



HERE'S HOW—Charlotte Farley, 18, of Montague, Mass., winner of a 4-H Club knitting contest in Chicago, shows her technique to W. J. Carroll, representative of a knitting company that awarded Charlotte a \$300 scholarship.

Oregon's Unemployed Increase During November

SALEM—(AP)—The number of jobless persons in Oregon mounted to 55,300 in November, or 53 per cent greater than a year ago. The Unemployment Compensation commission also estimated that eight per cent of the state's workers are without jobs. It was up to 14 per cent last February, when 93,000 persons were unemployed, largely because the severe winter weather shut down the logging industry. During November, the number of unemployed in the Portland area increased from 20,200 to 22,900, this being the smallest

percentage increase in the state. Salem has 5,000 persons without jobs, an increase of 1,250 during last month. Eugene's total went to 4,650, a gain of 600 during the month.

DRUG STORE ROBBED
PORTLAND, Dec. 13.—(AP)—The Laurelcrest pharmacy was robbed of \$1,000 in cash during the weekend, and the narcotics supply scattered over the store. Owner Robert Ray said the narcotics were so "spread around" that he couldn't tell whether any had been taken.

Columnist Asks, 'What's Wrong' With Baby Girls?

By ARTHUR EDSON
WASHINGTON — (AP)—What is the matter with girls? Why is it that when girl babies are born, the average congratulator congratulates as if he really didn't mean it? And why is it that the proud father sometimes acts as if he were embarrassed about it all?

There's no reason for this. I have wound up a little research project, and can faithfully report: Women are here to stay. Right now there are 800,000 more females (a Census bureau word, not mine) than males in the U.S.

Eight women are in the House of Representatives, and a ninth will join them in January, Margaret Chase Smith (R-Me.) is a senator. And at least one other woman, Rep. Helen Gahagan Douglas (D-Calif.), wants to be a senator too. Mrs. Smith has said she thinks it would be nice for the Republicans to run a woman for vice-president. She was too shy to mention names, but I don't think she meant Mrs. Alben W. Barkley.

Women fill all sorts of lesser spots. They are truckers, glass-blowers, cops, printers, mail carriers, farmers, steamfitters, embalmers and Western Union (you'll excuse the expression) boys.

Look where we'd be if there were no women. Without the little dears, we would have no Mother's Day, no beauty pageants at Atlantic City, no grass skirts, no bobby sox, no mothers-in-law.

True, the picture has another side, a brighter side. If there were no women, Al Jolson couldn't sing, "Mammy!", advertising men would have to think of some way to peddle their beer and cigarettes besides running pictures of cuties, and calendar makers would have to give up on that Indian lady in the canoe.

Still, the women are definitely with us, and I, for one, am glad. Yet—

When Margery Ann checked in 12 years ago, I was conscious of some condescending remarks. Especially from those who had spawned boys.

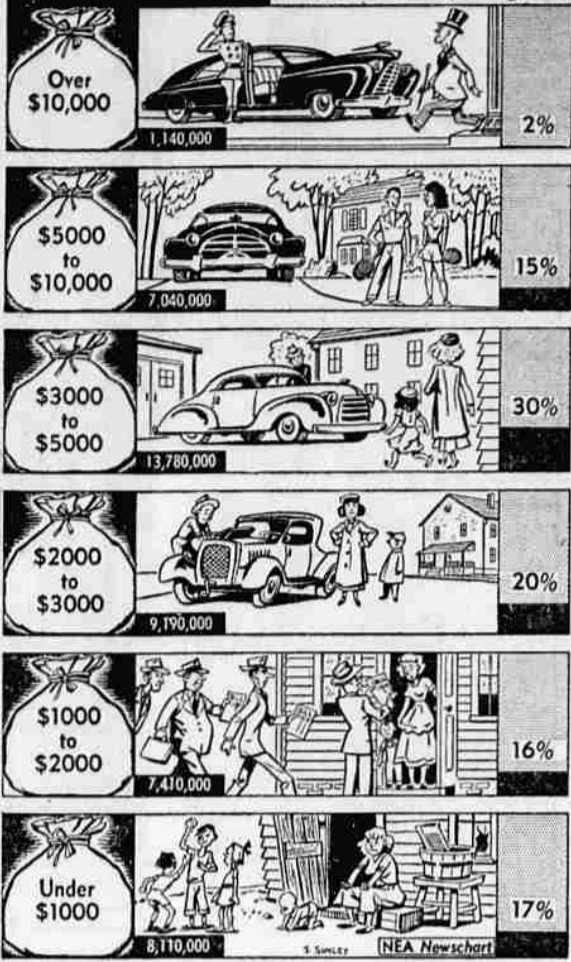
When Evelyn arrived nine years ago, so did the jibes. When Judith appeared four years ago, the jibes turned to hoots.

And then, over the weekend, the doctor broke the news this way:

"Well, it's another girl." (Short pause). "Heh, heh!"

Let him laugh. Susan was welcome. We haven't had much of a chance to get to know her, but she looks as if she'll be a wonderful girl.

INCOME LEVELS: Of Families and Single Persons in the United States, during 1948



Where does your family fit in the above pattern? About one-third of America's families and single individuals had money incomes of less than \$2,000 during 1948, according to a recent report of a subcommittee of the Joint Committee on the Economic Report. Chart reflects the report's data, which will be basis of hearings in Washington Dec. 12 to 16 on the problem of low-income families. The report cautions that low cash income does not necessarily indicate poverty, especially in the case of farm families which provide for many of their needs at home. On the other hand, city families with higher cash income may have trouble meeting basic needs.

Gen. Eisenhower Hits Government 'Control' Action

HOUSTON, Tex.—(AP)—Finding a dividing line between government control and citizen responsibility is America's biggest problem, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower warned here.

The Columbia University president told a crowd of 15,000 that Americans need to take stock because "I think each of us would admit he is worried."

Americans are wondering "where we are going," he told the annual meeting of the Houston Chamber of Commerce.

He quoted from Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg address—"government of the people, by the people and for the people."

"Lincoln left out one proposition," he said. "He did not say 'to.' Lincoln saw no reason for our government to do things 'to' us like some bureaucrats now find so intriguing."

His remark drew applause. Eisenhower made one indirect reference to the 1952 presidential election.

He said one might be considered self-seeking should he discuss problems involving America's future.

"I have found it is no use to say 'No,' he said, "but I still have the right of an ordinary American to say what I think

Speeder Placed On Probation As Wedding Present

LOS ANGELES—(AP)—Traffic Judge Roger A. Pfaff indicated

about subjects I thoroughly believe are concerning all."

He offered a three-point formula for a strong, productive society—individual freedom, national cooperation and general education.

Eisenhower implied that many of the government's existing trends, "often with the highest motives," are leading to regimentation. He mentioned the ECA, the Atlantic pact, arming of Europe.

"Always, for me," he said, "these things leave a sense of bewilderment. I want to know more."

Of armed forces unification problems he said "the acceptance of the unification doctrine increases in proportion to the distance away from Washington."

he was going to sentence a speeder to 90 days. But when he learned the offender was to be married, he performed the rites forthwith.

Motorcyclist Blair M. Bernbaum, 19, appeared before the judge on the speeding charge recently. It was his 14th citation.

"You should ask a psychiatrist what's wrong with you," said Judge Pfaff.

Bernbaum pleaded that he soon was to be married, pointed to his fiancée, Georgia May Jones of Burbank, in the courtroom and produced a marriage license.

"Marriage," said Judge Pfaff, "is as good, if not better, than any psychiatrist examination." And he performed the ceremony then and there.

As a wedding present, the court fined Bernbaum \$30, placed him on probation a year and ordered him to sell the motorcycle.

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Alleged Bank Bandit Has "Blank" Memory

SPOKANE, Dec. 14.—(AP)—

Jack John Anderson said in Federal court Monday he had no recollection of attempting to rob the Coolee City branch of Seattle's National bank of commerce.

The government contends that Anderson forced four bank employees to lie on the floor last Aug. 3, then pocketed about \$270. Although he was carrying a gun, the prosecution said he was overpowered later by the bank workers.

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