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PLEASANT CHORE — Metropolitan Opera mezzo-soprano Blanche Thebom uses a coat hanger to see her work as she shampoos her five-foot three-inch tresses in New York home.

"MAID OF COTTON' VISITS - Elizabeth Mc-Gee, 1950 "Maid of Cotton," on a tour of the United States, gets acquainted with a pelican during her stop at Spartanburg, S. C.



YEARLINGS FROLIC OUTDOORS IN MARYLAND'S WINTER - Baby theroughbreds race ever the rolling hills of the Merryland Farm of trainer Danny Shea near Glenarm, Md., in the Spring-like early February weather.



NEW SKI-BOBSLED -Mrs. Reiss Schmidt tries out a ski-bobsied for both sports in-vented by her husband at Kie-fersfelden, in the mountains of Upper Bavaria, Germany.



ALL SET FOR SNOW - Screen star Norma Shearer and her ski-instructor husband, Martin Arrouge, prepare to try the slopes at St. Moritz, Switzerland, where they are vacationing.

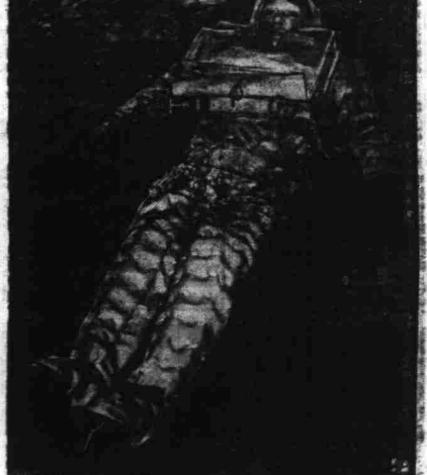




-Miss Joanne Nelson (above), 18-year-old blande of Caldwell, N. J., is smiling queen of the University of New Hampshire Winter Carnival, Durham, N. H.



CHAMPION OBLIGES—Jeanette Altwegg, of England, shows one of the figures that won 47th International Ladies', Skating competition over 16 competitors at Davos, Switzerland.



SUBMARINE ESCAPE SUIT — A new inflated submarine escape suit worn by a British Navy man at Portsmouth, England, holds a bulb which lights when immersed in salt water.



SPRING COOLIE-This Spring hat, inspired by the Chinese coolie hat, and shown by Dior, Paris, is made of two tiers of bamboo-like straw trim-med with field flowers.



GRANDSTAND REBUILT - Work continues on the new grandstand of Hollywood Park race track, Inglewood, Cal., to replace the structure destroyed by fire, in time for 1950 meeting.



EVERYBODY MODELS — Deborah Rieser, a jewelry design teacher, models for a night art class held in Stuyvesant High School as part of New York City's adult education program.



MASK-MAKER_Mrs. Benish Woodward, Los Angeles housewife, who makes masks of African aborigines as a hobby, paints a clay model of a warrior for use as a wall ornament.



COMFORTABLE FLOOR - Children enjoy a daily map on floor of a kindergarten at Belliflower, Cal., where radiant heating in the floor and electronic controls are a health factor.



FIDELITY - Two-year-old Johnny Frucht, of Pittsburgh, Pa., utilizes a hole in the floor to view his pet dog. Terry, ban-ished to the cellar for some infraction of household eliquette.



NOW IT'S 'LUMBERJILLS' - Margaret Lowery (left) and Elleen Lowe gable a chain saw through a fir log while working at their logging business in Victoria, British Columbia,