

Smithsonian Institution Has Housing Shortage

WASHINGTON—The housing shortage has hit the Smithsonian Institution. They're looking for a place where Mrs. Jonathan Edwards can show off her wedding dress. Mrs. Edwards was the former Sarah Pierrepont and wife of the American theologian who was one of Princeton University's early presidents.

It's mighty crowded in the period costume hall. All the White House hostesses from Martha Washington up through Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt are standing around in air-conditioned glass cases exhibiting their inaugural gowns and such. And scores of other historic ladies are displaying historic gowns of past periods in glass cases along the walls. The ladies will either have to move over or one of them will have to take a temporary vacation so Mrs. Edwards can have her day. The Smithsonian received the dress in May and still has no niche in which a figure can be stood to display it.

Which of the ladies will be called upon to give will be kept a deep secret by museum officials. They don't exactly relish the avalanche of protests they expect will be heaped on their heads by descendants and friends of the displaced woman. Mrs. Edwards' wedding dress dates back to 1727. Though it is one of the oldest dresses received by the Smithsonian for exhibition it is in unusually fine condition. The gown was presented to the Smithsonian by Mrs. H. C. Miller of Youngstown, O., a direct descendant of the Edwards.

It is fashioned of soft jade green satin brocaded in dainty flowers of salmon pink, burgundy, dark blue and beige coloring. It has a full skirt, low-cut bodice and three-quarter sleeves. There are five or six dresses of the same general type on display in the period costume hall. From 1610 until after the Revolution women's styles showed little variation. Women were buried in the same dress they were married in, and if they weren't buried in it, they usually willed it to a daughter or some other female relative.

Mrs. Edwards' wedding gown was later worn by her daughter, Mary Edwards Dwight, in the Revolutionary era. Sarah Pierrepont, a daughter of one of the founders of Yale University, was only 17 when she married Jonathan Edwards. The history books tell you she was a girl who "combined piety with a bright, cheerful disposition" and that she "proved a devoted wife, an efficient housekeeper and the faithful mother of 12 children."



TANK CAR TIPPED BY SEATTLE BLAST—This tank car (left), standing on a nearby track was overturned by a blast that wrecked a Seattle vitamin extraction plant, killing three persons. Jumbled wreckage of plant is in background. (AP Wirephoto)



AND THE FIRE WAS OUT—A fire truck and a battalion chief's car, speeding to a grass fire, collided at an Oakland, Calif., street intersection, injuring six firemen, including the chief. When other apparatus reached the fire scene, the blaze had burned itself out. (AP Wirephoto)

High Schools Ask New Cars to Carry On Driver Course

Twenty-one Oregon high schools where dual-control driver training cars were used during the 1947-48 school year have applied for new cars to continue their programs through 1948-49, according to the Oregon State Motor Association.

Dual-control cars are available to high schools through the Motor Association. Schools pay only insurance costs and maintenance and operation expenses. In addition to the 21 schools that have applied for extensions

on car assignments made last school year, there are four schools applying for cars for the first time, the Association said. The new schools in the program so far are Estacada, Union, Lebanon and Hermiston.

Schools may qualify for the free dual-control cars, loaned through the AAA General Motors plan, by sending teachers to the teacher training course, to be held in Portland, August 23-28, under auspices of the Portland Extension Center, Oregon State System of Higher Education.

S. P. TRAIN KILLS MAN
MILWAUKEE, Ore., July 29.—(AP)—John F. Whitsett, 80, Milwaukee, was killed yesterday when struck by the northbound

Southern Pacific Beaver. A witness told police the elderly man walked in front of the train at a crossing, apparently not noticing it.

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Premium payments are expected to be about \$6,750,000,000 in 1948 compared with \$6,250,000,000 in 1947 and \$4,850,000,000 in 1941. They were \$3,350,000,000 in 1929. The 1948 estimate represents an average of \$90 per policyholder.

The current premiums are the equivalent of just over three per cent of total national income in the U. S. while in 1941 they were almost four per cent and in the '30s were an even higher percentage. The average for 1930-39 was six per cent.

"Although American families have increased their purchase of new life insurance at a record pace since the end of the war and maintained their old life insurance at a rate rarely excelled at any time prior to the war," the institute commented, "they are actually putting a smaller portion of their income into life insurance than they did before the war."

"Life insurance premium payments this year be just about twice the 1929 total. For this

greater outlay, American families will have nearly twice the total life insurance protection and much more than twice the total of annuity income set up under annuity contracts. The latter now in force represent more than \$1,000,000,000 of annual income for annuitants."

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