

'Typical Family' in Hollywood



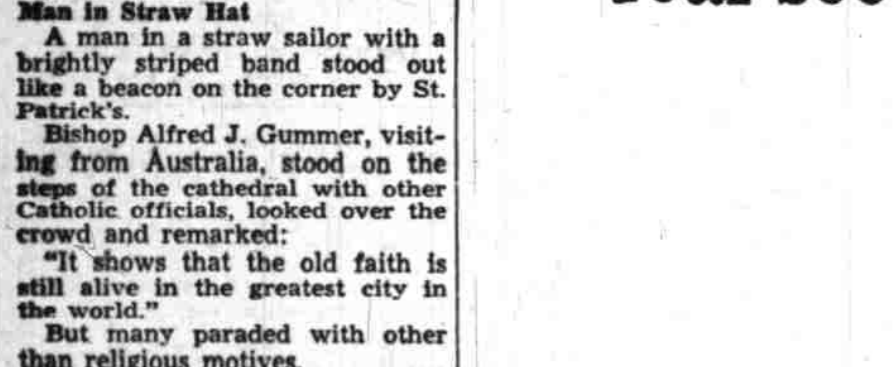
HOLLYWOOD, Calif. — The Wayne Smith family of Salem, Ore., are shown arriving by plane Friday in Hollywood where they were guests of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios for the week end. They were given the free trip for being chosen the "Typical Northwest Family" in a contest sponsored by the studio. Greeted on arrival by MGM starlet, Pat Williams, are Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Carolyn, 8, and Roger, 3.

Cold Wind Marches in Annual Easter Parade at New York City

NEW YORK, April 9 (AP)—Bowed heads and pinched-looking faces were in fashion on Fifth Avenue today as a cold north wind swept the traditional Easter style parade. The crowd along the avenue was noticeably smaller than in past years and went home much sooner. Police estimated it at 1,000,000 compared to 1,500,000 last year. It was cold — in the low 40s even around noon. The wind was strong and bitter. But the church-goers swarmed in undiminished numbers into St. Patrick's, the Roman Catholic cathedral, and St. Thomas', St. Bartholomew's and other fashionable Protestant churches. **Wish in Long Lines** At the big Catholic cathedral they waited in long lines outside in the cold — many just to walk through the church after the last mass. Earlier, in Central park some 1,200 persons had gathered shivering on park benches, with traces of last night's surprise snow still on the ground, to hear the annual all-nations Easter sunrise service. The spring fashion parade on the avenue was one mostly of furs and topcoats. The coats hid the gay colors of spring suits and dresses. Only the ever-present beflowered hats brightened the scene, and there seemed fewer of those than usual. **Man in Straw Hat** A man in a straw sailor with a brightly striped band stood out like a beacon on the corner by St. Patrick's. Bishop Alfred J. Gummer, visiting from Australia, stood on the steps of the cathedral with other Catholic officials, looked over the crowd and remarked: "It shows that the old faith is still alive in the greatest city in the world." But many paraded with other than religious motives. Models carried hatboxes advertising their firms as they strolled along, attracting attention by their bright costumes. Some led dogs, and often the dogs were dressed up too. **Carries Rabbits** One young woman carried two white rabbits, telling everyone who would listen that the rabbits were named "Agnes" and "Sol" and she was named Betty Reilly and was a singer. A band of eight teen-aged youths sported "zoot" suits in Easter egg colors — chartreuse, gold, and bright green. In the crowd were actresses Gloria Swanson and Anna May Wong and actor Gene Lockhart. Television men stood on street corners to seek out celebrities and get them in front of the cameras, but they found few. Most were staying inside and keeping warm.

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Survey to Tell Effects of Dry Spell in Plains

By Ovid A. Martin WASHINGTON, April 9 (AP)—A government crop survey will give an idea tomorrow how big a bite dry weather in the western plains has taken out of this year's prospective winter wheat crop.

The survey by the agriculture department's crop reporting board is expected to show some reduction from the first and only official forecast of 884,658,000 bushels made last December. Last year's winter wheat crop was 901,668,000 bushels. Drought-like conditions in western areas of Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas — accompanied by heavy dust storms — have greatly reduced production prospects in those important wheat areas.

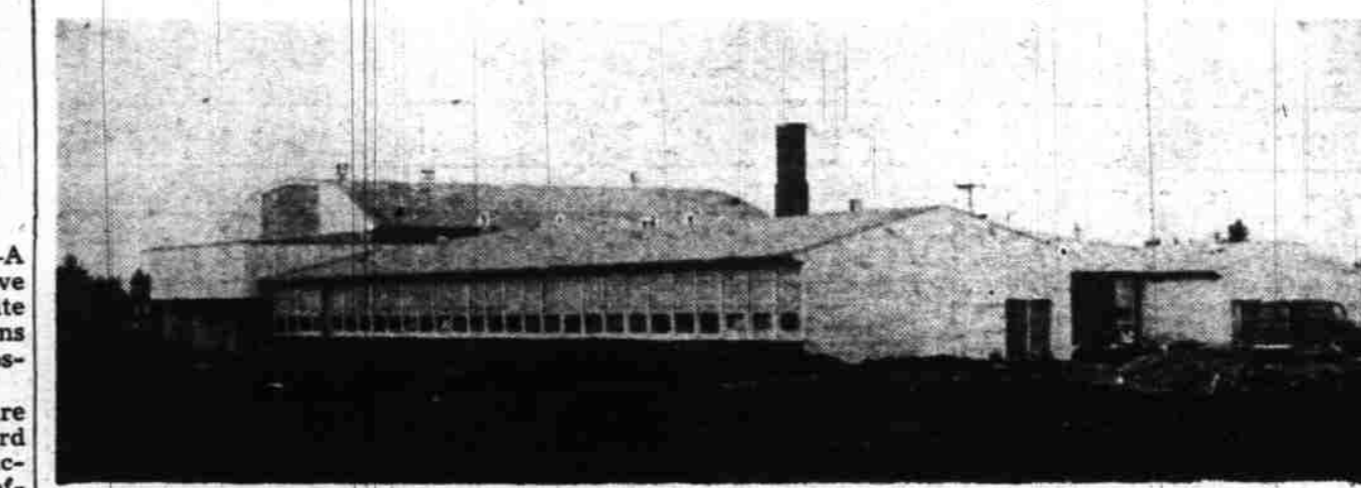
There is no danger, however, of a shortage of wheat. To be added to the winter crop will be a spring crop which might well approach 300,000,000 bushels and a reserve of more than 400,000,000 bushels from last year's crop. No estimate of the spring crop will be given tomorrow.

A supply of 1,000,000,000 bushels would be ample to meet the nation's domestic and prospective export needs for the year ahead. Thus should the winter wheat crop drop to as low as 750,000,000 bushels and the spring crop be 250,000,000 bushels, there still would be a reserve of 400,000,000 bushels.

The decline in winter wheat production prospects has been accompanied by a shrinkage in exports. Shipments abroad from the 1949 supply had once been expected to exceed 400,000,000 bushels. Now they are being forecast at between 325,000,000 and 350,000,000 bushels.

A. W. Erickson, Minneapolis, Minn., crop forecaster, recently reported that unless it rains soon in Texas, eastern New Mexico and the Oklahoma panhandle, production in that area would not average seven bushels to the acre. In bumper years some lands in this area have produced 50 bushels. County Farm Agent Hoy Etling at Garden City, Kans., estimates the crop in that region now at about 50 per cent normal.

Workmen Put Final Touches on Stayton School



STAYTON—Workmen are putting the finishing touches on the new \$300,000 Stayton high school. The ultra-modern plant will be ready for occupancy next fall by more than 400 pupils. On the left is a full-sized gymnasium which will also be used for an auditorium. (Statesman photo).

Judge to Give Sentence to Bridges Today

SAN FRANCISCO, April 9 (AP)—Harry Bridges, J. R. Robertson and Henry Schmidt will go before Federal Judge George B. Harris tomorrow for sentencing. The proceeding appears likely to be a step in a long journey to the U.S. supreme court.

Bridges, CIO longshore union chief, was convicted in Judge Harris' court last week of perjury in declaring at his naturalization hearing he had never been a communist. The other two, union aides, were convicted of conspiracy in supporting his story.

Dublin to Fete Freedom Day

DUBLIN, April 9 (AP)—Dublin is bright with flags for tomorrow's celebration of the first anniversary of the proclamation of the republic of Ireland.

On Easter Monday 34 years ago Ireland declared its independence, and the day is fast becoming the country's foremost national holiday. Tomorrow will be a day of parades in many communities. In Dublin, President Sean T. O'Kelly will take the salute from foot and mechanized troops as they march past the general post office, which British forces destroyed with shell fire in 1916. In Cork, Premier John Costello will review troops and lay a wreath on the grave of Thomas Ceann, who was executed after the 1916 fighting.

Alcoholics Anonymous Meet Closes

PORTLAND, April 9 (AP)—The first northwest conference of members of Alcoholics Anonymous closed today with tentative plans to form a permanent organization.

The sessions approved plans for a census among the many formal and informal units to determine the number of delegates for any national convention called in the future. The "AAA" has no formal organization. The members selected Spokane for their 1951 conference but did not elect officers. The question of organization was left until later. Speakers today were from groups in Medford, Astoria, Salem, Madras, Albany, Roseburg, Corvallis, Oregon; Longview, Port

Two Alabama Quads Die at Age of One Day

EUFAULA, Ala., April 9 (AP)—Two of the Singleton quadruplets died today at the age of one day. The deaths of Eva and Frances, two of the tiny children born yesterday to the wife of a Barbour county tenant farmer, were reported by officials at the Salter hospital.

The other babies—named Anna and Pearl — appeared in good condition with excellent chance of survival.

Eva and Frances began to sink only a few hours after the tiny tots had received their names. Shortly before the disastrous turn for the two, all four had been reported "doing very nicely."

Hospital attendants said the condition of the mother, Mrs. Mackie O'Neal Singleton, 33, was good. She had been brought to the hospital last night suffering from a chill.

The babies were delivered in less than an hour yesterday at the home of Mrs. Singleton and her husband, Homer, also 33.

Both parents, the hospital superintendent said, are "bearing up well under their bereavement."

The quadruplets were named for their mother, maternal grandmothers and the mother's stepmother. All had been placed in incubators under oxygen. The Singletons already had six children, the youngest four-year-old twins.

Angeles, Everett, Grays Harbor, Anacortes, Olympia, Tacoma, Seattle, Spokane, Wash.; Lewiston, Idaho; Billings, Mont.; Westminster and Vancouver, B. C.

Women's Week Starts in Japan

TOKYO, April 9 (AP)—Japan's third annual women's week began today.

Meetings throughout the country will celebrate women's first vote, in 1947, with women speakers trying to arouse their shy sisters to demand equal status with men. Indications are that most of them will go home afterward and do just what their husbands tell them to—as they have done for centuries.

"Happy birthday, dear Mother, come and see us real soo-oo-oon"



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