



**THE VEEP'S WEDDING PRESENT**—Mrs. Carleton S. Hadley stands beside the new Oldsmobile convertible given to her in St. Louis, Mo., by her fiancé, Vice President Alben W. Barkley. The vehicle is black with a tan top and cost \$3900.

## Costs of Welfare Appear Modest Compared To U.S. Military Budget

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WASHINGTON—(NEA)—A congressional report just completed attempts to give an objective, non-political analysis of just how much of a "welfare state" America does have.

It's a study of what is being done by government directly to aid the unemployed and low-income families. The authors, members of the Joint Committee on the Economic Report, avoid any comment on what is good or bad about the various programs. But certain evaluations are obvious.

Most apparent is the modest cost of this country's direct "welfare" efforts in comparison to the staggering expenditures on such things as foreign aid and national defense. For instance, last year the total bill for old-age assistance, aid to dependent children, aid to the blind and general assistance was \$1,700,000,000. That includes costs to federal, state and local governments. Per U. S. inhabitant the cost was \$11.86. That's close to less than one-tenth of what was spent for military purposes.

Under a new public low-rent housing program annual contributions of about \$238,000,000 have been authorized for the whole country. That's just about the same sum appropriated for military housing.

There are about 17,200,000

workers who are not covered by any kind of old-age or unemployment insurance. They include agricultural workers, domestic help and others.

The report states: "Inability to engage in gainful work because of illness or injury ranks high among the economic hazards of workers in the U. S. But only the states of Rhode Island, California and New Jersey now administer temporary disability programs providing cash benefits in case of nonoccupational disability."

Those examples show how little co-ordination that there has been in the long-time development of overall welfare programs. The money is not going to satisfy greatest needs first. Nevertheless, the report furnishes an imposing list of activities that are being carried on in this field.

By August of this year there were over 2,600,000 persons getting old-age assistance and 1,400,000 dependent children receiving help. The federal government does not give direct cash help to needy persons except in those two categories, and in the case of a few persons who come under a "general assistance" program.

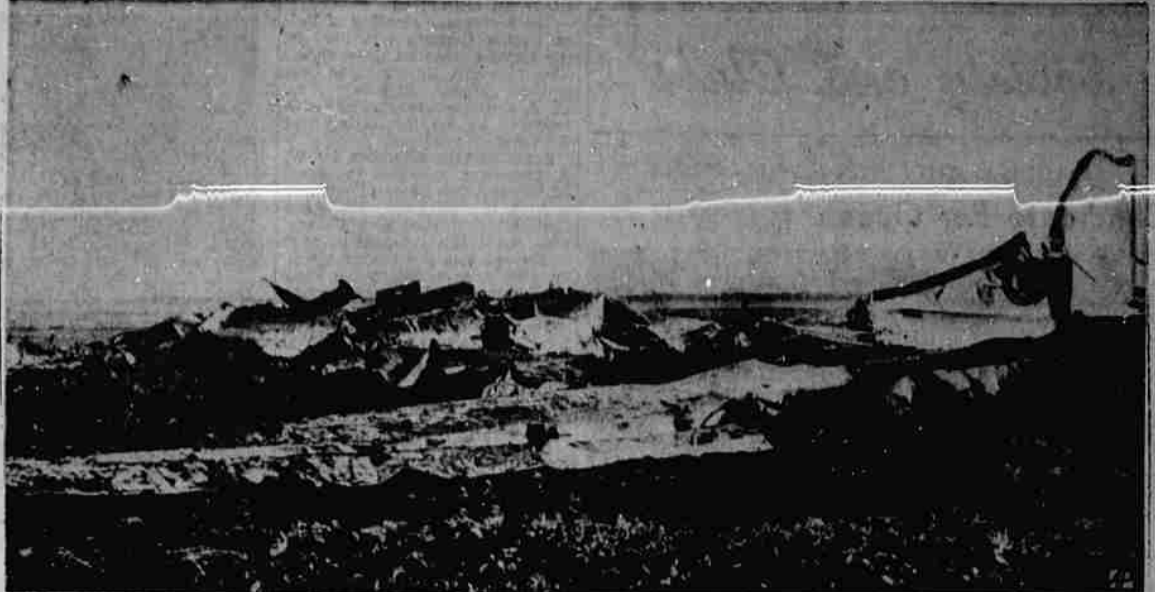
**Farm Support Big Aid**

Under the office of vocational rehabilitation, which works with the state agencies, 58,000 handicapped persons a year get rehabilitation training which enables them to become self-supporting. There are federal grants to the states totaling \$22,000,000 a year for health and welfare services for mothers and children and crippled children. And about one-quarter of all U. S. kids in public schools benefit from the national school-lunch program administered by the department of agriculture.

The authors admit that several other important federal programs, which they don't consider in detail, contribute indirectly to helping low-income families. They say:

"Perhaps the most important of these are the agricultural price-supported program, although not specifically direct to that end, has reduced sharply the number of low-income farm families. Neither does this report cover such broad general programs as education or public health, which provide services that are of great significance to low-income families but which are also available to the community as a whole."

It is in this latter area where the "welfare state" becomes a strictly political issue.



**B-29 BOMBERS COLLIDE**—Two B-29 bombers of the 92nd Bombardment group stationed at Spokane, Wash., on a routine training flight with eleven other Superforts, collided high over Stockton, Calif., and crashed, one in flames. 18 crewmen are missing. Above is pictured the wreckage of the plane which ploughed six feet into the mud on Rindge Tract, two miles north of the wreckage of the other aircraft, about 7 miles northwest of Stockton. There was one survivor from this plane. (AP Wirephoto).

## Ex-GI Confesses 150 Burglaries In Five Months

SAN FRANCISCO, (AP)—A 21-year-old ex-GI, who said he had a Japanese wife and baby daughter in Tokyo, walked into central police station and said he had averaged \$400 a week for the last five months from 150

burglaries.

The youth Floyd Christy, was booked for investigation.

Christy turned a .22 caliber pistol over to police. The inspectors' bureau said he admitted committing the burglaries in Portland, Los Angeles and San Francisco.

The police report said Christy gave this account:

He would knock on the door of a darkened home. If anyone answered, he would ask for a

fictitious girl and go away. If not, he would jimmy a window and make off with cash and jewelry.

He joined the Army when he was 18, he told newsmen, and went to Japan as an agent from the criminal investigation department. There, he said, he married a 20-year-old Japanese girl named Toshiko and they had a daughter, Linda.

He was discharged from the army last June and enrolled in an airplane designing school in Los Angeles but lasted only ten days, he said.

Christy, an orphan, said he spent three years in the Oregon State training school for boys at Woodburn for petty theft.

## Club To Mull Proposed Angling Rule Changes

Proposed changes in angling regulations will be drafted at a meeting of the Roseburg Rod and Gun club tonight at 8 p. m. at the club house at Winchester.

The recommended changes must be submitted in time for presentation to the State Game commission at its January session, and this will be the last meeting for this purpose, it was announced. All sportsmen are invited to be present.

## New City Officers At Canyonville Begin Duty

Canyonville's new city officers began their duties Monday, Nov. 21, after being sworn in the previous Tuesday night by City Recorder H. J. Haas.

The new officers are "Pop" Green, mayor; Laura Goodell, recorder; Lela Hamlin, treasurer; councilmen for two-year terms, J. C. Beals, C. F. Ferguson and Clinton Atherton; councilmen for one year term, Emmett Moyer.

Other business at the Tuesday night council meeting included the tabling of the resignation of Police Chief Harry W. Howard, by the outgoing council members.

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### Library Building Aides Win Board's Gratitude

The library board of the Canyonville Woman's Civic club has a feeling of gratitude toward John Bingham Jr., C. E. Parker, L. B. Anderson, William Cox and George Binder, who donated their time Sunday to the new library building at the corner of Pine and 5th in Canyonville. At noon the ladies of the club served a chicken dinner to the workers in the council room of the city hall.

The foundation for the building was laid last spring, but because it was believed the new highway was going to go on Pine street, work was suspended until the present time. It was recently learned the highway will be farther west than in Pine street.

The building which the city donated last year to the club to be used as a library was found to be inadequate, so it was decided to buy materials and with the help of the community, to erect a better building with little additional cost.

Now that the building has been started, it is hoped others will donate a day's work toward the project. Persons should contact John Bingham Jr. or L. B. Anderson, or come to the building Sunday, if they can spare a few hours to work.

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