



These two fellows admit it's "not easy" to break up this companionship for the next two years. Charles Thompson, who has been with the New Jersey Extension Service for the past 35 years, and will leave June 7 for Tel-Aviv in Israel, on a two-year assignment, is visiting at the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. George Huggins in their new home, 1365 Heather Lane. While here Stuart Huggins, 2, and his grandfather have become great pals. (Statesman Farm Photo.)

Salem Visitor En Route to Israel as Farming Expert

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"Basically you have to have a good agriculture to have a good nation. Truly, so called 'times' are no better than is the agriculture or farming of the country," Charles Thompson said as we sat chatting in the attractive new home of his son-in-law and daughter, the George Huggins's, at 1365 Heather Lane. Mr. Thompson is here for a few days visit.

Mr. Thompson, who has been with the extension service in New Jersey for the past 35 years, knows agriculture. That is why he has been chosen to leave his work as state leader of extension agents in New Jersey and go to Israel for a two year contract. "Tough Time"

"The Israelites, who have been having a very tough time of it, have come to realize that until the agriculture of their land is improved, no other conditions will be improved for long," Mr. Thompson elaborated his theory. "I have never been to Israel," the national agriculturist went on. "But since Mrs. Thompson and I learned of the appointment and decided to accept it in January, we have been studying the new country—a country so new with a people so old. Food supplies are very short there. The climate, we find is much like Miami or Southern California. Citrus fruit is one of the big crops. There is some poultry and some grain. What we hope to do is help start growing 'two blades of grass where one grew before'."

Mr. Thompson philosophized a bit: "I have a feeling that if we

Contract of Idaho Truck Union Ends

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—A contract between teamsters and Utah Idaho freight truck lines ran out Sunday midnight, with a strike apparently put off for at least a few more hours.

The contract ran out as a union official accused the companies of a lock-out. Company spokesmen, in turn, said the union had delivered a strike ultimatum.

Fullmer H. Latta, secretary-treasurer of the AFL Teamsters Joint Council 67 and spokesman for locals involved in Utah and Idaho, said:

"Although the members of the respective teamsters local unions, by secret ballot, have authorized a strike, we are not on strike." He said operators were attempting a lock-out by posting bulletins advising union members not to report to work until further notification.

But he said union officials advised their membership to report for their regular shifts Monday morning.

The teamsters are seeking, Latta said earlier, wage increases of 20 to 30 cents an hour, plus fringe benefits.

Retail Sales Hike Forecast

NEW YORK (AP)—Sales Management magazine Sunday estimated retail sales in May would reach 15 billion dollars, a five per cent increase over the total for the like month in 1954. It will be the sixth consecutive month in which retail sales scored a gain over the preceding year of at least five per cent, the magazine said.

All departments will participate in the upturn but the greatest increase during May is expected to be automotive outlets—a whopping 21 per cent over the like month a year ago, the magazine said.

The magazine said prices are not rising and that competition remains keen in the retail field. Cities expected to make a better showing than the national average were listed as including Eugene, and Portland, Ore.

2 U.S. Agencies Agree on Water Control Projects

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of Interior McKay Sunday announced approval of a revised agreement between the Reclamation Bureau and the National Park Service covering recreational development at water control projects.

The agreement affirms that all reclamation reservoir areas, except those of national recreational significance or important for fish and wildlife purposes, will be made available for recreational development by other federal, state or local agencies.

The new memorandum permits regional directors of the two Interior Department agencies to negotiate and sign agreements for such development by state or local authorities.

Mrs. Spale of Mt. Angel Dies

Statesman News Service

MT. ANGEL — Mrs. Mary Spale, 77, a native of Czechoslovakia and resident of Mt. Angel for the past 20 years, died Sunday at a Mt. Angel nursing home after a long illness.

She was born in Czechoslovakia, March 18, 1878, and came to this country as a young woman. She resided in Chicago for a number of years prior to coming to the Mt. Angel area.

Surviving are sons, Frank and Joe Spale, both of Chicago; daughters, Mrs. Tillie Jebb, Chicago, and Mrs. Cecilia Kastigar, San Bernardino, Calif.; a sister, Mrs. Emily Sebesta, Chicago; 12 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Spale was a member of the Catholic Church. Recitation of the Rosary for the St. Anne's Altar Society, of which she was a member, will be

held Monday at 2 p.m. at the Unger funeral home. Public recitation will be at St. Mary's Catholic Church at 8 p.m. Monday and Requiem Mass is scheduled for St. Mary's Church at 8:15 a.m. Tuesday. Interment will follow at Calvary Cemetery.

Restaurant Found 'The Hard Way'

KALAMAZOO, Mich. (AP)—James Bailey was looking for a restaurant when his car went out of control and crashed through the plate glass window of a drugstore. It came to rest against the lunch counter causing \$3,000 damage.

Booked on a reckless driving charge, Bailey, 23, explained: "I was driving fast because I was hungry and in a hurry to find a restaurant."

Fund Drive Nothing Fancy

ORD, Neb.—(UP)—The drive for funds for the local hospital wasn't designed to provide a lot of luxury.

The Weekly Quiz, reporting on the drive, commented: "The hospital got its sheets patched, some old rotten flooring was ripped out and some walls painted; it got some towels; and a good set of diapers are ready for premature babies. "And the patients have enjoyed a change of jelly."

UNDERSTANDABLE

MINNEAPOLIS (UP)—J. B. Wing, 45, had a ready explanation for crashing into a car ahead of him. He said he was distracted by the presence of a police car.

Burned Mother Follows Three Children in Death

SEATTLE (AP)—A young mother who poured kerosene on a stove fire in their Olympic Peninsula logging community home Friday joned three of her children in death Sunday.

She was Mrs. Lewis Stepp, 24, of Sappho, who died of her burns. One child, Patrick, 4, died outright in the explosion and fire. Another boy, Roger, 6, died within a few hours while being rushed here.

Patricia, Patrick's twin, died Saturday after being brought to the Children's Orthopedic Hospital here.

The father and two other children survive.

Bookkeeper Found Dead In California

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A Swedish blonde bookkeeper, daughter of a Stockholm building contractor, was found dead in her apartment Saturday. Police said after an autopsy Sunday that death was due to an air embolism apparently caused by an attempted abortion.

The victim was Miss Birgit Johansson, 25. Last Dec. 12, the Stockholm newspaper Aftonbladet said Miss Johansson would marry Mel Whitfield, U. S. track star. Whitfield denied it, and after that Miss Johansson said the report was due to a misunderstanding.

Whitfield's brother-in-law, Horace P. Clark, said the runner left three days ago for a track meet in Trinidad. Clark said Miss Johansson and the two-time Olympic 800-meter champion met during the 1952 Olympics in Europe but that they never dated.

Police said nothing has been found in the case to involve Whitfield.

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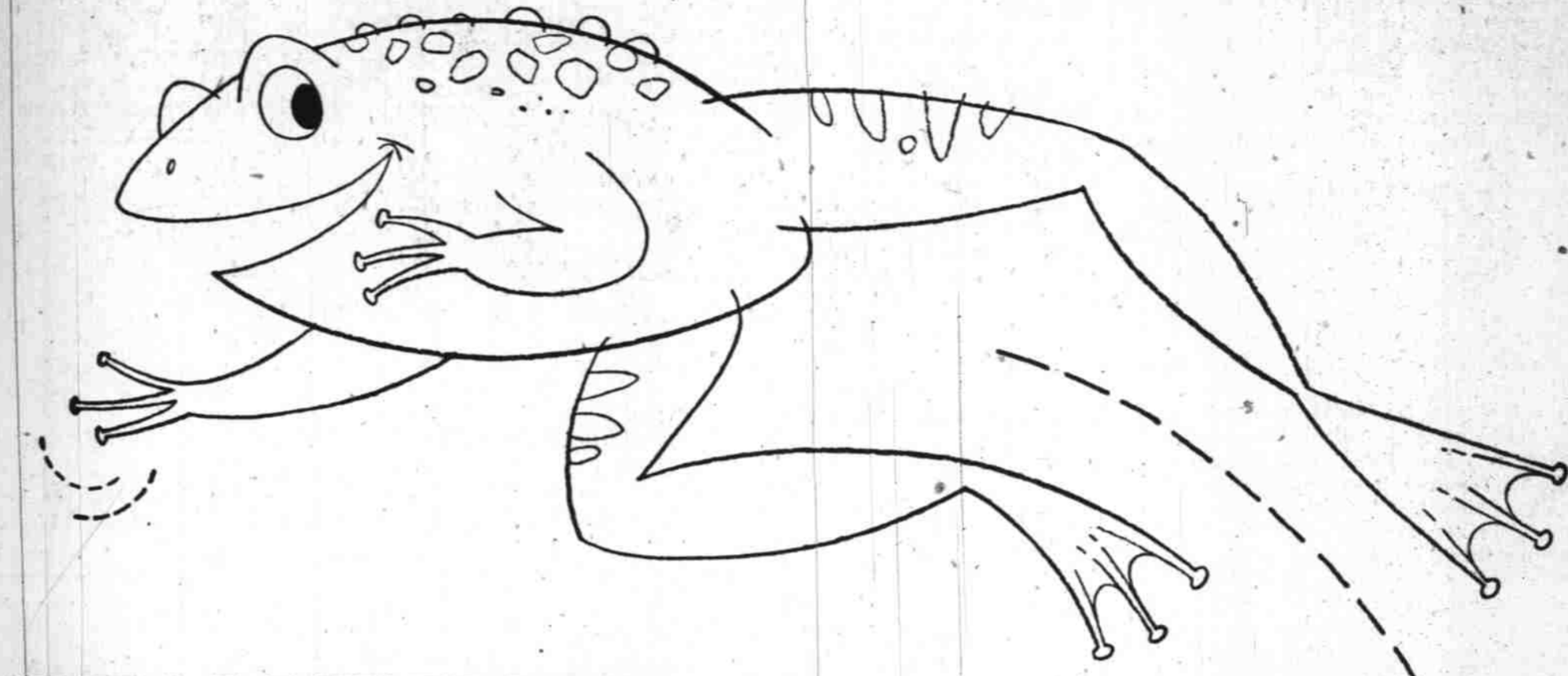
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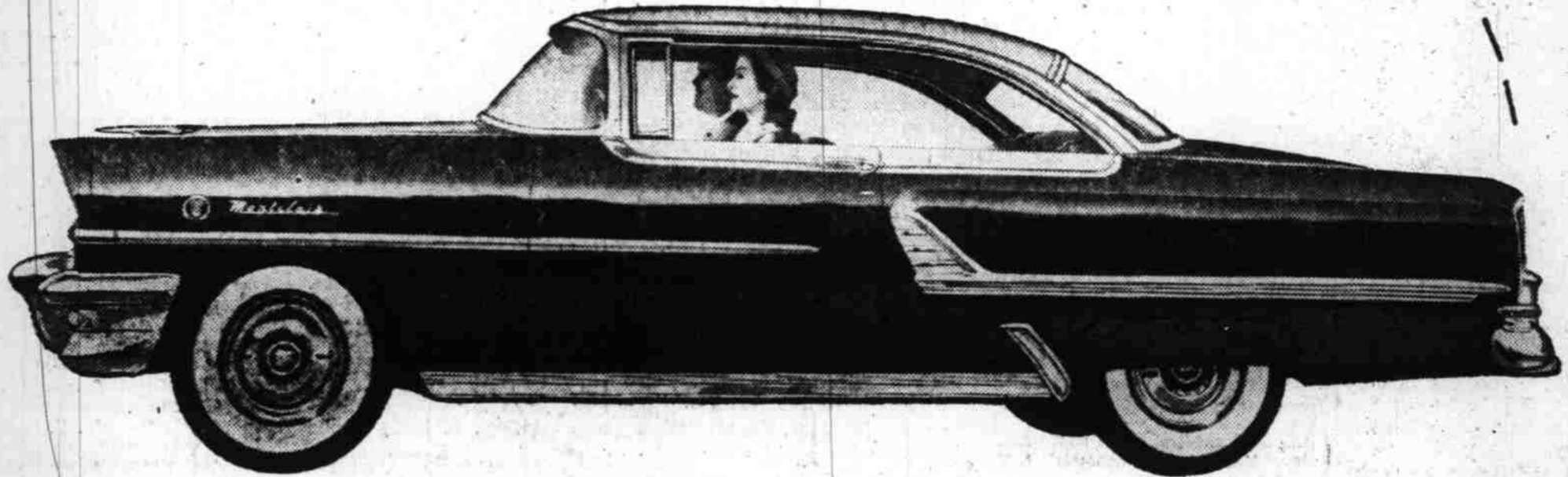
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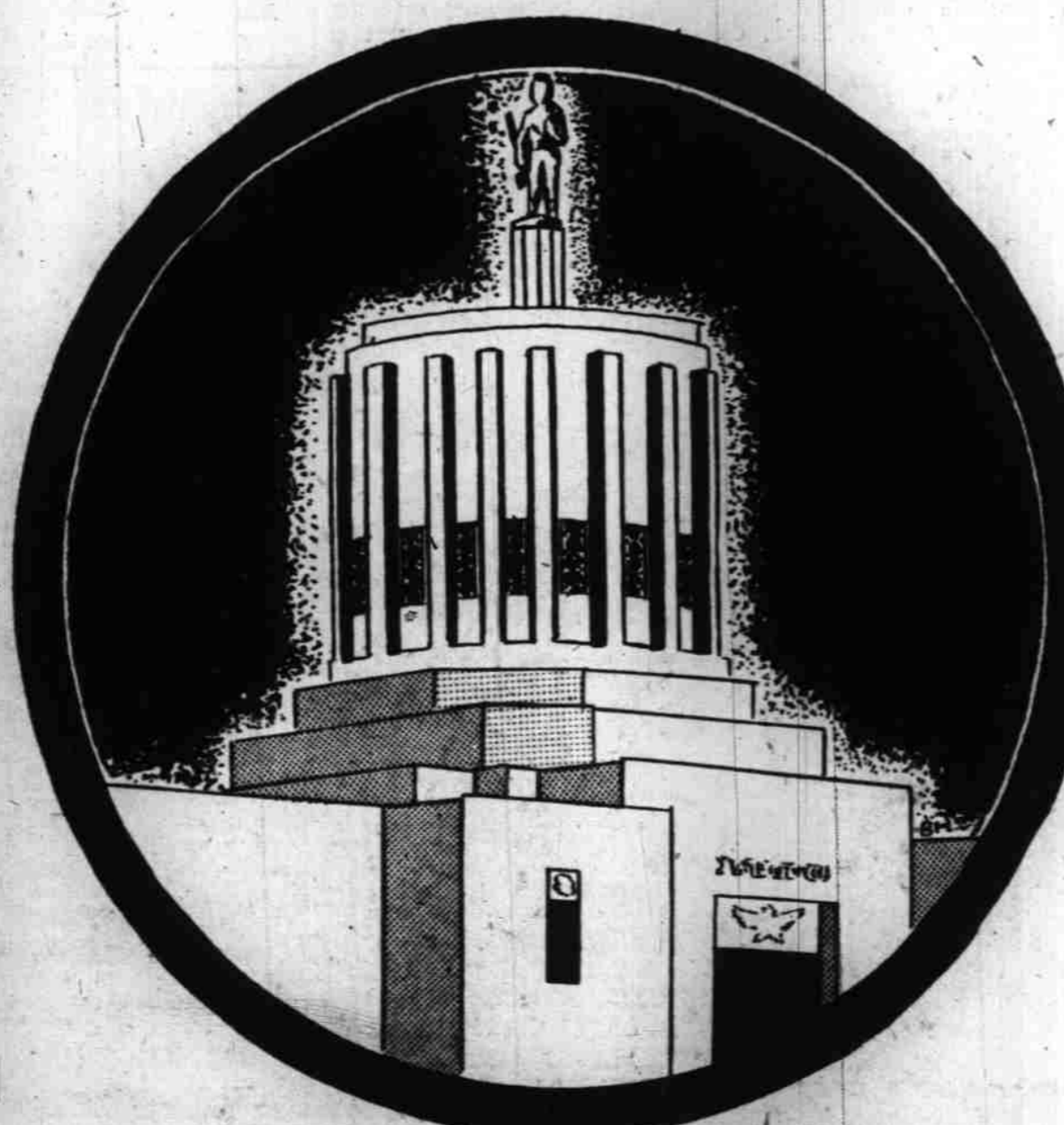
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