Free Press. In those days there wasn't that much winter activity. Hockey was just getting started. Detroit had a professional basketball team, but it confined its activity to Sunday afternoons in the old Light Guard Armory.

SO, most of the attention among the real sports fans was centered on world pocket billiards championships that were being played in the Recreation Building that once stood at the corner of Lafayette and Shelby Street, a block from the Free Press.

The tournament was progressing just about as had been expected and Ralph Greenleaf, the defending champion, was pacing the field. It was evident that he had only one real challenger—a fellow named Frank T. Test, a Syracuse, N.Y. And, sure enough, when they finally were matched in a round robin it was for the championship.

The night before the match, Greenleaf walked into the Free Press sports department for a visit as we had been friends of long standing.

"I just accepted an invitation to do something unusual tomorrow," he said, "and everyone over at the billiard theater thinks I'm crazy for doing it."

"What could it be?" I asked, and he chuckled.

"I've accepted an invitation to play an exhibition of pocket billiards in the air tomorrow and I came over to ask if you would be my partner."

"It seems," he went on, "that they want to prove the stability of the Ford Tri-Motor plane that some fellow named Bill Stout helped to build and the Fox Movie-Tone people are going to have their news cameras there, too."

THIS had all the makings of a good story. So I accepted. We gathered the next morning at the Ford airport and, sure enough, they had installed a miniature pocket table and the big klieg lights. There was scarcely enough room for Greenleaf and myself to walk around the table.

After we deplaned from this pioneer venture, Greenleaf went to his room to rest for the big match. That night there were all sorts of whispers that Greenleaf had done a foolish thing and that he was un-nerved to the point where he would fall easy prey to his rival.

But, to the amazement of all, after "scratching" his first turn at the table, he came back, ran 128 straight for a new world record and the championship.

The real story of this great victory doesn't appear in the record books. The one little line of small print simply states that Greenleaf won—and it's bad, for this was one of the most dramatic championships in the long history.

It was one event that I never will forget, not so much for the battle on billiard table, but the event that lead up to it. It made me a pioneer in the aviation industry. No wonder I stood aghast at the sign the other afternoon.

impressions

by Sue Shaughnessy

The other night the idiot box that's known as television fielded a program entitled "Essay on Woman."

If it might be permitted a strictly distasteful point of view for a few moments, we have some impressions of their impressions.

The commentator started out by asserting that the program was based entirely on prejudices. That it was—strictly a man's point of view.

First the show pontificated that women in the business world seem to have a chip on their shoulder insofar as they believe that every man is out to thwart them.

This might be partially true, but not completely.

Then the commentator stated that we do not make good bosses. "When they have to exercise authority they use too much," he intoned.

Unfortunately, on the whole, we might have to agree with this. There are some exceptions, but it seems that there is no in-between on women bosses—they are either demanding and very fair or just plain inefficient and bad at handling people and at administering.

(A side note on this. While in college I worked for the head catalogue in the college library who happened to be a woman. The chairman of the English Department, who happened to be a friend of mine, commented one day that if I could work for this person I could probably work for anyone. Conversely the following year I worked for the periodicals librarian, also a woman, who was and is probably one of the best bosses around.)

The TV camera zeroed in on women in uniform stating that a uniform was supposed to add prestige and authority to the wearer. "No matter how well tailored, this just doesn't work for a woman," was the comment. We must agree with this.

Then the program examined the phenomenon of the "woman who demands to be treated as an equal during the day, but wants to be waited upon at night." This might be a phenomenon, but who ever said that women are logical?

Upon reading this column I keep remembering the closing words of the commentator about "women who have been able to watch this program without becoming defensive" are well adjusted or some such thing. Bah!

It's The Law Folks!



THE OBSERVER will pay five dollars for clearly marked with your name and address picture used on the feature page. dress. We reserve the right to title the Send pictures to any Observer office entries. Staffer Eddie Edgar took this shot.

Facts From Local Office On Medicare

A new part of the medicare law started on Jan. 1, Sam F. Test, Social Security Manager of the Detroit-Northwest Office, said today. This is the part that pays for skilled nursing care provided elderly people following their discharge from the hospital.

Care in an extended care facility will combine the quality of medical treatment ordinarily given in a hospital environment with the opportunity for the patient's increased activity and self-reliance during the recuperation period.

In one sense, Test said, the stay in an extended care facility will be a substitute for time that before would have been spent in the hospital. For example, a medicare patient who before might go into a hospital and spend 15 days may now stay in the hospital for only 10 days and then be transferred to a qualified extended care facility for continued treatment.

In line with the purpose of the extended care benefit, only persons who have been treated in a hospital for at least three consecutive days and enter the extended care facility within 14 days of hospital release for treatment of the same illness, are eligible for this special benefit, Test said.

As an extension of hospital treatment the skilled nursing home stay will normally be for a short period. Medicare will pay the full cost of the first 20 days in the extended care facility and all but \$5 a day for an additional 80 days. Test emphasized that medicare will not pay for long-term care in a custodial nursing home.

In the past, Test said, this special kind of care in an extended care facility has not been readily available and, therefore, very few people have really experienced it. The skilled nursing benefit under medicare, will encourage the development of skilled nursing homes and support a new and important trend in medical care.

In the future, a patient who no longer needs the intensive treatment provided in the hospital, but does need continued care, can receive this medical attention at less cost in an extended care facility. Furthermore, his moving on will release a hospital bed for someone who may be acutely ill. The increased use of extended care facilities, Test said, will mean better utilization of hospital facilities and medical manpower.

Since this is a new idea in medical care there are now very few institutions equipped to offer extended care, Test said. Many existing nursing homes are in the process of upgrading their facilities and the care provided, in order to meet the required standards under the medicare law.

Medicare will pay for up to 100 days of skilled nursing care in an "extended care facility" following a hospital stay of 3 days or more. Test said. An extended care facility can be a skilled nursing home, or it can be a separate but distinct part of an institution, such as a ward or wing of a hospital.

"Extended care," Test explained, "is a cross between a hospital care and the traditional nursing home care."

Am I Too Conservative?

SS Investing Inquiries SS

(The answers are the opinion of Laurence Wyong, a stockbroker for Paine, Weber, Jackson and Curtis; who is considered highly qualified on the subject. Mr. Wyong welcomes all inquiries on investing. Send your responses to Investing Inquiries, 3030 Five Mile Rd., Livonia, Michigan.)

Q. I am 41, with two young children. I earn \$10,600 a year, own my own home free and clear, have \$9,300 in E bonds, \$13,000 in savings, a small lot of Consumers Power, \$21,000 in first mortgage bonds drawing between 5 and 5 1/2 percent and \$1,700 in building and loans. I would appear I have been too conservative, concentrating on income instead of growth. Do you agree?

A. I do: Here you are, at 41, with two children to educate and the only hedge against inflation is about \$1,200 invested in a fine quality, though rather stable power company.

The E bonds are doing a job because their growth remains tax exempt for the time being. But you have better than \$14,000 in savings, earning a taxable 5 and 5 1/2 percent. All these can show you no growth, can offer no hedge against inflation.

I'm sending you a list of growth stocks such as a man of 41 should buy and hold. Also, some details on mutual funds. If you want to select the stocks yourself, consider the first; if you want to let the job over to someone else, consider the second.

But you've got to do something more daring than put your money into a 5 percent first mortgage, the interest of which is probably decreased about 1 1/2 by taxes and the principal of which is eaten away steadily by 1 1/2 to 2 percent annual inflation.

Mrs. Linder displayed a doublebacked shelved case of unusual arrangements using materials found in fields, on the sea shore, and in her own back yard.

The members were most enthusiastic with the originality she showed in her work. It was suggested that such arrangements could be used as projects for children's groups and also serve as unique name plates for a dinner or luncheon.

After the demonstration, the group agreed it isn't always necessary to buy expensive materials to make a thing of beauty when even the lowly button can get into the act.

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★ **Madonna Art Show To Feb. 5**

A special show of prints done in the traditional and experimental methods will take place at the Madonna College Art Department until Feb. 5. The show includes intaglio prints, woodblocks, linoleum prints, serigraphy and found-object prints. These are works done by graduate students at the Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.

The exhibit is open to all from 9 to 5 p.m. daily. There is no admission charge. The Art Department is located in the north wing of the Academic Building off Levan Rd., Livonia.

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