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Two primaries will be held today, one in New York, the other in Pennsylvania is expected to be heavy, in New York, light. Both parties in both states will send their delegates to the national conventions in Chicago unopposed.

NEW YORK, in the GOP race for presidential convention today, Gen. Eisenhower appears certain to get most of the 99 delegates. Dewey is leading him. Supporters of Sen. Kefauver claim 20 delegates, as yet unnamed.

The Democratic Party appears to cast the bulk of its 94 New York votes at the convention for W. Averell Harriman, who is running for mutual security. Pennsylvania's presidential preference election, only two days are on the ballot, Eisenhower and Harold E. Stassen, Republicans. But any voter in either state may write in the name of his choice.

W. Averell Harriman has advised supporters in the state not to write his name on the results of the preferential vote to legally bind delegates to party conventions. The Democratic state organization has not backed any specific presidential candidate, but State Senator Samuel G. Neff said the organization will be surprised by the result for Sen. Kefauver of New York.

Observance Set  
to Honor Poet

REGON CITY — (AP) — Next Tuesday will mark the 100th anniversary of the birth here of John Markham, poet who gained national recognition from "The Man and the Hoe," published in 1899. The public observance of the poet here will start Sunday with a meeting in the Methodist church where a recording Markham made of his most famous poem will be played. On the anniversary date, plaques will be placed in Library Park on a landscaped traffic divider at his birthplace. The garage is located on the site of Markham's birthplace.

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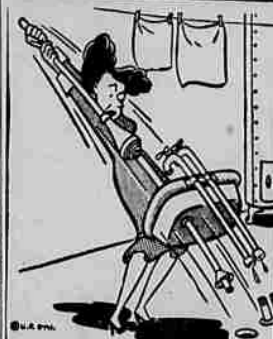
OKYO—(U.P.)—U. S. Army purchases in Japan as special procurement orders are expected to total \$1 million for the past 12 months, it was estimated by the department Sunday.



BACKS ESTES—Sen. Paul H. Douglas, a "Northern liberal," endorses Sen. Estes Kefauver for the presidency at a Washington, D.C., news conference. Douglas said the people are for Kefauver.

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Feeble-Mindedness Can Be Cured

By SIDNEY FEINGOLD  
Associated Press Staff Writer  
COLUMBUS, O.—(AP)—Dr. Lise Gellner, a pleasant-faced woman physician from London, is convinced feeble-mindedness can be cured. Now she's been given the chance to work out her ideas in the United States.  
The English doctor, awarded a fellowship for an indefinite appointment at the Columbus State School, began her studies of mentally handicapped children at the institution in February.  
Dr. Gellner's theory is that a defect of the brain need not produce a defect of the mind. She says she already has been successful in teaching "hopeless" mental defectives to read and write.  
Stout, brown-haired Dr. Gellner began her specialized study of mental retardation five years ago, after practicing medicine for 25 years. The youngest of her three children—22-year-old Michael—was born mentally defective.

Doctors told her repeatedly that Michael could not be educated, but she refused to accept their verdict.  
"I knew that my son, in spite of many limitations, had also a number of abilities," Dr. Gellner explained.  
Specialists insisted that in feeble-minded children "the potentialities of mental growth have been stunted or destroyed . . . and it is no use to attempt the impossible."  
But Dr. Gellner said she found the impossible possible.  
"My son, despite his handicaps, made very definite advancements," she explained. "I taught him in a manner in which one would teach a blind child. I based my teaching on my theory."  
"Now he can type and do all the things that his personal well-being requires."  
BY THE TIME Michael was 17, the English doctor said, her family's financial position was secure enough so that she could give up her medical appointment and start out to investigate what happened

in the brains of children which made them feeble-minded.  
The assumption made in all previous medical views on the cause of mental deficiency has been that the trouble, or "lesion," was in the cerebral cortex. The generally accepted interpretation has been that this is due to some inborn failure to develop.  
Dr. Gellner says that the cortex like other parts of the human body, develops only when it is stimulated to develop; that the capacity for higher mental activities is intact in mentally retarded persons, but the messages necessary for these functions can't get through. The cortex fails to develop because of long disuse.  
The London specialist stresses that usually it is not the simple, individual senses, such as hearing and seeing, that the block interferes with, but the tying together of these senses that is lost.  
CAREFUL testing of a mentally retarded child may reveal the presence of some particular trouble in tying together nerve impulses, Dr. Gellner adds, and

further testing will almost always reveal some normally unused pathway to the main center of the brain which still is open.  
By teaching the child through such senses she hopes to develop intelligence which otherwise would never appear.  
One noted specialist in the study of the brain has remarked of Dr. Gellner's work: "The promise which lies in her theory is incalculable."

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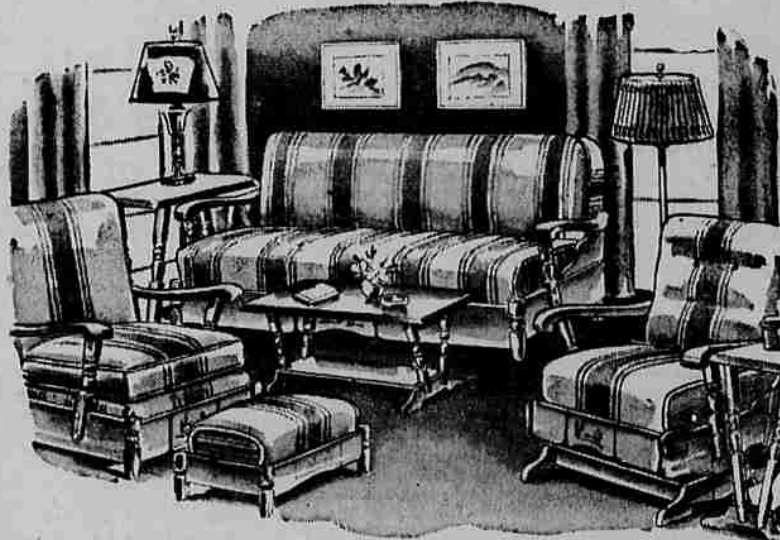
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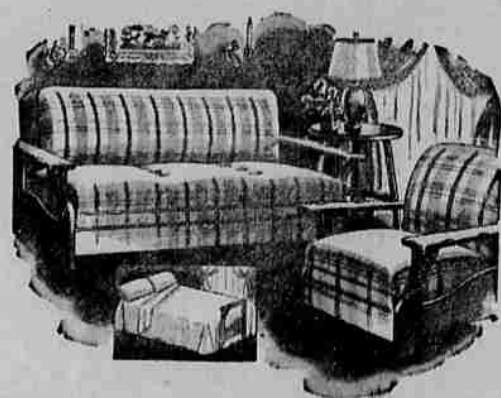
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