



BEAUTY OFF-DUTY—Just sitting around home catching up with school work, Martha Sissell is still pretty as a picture. The 18-year-old Pasadena, Calif., student has been named queen of the New Year's Day Tournament of Roses.

More U.S. religious leaders now oppose capital punishment

By Louis Cassels
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"As the switch is thrown, there is a sputtering drone and the body leaps as if to break the strong leather straps that hold it. Sometimes a wisp of smoke pushes itself out from under the helmet that holds the head electrode, followed by a faint odor of burning flesh. The hands turn red, then white, and the cords of the neck stand out like steel bands."

"After what seems an age but is, in fact, only two minutes... the switch is pulled and the body sags back and relaxes, somewhat as a very tired man would do."

"This description of a legal execution was written by Warden Lewis E. Lawes, who escorted 150 condemned prisoners to the electric chair in New York's Sing Sing Prison."

It is quoted, along with many other accounts of executions, in a new book entitled "Capital Punishment" by James Avery Joyce (Thomas Nelson & Sons, \$5). Joyce is a British lawyer who believes the death penalty is brutal, barbaristic, and ineffective as a deterrent to crime.

"This view is shared by a growing body of America's religious leaders."

Call For Abolition

Within the past four years, eleven major denominations have come out officially for abolition of capital punishment. They are the Episcopal Church, Methodist Church, United Presbyterian Church, Augustana Evangelical Lutheran Church, the Disciples of Christ, the Church of the Brethren, the American Baptist Convention, the Five Year Meeting of Friends, the Unitarian-Universalist Church, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the United Synagogue of America.

A fight against capital punishment also is being waged on an interdenominational basis by councils of churches in New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, California, Illinois, Nevada and Nebraska.

Although the Roman Catholic Church has taken no official position on capital punishment, many Catholic clergy and laymen are active in the drive for abolition. A Catholic, Donal E.J. MacNamara, is president of the American League to Abolish Capital Punishment. The Most Rev. Bernard J. Sheil, auxiliary bishop of Chicago, is chairman of a committee seeking to revoke the death penalty in Illinois.

Opposition Not Unanimous

Opposition to the death penalty is by no means unanimous. The most influential advocate of capital punishment in the United States today is an elder of the United Presbyterian Church, FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover. He cites the Old Testament passages which uphold the principle of exacting "an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, a life for a life."

However, the General Assembly of Hoover's church adopted overwhelmingly in May, 1959, a resolution declaring that "capital punishment cannot be condoned by any interpretation of the Bible" that takes into account the New Testament teachings of Jesus Christ.

These teachings, the Presbyterian assembly said, make it clear that "as Christians we must seek the redemption of evil doers, and not their death."

This assertion—that vengeance is not a Christian motive in dealing with criminals—is a common theme of most church pronouncements against capital punishment.

Advance Other Arguments

Other arguments which religious bodies have advanced for abolition of the death penalty are:

1. It has demonstrably failed as a deterrent to crime. This assertion is supported by statistical studies showing that capital crime rates are no higher, and often are lower, in the nine states which have abolished the

death penalty than in the 41 which retain it.

2. It is unfairly applied. Of the thousands of people who are found guilty of murder, rape or other capital crimes each year, only about 2 per cent are actually executed. Critics say those who go to the chair, gallows or gas chamber are usually the ones who are too poor or ignorant to retain defense counsel for prolonged appeals, or who have become the targets of inflamed public opinion.

3. There are numerous documented cases in which men condemned to death have later been proven innocent.

4. Society is amply protected by a sentence of life imprisonment, and such a sentence leaves the way open for possible rehabilitation of the offender.

5. It is much harder to obtain convictions in cases where the death penalty may be invoked.

Some Challenge Arguments

Hoover and many other law enforcement officials challenge these arguments. They believe the fear of being put to death does prevent some people from committing violent crimes, and that society is entitled to this protection even if it leads to some injustices.

G-P planning research center at Beaverton

PORTLAND (UPI)—A Georgia-Pacific Corp. forest industry research center will be built as the initial facility in a new research park near Beaverton, it was announced here today.

The center will be larger than G-P's present Beaverton laboratory and will serve as headquarters for G-P research operations in other areas, G-P vice president J. L. Buckley said.

The new G-P laboratory will be the first such center in the new Western Industrial Research Park area, a 70-acre tract being developed into sites for research and science-oriented light industry. The tract is being developed by the Alcan-Pacific Co. of Beaverton.

The new park "will offer the suburban setting desired for research establishments and science-based light manufacturing such as electronics," said Alcan-Pacific vice president Robert Curry.

The tract is located just west of Beaverton near the Sunset Highway.

Robert Hess, G-P director of research, said the new laboratory will contain extensive testing and research equipment. He said research would include new types of wood products and chemicals from wood. Construction is expected to get under way in 1962.

Oregon planning director Sam Mallicoate called the research park "a major asset for expanding scientific activity in Oregon."

He said the planning department played a key role in setting up the center.

Temperatures

Temperatures during the 24 hours ending early today.				
	High	Low	Precip.	
Bend	47	29	.76	
Astoria	54	38	1.35	
Baker	—	32	.05	
Brookings	53	45	.40	
K. Falls	45	35	.37	
Medford	58	40	.45	
Newport	55	42	1.22	
N. Bend	59	49	.95	
Pendleton	60	36	.26	
Portland	53	41	1.30	
Redmond	52	51	.38	
Salem	55	42	1.53	
The Dalles	49	38	.66	
Chicago	32	23	—	
Los Angeles	71	49	—	
New York	44	33	—	
San Fran.	58	54	.05	
Washington	48	37	—	

SAGEBRUSHINGS

Decorator screen craze poses location problem

By Ila S. Grant
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The decorator screen is the biggest thing since beaded portieres. Not that I remember beaded portieres, but I've been to a Gay Nineties party or two.

For Gay Nineties parties, you make beaded portieres out of macaroni. Uncooked, and without cheese.

You can make a decorator screen out of almost anything. Old blackboards, pingpong tables, cupboard doors, louvered panels, sheets of cork, slabs of aluminum.

I'm going to be different. I'm going to make a decorator screen out of an old decorator screen.

I'm sure I have one in my diggings. A three-panel jobbie of composition building board, with hinges.

The slick magazines are full of screens. No home should be without one.

A screen is just the gimmick to enclose the telephone, for those whispered teen-age conversations.

A screen is fine to fill in the open space which results when you tear out a partition or two, to achieve that smart all-one-room effect.

A screen is dandy on a stair landing, in case the noted throw rug doesn't live up to its name.

A screen is indispensable in the boudoir, according to a popular (male type) columnist.

I'm going to paint my screen green, and display my Christmas

cards on it. The screen will be sort of a seasonal clip-board. Next month, I can pin on my Christmas bills. In February, it can hold Valentines. In March, income tax receipts. And so on. The possibilities are endless.

I haven't decided exactly where I will put my screen. I think the best spot might be in front of the television set.

Last year I thought I had problems, just figuring out where to put a Christmas tree.

'61 highlights listed by mayor

PORTLAND (UPI) — Mayor Terry Schrunk says Portland's growth as a major convention city is "probably the most significant" achievement for the city this year.

He said mass transit problems and a capital improvement program loom as the biggest problems for 1962.

HIT BY LIGHTNING

EUGENE (UPI) — Lightning struck a home at Waltherville Wednesday and caused minor damage.

The house is owned by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wyse. The couple was home but was not injured.

Two windows were blown out, two mattresses were set afire and two quilts were shredded.

Fire breaks out at plush casino

PARIS (UPI)—A backstage fire at the plush Casino de Paris sent scantily clad showgirls streaming into the streets in freezing temperature early today.

The fire broke out 10 minutes before midnight as the star of the show, Line Renaud, prepared to mount a trapeze for the grand finale of the night's second performance entitled "Pleasures."

"Suddenly, we heard crackling," said one showgirl. "We raised our heads and saw flames. What happened afterwards, I don't know. Everyone fled through the windows, crying and screaming. The decorations fell on the stage. A wardrobe mistress panicked and jumped from a second-story window."

Police said the wardrobe mistress was injured, along with a fireman and two mechanics who were hurt by the falling scenery.

Dancers, wardrobe mistresses, mannikins, actors and actresses—many of them clad in brief costumes—gathered in the cafe across the street to watch firemen from five stations pump water into the building.

The blaze was extinguished after about an hour.

The variety theater's safety curtain was rung down and the customers were escorted out safely.

Police investigators said the fire was caused by a short circuit in a stage light.



IN GRIP OF CUSTOM—A new and utterly charming technique of eating toast with chopsticks is introduced by Hro Duk Yoo, 9-year-old member of a Korean War orphan choir visiting Detroit. She doesn't trust the unwieldy tableware we use — and fingers wouldn't do at all. So chopsticks it is.

PAID IN ADVANCE

NEW YORK (UPI) — The Health Insurance Institute reports that 2 out of every 3 babies born in the United States have part of their initial medical expenses paid by health insurance.

DEATH REPORTED

VANCOUVER, Wash. (UPI) — Gary Krekow, 19, Hoquiam, Wash., was killed in a one-car accident four miles north of here Wednesday.

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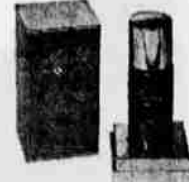
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