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"No Favor Sways Us, No Fear Shall Awe"  
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## Navy vs. Fishermen

The U. S. Navy is a first-class fighting arm. But if it licks the U. S. A. Fishermen, unincorporated, it will be only after a hard battle. The Navy has picked Lake Pend Oreille in Northern Idaho for underwater explosion tests. Fishermen in that region vigorously oppose this selection. They suggest Diamond Lake in Oregon where trout fishing has been impaired by the abundance of trash fish. That sets off Oregon fishermen who do not want their lake molested. A Game Commission employee says the trash fish can be poisoned and destroyed without harming the trout. So the battle is joined. Of all the lakes Pend Oreille ought to be the last to be chosen because it is the home of the famous Kamloops trout, largest in American waters. Surely some other lake can be found for the testing. As for Diamond Lake it is a favorite fishing spot. While the catch has been decreasing in recent years the idea of using it for underwater explosions is revolting. We have strict laws against dynamiting water in this state because of the resulting death to fish from concussion. We just do not like the idea of killing off the fish in these famous lakes by testing explosives. But if the Game Commission is planning to kill off the present lake fish perhaps some plan could be agreed on between the Navy and the Commission if relatively shallow Diamond Lake is suitable for the tests.

Charles Stanton in the Roseburg News-Review reports the plan of the Game Commission to lower the level of Diamond Lake and pour in rotenone to kill off the trash fish. Here is his account:

Diamond Lake had no fish population prior to 1913, when it was stocked with rainbow trout. Within a few years the lake became well known for size and number of its fish and was for many years the largest rainbow trout egg-taking station in the world.

In 1940 roach, a trash fish related to carp, was introduced by live-bait fishermen, who captured the minnows in Klamath County lakes and then dumped unused bait into Diamond Lake. Roach are extremely prolific within a short time. They began crowding out trout population. In 1946, the Game Commission reports, aquatic food in Diamond Lake amounted to 292 pounds per acre. Bottom samples in 1951 yielded only 2.3 pounds per acre. The Commission has expended \$20,500 since 1946 to control the trash fish by multiplying faster than they could be killed. In the meantime, the take of trout from the lake declined from 37,500 in 1947 to 3,994 last year.

Should poisoning the lake be attempted it will be the largest project of its kind ever undertaken. To date this method of rehabilitation has been used on no lake larger than 396 acres, we are told. Diamond Lake has an area of 3,000 acres. The area, of course, would be considerably reduced before the level to be dropped to 20 feet.

If it is decided to construct a drainage outlet, that ditch must be more than 20 feet deep, much of it through solid rock, and it must extend 1,700 feet into the lake itself, and possibly another 1,000 feet outside the lake shore. Cost of the ditch alone is estimated at around \$148,000. It would take six months to lower the lake the required 20 feet at a rate of flow not exceeding the flood stage of Lake Creek, the existing outlet, engineers report. More rapid drainage might be dangerous to the river and to Copco's power installations.

Before the experiment is made, it is possible that the lake will be thrown open to unrestricted

angling, permitting removal by anglers of as much of the game fish population as possible. This will not be done in 1952, however, the commission says.

## No Island of Safety

It cost 117 lives, injuries to scores of other persons and property damage in the millions of dollars to bring in proper focus at Elizabeth, N. J., a fact that everyone knows—so long as planes fly, some will fall.

Now the \$53,000,000 airport at Newark is closed, and no longer do huge planes swoop over Elizabeth to land on it. Blame for the latest of the three recent tragedies is tentatively placed on engine failure. But the initial blame was in locating an airport with runways aimed toward a populous area. It is difficult to place any onus on Newark or Elizabeth for that mistake, because the great airport constituted a gradual development in the tragedies which cities and the civil aeronautics board have been a long time learning—a commercial airport cannot be located like a downtown depot.

Airlines take pride in publicizing that their passengers land "within five minutes of downtown so-and-so," and cities have been proud of close-in facilities for air visitors. But there is no pride in Elizabeth, only pain, damage and death.

It will be many years before Salem's airport ever reaches a point of traffic even remotely comparable with Newark's, and in many ways Salem's is ideally situated—as were the airports of many a city which has since grown around them. But city planners—and planners of suburban areas—can well keep in mind a lesson that an airport surrounded by houses is an island of safety for no one.

## Put Things in Plain English

Deliberate misleading of the electorate cannot be condoned, no matter how good or bad the cause, and the Supreme Court acted properly in ordering that the ballot title on a proposed prohibition amendment for Oregon state exactly what is involved.

Now, however, let's not stop there. Let's have all ballot titles present their purpose in plain English. And to project the matter even further, we see no reason why headings on proposed legislative bills should not be in plain language, too.

Federal waste? A four-page newspaper which didn't need any wrapper at all—or at least would go into a small envelope—arrived at The Statesman in a heavy brown envelope measuring 12 by 16 inches. It was from the Department of the Air Force, Keesler Base, Biloxi, Miss. It comes that way every week.

The government has boosted the ceiling on potatoes 20 cents a hundred pounds to cover costs of washing. We've seen many a 70-pound boy who would pay that to get out of washing.

Rep. James of Pennsylvania expresses wonder why the government continues to turn out \$2 bills. It's probably so a body can buy a dollar's worth of something.

## Coincidence of Elizabeth, N. J. Air Tragedies - Brings Clamor Against New York Airports

By J. M. ROBERTS JR.  
AP News Analyst

Government officials report no wave of hysteria throughout the United States among people living near busy airports. But there certainly is one in and around New York.

Autobombers collide, ships sink and airlines crash. As long as it involves only those who pay their money and take their chances, the general public accepts it as part of life. But when three big planes crash into one small, apartment-congested area within two months, the impact is different.

Newark Airport, even when it was the busiest in the world, produced only one serious commercial crash in more than 20 years.

Then suddenly, by strange coincidence, there are three in a row.

Public officials, already under heavy pressure because of the second crash which took life and property from innocent residents, closed the field in the middle of the night without even waiting for the public clamor at dawn.

Yet the chances against the Elizabeth string of crashes being stretched by one or more new ones would seem almost incalculable.

But the governor of New Jersey, the officials of the Port of New York Authority which operates the field, the mayor of Elizabeth were unanimous.

They might know that hysteria was taking over, but the pressure was too great. Then it spread to Queens, 20 miles away, where Idlewild and LaGuardia fields shared with Newark the load of nearly all the vast metropolitan and international air traffic. Shifting the Newark load ran the flight total at LaGuardia to 100 an hour.

"Close them down," demanded the chairman of the Aviation Committee of the Queens County Grand Jurors Association. Leaders of civic and taxpayers groups,

already opposed to the fields because of their nuisance to residents, took up the cry.

The Queens Borough president was only slightly more moderate. He just wants the fields closed during the slightest unfavorable flying conditions. The mayor of Elizabeth had a slogan which was spreading like wildfire. He called the flights "an umbrella of death."

It takes a mixture of human congestion, fear and dramatics to produce such a reaction. More than a million people have died on the nation's highways. Thousands of vehicles have crashed into stores and homes, crushed pedestrians on sidewalks, and public reaction to safety measures

## Literary Guidepost

By WILLIAM GLOVER  
THE SWIMMING POOL, by Mary Roberts Rinehart (Rinehart; \$3); THE CASE OF THE CORNER COTTAGE, by Christopher Bush (Macmillan, \$2.50); DEATH HAS DEEP ROOTS, by Michael Gilbert (Harcourt, \$2.50); BEHIND THE CRIMSON BLIND, by Carter Dickson (Morrow, \$2.50).

Here, in the approximate order of their importance for the "must" list of mystery story enthusiasts, are four mid-winter papers. Together, they include just about every atmosphere, device and suspense element that has become standard—and essential—fare for veteran fans.

Mrs. Rinehart, senior in quality as well as time (her first thriller says 1908 on the title page), has set this puzzler down in the tarnished mansion of a once-rich family in New York's choice Westchester County. The plot is all wrapped up in the strange behavior of beautiful Judith, who suddenly severs the bonds of 20 years' matrimony and exhibits symptoms of being slightly more than peculiar. Mrs. R. spins her web of suspenseful buildup with masterful aplomb. A couple of murders are included before the solution is neatly wrapped up. Somehow, however, the keen suspense in the first portion of the volume left one reader at least a bit unsatisfied with the later pages.

Bush's "Corner Cottage" brings out Ludvic Travers for another performance that rates up among the lean, bespectacled sleuth's most intriguing. Roving from London vaguely over Southern England, the yarn unravels the cause of the sudden death of a young and personable Travers operative, Godfrey Prial. Bush, deliberately or not, is one of the better heirs of the Conan Doyle style, and while the old master is never suggested, you are apt to get the feeling as you read that this is the very atmosphere in which Holmes worked and he might even have handled this very case but for the passing of a few years.

"Death Has Deep Roots" is Gilbert's third contribution to the whodunit shelf. He juggles between France and London's Old Bailey to narrate the murder trial of a young (but not necessarily pretty) feminine veteran of the Resistance while the hunt for the real killers is rushed on the other side of the Channel. Dickson's Sir Henry Merrivale is on the loose in "Crimson Blind," but the old man has been in better sleuthing form before. The locale is Tangiers and, as the jacket says, a "modern Robin Hood" who takes his loot in uncut diamonds preferably, is ranging across Europe. A fiery brunette (there's a switch in coloring!) dares H. M. to solve it all and trap the quarry in 48 hours.

## CUPID'S ASSISTANT



## Your Health

A baby's bones and tissues are soft and easily changed. This is a great boon to babies who come into the world with defects such as clubfoot.

If your child is born with a clubfoot, the thing to do is begin correct treatment early. Such treatment can produce a normal foot without the need for surgery later in life. The time to begin treatment, if it is to be most effective, is before the child is six months old.

Clubfoot is one of the commonest defects of children, occurring in about one in every thousand infants. It seems to appear more often in boys than girls. Most people are familiar with the turned-in look of a clubfoot. The deformed foot is bent in at the ankle, with the heel drawn up and the toes slanted down. This forces the child to walk on the side of the foot instead of on the sole.

In most cases, the time for the first treatment is when the child is between one and two months old. This gives the mother enough time to recover after delivery so she can bring the baby to the physician's office for regularly weekly visits. It also permits the infant to get used to his new environment before a cast is placed on his leg.

A series of casts will usually bring the foot to normal before the child is eight months old. The casts must be changed frequently, altering the foot's position little by little.

The next step is a special type of splint, called a Denis Browne splint. It is fastened to a pair of very firm-soled baby shoes, and supports one foot with the other. The shoe must be exchanged on the deformed foot, so that a right clubfoot wears a left shoe.

The child continues to wear the splint until he is about a year old, and is ready to stand up and walk. At this time, he begins to wear special clubfoot shoes in the daytime, and the splint is worn only at night.

Ninety per cent of children with clubfoot treated by this method acquire completely normal feet if the treatment is started before they are too old. About 10 to 15 per cent of these children

## Better English

By HERMAN N. BUNDSEN, M.D.

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "One should always try to do his best."

2. What is the correct pronunciation of "acumen"?

3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Armament, arsenal, artillery, arrogance.

4. What does the word "urbanity" mean?

5. What is a word beginning with "ing" that means "free from reserve; frank"?

ANSWERS

1. Say, "One should always try to do one's best." 2. Pronounce a-ku-men, as in ask un-stressed, u as in cube, accent second syllable. 3. Artillery. 4. Courtesy of manners; politeness. "His is a smile of exquisite urbanity." 5. Ingenious.

## Hollywood on Parade

By GENE HANDSAKER  
HOLLYWOOD — The worst thing that ever happened to the entertainment industry, Hollywood's latest wonder boy believes, is that notion that audiences have a 12-year-old mind.

"The result," says Jack Webb, "is that the industry became glutted with low-level junk beamed at such a mentality." Webb pitches his radio crime drama, "Dragnet," and its companion television films, on an adult level. "I consider that I myself am average. I know there are a lot of people above me in intelligence, but I don't get the idea that there are others who are dumber. The majority of us are average people."

This approach, in which Webb strives almost fanatically for realism, has made his show outstandingly successful. It has won numerous radio awards and dozens of police chiefs and sher-

iffs have written letters praising its authenticity. One California sheriff uses recordings to indoctrinate rookies in good manners for cops.

Webb, a 31-year-old native of nearby Santa Monica, has generous ears, a broad smile, a swarthy complexion, and endless energy and enthusiasm for his work. He works seven days a week—six on his new TV films, which he directs and stars in, and Sundays on his radio broadcasts.

"Dragnet" was suggested by a real-life Los Angeles cop who was a technical adviser on the movie, "He Walked By Night." Webb, an ex-clothing salesman, steel mill worker, and theater actor, played a bit in it. "There ought to be a radio program to show how cops REALLY operate," the policeman said. Webb, then in radio, took the cue and promoted the program.

He helps write, edit and design sets for the TV films. A set he was using the other day was an exact replica of a particular Los Angeles courtroom. Webb, in the starring role of Detective Sgt. Joe Friday, carries a snub-nosed revolver that shot many a crook for its former policeman owner.

## GRIN AND BEAR IT by Lichty



"Is nonsense to think your husband is missing... is cinch comrade secret police know where he is!"

## Goose Spends Night in Jail

PITTSBURGH (AP)—A 9-year-old goose of all things spent a night in jail.

The goose and its master, 56-year-old Ralph Hertzinger, were picked up by Pittsburgh police after a Humane Society representative charged he saw the man twisting the bird's neck.

Police officers thought it unsanitary that the man and the goose share the same cell and tried to take the bird away. The goose became enraged and started honking, waking up other prisoners. Police returned the goose to its master who explained:

"He loves me, that's all. I raised him from an egg."

## Size of Dentist Draft Unknown

PORTLAND (AP)—The number of Oregon dentists to be drafted for military service will be known in a few days, Col. Francis W. Mason, Oregon's deputy draft director, said Tuesday. In the country as a whole 335 will be inducted. Col. Mason said the youngest would be called up first, in the first drafting of dentists since the Korean war began.

The U. S. Army's "hex" tent has a ground cloth to keep out cold winds and seal in the warm air.

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and flour poured into the South for use in biscuit making. High freight rates have served to restrict this market. During depression years a considerable quantity of wheat was locally consumed as animal feed. But with the present high price for wheat for human food or at parity support that use is greatly curtailed.

National production runs at around a billion bushels of wheat a year. The exportable surplus would be around 300 million bushels, more or less. Normally in the past 20 years the world price has been lower than the domestic price. Though our population continues to increase it will be a long time before consumption catches up to production, for with improved farming methods the latter will increase save in years of adverse weather.

Northwest growers have realized their dependence on government aid. They have a plan of a two-price system which would lighten the burden on government. This would work something like the two-price system for milk, with milk for the bottle trade commanding a higher price than factory milk. Thus wheat for human consumption would be at the higher price and wheat for animal feed at a lower price. This has the enthusiastic support of stockraisers and poultrymen who would like cheaper feeds. Another version of the two-price system was the old wheat certificate plan by which the surplus would go to the world price and the loss be distributed among all producers.

With the parity program now so long in effect and wheat tied in with so many other crops it will not be easy to get Congress to break away and adopt the program favored by growers themselves. So the prospect is that government will be in the wheat business as at present for a long time to come. The statistics quoted show the magnitude of exports of Northwest wheat and the necessity of keeping the channels open so that this surplus can flow to consuming markets.

Quote for the Day

If news and ideas, as well as goods, are free to cross international boundaries, then armed forces will most probably never do so.

—Arthur Hays Sulzberger

## Lincoln Day Talks Rebuke 'Corruption'

By The Associated Press  
Republicans in a series of Lincoln Day speeches Tuesday night raked the administration on the "corruption" and spending issues. They promised a government of integrity and clearer thinking if returned to power.

Senators, representatives, and governors led the parade of speakers who not only lambasted the Democrats but cautioned their own party to get closer to the people in the manner of the Great Emancipator.

Candidates for the GOP presidential nomination largely avoided personal rivalries for the moment to concentrate the attack on Truman and Roosevelt policies.

But Gov. Earl Warren of California, an avowed candidate for the GOP presidential nomination, hit at the clock party who would "like to turn the clock back." He mentioned no names in a speech at Boston.

And Sen. Duff of Pennsylvania, a backer of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, cracked down on a group of Republicans he said are engaging in "vicious personalities" and have set up "a nation-wide organized campaign on the basis of hate."

Duff, in a speech for a party rally at Carlisle, Pa., did not name names and said "I do not know who is responsible for the organizational set-up."

Gov. Warren said his party "shouldn't be afraid of collective bargaining" or of "social security." If those within the GOP who want to turn the clock back succeed, he said, the party will be doomed to "permanent minority status." He said Republicans would "grub out the corruption and favoritism that is now shocking the nation."

## Bob Waterfield Fails to Laugh At Jane Joke

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP)—References to Jane Russell's curves provoked a nightclub flareup between her husband, husky pro footballer Bob Waterfield, and comic Ben Blue, author of the remarks.

It was disclosed Tuesday that bloodless Waterfield buried Sunday night during Blue's comedy act at a local nightclub.

Blue explained to reporters that his gags that night included one about Miss Russell's figure. The actress and her husband were in the audience. Blue said he had invited them as his guests.

The comic said he realized his gag was unpopular when he saw the scowl on Waterfield's face. After the act, Blue said he left the dining room but Waterfield followed, accosted him and grabbed his coat lapels. There, according to Blue's account, the incident ended.

Waterfield was not available for comment. "I'm very sorry and I tried to apologize," said Blue. The comic, not a large man, added: "If he'd hit me he'd killed me."

"Miss Russell said 'forget it, he'll be all right,'" Blue added. The comic's parting word was: "It's all Waterfield under the bridge now."

## Dallas Farmer Succumbs to Heart Attack

DALLAS—John Dalke, elderly semi-retired farmer, collapsed dead of a heart attack following a meeting in Rickreall Tuesday afternoon.

Dalke had attended a farmers' co-operative meeting at Rickreall, had left the meeting and was walking to his car when he was stricken. Polk County Coroner J. Paul Bollman pronounced him dead when he arrived on the scene a short time later.

According to a cousin, Arnold Dalke of Dallas, the deceased was about 68 years old. He came to Dallas about two years ago from Newport, Wash., where he had farmed. Survivors include the widow, a son at Albany and other children out of the state.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by the Bollman Funeral Home.

## The Safety Valve

GIVES WARNING To The Editor:

A word of warning to young and old. As I read the article in the daily paper this morning about the awful tragedy which happened South-East of Lebanon, Ore. to six teenagers, I could not help but feel the urge to write this article, for the Oregon Statesman. The question came to me. Who is to blame for that awful accident? First I must say the parents of those youngsters are to blame because they did not bring their children up in the fear and admonition of the Lord. Secondly all the people or at least the majority of the people of Oregon are to blame for voting into law to let whiskey and beer be sold at hundreds and hundreds of places teenagers will get in possession of this awful stuff which is the ruination of all who fall prey to it. Thirdly the young folks themselves are to blame for the parents of those youngsters, driving along at reckless speed.

Let us take to heart what God's holy word tells us in Galatians 6. Be not deceived: if you are not mocked, for whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap for he that soweth to the flesh, shall of the flesh reap corruption, but he that soweth to the spirit, shall of the spirit reap

life everlasting." This warning is written with a prayer and hope that it may bring someone or many to stop and reason with himself and change from bad to good. by an ex minister. John H. Voth 1116 Washington St. Dallas, Oregon

## It's FUN to keep fit!



## Sun Valley Bread



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"Made by the Bakers of Master Bread"

## Indian Reservation Deputy Pleads Guilty of Extortion

PORTLAND (AP)—Darrell Campagna, special deputy for the Indian Service at the Klamath Reservation, pleaded guilty Tuesday to charging a truck driver money to cross part of the Reservation.

The driver was carrying Christmas trees, and Campagna told him he was trespassing. Campagna was convicted of extortion. Less than \$100 was involved. Sentencing is set for March 5.

COULTER APPOINTED  
PORTLAND (AP)—Ray Coulter, Grants Pass attorney and former state representative, Tuesday was appointed field representative for the League of Oregon Cities.