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AVOIDING THE ATOM BOMB With the flareup in Korea, there has been considerable publicity revived about the atom bomb and what to do in case of an atomic bomb attack.

From the best we can gather about the atom bomb, the early reports about the power of its destructiveness were a bit exaggerated, although the use of a weapon of this sort in a country that has never been invaded would be bad enough.

As far as we are concerned, the spots of the largest population (the big cities) have never appealed to us and we feel as millions of other small town and rural people must feel that the great open spaces offer the best protection from an attack of this sort.

In view of these facts, it is difficult for us to understand why financiers will continue to build skyscrapers in the population centers or why people will continue to flock to what would be spots of danger, if another conflict would bring enemies to our shores.

JUVENILE COMMISSIONS Not long ago we read with interest a report on what some of the states are doing to combat and correct juvenile delinquency. Or perhaps a milder statement would be to assist some children to grow up.

Broken homes, lack of love and drinking parents appear to be the prime cause for youth to become confused or lost so far as the pattern of society is concerned.

A plan of this sort is certainly a radical departure from the old theory as to how to handle people who go wrong, but it has salvaged large numbers of young people who were traveling the wrong road and restored them to useful citizens.

WHERE SHALL WE SHIP THE REMAINS? Sometimes a touch of humor will bring home a serious truth.

That is true of a hotel sign in Salisbury, Maryland, which says, "If you must smoke in bed while here, please notify the office so we will know where to ship your remains. Business is good here, but we do not have guests to burn."

It is an ironical fact that smoking in bed is a major cause of death by fire—to say nothing of the great property loss that also results from it—and that it is also one of the least excusable and unintelligent things we can do.

Many of the most destructive fires stem from such simple causes. A minimum of thought will prevent them, and a minimum of care will banish the danger.

COALINGA, CALIF., RECORD: "The U.S. Government, which continually points with alarm to major industries as being too 'big' for the Republic's well-being . . . announces that employees on its civilian payroll now number 2,060,000."

GOOD HEALTH 1. IS CHILD BIRTH DANGEROUS? 2. IS HEART TROUBLE INCREASING? 3. WHAT IS A ROENTGENOLOGIST?

Answer to Question No. 1: The odds are 1,000 to 1 that a mother will survive childbirth and 1,000 to 31 that her baby will be born alive.

Letters to Santa

Dear Santa Claus, I want a gun and holster for Christmas. I want a tractor, tinker toys, telephone, blocks, plastic letters and number, a looky chug-chug train, Walt Disney train set, a book of horses & a book about Indians & cowboys.

Dear Santa: My name is Arnold Queener. Would you bring me a teddy bear, an all day sucker, and a gun with scope sights on it, also a drum, fire chief car, and bring my nephew Danny an airplane, train, fire chief truck, pocket knife, sled, hunting knife, and rocking chair for me and Arnold.

Dear Santa: I would like to have some cowboy boots for Christmas present. From Laye Housman B.B. Route

Dear Santa Claus: I am only 6 year old and I wonder if I am old enough for a B-B gun. Please, remember Janice and Patsy Kelly and bring them candy and nuts and toys because their daddy broke his leg and can't work.

Dear Santa: I would like a tool chest and a train and a Tom Thumb cash register. A register is to put money in. Also a plastic dump truck loaded with candy and an electric phonograph, a bull dog climbing tractor with road scraper, a construction truck set, and a 10 inch drum.

Dear Santa: For Christmas I want a pair of skates, a big doll, a radio, cow-girl suit, a little refrigerator, a little nurse kit, dishes, a cash register with play money, a little telephone, a Diddy doll that has real hair so I can wash it and give her a toni, a little play house for her with furniture, a watch, and a little stove. I am seven years old.

Yours truly, Bonnie Jean Sweider 12 South 11th St.

Letters to the Editor Enclosed is a Santa Claus letter from Steve Michael Chambers, having been re-written by his mother because only a mother could read the original.

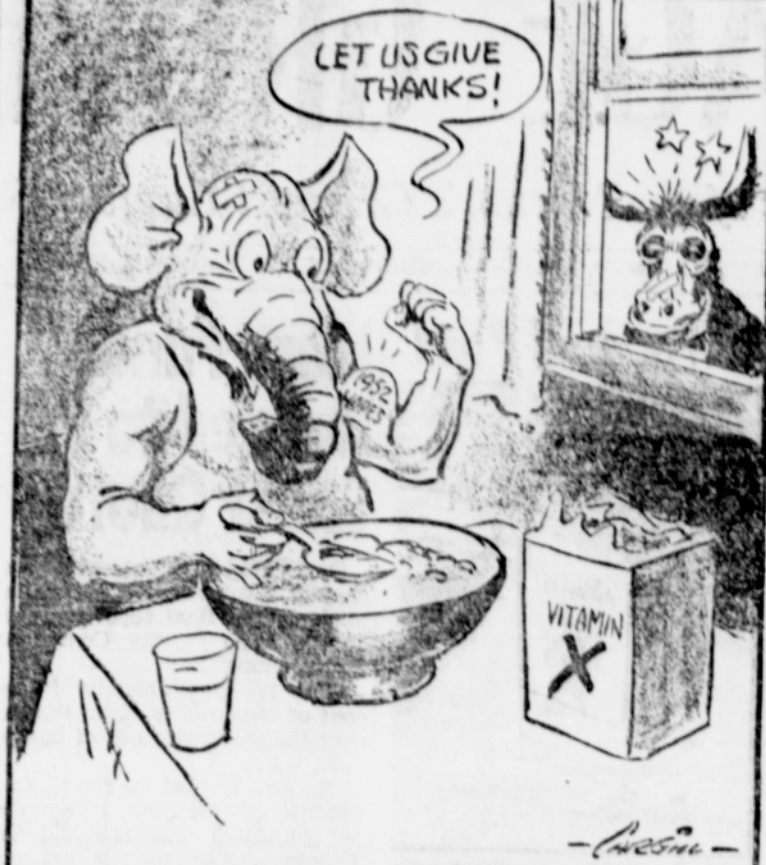
Advance Birthday Although Connie Mack's birthday is not until December 23, the Reciprocity Club of Philadelphia helps Mack celebrate his 88th birthday in advance.



Drain Wet Spots Wet spots in a field are a nuisance. Through tile drainage they can be dried up so that all the field can be plowed at the same time.

Water Reserves During the recent war, more than 300 war plants and installations had to forego "ideal" locations because of insufficient water reserves.

FALL TRAINING TABLE

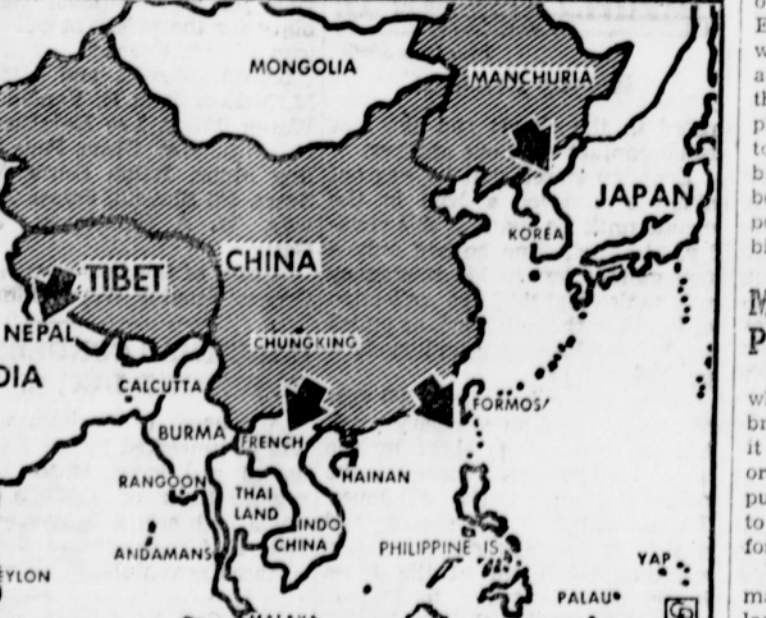


Heads Wage Board The End Draws Near



Cyrus S. Ching INTERESTED in only one thing, the soda that sits before him, this blue-eyed Georgia boy, Roy Morris, 10, does not know that he has but two months to live.

AREAS THREATENED BY RED CHINA

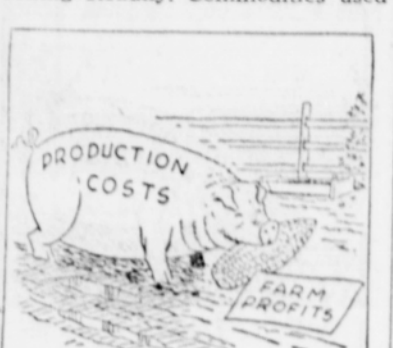


WHEN THE 12 REPRESENTATIVES of Red China reach U.N. headquarters at Lake Success, N. Y., they will be asked what they intend to do about Chinese intervention in the Korean war.

Farm Topics

Improvement of Land Cuts Production Cost

Higher production costs now biting deeper into farm profits emphasize the need for farmers to get their land in shape to produce more bushels at lower unit costs per acre.



in farm production have more than doubled in price since 1939. Prices of grain and field crops have declined steadily since early 1948.

Wire Recorder Check

When a pure-bred white leghorn climbs into a nest on the Heisdorf and Nelson breeding farm at Kirkland, Wash., it is, in its own way, making poultry history.



Bert Nelson, partner in Kirkland, Washington's famous Heisdorf and Nelson chicken breeding farm, reads the number on the leg hand on a chicken and speaks it into the microphone of a wire recorder.

It's done this way: Four days a week the trap is set. When the hen crawls in a nest a trap door closes behind her. She can't get out until one of the partners lets her out.

Many Conditions Affect Poultry Flock Breeding

There are several conditions which can affect the fertility of a breeding poultry flock. Experts say it is a good plan to wait for a week or 10 days after males have been put with the flock before starting to save eggs that are to be used for hatching.

Lamb Crop

The early lamb crop is estimated to be 2 per cent larger than that of last year. If an increase is shown, it will be the first time in nine years.

UN Flag at Armed Forces Headquarters in Tokyo



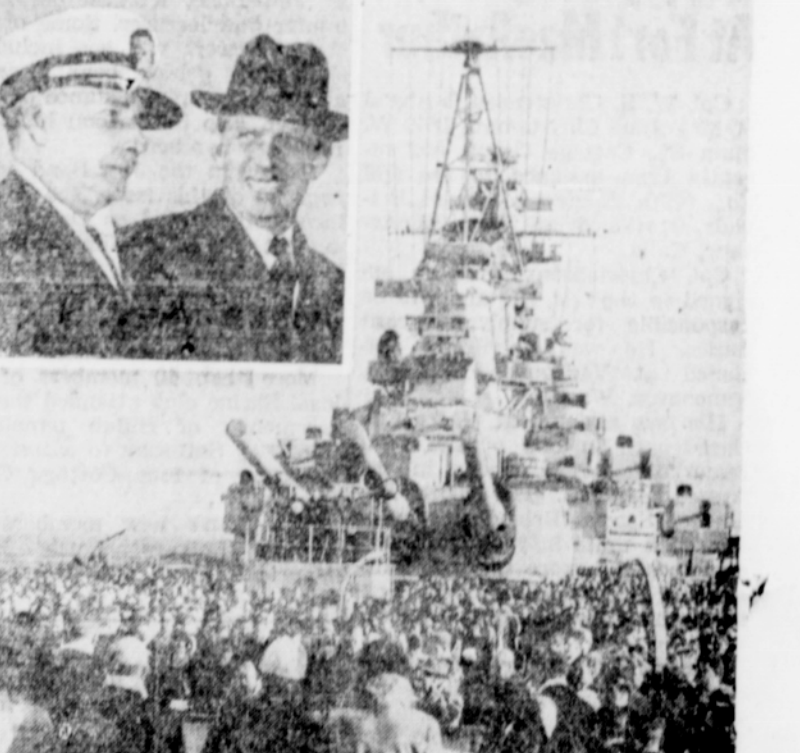
General Douglas MacArthur (right), commander of the armed forces acting in behalf of the United Nations to restore the peace in Korea, shakes hands with the Chief of Staff of the United States Army, General J. Lawton Collins, after receiving the blue-and-white U.N. flag (center) which once flew over the headquarters of the U.N. Mediator in Palestine.

AMERICAN GIVEN NOBEL PEACE PRIZE



HIGHEST RECOGNITION for mediating the Palestine war comes with the Nobel Peace Prize awarded to Dr. Ralph Bunche, whose son, Ralph, Jr., and eldest daughter, Joan, congratulate him in their Jamaica N. Y. home.

FAMED WARSHIP RETURNS TO DUTY



RECOMMISSIONING EXERCISES ARE HELD as the 45,000-ton battleship U.S.S. New Jersey is taken out of mothballs at Bayonne, N. J. At the ceremony, Governor Driscoll of New Jersey and the dreadnought's skipper, Capt. David M. Tyree, of Alexandria, Va., (inset) were speakers.

YOU'RE TELLING ME!

OKLAHOMA CITY'S now defunct leopard was easy to handle compared with the critter the rest of the United States must rattle—the lion that's known as March.