



HIGH ABOVE — Wiley Ellis tops the upper 25 feet of a giant 100 foot pine tree Monday morning at Paul Wolfe's Deont Den on South Third in the top photo. In the bottom picture Ellis is shown resting 75 feet in the air after the difficult job of lowering the top to the ground without hitting the top which is built around the tree.

Insecticides used on less than 5 per cent of acreage

By Gaylord P. Godwin
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WASHINGTON (UPI)—Although farmers and ranchers use more chemicals for insect control purposes than ever before, less than 5 per cent of the acreage of the 48 contiguous states is treated with insecticides in an average year.

The Entomological Society of America estimates the total quantity of insecticides used in the United States in an average year is 225 million pounds. The average acreage of the 48 contiguous states is 1.3 billion acres. Of this acreage, only 4 1/2 per cent of it is treated with insecticides.

The crop and soil conditions in America are 437 million acres. About 15 per cent, or 68 million acres, is treated annually with chemicals to control insects and to protect crops, livestock, health, and possessions. The amount of chemicals used on the cropland is about 165 million pounds.

Less than one-tenth of 1 per cent of the forests lands undergo chemical treatment and even smaller amount of grassland is treated. The cropland not treated represents about 25 per cent of the total cultivated land.

A cereal leaf beetle not found in this country before is damaging oats and corn in Michigan and Indiana.

This cereal insect has done serious damage in Europe for many years. It attacks leaves of all cereals and some grasses. Its favorites are oats, barley and wheat. Both adults and larvae feed on the leaves, cutting narrow strips from the stalk outward.

The adult beetle is about one-fourth inch long with a black head, light reddish brown thorax,

and metallic blue back.

The department reports that a high level of available phosphorus in the soil is the best guarantee for getting spring-planted grains off to a good start in the Great Plains.

A high available phosphorus supply in the soil appears to be good protection against the adverse effects of too high or too low soil temperatures upon spring small grains, the department said. Excessive soil temperatures in the Great Plains are common in the Great Plains.

Some of the reasons of the coming of the department now is buying, chief of the school lunch program. Canned tomatoes, frozen ground beef, frozen young chickens, canned green beans, canned Bartlett pears, non-fat dry milk, rolled wheat, canned cherries, canned pineapples, canned peaches and canned corn.

From poultry stocks in commercial storage warehouses on Aug. 1 totaled 207 million pounds. Holdings included 122 million pounds of frozen turkey, 17.5 million pounds of broiler-fryers, 25.9 million pounds of hens, and 7.8 million pounds of duck.

Log cabin tradition fails to apply for ambassadors

By Joseph W. Grigg
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PARIS — The "log cabin to White House" tradition may apply in Washington. But it became clear again to Europeans this week that it does not always work when it comes to representing the United States abroad.

Gen. James M. Gavin flew home with his family after less than a year and a half in the critical job of United States ambassador to France.

Gavin reiterated to reporters that his main reason for giving up this front man job for the United States was "urgent personal considerations." Chief of these was that he simply could not afford it.

The same problem will face his successor Charles E. Bohlen, a career U. S. foreign service officer with a highly distinguished record — including ambassadorships in Moscow and Manila — but no sizable personal fortune.

Unlike Gavin, Bohlen does not have a family of young children

to put through school. But he will feel the strain nonetheless.

The U. S. ambassador to France receives the highest foreign service salary of \$27,500 — all of it taxable. He also receives an annual expense allowance of something more than \$25,000.

But it is not difficult to see why he has trouble simply making ends meet.

It is not a question of the ambassador living high on the hog. It is not only the official dinners and July 4 open house receptions. Every senator, every congressman, every American big business executive who arrives in town expects to visit the ambassador and to be invited to a meal at his residence.

Even ambassadors like Gavin who cut out the Fourth of July open house and invite only a ruthlessly-pruned list of guests find the cost prohibitive.

When Gavin was appointed, President John F. Kennedy instructed the State Department to pay expenses over and above his

blanket expense allowance. But that meant that Gavin had to pay in an expense account for just about every tax he took.

There were many items he could not charge up at all — such as the wardrobe needed by his wife for official entertaining.

It has been estimated, without contradiction, that Gavin's predecessor Amory Houghton, a millionaire industrialist, spent \$50-

100 annually out of his own pocket over and above his salary and official allowances.

Gavin could not afford that, nor will Bohlen be able to.

Since Gavin's resignation was announced Europeans have been asking just how long the high cost of representing the United States abroad means that the best man for the job will not necessarily be able to afford it.

Delegates spent time discussing foot situation

By Dick West
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WASHINGTON (UPI)—In some respects, the American Podiatry Association's convention here was like any other convention.

They had exhibits, speeches, awards luncheons and that sort of thing. What made it different was that the delegates spent all of their time talking about feet.

Can you imagine five days in which the conversation never got above the ankle? I don't know how they stood it.

I spent about an hour browsing around the convention headquarters and came away feeling that I never wanted to see another pair of feet. Not even my own.

But if you can tolerate feet, podiatry apparently is a good profession to be in. Most people have foot troubles of one kind or another, so business usually is booming.

The 1,000 podiatrists who attended the convention heard papers delivered on everything from talangectasis to ingrown toenails. I mean the job was really swinging.

One of the papers was presented by Capt. Rupert Stivers, chief podiatrist at the U. S. Military Academy, who made a study of foot troubles at West Point.

He found that almost half of the cadets he examined had foot ailments and that 54 per cent of the conditions, give or take a fallen arch or two, stemmed from the shoes and socks they were issued.

This, of course, comes as no surprise to anyone who ever wore a pair of Army shoes.

Stivers further found that when black cotton stockings were used at the Point, the number of foot complaints was cut in half.

Too bad that Stivers didn't try white cotton stockings. That might have cleared up the trouble entirely.

Another speaker, Dr. Joseph R. Cimino of Passaic, N.J., took issue with the widely accepted theory that picking up marbles with your toes is beneficial exercise for foot contractures.

Curling your toes, he asserted, stimulates the muscles that are helping to cause the pain. The most effective exercise, according to Dr. Cimino, is a stretching, or as he put it "fanning" of the toes.

I felt it my duty as a reporter to pass this information along, but I'll tell you right now you're never going to catch me fanning my toes. I couldn't do it even if I wanted to.

I tried it experimentally when I left the convention and the results were unsatisfactory, both physically and aesthetically.

I found that I could fan all right with the little piggy that went to market, but the little piggy that cried all the way home wouldn't fan at all.

Pledge made on repayment

NEW YORK (UPI) — Fugitive financier Edward M. Gilbert, who fled to Brazil June 12, has written a letter pledging to "repay everybody that has lost money as a consequence of my mistakes."

The letter, dated July 2, was filed in state Supreme Court here Monday by Newhouse Galleries Inc., which is trying to recover three paintings worth \$18,000 from Gilbert's wife, Rhoda.

Gilbert is under indictment by federal and New York County grand juries on charges of misappropriating \$1,953,000 while he was president of the E. L. Bruce Co. He flew to Brazil, which has no extradition treaty with the United States — after abruptly resigning as president of Bruce.

After his departure, Newhouse Galleries tried to recover the paintings, which it says were sent to the Gilbert apartment on approval.

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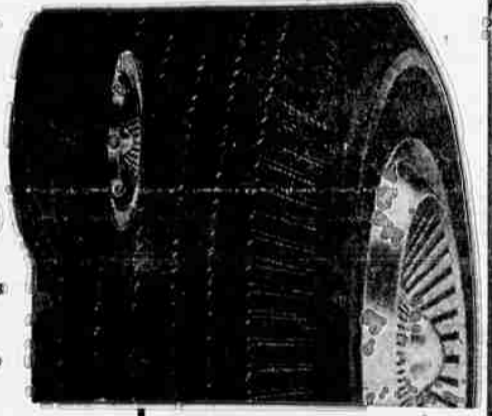
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