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## Government Handouts For Wives? Some Ladies Say Yes, Others No

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK—(AP)—Do American housewives want government handouts?

Well—yes and no. The girls are as divided on this question as on any other.

A few days ago I wrote a piece pointing out that legislatures have sadly overlooked the most important figure in our civilization—the housewife.

They fret about the problems of the businessman, set limits to the slant of the laboring man, and vote cash on the barrel head to protect the farmer against rainy days. But for the woman with the mop, the lady of the house, they have voted no 40-hour week, no cash subsidies, no benefit payments, no bonuses for raising the nation's chief crop—children.

Well, should Congress and President Truman set up a new cabinet post—secretary of the home? Should housewives get pensions?

Scores of ladies across the land dropped their dust cloths, sat down and wrote me what they felt. And their answer was to whether the government owed them anything boiled down to this:

- 1—"Yes, of course."
- 2—"No, naturally."

One mother wrote objecting "to the prevailing sense of values which excludes from economic consideration the work of the home woman." Her idea was that mothers mold the character of future citizens, and should be paid in some way by the state for this important function.

Mrs. Sue Persons of Mandan, N. D., thought it might be simpler if women just did more to solve the problems of government and international politics—even against male objections they are "getting too big for their unmentionables."

"We have had a lot of experience cleaning up messes boys," she added firmly, "and we couldn't make a worse muddle."

An Illinois wife observed: "The housewife should be considered by the government. Possibly a pension plan or a week's holiday at the government's expense to do a little traveling. Of course I would suggest a set time for the pensions to start—after 25 years of faithful devotion."

On the other hand, Mrs. Irene Pilakias of Chicago Heights, Ill., said flatly: "We absolutely do not want any handouts from Washington. We'd be sure to lose not only our independence to clean house how and when we please, what to cook, when to spunk, what to say to the better half, but we'd have to pay some jerk 5 percent for telling us off."

"The woman who has children and a home never moves or is frustrated. We're too busy. We don't want any special recognition. We reap our rewards as we go along."

Yes, ma'am! ! Who brought the subject up anyway??

a hunter, near Bolan lake and guided to Cave Junction yesterday.

The men are J. A. Sadler and Dale Brown, route 4, Grants Pass. They told M. C. Athey, publisher of the Illinois Valley News, at Cave Junction, that they had been camping for about two weeks and could not find the camp site after having made a prospecting sortie. They had carried only an axe and a pocket knife with them. They are recovering from hunger and exposure.

Accidents in U. S. homes killed 35,000 people in 1948.

## Candid Forestry



## Let Us Pray



## Scrap from the MENDING BASKET

By Viannett S. Martin

Hard Rock Hume left his little shaving mirror on a rock where he was camping. Next morning it has disappeared, via the pack-rat route. But Mr. Rat had left in its place a bit of quartz in which was a good sprinkle of gold.

"The prospector," continues Guy Glaster, in a recent issue of "The Desert Rat," began baiting the rat with bright objects. He put flapjack flour in his gold pan with a cartridge shell in the center so the rat would get flour on his feet and make tracks to his home.

"Several days of this and it led the prospector to a crevice in a nearby hill. He dug for several days before breaking through to what? The sight of gold, gold! No, the rat's nest. Yet when he cleaned out the nest there was a vein of rich ore! He named it the Pack Rat Mine."

That's a sample of the "yarns sent in by readers" of the attractive little publication that has been coming to our mailbox for some months. Elmer Henry Brown (Camas Valley and Holly-

## Pineapple Barge Major Topic At CIO Convention

BEND, Ore., Oct. 7.—(AP)—The Hawaiian pineapple barge at The Dalles and Harry Bridges was the key topic today as the annual Oregon CIO convention opened here.

Bridges drew a rebuff from State CIO leaders yesterday. Delegates now will be asked to support their leaders' action. Leading the fight against the state leaders will be Bridges' Longshoremen from Astoria and Portland.

The Portland Longshoremen submitted to the executive board a resolution calling on the government to drop a perjury charge against Bridges. The resolution said the charge was a "move to destroy" the Longshore union, headed by Bridges.

The executive board, however, recommended that the convention reject the resolution. The light over this resolution is expected to bring up the "hot cargo" pineapple at The Dalles. The pineapple was barged over before end of a Hawaiian Longshore strike. It was picketed, and owners were unable to unload. The discussion may indicate whether Longshoremen now are willing to let the barge be unloaded.

THE DALLES, Oct. 7.—(AP)—Now that the Longshore strike in Hawaii apparently is settled, will the barge-load of Hawaiian pineapple here be unloaded? Not necessarily. CIO Longshoremen, who labeled it "hot cargo" have indicated the barge will have to go back to Hawaii before the union will touch it. The barge was brought over while the strike still was on. It was picketed here, but the Hawaiian Pineapple company attempted to unload anyway. Violence resulted last week with two non-union workers hurt and unloading equipment damaged. So the port of The Dalles cancelled the company's permit to unload. But the company has not moved the barge. Unloading equipment has been repaired. The company has petitioned the NLRB to declare interference with the unloading and unfair labor practice under the Taft-Hartley law. A Wasco county grand jury be-

## In the Day's News

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able. But from the Washington viewpoint there is a fly in it. This is the fly:

Uncle Sam needs the money to support his riotous spending habits.

SENATOR Byrd, of Virginia, told the senate the other day: "Since the first of July (when our new fiscal year started) we have been running into the red at the rate of forty million dollars a day. Since July 1, we have added about three and a third billion dollars to our national debt, which already amounted to a quarter of a trillion dollars."

YOU might say to your father: "Dad, I need a new pair of pants. I need 'em bad. These old ones are just about to fall apart. In these days, a guy just can't get along without pants."

It would be a perfectly reasonable request. It is TRUE that in these modern days pants are more or less indispensable. The time is here when a person without pants is handicapped gravely almost anywhere except in a nudist colony. (Just as the West is handicapped by the lack of roads to handle its growing traffic.)

But if your old man was squandering his dough with both hands on friends who were constantly demanding more and more from him, he might say to you: "Son, you'll just have to make your old pants do. I've got so many places to put every dollar I can rake and scrape that I can't spare the money."

THIS is the point: When an individual or a government spends its money recklessly for things it could get along without, IT HAS TO GET ALONG WITHOUT A LOT OF THINGS IT OUGHT TO HAVE.

town parade to open the Pacific International and will compete in cutting horse competition, a new event featuring clever range horses herding cattle.

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## Cheesecake OK'd By Bible-Reading Movie Aspirant

HOLLYWOOD, Oct. 7.—(AP)—A beautiful blonde who spends her spare time in Bible study is the newest addition to the ranks of movie hopefuls. And she's Jane Russell's sister-in-law, too.

Universal-International announced Wednesday the signing of Leslye Banning, 18. She is married to Jane's brother, Wallace, a navy aviation machinist's mate.

Miss Banning signed the studio's new clause which requires bathing suit art for the first five years with one proviso: "I see no harm in posing in a bathing suit," said the shapely Leslye. "But I feel it will be time to stop when I have children. I expect to have six, four boys and two girls."

The studio agreed that after she's a mother, there will be no more cheesecake. Miss Banning is a member of the Lutheran church in nearby Glendale. She spends spare evenings studying the Bible at a Van Nuys class conducted by Mrs. Geraldine Russell, Jane's mother, which the latter also attends frequently.

She says she hopes soon to become a Sunday school teacher.

## Lightning Causes Power Failure in Northwest

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 7.—(AP) Power failure from a lightning strike blacked out western Oregon and Washington for as much as 20 minutes at some points yesterday afternoon.

Bonneville power administration reported that lightning knocked out two 230,000-volt lines between Bonneville dam and the J. D. Ross sub-station at Vancouver, Wash.

The result was a terrific power surge on the remaining lines of the closely linked Pacific Northwest system. Complete failures were reported from Bellingham, north of Seattle, to as far south as Eugene, Ore. Both Seattle and Portland as well as other intervening cities were without power.

At some points the failure lasted 12 minutes and at others as long as a half hour.

"We had 400,000 volts running around loose," the spokesman said. "It broke up the system."

February was 1948's safest month with 7,500 accidental deaths in the United States, August the most dangerous with 9,200.

## Now you Know!

The answers to everyday insurance problems. By KEN BAILEY



QUESTION: If we carry a public liability and property damage insurance policy on our car and are sued as the result of an accident, who defends the suit? I mean does the insurance company defend the suit or is their liability limited to the payment of any damages awarded if the case is decided against us?

ANSWER: Under terms of a public liability policy, the insurance company assumes full responsibility for defending any suits brought against the insured as well as for payment, within the limits of the policy, of any damages awarded against the insured person. Also within the policy limits, the company will pay any other costs legally assessed against the insured as a result of the suit.

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## NEW POLIO CASES

PORTLAND, Oct. 7.—(AP)—The state board of health reported 17 new cases of polio last week. Five were in Portland and four in Marion county.

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IN 1800, ALESSANDRO VOLTA OF ITALY CREATED THE FIRST DEPENDABLE SOURCE OF ELECTRICAL CURRENT WHEN HE INVENTED THE BATTERY. UNFORTUNATELY AT THAT TIME, IT WAS A USELESS INVENTION - NOT A SINGLE ELECTRICAL DEVICE WAS WAITING FOR THIS NEW FORM OF ENERGY.  
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