



HE'S CAUGHT THE SPIRIT—Strictly noncommercial during the Christmas season is Charles Keating of Leavenworth, Kans. He makes Christmas Nativity scenes, like the one shown with him above, and gives them away as presents. He refuses to sell them. Keating says his profit comes in the form of Christmas spirit. He has been making the scenes from wood and straw for 10 years.

Accused Pair Bound Over

PORTLAND (UP) — William Clarence Peddicord, 38, and Mrs. Joyce Keller, 28, yesterday were bound over to a Multnomah county grand jury, accused of the bombing of Meier & Frank Co. store here last April.

The two waived preliminary hearing before Municipal Judge J. J. Quillan. Judge Quillan reduced bail from \$75,000 to \$25,000 on each of the accused.

Peddicord, an unemployed blind chemist, has admitted the bomb-extortion plan against the department store firm and has implicated Mrs. Keller, his sister-in-law. He said she served as his "eyes."

Mrs. Keller has refused to make a statement to police and has not obtained counsel. Her former husband Clifford Keller 30 appeared in court and said arrangements would be made to obtain counsel.

Peddicord was represented by Attorney James Hatley.

Illinois motor vehicle registration in 1955 through October was 3,300,000, which was 180,000 more than in all of 1954.

Students Rent Works of Art

OBERLIN, O. (UP) — Students at Oberlin University are given the opportunity to have a different original painting or reproduction in their room each semester.

The pictures are hung in a general showing for several days after each semester opens. Then, on a specified day they are offered for rent. Depending on the speed the student uses to gain a good place in the lines that form on rental day, he may have his first, second, or third choice.

Each item rents for 50 cents a semester. The funds are used to purchase more works of art.

BEHIND IN TAXES

CHICAGO (UP)—Cook County officials filed a tax delinquency suit of \$56,139 against the Women's Christian Temperance Union. It charged that the training of anti-liquor missionaries at the society's Evanston headquarters does not make it tax exempt.

Washington was the 42nd state to be admitted to the Union.

Is West Berlin In Peril Again From Commies?

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BERLIN (UP)—Is West Berlin in peril again?

Do the almost daily incidents, the arrests, riots, Communist threats to seal off the city and the "sovereignty" given the East Germans mean the Reds are getting ready for a showdown to try to push out the Americans, British and French?

This correspondent has been posted in Berlin much of the time since World War II, and frankly I don't know.

No one on the Western side professes to know, but certainly there are signs in the threats and tensions of the past few weeks which indicate that the West may be faced again with the blockade it broke seven years ago only by miracle of the airlift and the spending of millions of dollars.

Is the West capable of mounting another airlift?

The answer to that is an emphatic yes!

The man who ran the 1948-49 airlift was Gen. William H. Tunner. Now he is commander of the U. S. Air Force in Europe.

Standing by Tunner, asked about the possibility of a new air lift, said "We are ready to do anything within our capabilities that our headquarters orders us to do."

Asked if the capabilities included mounting an airlift, he answered "Yes."

Some aviation authorities assert a new air lift would be even more successful and easier to mount than the last one when, from June, 1948, to May, 1949, the American and British air forces carried in 2,243,301 tons of food and other supplies on 277,264 flights.

The Air Force now is better equipped. It has better guidance systems, better radar, more supplies. New high altitude transports such as the C118 and C132 could fly faster and above the weather.

But there are hitches. Back in 1948 the two million West Berliners in this outpost 110 miles inside Russian-occupied territory were barely existing and the problem was merely to keep West Berlin alive.

Now the city has considerable prosperity. Businesses have been re-established which must have contact with the outside to survive.

An oil tanker can carry 145,000 barrels of residual fuel oil, or the equivalent of 36,250 tons of coal.



TAKING ON HALF A HELICOPTER—A helicopter that can be dismantled is being tested by the Air Force as a means of quickly bringing troops to combat areas. It's the Piasecki H-21 tandem-rotor helicopter, which carries 20 men. The craft would be dismantled, flown to the land base nearest the combat area, and then reassembled. It would then fly the troops to out-of-the-way areas. The forward half of the H-21 is shown above being loaded onto a C-124 Globemaster at Sewart Air Force Base, Tenn. It is the first large helicopter to be portable.



THROWBACK TO A BYGONE ERA—Scenes like this—showing horses frightened by an automobile—were common enough in the early 1900's, but they're pretty rare today. Matter of fact, dry horses themselves are rare. This picture was taken on Mackinac Island, Mich., where, except in emergency, no cars are permitted on the island. So when Buick decided to take its 1956 models there for advertising photos, special permission was necessary. The island's City Council required the cars to be towed through the city behind horse-drawn carriages instead of running under their own power. Despite the fact the cars were towed behind slow-moving wagons, this team of horses and another became frightened and ran away.

How School's Colors Changed

KENT, O. (UP) — Time was when Kent State University had school colors of orange and black.

Today's color scheme is blue and gold.

The big change came about as a result of an economy-minded administration and a football uniform washing. Kent State's first football outfits were, like the school colors, orange and black.

After their first washing the uniform colors faded into a mellow blue and gold.

The economy-minded front office decided blue and gold was just as good a color scheme as orange and black.

Murder Charges Faced by Bailey

TILLAMOOK (UP)—Grant Bailey, 33, Rockaway, was charged yesterday with first degree murder in the double slaying last Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Peccard of Warm Springs at Bailey's home.

The county was deputized by Tillamook County Chief Deputy Sheriff Hallie Island. Bailey was arraigned before Justice of the Peace Walter J. Herd and the case was continued until today to give Bailey time to consult with an attorney.

Bailey told officers the shootings occurred during a fight after he had ordered the Peccards from his home.

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French Accent on New Years

PRAIRIE DU ROCHER, Ill. (UP) — About the time smartly dressed residents of big cities are getting ready to celebrate New Year's Eve, a band of people wearing grotesque masks and beggar-like costumes will gather in this southern Illinois village.

They will meet to take part in La Guiannee, a holiday rite that has been celebrated in the town a short distance from the Mississippi River's banks for more than 200 years.

Once La Guiannee was an all-male affair but now women are included in the group of 20 singers and two or three violinists. Some of the members have been singing La Guiannee for 60 years or more.

The same routine is followed year after year. After the singers gather, they start their tour of the village, trying to arrive at each house as quietly as possible.

When they reach a doorway, the song leader and the musicians immediately begin the song. The leader, tapping out the beat with a walking stick, sings a couplet as a solo and the group repeats it. This continues until the first stanza is ended and the singers pause.

Then the householder, who considers the visit an honor, throws open his door and the group enters and finishes La Guiannee.

The words of the song are in French patois, a language that was common in the years when this village and much of the area were under French control. A stranger may not understand the patois, but he can't mistake the rapt attention of the listeners who, although they may have heard La Guiannee through a lifetime, seem to be hearing it for the first time.

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