

## Mrs. Wieder Wins Permanent Possession of Eyerly Trophy At Western Horse Show Here

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Mrs. Van Wieder of Salem won permanent possession of the Lee U. Eyerly trophy Saturday, riding her pleasure-class horse "Laddie" in a flawless performance at the opening of the Western Spring Horse show.

The event, sponsored by Willamette Valley Horseman's association, will close today with the afternoon performance at the state fairgrounds stadium.

**Third Straight Year**  
Mrs. Wieder, a veteran horsewoman and a member of Salem Saddle club, gained permanent ownership of the trophy by first place in the pleasure horse division at the show for three successive years.

Judith Seamster, Salem, rode to first place on "Eugene Supreme," in the children's equitation in which the horses are worked under direction. Taking ribbons in the event were Judy Fisher, Portland, second; Karen Hansell, Albany, third, and Barbara Swigart, Salem, fourth.

Cecil Bedford, Walla Walla, Wash., broke fast and swung a dead-eye lasso to capture the calf roping competition with a 20.3-second performance. Glenn Dickey, Jr., Sheridan, was second with 26.2 seconds.

**Brought Back Milk**  
Dickey came back in the wild cow milking contest to bring back a pop bottle with a few drops from a reluctant bovine in 24.2 seconds. Barney Bernard of Rickreall was second with 33 seconds and Lawrence DeWitt placed third, 51.3 seconds.

Tuck Huggins of Salem, riding "Southern Breeze," turned in a smooth performance to win the three-gaited horse competition. Gilly Fyon, Eugene, was second, and Collis Johnson, Eugene, placed and Tom Allan, Eugene, third.

The barriers took a beating in the jumping event for children 18 years and younger as Yvonne Smith of Dallas drove her steed "Dusty" to first place. Mary Ruak, Salem, was second; Gail Dorr, Salem, third; Ann Woodmansee, Salem, fourth, and Charleen Wood, Salem, fifth.

Jeff Beal, a real live cowpuncher from Tokyo, Tex., and his lightning-fast horse "Satan" worked with precision to take over the cow cutting event, a comparatively new sport in local horse circles. Beal and his horse cut four steers away from a herd in less than two minutes. Grant Earis, Salem, was second; Ed Smith, California, third, and Tom Allen, Eugene, third.

A fast-riding Benton County Sheriff's posse outpaced the Salem Calf Roper's club team by more than one-half lap to win the flag race.

Little Billy Kergel of Salem was high man in the kid's roping scramble, lassoing and dragging his angora goat across the finish line in less than a minute. About 20 youngsters walked off with \$1 each for their efforts in the laugh-packed event.

"Lady," R. W. Hogg's champion sheepdog turned in her usual sparkling performance, herding a pen of sheep through a gate and into an enclosure within a few minutes.

## 75-Year-Old Night Watchman Writes 'Hop-Scotch Polka'

LONDON—(INS)—A 75-year-old night watchman named Billy Whitlock, once a \$300-a-week vaudeville star, the composer of the song hit "The Hop-Scotch Polka."

Billy suddenly jumped into the front-rank of dollar earners because a very old tinny-voiced phonograph record was played as a joke at a New York night club.

Guy Lombardo heard the record and decided it was a winner. It was recorded again, and immediately caught on.

The phonograph company cabled London to see if the original singer, Billy Whitlock, was still alive.

"It's like a dream," old Bill Whitlock said. "There I was just pottering along, getting by as well as I could on any job that offered, and here I am with my pockets stuffed with contracts."

The records of his song, a rollicking old-fashioned polka, are selling at a rate of 15,000 a week in the United States.

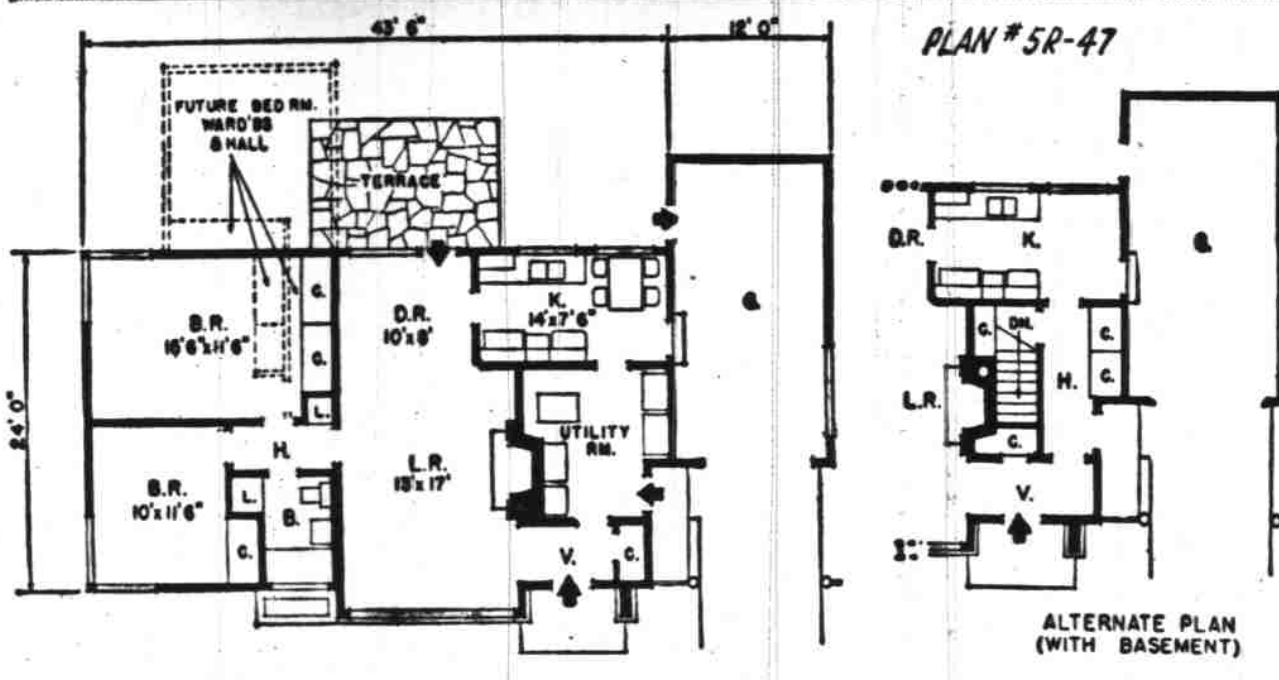
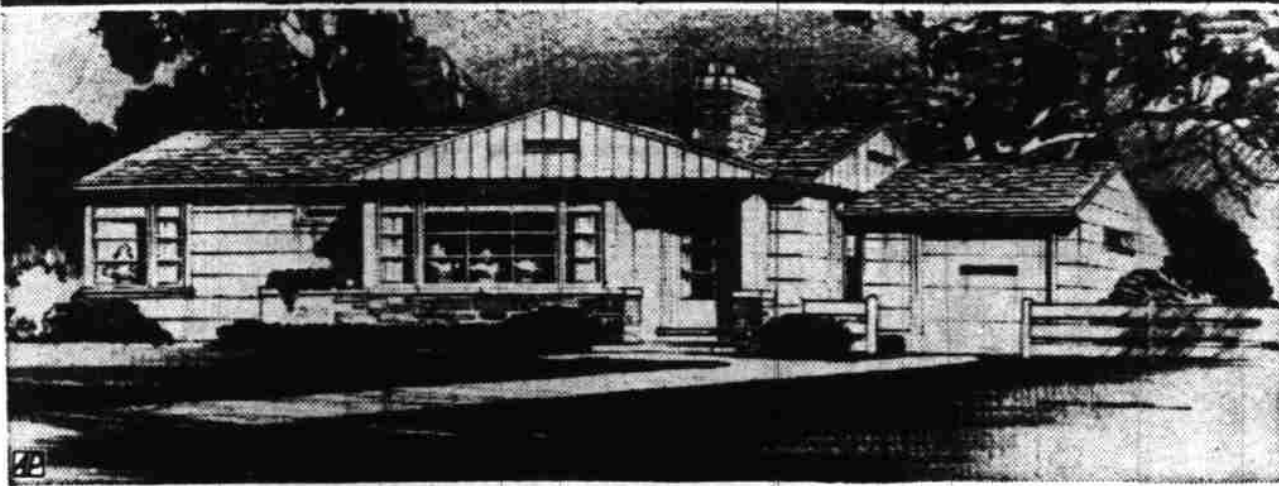
"Looking on the pessimistic side," one of Billy's new agents said, "he'll be worth \$9,000 in the next few months. He can't help it. The number was just a natural hit."

Billy, bald, well-built with finely manicured hands, sat in a cheap London lodging house and said: "It's wonderful to feel that I'm back in the swing of things—seeing publishers, making records, talking 'shop' and meeting people again."

Since the movies killed his vaudeville act, Billy has tried any way of making a living. He has been a sailor, skating-rink instructor, phonograph-recording mechanic, cinema operator, grocer, tobacconist, orchestrator, arranger, truck driver and night watchman.

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## HOMES FOR AMERICANS



A flexible plan for use with or without basement, this is design 5R-47 by Elmer Gylleck, Architect, 120 So. Grove Ave., Elgin, Ill. It can be used for two or three bedrooms, an expansion feature that needs no excess attic construction. Without basement, the house comprise 16,600 cubic feet, including garage. A basement brings this up to 19,500. Local builders know the average cost per cubic foot for this type of house. The architect suggests an exterior of wood sidings and stone dressing with a roof of wood or asphalt shingles.



**TWENTY-YEAR CAR**—Leon C. Hinkle, of Kansas City, shows model of a Pierce Arrow car of 1920's patterned after an exhibit in a show. It took his spare time for twenty years.

## Musical Set At Swegle

SWEGLE—A musical program is planned for the Tuesday, April 18th, meeting of Swegle Parent-Teachers association in the school auditorium at 8 p. m. Lanny Dibern and his accordion band will be featured and there will be other musical numbers by children of the school.

A new pupil at Swegle school is Jerry Wayne Louge, 4185 Sunnyside ave., a transfer from Middle Grove.

A third grade pupil of the school, Carolyn Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Martin, is out of school with rheumatic fever, her second attack.

Mr. and Mrs. I. G. Etzel have moved from their home on Lancaster drive to an acreage in Shaw community. Their daughter Gloria is finishing her school year at Swegle, staying at the home of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Hillary Etzel.

## MEAT REWARD KURASHIKI, Japan—(INS)—

A butcher, needed by a whispering campaign that he was mixing horse meat with beef sold at his shop, has challenged his detractors to prove their allegations. He prominently displayed a sign reading:

"Will pay the sum of 100,000 yen (\$277) to any person who finds horse meat in any slice of beef sold at this shop." The rumor that the shop was "cutting beef with horse meat started when the butcher reduced his prices below those of his competitors.

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## New Lawyer Never to See His Clients

STANTON, Ill. —(INS)—Law school graduate Bill Haase hung out his shingle recently and sat back to await his first client.

Hundreds of law students start law practices each year but behind this particular "attorney-at-law" sign lies a story of the indomitable will of a veteran to adjust himself to his own peculiar post-war world.

Haase is blind. His sight was destroyed in 1944 by an explosion during training maneuvers at Fort Leonard Wood. He was discharged in 1945 but refused to leave his future well being entirely in the hands of the veterans administration.

Instead, Haase returned to the University of Illinois which he entered in 1940 to become a medical entomologist.

He refused to be led around the campus and finally committed to memory the maze of walks, corridors and classrooms so that he could walk in a manner defying detection of his blindness.

The blinded veteran completed his bachelor of science degree requirements and then went on to the Illinois college of law.

His class notes were taken on a recording machine with the help of other students and his pretty wife Cathryn, formerly of Boston. His homework he did on a typewriter.

In addition to obtaining a law degree, Bill raised a family while

going to school and has two daughters, Diane, 2, and Cathryn Ann, 3.

Bill credits his success in completing his law course to the help he got from his wife and the other students who helped him pass his bar examination.

But he insists there is nothing unusual about his story and states: "I was only an average student."

With his schooling out of the way, Haase now has only one problem: "All I need is business."

## Man Comes Home To Find He's Dead

GUEMAPPE, France—(INS)—On his return home after a 36-year absence M. Marcelin Petit had the rare experience of reading his own name engraved on this valley's monument to the dead of World War I.

He was taken prisoner by the Germans in August, 1914. During the war he wrote his wife through the International Red Cross. But

after the armistice Mme. Petit never heard another word from her husband. He was presumed to have died while a prisoner of war and his name was engraved on the village monument.

Actually, M. Petit remained in Germany, hiring himself out to work on a farm near the Swiss frontier. In 1942 he crossed into Switzerland but in 1950 nostalgia suddenly overwhelmed him and he returned to his native village—after 36 years.

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