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Dear A.I.,

Thanks for the medical rundown. It is encouraging to one who has cataracts (among other things) and whose wife has glaucoma (not giving any problem not).

Thanks also for the clippings and the amplifications of them in your letter.

It seems to have attracted no news attention around here at all, by the right way.

I agree, the mortician's story is very interesting. Also important.

Some wood stoves are not expensive but watch out for the Taiwanese copies of the better European ones. They may be fine or you may hit one with bad castings.

Some of the U.S. made ones are good. A neighbor had one that is fine. He got it on sale for under \$200, which is cheap.

My fireplace insert has a firebrick floor, which means a bit of trouble in taking the ashes out but is claimed to give more ~~efficiency~~ efficiency. The neighbors, which will take coal or wood, has a grate and an ashpit. Lots less work and he likes it much.

If you get one be sure it is air-tight and high-efficiency, which means that it is designed to burn some of the products of combustion by recirculating them back to the flame.

Most stoves are over-priced because there is a seller's market.

Wedges: I rebelled at paying that for extra wedges. So I make the out of the branches of hardwood. Used to be called a glut when I farmed. For splitting they are also better, with a single wedge to get the splitting started because they are thicker.

We've had below freezing nights and I've not had to use the furnace. It works.

Tonight's news has a heavy snow near you. Brrrrr!

We had one with the trees is full leaf. Much damage from the weight. Our loses are making some of our heat. Got a big one down today and it will provide several days of good exercise.

Thanks and best wishes,

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Dear Harold:

Yes, I completed a series of 4 operations on my eyes on September 25. Two operations on each eye. When I become more disabled will have cataracts removed. I seldom wear glasses and then only for reading. The last two operations were:

Microsurgical anterior trabaculectomy
with peripheral iridectomy and paracentesis

Pressure sometime went over 40 but with the operations pressure is holding around 15 in each eye and no more drops. I had used drops, of all kinds ended with Timoptic for 16 years.

News on the Oswald latest has subsided. Dr. Rose, now retired, who examined Oswald says he could (or may) have overlooked scar behind ear but he thinks finger prints should suffice which he took (one). At the outset (in 64 or 65) Mrs. Oswald - or I should say, Oswald's mother wanted the body exhumed, - now she has nothing to say except "See what the officials decide".

I think the mortician's narrative is quite interesting. There is some information hear that I don't recall being made public before.

I have a friend in Houston who had 5 bypasses done in an operation about 2 years ago. He is doing fine but has to keep up his walking. Another man in our Sunday School class had 4 in Dallas about 6 months ago. Saw him at the church this morning and he is doing fine. A lady friend of ours recently had the dye test each side about 8 months ago. Left side was blocked and they opened her neck and reamed out the artery. She is doing fine - quite an operation.

Splitting wood - noticed the other day that a steel wedge we could formerly buy for about \$1.25 was \$8.50! Wish we had a good wood stove - I have a good flue and chimney. Am on the lookout for one - small.

October down here has set a record for hot days but for the past 3 days it has been simply wonderful. You may have received a little snow recently - notice where there was some in DC.

Hang in there - best wishes,


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