

### Liberty Bell Chosen as Savings Bonds Drive Symbol



Washington, D. C.—Secretary of the Treasury John W. Snyder, right, looks very pleased as Sales Director Leon J. Markham of the United States Savings Division shows him a symbol for the Independence Drive, which will open May 15, and run through July 4, to stimulate the sale of savings bonds. "The Liberty Bell symbolizes not only our political independence but also all those characteristics of Americanism which serve to sustain our independence," Secretary Snyder said. "Of these characteristics, thrift, of course, is one of the most outstanding. Thus in the Independence Drive, the Liberty Bell will be an especially suitable reminder of the importance of savings and Savings Bonds to our economic life and to the financial independence of the individual," he asserted. U. S. Treasury Department

### Truman Adds Rules for News Conferences

WASHINGTON, April 20—(AP)—President Truman decided today to hold his news conferences in the old state department building, instead of the White House, and to tighten the rules.

The old state department building is across the street from the White House.

The new rules provide that: 1. All reporters will be seated. 2. Each reporter who wants to ask a question will be required to stand, gain recognition, give his name and tell whom he represents.

Under the old system, reporters stood in front of Mr. Truman's desk in the White House oval room, and asked questions informally.

Mr. Truman knows a majority of reporters, but frequently gets a question from a reporter he does not know. Now the name of the reporter will go down in the official stenographer's records.

Some of the reporters assigned to the White House registered objections to the change. For one thing they objected that the new room, although somewhat larger than the oval room, has only one door and is thus inconvenient for newsmen who must rush out quickly to telephone the results of the conferences.

White House Press Secretary Charles G. Ross said, however, that the change was "mainly for the convenience of the press." It was explained that the arrangement for seating reporters will enable all present to see and hear what is going on.



The first Armed Forces Day in American history, to be observed May 20, will emphasize the unification of the Army, Navy and Air Force in a three-pronged instrument for national security. Unification is already at work in the various far-flung American military posts throughout the world. Photo, left, shows Navy aviation machinist's mate, second class, J. Ritchy, of Swayze, Ind., and Sgt. J. L. Kussman, USA, of Easton, Penna., getting acquainted on police duty at the Naval Base, Norfolk, Va., before embarking on the great combined Army-Navy-Air Force exercises in Puerto Rico, called "Operation Fortrez," held in February. Photo, right, Capt. D. G. Donahoe, Commanding Officer of the Naval Operating Base, Argentia, Newfoundland, congratulating Sgt. Ollie Keller, captain of the Greenland Air Force basketball team, which was picked to represent the Air Force North Atlantic Area in the Military Transport Service Tourney held at Great Falls, Mont., in March, while Col. Edward P. Kern, Commanding Officer of the McAndrew AF Base, in Newfoundland, gives a well done to Robert B. Johnson, aviation machinist's mate, captain of the Navy NOB quintet. The Navy team defeated the Air Force in the Base Command Basketball Championship Playoffs, but participated only for the honors. (Official Navy Photographs)

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### Sleeping Pill Addiction Said Worse Than That of Morphine

By Howard W. Blakeslee, Associated Press Science Editor.

BOSTON, April 20—(AP)—Sleeping pills cause worse addiction than morphine, the American College of Physicians was told today.

These goof-balls make addicts with delirium tremens with snakes and all the other monsters, also convulsions and temporary insanity, bed enough to require a psychiatrist for cure.

The report is from U. S. public health service studies and it blames doctors prescriptions of sleeping pills for a large proportion of the addicts.

The doctors, it says, either have not believed that sleeping pills could cause addiction, or were not aware how serious this addiction can be.

The favorite pills of the addicts are named in the report as phenobarbital, secondal and amyltal. To get to be addicts they change from the occasional pills needed for sleep to enough to cause intoxication. They get most of the symptoms of drunks.

How much sleeping pills makes a person drunk the report says changes from day to day—some days a lot, others a little. Like alcoholism and drug addiction, your personality is important in determining whether you will be tempted to become a sleeping pill addict. Happy personalities get wildly happy, the morose get big glooms and the split personalities may get dangerous ideas.

The report was made by Dr. Harris Isbell, of the research division, U. S. public health service hospital, Lexington, Ky. He said that about 300 tons of sleeping pills are manufactured annually in the United States. "Addiction to barbiturates," he said, "is far more dangerous than is addiction to morphine. Barbiturate addiction appears to be increasing and has become a serious problem in the United States."

### Woman Attorney's Body Found Beaten in Bahamas Islands

NASSAU, Bahamas, April 20—(AP)—The nude, beaten body of Miss Betty Renner, 38-year-old Washington attorney, was found in a well here and police called it murder.

Miss Renner's body was recovered yesterday, stripped of all clothing except her brassiere and dumped, unconscious, into the well to drown. She had been in the water 24 hours.

Major H. H. Ranoe, chief of police, said a Negro "of the hotel waiter type" was being sought. He was seen bicycling with Miss Renner in the area before she disappeared Tuesday. Cut on Her Head

There was a ragged cut on the top of her head and bruises on the face. There was no positive evidence of rape but Dr. H. B. Taylor, who performed an autopsy, said this was still being investigated.

The well in which the tall, slim woman's body was found is three miles overland from Westbourne, where on July 5, 1943, the bludgeoned and burned body of Sir Harry Oakes was found.

Discovery of the body of the fabulously wealthy, American-born gold miner who became a British baronet touched off one of the greatest human dramas of recent years. Sir Harry's son-in-law, Alfred de Marigny, was tried and acquitted. His wife, the former Nancy Oakes, stood staunchly by de Marigny while weeping Lady Oakes testified against him.

The case produced an emotional storm that shook Nassau like a hurricane. Its repercussions are still felt on the island. Crowds Gather

Today, as at Westbourne seven years ago, excited crowds milled around a death scene.

"The whole town is upset," said Etienne Dupuch, editor of the Nassau Daily Tribune. "Every section of the community, rich and poor, black and white," is urging a quick solution and quick justice.

The spot where Miss Renner was slain is on the "back road" near the southern shore of 20-mile-long New Providence island. Nearby is a pine forest where charcoal burners produce their ebony fuel.

It was revealed that the body was found when charcoal burners working in the area went to the well to get water. They called police.

The well is about three feet deep and four feet wide. The body

### FUND DRIVE SLOWS

SPRINGFIELD, April 20—(AP)—The McKenzie-Willamette Hospital association, which had set \$600,000 as a goal for a new hospital,

had \$97,577 in pledges today. The drive will continue, but the association no longer expects to reach \$600,000. The hospital will be built in whatever size the contributions make possible.

### Man Arrested After Wreck

An Albany man was in the Marion county jail charged with driving while intoxicated following an accident involving his car and another six miles west of Aumsville.

Thursday night.

Held was Harold W. Gedenberg following his appearance in Station justice court. Bail was not set.

Delmar Francis Coville, Turner, signed a complaint against Gedenberg after his car and one driven by the accused collided. Gedenberg was arrested by state police officers at Aumsville.

New York City's first water mains were hollow logs.

### Women's Club Delegation at Portland Meet

A large delegation of Salem women was in Portland Thursday night for opening ceremonies in the Golden Jubilee convention of the Oregon Federation of Women's clubs.

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