

Geer Reunion Here Sunday; Actor Member Due as Guest

The 31st annual reunion of the Geer family will take place Sunday at the A. A. Geer home on Garden Road, with a basket dinner beginning at 1 p.m.

Honor guest at the affair will be Perl W. Geer, native of Marion County and now a prominent character actor residing in Boston, Mass. This is the first time in 34 years he has returned to Salem.

Salem Youths To Compete in July 25 Show

Two Salem boys will compete in the state finals of the Marine Corps League All-State Amateur Show at Portland, whose date has been changed from July 17 to 25.

Originally planned for the Portland auditorium, the show will now be held at Benson Polytechnic High School on the 25th.

Representing Salem will be Robert Payne, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Payne, and Larry Springer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Les Springer. Both are sophomores in Salem high school.

They won the Salem area contest recently with a pantomime act set to records of Spike Jones.

In using balloons to lift weight, it takes about 14 cubic feet of helium to lift one pound.

Geer says he broke onto the stage in 1938 when the producers of "Our Town" wanted somebody to do "bucoic sounds." Under the stage name of Willard Cary he chirped like a cricket and imitated other sounds.

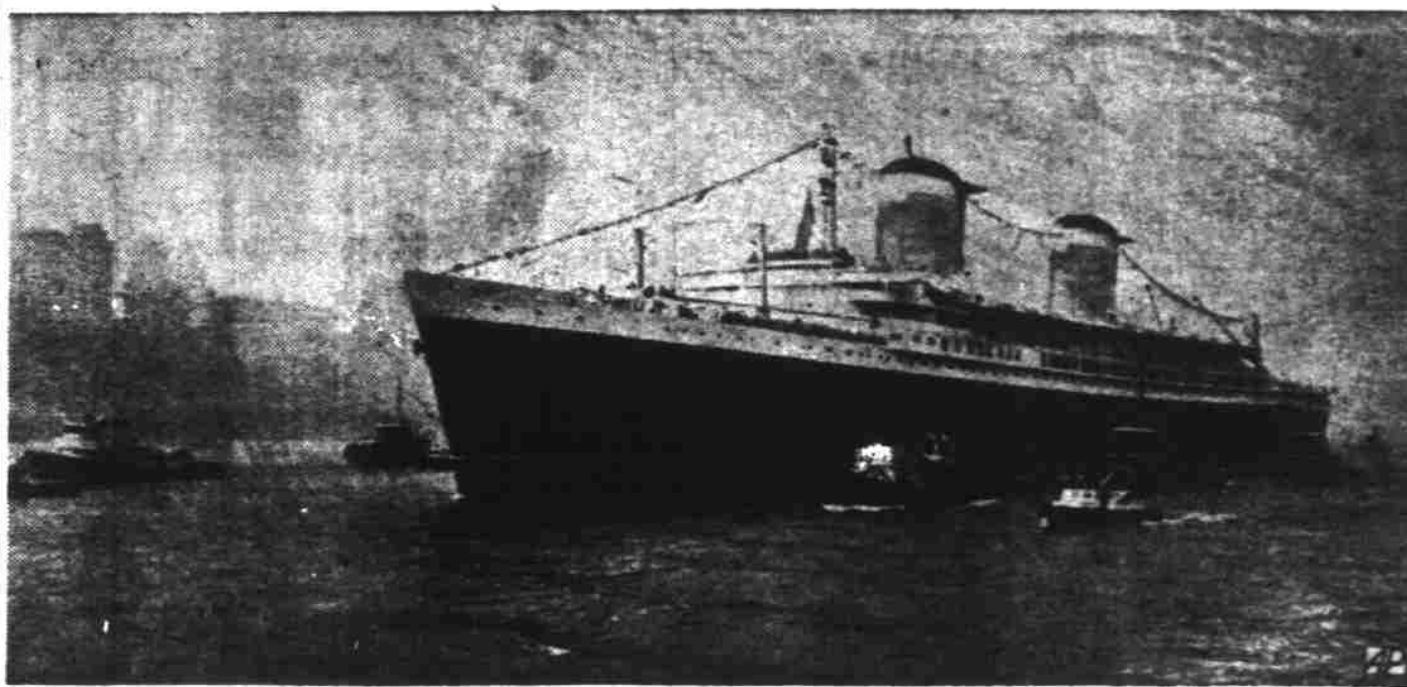
From there he went on to character acting parts in several other plays. He and his sister, Mrs. Ida Clymer of Yuma, Ariz., are here visiting with their nephew, Waldo Geer, 1395 N. Cottage St.

Perl Geer was born on a farm in the Waldo Hills. At the age of 16 he went to Eastern Oregon and later returned to Silverton, where he worked in the store of Adolph Wolf. He married the boss' daughter, Sophia Wolf, and later went east. For a time he was a reporter on the New York Evening Mail and worked with his cousin, Homer Davenport, the famous cartoonist.

The Geer family is descended from Joseph Carey Geer, an early Oregon pioneer.

"Old Black Joe" was written by Stephen Foster in 1860 in New York City.

A Queen and Her Ladies



NEW YORK—Small harbor craft escort America's superliner, the United States, past lower Manhattan as the 53,000-ton ship completes two-way conquest of the Atlantic in record time. The 990-foot ship made outbound maiden voyage in three days, 10 hours and 10 minutes and the homebound crossing in three days, 12 hours and 12 minutes, for new records. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman.)

FIRM SWITCHES PRODUCTS

FRANKLIN, Minn. (AP) — A Franklin firm has switched from grinding wheat into flour to grinding corn cobs into an abrasive product. The abrasive is used for numerous metal polishing jobs. An arsenal is using it to polish shells

and guns; a stove manufacturer also polishes with it. The hard shell of the cob is ground into the abrasive.

LINDY MUSEUM DEDICATED

LITTLE FALLS, Minn. (AP) — A small museum containing heirlooms of the Charles A. Lindbergh

family has been dedicated in the old Lindbergh home here. The collection includes the famed flier's toy soldiers, fishing tackle, family china and carved items. A damaged wooden propeller is hung on one wall. The museum-home is in Lindbergh State Park.

Trial of DAV Suit Closes; Judge Ponders

Court trial arguments in a suit involving fractions of the Disabled American Veterans, Salem Chapter 6, ended Wednesday and Judge Howard K. Zimmerman of Astoria took the case under advisement.

The suit was brought by the Salem DAV chapter against the Veterans Living Memorial Association in an attempt to regain property funds. Involved in the controversy is property at North Church and Marion Streets, the proposed

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site of a DAV-sponsored veterans memorial building.

Defendants introduced an array of witnesses in the closing hours Wednesday in an attempt to show that the Memorial Association would have continued to function properly and complete the building if the suit had not been filed.

Plaintiffs have attempted to prove that the association is defunct and is not performing any longer. The suit also asks that the building association be dissolved by court order.

MOUSE BITES CAT

IRWIN, Idaho (AP)—Three on-lookers say this happened: The big white tom cat belonging to George Clark attempted to catch a mouse. The rodent leaped up and bit the cat on the neck. The astonished cat shook the mouse loose and fled down the street.

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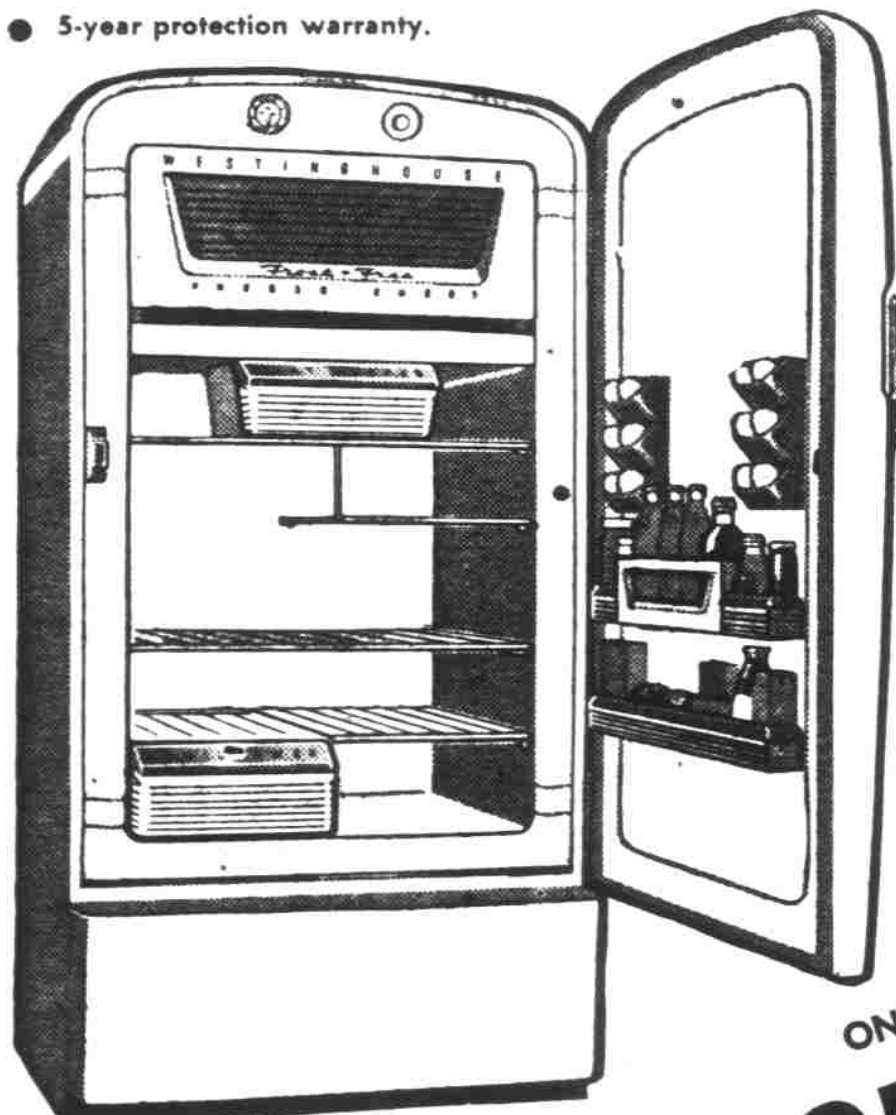
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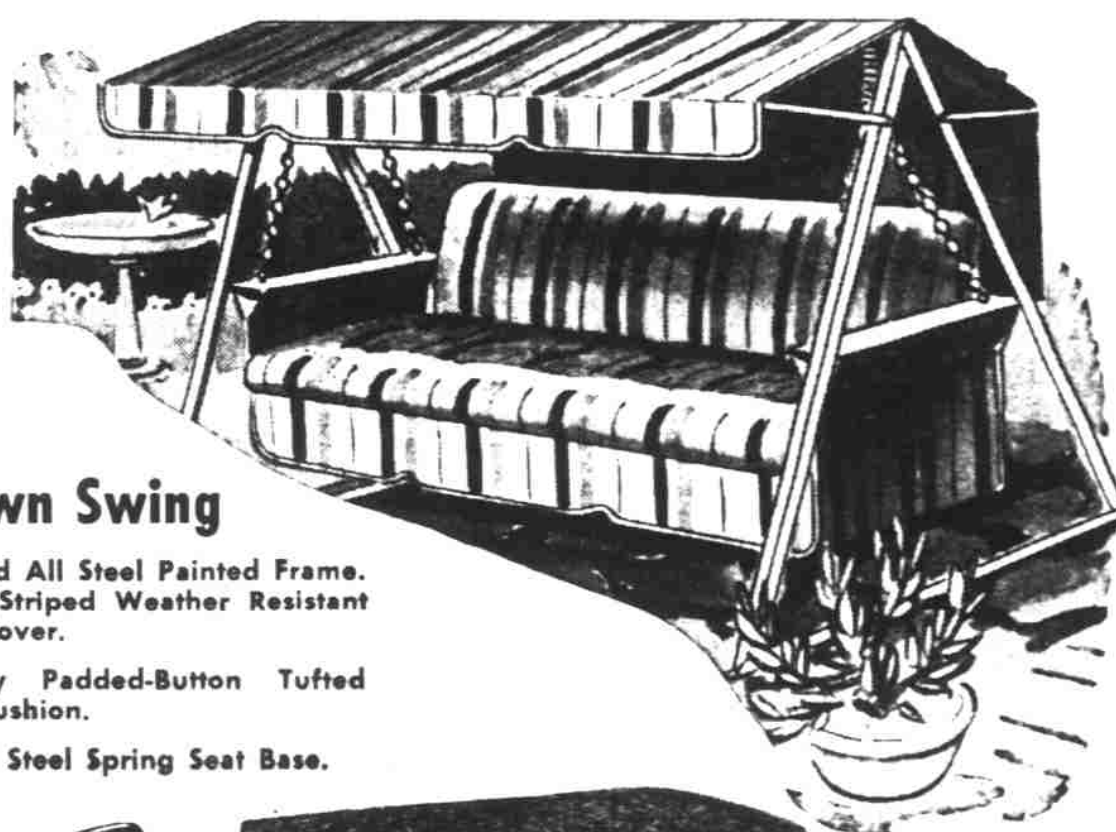
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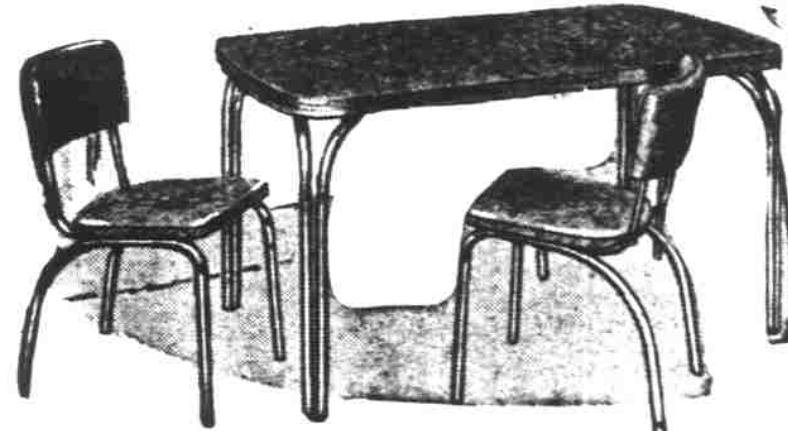


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