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#### Play Equipment for Children

Whenever a group wants something done for a community, state or nation, the usual procedure is to let the government do it. But one group in Salem has decided not to follow this procedure. That group is the Salem Junior Woman's Club which has decided to see that the city's playgrounds are equipped as playgrounds.
At present there are park locations throughout the city,

but the extent of playground equipment on those locations is a wading pool at Marion square. Heretofore, the policy has been to use school grounds which do have the necessary equipment for recreation.

This Salem Junior Woman's Club, however, wants to

put playground equipment on the vacant park areas where such equipment is planned. Club officials interested in the project have taken up their plans with the city manager who has indicated the city's cooperation.

The Junior Woman's Club members feel that the children is the cooperation of the city and 12 page.

dren of the city between the ages of four and 12 need tion gangs with-more play facilities. So the members intend to enlist out great men-the cooperation of local service clubs and other interested tal strain or the organizations in this plan to give young children of Salem play facilities to keep them busy and out of mischief.

Already two local firms have committed their shops to But

swings, slides, merry-gr-round seats, and the like.

As a starter, the Junior Woman's Club hopes to get tally unable to enough money in contributions to put this type of equipment in Marion Square and in Highland park. That would be this summer, if they make good on their intentions.

The club's project is worthwhile. And the way the members are trying to accomplish their aim by assum-

ing the responsibility, instead of letting the city do it, is good. All in all, the club deserves encouragement from all sides with its project.

#### Berlin Blockade Talks

President Truman at his recent press conference said he was much encouraged by the conversations with Russia on the lifting of the Berlin blockade and that he thought the Russians are acting in good faith in the negotiations. This is reminiscent of the president's campaign speech in Eugene last year when he referred to Stalin as "good old Joe," for whom he has evidently a soft spot in his heart for, despite his sad experience at Potsdam. We hope Mr. Truman is right this time.

The Russians took the initiative in broaching the subject in western capitals and at the UN meeting at Lake Success which is an admission that they are ready to call-off their squeeze play at Berlin, which has proven a failure. It was a brazen violation of their pledges of cooperation and part of their policy of territorial agrandizement pursued in the

"cold war" against the west, The Russian proposal is an admission that the airlift has won the battle of Berlin. It has been well described as won the battle of Berlin. It has been well described as "working like a clock, a marvel of mechanical and technical efficiency, electrified by human resourcefulness and spirit. Typically American, it compares in scale and drama with any single operation of the war, supplying a besieged city, capital of a defeated enemy, for nearly a

The Russians' peace feelers are inspired by the organfzation of the Atlantic Pact, and the western German republic, hence they are striving to reopen the four power talks they broke up before either organization was actually set up and functioning. They were encouraged by the differences between the three western powers over details now being compromised.

#### Labor Repeal Boomerangs

The first result of President Truman party loyalty and losing patronage threat was the coalitoin of southern democrats and republicans to defeat in the house by 189 to 158 yote the outright repeal of the Taft-Hartley labor act and the substitution of the old Wagner act. During the weekend recess, frantic efforts will be made to line up sufficient

The administration repeal bill next Tuesday. Ilghtened care
The administration is pushing a bill sponsored by Rep.
John Lesinski (D., Mich.). It would repeal the Taft-Hartley fortunates. Of act and restore the new deal's Wagner law with some set is the new amendments.

The coalition hopes to substitute a bill drawn up by treatment hospital, consider-Rep. John S. Wood (D., Ga.), which would repeal the Taft-Hartley act by name and then re-enact most of its provi-

House democratic leaders started the debate confident States that they had the strength to defeat Wood's bill and secure fulfilment of approval of Lesinski's bill but they were decisively deal of Lesinski's bill but they were decisively de- dream of 15 new custom flower pots about two weeks years of Dr. flower pots about two weeks ago. The clatter frightened the following amendments to the Lesinski bill would John C. Evans, a long time success to much he hid under a

probably be considered acceptable to the administration:

A modified "free speech" guarantee for employers.
 A requirement that unions and management file "loyalty aths" prior to bringing a case before the national labor rela-

tions board.

3. A requirement that unions and management bargain with ous trips over the United States white spots on his sides." The each other "in good faith."

Lesinski stated definitely that he personally would be unwilling to accept any amendments. But the decision might be taken out of his hands.

### STORIES IN LIFE

#### Now It's 'Hearing-Ear' Dog

Nevada, Mo. 418—And now, the "hearing ear" dog. He is Ted, wire-haired terrier owned by Mrs. C. S. Town send.

Mrs. Townsend is hard of hearing. She cannot hear the

telephone ring without using a hearing aid, and the device bothers her.

But Ted hears the telephone, finds Mrs. Townsend and nudges her toward the instrument. Then she dons her hear-ing aid and carries on the conversation.

### Nan Won't Resign as Queen

Bloomington, Ind. (4"-Nan Epso's name was not on the ballot as junior men at Indiana University voted for a queen to reign at their prom Friday night.

The "independent independents" who nominated her had

The "independent independents" who nominated her had not given up, however. They put on an intensive lost-minute campaign for write-in votes.

The prom committee ruled Nan had not met the requirement of residence on the campus for a full semester.

The committee did not mention Nan is a goat.

# Popular People



THE FIRESIDE PULPIT

#### Way to Ease Family Disputes Is With Religion, Common Sense By REV. GEORGE H. SWIFT

Many people have little difficulty in making the presumably rge decision in matters of business. They may manage big large decision in matters of business. rporations, plan great enterprises, rule economic empires or

boss construc expenditure of much nervous But about

make the sur posedly little Bre George H Swift decisions about which center their real hap-

piness and peace of mind. The small business or professional man, the artisan or the saporer have the same difficulty.

There are many more unhap-py people in the world than the public knows about because the greater number keep their do-mestic troubles to themselves.

I am not a psychiatrist, but I have had thousands of people come to me with their problems in the past thirty years in the ministry. I should know someabout the underlying es of domestic discord and

who comes to talk things over preparatory to a contemplate separation. Very frequently find that no single act on the part of either party should ever have caused more than a ripple of discord on an otherwise calm and peaceful domestic sea. But an accumulation of such little ripples over a long period of time raises a veritable tidal which seems to engulf

Little neglects, little discourtesies, and a sharp tongue can really whip up quite a tempest.

When tempests become so reg- year. when tempests become so reg-ular that nerves get "on edge" even at the thought of their approach, one or the other, or both, break under the strain. The bright side of all this is

that most of this unpleasantness. if not all of it, can be avoided altogether by a frank "talking it over" so that each one can see how the little neglects, discourtesies and thoughtless remarks ruin an otherwise happy

There are few family rifts which cannot be corrected by a good dose of religion, coupled A typical case of domestic with common sense and mutual stress and strain is the couple forbearance.

#### Kissing Right Given Back

Hungerford, England (P)-An old village festival was re vived today, and as a consequence quite a few girls got

The quaint ceremonies, suspended in the war, commemorate the granting to citizens of fishing rights in the Kennet river about 600 years ago.

The town crier started proceedings with blasts from a horn,

whereupon commoners assembled and elected a number of

men, who got a kissing concession.

They got the right to kiss any girl in town—even could pursue them by ladder through second story windows if they wanted to. Many did, too.

## Dream Fulfilled

By DON UPJOHN

What should be one of the musts for the week-end is a visit to the new building at the state hospital where open house is being held to show the people where their money has been going and, what is of more importance, what strides are being taken to provide more adequate and en-degrees.

the Unite

he visited most of the state hos-pitals where he gathered and collated ideas, at least those he thought would fit into his dream

A lot of humans may get collated ideas, at least those he thought would fit into his dream and these, and many others, are about the same results as the visible in the results now being canary in the foregoing parashown. We doubt it any man graph by a visit from the intercould have, or wish for, a better monument. We well remem-ber what scathing denunciation was had by the late Dr. R. E. Lee Steiner from some sources for his alleged extravagance ceiving ward was constructed. It still stands as evidence of what was best in its time. A change in public sentiment we

The Cat and the Canary Greencastle, Ind. (0.8) — Mrs.

James Wright reported that her black cat suffered such a scare in an altercation with a canary that his fur is turning white. "Kitty was a coal black Angora until he tried to catch the caarv." Mrs. Wright said, "Nov he's gradually turning white She said the cat knocked over the bird cage and a couple of flower pots about two weeks ago. The clatter frightened the perintendent there who recent-ly retired. For the period men-tioned Dr. Evans pretty well de-his neck." Mrs. Wright said-voted his life to the idea of this "Now the backs of his front

Folk who had the temerity to put out their tomato plants ear-ly may have a bit of worry com-Lee Steiner from some sources ing from the frost which paint-for his alleged extravagance when what is now the old re-ceiving ward was constructed this morning. But as usual those seen downtown wore bobby socks in face of it.

New yellow lines along Court change in public sentiment we New yellow lines along court are certain will be pretty visible as to the new treatment hospaint" signs. And the showers pital which is certain to receive which came along made the nothing but public praise. So paint a little wetter.

#### Old Times Are Comin' Back

New York (P:-Vaudeville is coming back to its old home on Broadway-the Palace theater.

The Palace hasn't employed a vaudeville act in 13 years. But starting May 19, the stage that topped the circuit hen vaudeville was in its heydey will revive the old tradi-

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

# **Bad Lobbying Racket Is** In Job Ties With RFC

Washington-One of the worst Washington lobbying rackets is to get a job with the government, then use it as a springboard to secure a lush-paying job in private industry. Sometimes a government official almost seems to be working

for the private company with which he wants a job even before

he gets the job. Recently the Waltham Watch company re-ceived a \$6,-000,000 loan from the struction F1-nance corpora-tion. At the from the Reconreceived the

hired one of the chief RFC officials who helped arrange the loan-John Hager-ty head of the RFC's Boston of-

Hagerty knows nothing about the intricate problem of watch-making or selling; is a political protege of ex-Senator Dave Waish. But he handled the pre-liminary work for the Waltham lean recommending if to the congress, is now pretty well set to roll through congress—pro-vided the Catholic church gives loan, recommending it to the RFC in Washington.

RFC in Washington.

He was then getting a government salary of \$10,000. But the minute Waltham got the loan, Hagerty left the RFC and went in to work for Waltham at a salary of \$30,000.

Query: Did Waltham offer the lush salary to Hagerty because and he deserved it, or as a reward for helping swing the RFC loan?

for helping swing the RFC loan?

Again, the RFC has given a \$3,000,000 loan to the Plywood Plastics corp., of Hampton, S.C. One of the RFC officials who lelped arrange it was Sterling Forter. Foster. And now Foster has notified

the RFC that he intends to go to work soon for the Plywood Plastics, the same company which borrowed \$3,000,000. Foster will just about double his salary, getting \$18,000 the first year, and \$22,000 by the third

The treasury's internal revenue bureau long ago got around this problem by refusing to let amendment which would make into religious orders. any of its retired personnel health benefits available to The ancient Hindus found an practice before the bureau until parochial schools as part of the two years after resigning. But aid-to-education bill. But Thompton the berefet ladies gallantly collect sovernment departments as, wary of linking church leaped on the funeral pyres of the sovernment departments. enue bureau long ago got around other government departments as, wary of linking church are lax, especially the army and schools with education bill in navy.

One of the worst scandals in bill instead. This would auth-

Washington is the number of orize \$33,000,000 for health high-ranking army and navy of- benefits for both public and ficers now working for private parochial schools. industry in order to handle pro-curement contracts with the both bills through congress at the same time, appearing the Catholics with the health bill army and navy. Many of them still draw pen-

sions from the U. S. govern-ment, plus income tax curtail-ments, in addition to their lush private industry salaries.

NEW JUDGE BALDWIN
Senator Ray Baldwin's acceptance of a supreme court videgeship in Connecticut illustrates a point which many peowitch-hunts to stimulate thinkple don't realize—the wear and ing about the good old U. S. A. tear to which we subject our South Dakota democrats have public servants.
Senator Baldwin has been ac-

tive in Connecticut politics for 29 years—a long time in any man's life. During that period he was subjected to the expense and the physical drain of running for state-wide office in five elections in ten years. In other words, he ran for governor or his council of economic advissenator an average of every two

During his 29 years in public dition no later than May 15. office a quirk of fate made it Truman may use this memoran-soch that no republican gover-ror was ever in office at the islative request to congress on right time to appoint him to the state supreme court—long Bald-win's chief ambition. Either Baldwin was governor and couldn't appoint himself, or a democrat was governor wouldn't appoint him.

out of telephoning.

Some effi-ciency expert figured that to

abou this?

ple who serve the capital area

Gray-naired, friendly Bob Davidson, the middle man between the "hello" girl and the public as far as Washington phones go, kind of laughed when he heard about what is going on in the Bronx, Brook-

lyn and Manhattan.

Bob is polite and didn't use
the word "joiks."

"It would take a generation or
ten to re-educate the people to
stop saying 'hello' when they
answer the phone," he said.

research on my own-at five

I called the navy department

All of this was very interest-ing. But I decided to do a little Then:

Gray-haired, friendly Bob

say "hello" and

averages about

All this sent

mission—to see the Chesapeake

lyn and Manhattan

cents a call.

"who's

SIX SECONDS OF MUMBLE

Not a 'Hello' in a Call

So, the other day, Gov. Ches-

ter Bowles, hearing of Bald-win's life-long ambition, offer-ed him appointment to the su-preme court, and the senator

naturally accepted. He will not

tike office until December by which time most major legisla-tive matters will have been de-

NOTE-Several years ago, Herbert Hoover, sizing up re-publican presidential timber, described Baldwin as the ablest

governor in republican ranks. As a senator, he has also lived

Federal aid to education, which was blocked in the 80th

In the past, the Catholics have put up a fight because re-

ligious schools are not included in the program. But Senate Labor Chairman Elbert Thomas of Utah has taken quiet steps

tors Howard McGrath of Rhode Island and James Murray of

Montana-to join in sponsoring the bill. They warned, however, that if the Catholic hierarchy

took a stand against the bill.

they would have to reverse

MERRY-GO-ROUND

Catholic hospital in Huron

though he, himself, is a Luth-

ers for an up-to-date memoran-dum of the U.S. economic con-

The Ford Motor company will reject all demands by the auto

workers union for wage in-creases at this time. Ford is al-

number. A sweet young thing

"This is the bureau of ento-

mology and plant quarantine pink bollworm control depart-ment. Miss Loftus speaking."

"No comment."

She said "hello."

Bound to find a "hello" some

economic control.

President Truman has asked

obtain Catholic cooperation and thus assure smooth sailing for the bill.

up to this appraisal,

AID TO EDUCATION

its blessing.

invite two

BY GUILD Wizard of Odds



POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

# Too Many Unwed Women

By HAL BOYLE

New York (P)-There is a surplus of women in America. Supply has now outrun demand in this important field. And the ratio of excess women to men is likely to continue.

What can be done about it?

Particularly sin

Sakalava tribe extended to my

since medical Thomas's first move was to science at pres-nyite two Catholics — Sena- ent is unable to arrange switchover posterity production tech niques neans of which bring more ba-

themselves.
Although Thomas did not inby boys and fewer baby girls. clude parochial schools in the Throughout history civiliza-tions have evolved several techbill because of the constitution-tions have evolved se a! divorcement of church and niques for solving the state, he tried to woo Catholic of the excess female. niques for solving the problem

year, and \$22,000 by the third support by proposing that paroyear, and \$22,000 by the third support by proposing that parochial schools be included in a 
ward for help in arranging the school children.

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The treasury's internal revConnecticut and Ed Johnson of 
Lance of the sexes female. 
Some societies have mainalone—as now often happens untake the treasure works female. 
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Connecticut and Ed Johnson of them to die. In other societies colorado promptly offered an all unwed women were taken into religious orders.

The ancient Hindus found an accident societies. them to die. In other societies pay check home in her mouth all unwed women were taken every week. into religious orders. The third wife would be a The ancient Hindus found an wonderful cook.

The ancient Hindus found an wonderful cook. easy way to dispose of widows.

The berefet ladies gallantly housekeeper — a well-muscled leaped on the funeral pyres of lass able to move heavy furnitheir husbands and cremated themselves to prove they were excellent wives.

This custom known as suit disc when I had a cold of the cold

tee, had two advantages. It kept the husband from being lonely in the life beyond. And it made it unnecessary for kins- like bringing my slippers and men to have to support the lighting my cigars. men to have to support the widow. Suttee has pretty well men to have to support the lighting my cigars.

Widow. Suttee has pretty well died out now, however, since the British government outlawed it in India. It seems too many widows were being thrown into the flames — instead of jumping in of their own accord.

But by far the commonest the seventh would sing and The eighth would be a secretary and an accountant. She'd keep the family budget. The ninth I would take to sports events. And she'd never ask questions like: "Why don't are that man if he is bill and those against federal aid to parochial schools with the other bill.

But by far the commonest they arrest that man if he is olution for the problem of the stealing bases?"

Ask questions are ask questions ar solution for the problem of the extra female has been polyga-my, the system under which a man has several wives. found a candidate they believe can beat Sen. Chan Gurney in 1950—Huron's new Mayor Dr. John S. Tschetter. The doctor has been chief of staff at the

Discussing this in the current American Mercury, Dr. Ralph Linton, sterling professor of anthropology at Yale university, says polygamy has worked successfully in a number of civilizations. He says it is doing well now in Madagas-car.

"I remember the gentle sym- ogamy there

wife because she was an only wife," he writes.
Dr. Linton thinks that if

polygamy is ever legally recog-nized in western countries, it will "find its most enthusiastic supporters among career wom-To an American husband, this

be about right, if all remained deductible for income tax purposes. Under polygamy you would marry the first wife for love alone—as now often happens un-

system certainly has obvious merits. I think ten wives would

This custom, known as sutdies when I had a cold.

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tept the husband from being young baby sitter. She'd care
onely in the life beyond. And for the children and do odd jobs

ous, talented conversationalist. I'd take her along when the boss invited me to his house for din-

It sounds too much like mon-

# MacKENZIE'S COLUMN

# Amazing Days We Live In (4) Foreign Affairs Analyst)

The historic agreement whereby India can become a republic and still remain a member of the British commonwealth of nations, without recognition of the king's sovereignty, constitutes one of the striking develthe isms may eventually be decided.

we live.

By a simple juggling of which Washington UP-I got wind of the fact that the New York Phone company has started a campaign to take the "hello" out great common and asked for extension so-and

opments of

amazing

words this wealth has been so. A pretty voice answered and saved from the without a single "hello" said: disastrous loss "This is the office of naval of India's mem-

research, assistant chief for bership and the possible with-patents and patent counsel for drawal of other members later. the navy Miss Harrison speak. Not only that, but the new ured out a way to get around commonwealth (which Next I dialed Republic 4142, dons the designation of "Brit-the department of agriculture, ish") bids fair to be far strong-and asked for an extension or than ever.

The weakening of the monwealth at this crucial juncture in the cold-war between the communist and the anticommunist blocs would have been a serious blow to the lat-

place in town, I called one of the Latin American embassies. as regards India, for this great That was all I got. nation of 300,000,000 people I called the French embassy, may easily become the key-stone I asked for the 4th secretary, of the defense against bolshe-

vism in Asia.
As a matter of fact, it's a fair

They scarcely could ignore that angle in view of the steamhandkerchief (or so it sounded.) roller offensive of the Chinese ents a call.

I was getting a little sore, so
I didn't get many "hellos."

I called mama.

The change in the common-wealth relations perhaps could-

n't have been achieved but for the extraordinary circumstance that Britain has no written con-stitution to hamper the reframing. The constitution just grew up through precedent. The same is true of many laws, which are based on custom and commonense interpretation. Thus freed from constitutional

ured out a way to get around the kingly soverignty accepted "as a symbol of free associa-tion" of the independent mem-bers, "and as such, the head of the commonwelath.

It might seem somewhat strange that India should be the one to object to further recog-nition of the king's soverignty. Throughout the long reign of

the British throne, India, with her hundreds of Arabian nights princes, was the scene of a regal splendor harely equalled in his-

"Out."

A call to the Russian embassy brought a "yes," a moment of guess that this aspect of the sit Indian aristocracy. But the complete silence and then a lot untion was constantly in the blaze of the jewels only served complete silence and then a lot untion was constantly in the of mumbo-jumbo—one Russian minds of the London conferees. to spot-light the tragedy of hun-bands of the conference of the silence of the jewels only served to spot-light the tragedy of hun-bands of the conference of the silence of the jewels only served to spot-light the tragedy of hun-bands of the conference of the silence of the jewels only served to spot-light the tragedy of hun-bands of the silence of t

existence. Furthermore, the Indians are armies against central and sou- a liberty-loving people, and thern China. India and China they are proud. They bow to lie side by side in the Asiatic cobody these days, since they theatre in which the war of won their independence.

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