



THE FLORENCE SWANS

The Wrong Swan Song Pays Off With 60 Days

A beautiful white swan is better alive than dead. So a Florence father and son found out Tuesday.

Sheriff C. A. Swarts said Wednesday that Willie Marvin McGaughey, 56, and his 17-year-old son, Jack, were commencing a 60-day jail sentence for illegally shooting and possessing a swan.

The father and son were arrested by state police from Florence after killing the big bird near the coast city.

The two were sentenced in the Florence justice of the peace court and also ordered to pay a \$200 fine.

Road Officials Hunt Snow Plow

WALLA WALLA, Wash.—(AP)—Highway officials Monday went hunting for a snow plow.

When last seen, it was chugging through big drifts on the Weston-Tollgate, Ore., highway. The operator abandoned it when he saw the snow was too deep.

When he returned to the approximate spot later there was no snowplow.

Plane Crash Takes Family of Seven

MAXVILLE, Ont.—(AP)—All seven members of a prominent Montreal family were killed Sunday night in the crash of an airplane in which they were returning home from a visit in the Ottawa district.

The twin-engine monoplane developed engine trouble about 80 minutes after it took off from the Ottawa airport and crashed near a farmhouse six miles north of this southeastern Ontario town.

The dead were Wallace C. Siple, president of the Siple Aircraft Co., Montreal; his wife, Annie Irene; and their five children, ranging in age from four to 11 years.

They had been visiting Siple's parents at Hawkesbury, Ont., about 30 miles north of here.



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Economists Eye Prices, Business

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Are prices, business and employment undergoing just a healthy readjustment, or is something starting that could become a full-fledged recession?

That's a question that has Washington uneasy today.

Government economists, watching every change in their charts with unusual attention, says it's too early to give an answer. The administration continues to make plans to combat inflation in some fields, deflation in others.

The experts agree that we have seen the end of constant new highs in every part of the economy, and that the peak of prosperity for farmers seems definitely past. But they don't agree on how far the general downturn is likely to go—or how far it should go for the nation's own good.

So far, drops in prices, production and employment have not approached temporary setbacks of June, 1947, and February, 1948. The pattern is the same, however, and experts agree that it cannot all be blamed on seasonal declines.

Many economic indexes stand near or slightly below those of one year ago. A few are considerably lower. But others, such as certain retail prices, rents and wages still are climbing.

Therefore, government economists say, you can prepare good arguments to prove we are headed for a full-fledged recession, and you can think up equally good reasons why we have nothing to worry about. It all depends on which figures you use and how you use them.

The government spokesmen say a one-month drop in a few economic factors can serve only as a signal to watch the future more closely.

Czech Miners Feared Dead

PRAGUE—(AP)—Seven-nine miners, 60 of them on a rescue mission, were feared dead Monday as the result of a coal mine disaster in northeastern Moravia, radio Prague reported.

The broadcast said nineteen miners were trapped Saturday when coal dust or methane gas exploded and fires and fallen rock sealed off the exit.

Sixty volunteers entered the pit Sunday, the broadcast said, and a terrific blast occurred.

Three men standing at the mine entrance were knocked down, one of them requiring hospitalization for internal injuries, the broadcast said.

Hazel Scott Objects To Restaurant Rule

SPOKANE—(AP)—Negro pianist Hazel Scott said Saturday she was refused service in a Pasco restaurant because of her race.

Miss Scott said she and her secretary, Mrs. Eunice Wolfe, were told by a waitress, cashier and manager that colored persons were not served in the restaurant.

She said a protest to the police drew the reply that the management had the right to take the action.

Miss Scott, wife of Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., congressman from New York, will appear here in concert Tuesday.

Obsidians Make First Winter Ski Trip

Tony Vogel led the first Obsidian winter ski trip to the top of Odell Butte Sunday, reporting views of Davis, Odell, Crescent and Klamath Lakes, and excellent skiing.

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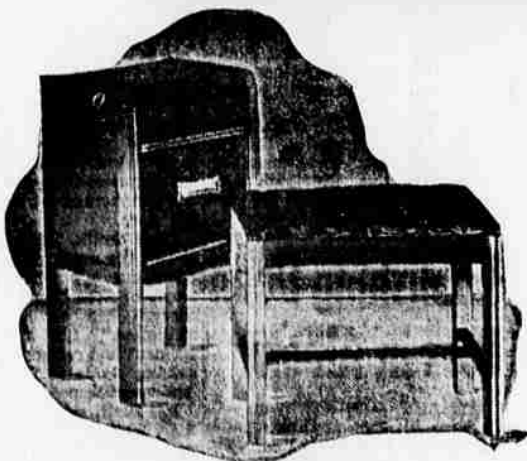
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