



Here's Welcome — Following his triumphant return to Washington with Mrs. Clay, Gen. Lucius D. Clay, retiring military governor of Germany, receives the 2nd Oak Leaf Cluster to his Distinguished Service medal from President Truman in the White House rose garden. (Acme Telephoto.)

\$717,475 Over 6 Percent Limit Necessary to Schools

Approval by the voters at Friday's special election of a Salem school district budget that exceeds the 6 percent limitation by \$717,475 is necessary if the school plant is not to deteriorate, in the opinion of Donald A. Young, chairman of the board.

"Speaking from the standpoint of a citizen as well as a member of the board, I naturally dislike seeing an additional tax burden placed upon property," said Chairman Young. "But, if the voters reject the budget it will simply mean that we will have to suspend repairs and betterments to the plant which are badly needed."

The chairman said refusal of the taxpayers to favor a proposed \$3,000,000 bond issue two years ago is really responsible for the present situation. With the amount cut in half, the board of directors did not have sufficient funds with which to finance the construction of additional buildings while carrying out a maintenance program that had been held in abeyance during the war years.

Chairman Young said the tax burden cannot continue to spiral upward without endangering the economy of the community. But, he added, rejection of the budget will not be true economy, since school property will deteriorate.

The school administration sums up the need for the budget which is \$271,120 in excess of last year's amount over the six percent limitation, in part as follows:

The sum of \$55,125 for an estimated 17 1/2 additional teachers over last year; \$25,031 represents an increased cost of plant operation due to a deficit in budgeting last year for plant operation and to new costs anticipated in the operation of new plants; \$13,000 for increased re-

legislature in increasing the amount of salary on which the employer must make a contribution; \$15,000 for new school sites; \$3,000 for appraisal of furniture and equipment, necessary at least once every 10 years for insurance purposes.

The sum of \$26,227 for maintenance and repairs. "Many items of building and maintenance have been neglected during the depression years and the war years." This item includes the roofing project of the public school office building and the re-decoration of rooms in various buildings; \$58,419 for modernizing school buildings, includes fire escapes, better toilet facilities, more adequate lighting of some necessary classrooms and similar improvements. \$21,091 for equipping new classrooms. \$30,745 for improving grounds, fencing dangerous areas and providing hard surfaced play areas and other grounds improvements; \$10,500 for modernizing classroom seating.

Registered voters who have lived in the district at least six months and who registered prior to April 19 of this year are entitled to cast their ballots. There are no property classifications.

Four polling places will be set up: Public School building, 480 North high street; Leslie junior high school, West Salem school and C K Lumber company, 650 North Lancaster.

Eleven of the 12 coaches of spring and summer sports at UCLA are graduates of the school.

Visitor Charms Reporters

By **HARMAN W. NICHOLS**

Washington—You don't have to have painted lips, red fingernails and a couple of fistfuls of diamond rings to charge the hard-boiled press corps of Washington. A simple gown and a pleasant smile will do it.

This was proved yesterday by Mme. Vijayalakshmi Pandit of India, the first woman ever to come to the United States as a full-fledged ambassador.

"The madame," as everybody respectfully called her, held her first press conference here. She received about half a hundred of the guys and gals in the poorly-lit state room of the Indian chancery on Massachusetts avenue.

The ambassador was dressed in a white-dotted gown, over which she draped a purple or-

gandy sari which ruffled down to cover her tan sandals. She didn't look at all like the Far East. Her lips were a natural color and so were her fingernails and cheeks. Her pretty gray hair had a bluish tinge, indicating she had been to an American hair dresser since her arrival a few days ago.

Mme. Pandit, one of India's foremost national leaders, cut her eye teeth politically in a lot of places where you'll find Americans, including the U. N. She has three daughters who received their education at Wellesley college—which is not

located in India. Her English is almost flawless. She spoke with only the very slightest accent and pitched it back overhead to those hard-boiled correspondents who tried to trip her up.

There were a lot of questions about how India feels about the Russian situation. She drummed a pink, nickel pencil on her desk and said "Well, that depends."

"The communist party in my country," she said, "is no particular menace. It's more of a nuisance. There are not enough of them to be bothersome."

That was telling the snoopy reporters! Somebody else wanted to know if Mme. Pandit thought the East and West could have a honeymoon—their people living together in harmony. She smiled graciously and

answered the question: "I believe so; eventually." You could tell she had conducted press conferences before. She started off by saying that she knew many of the reporters in the room. Many who had covered India during the war and after.

She answered the questions she wanted to answer (like she said she would at the start) and brushed off the ones she thought might grow up to embarrass her.

A man in the back of the hall said he was just curious, but how many months had the madame spent in jail? That was easy, she said. She and her husband had had quite a time sitting it out for India's freedom. Twenty-seven months in the dungeons altogether. Proud of it, too.

Linn Logger Injured By Falling Branch

Lebanon—While falling timber near Crabtree, Lloyd Bazant, Lebanon, was struck by a falling snag and suffered a fracture of the left leg.

Bazant had been logging alone all winter until Saturday when a college student visited the site. He summoned assistance following the accident.

The snag was snapped off when struck by a tree being felled by Bazant.

Auditor Takes Vacation

Dallas, Ore., May 18 — William Blackley, Dallas city auditor, is starting his vacation Thursday and during his absence his office in City Hall will be closed, Mayor Hollis Smith announces.



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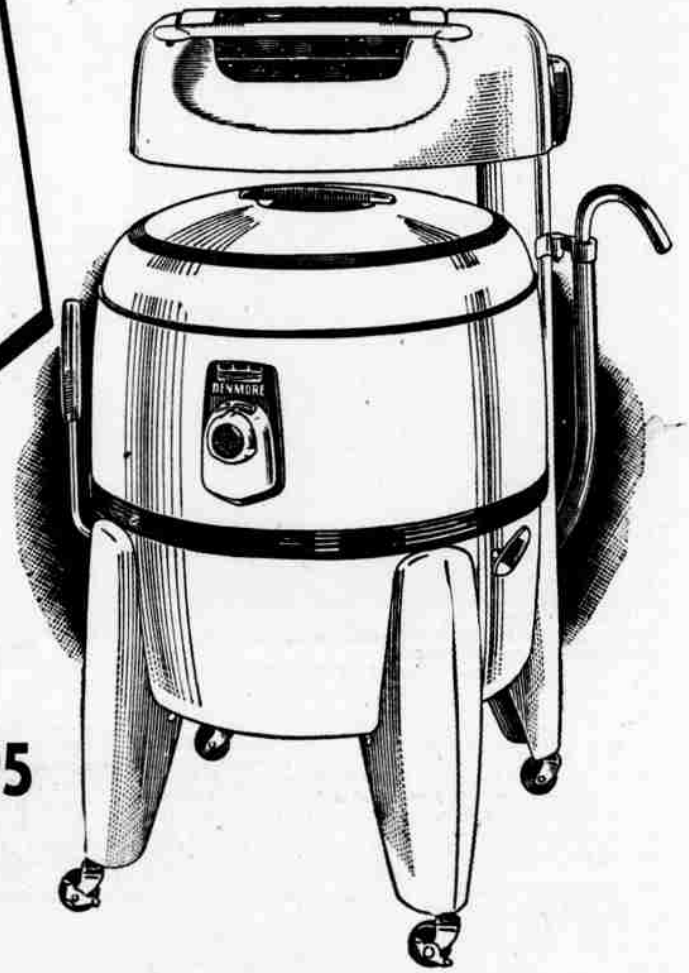
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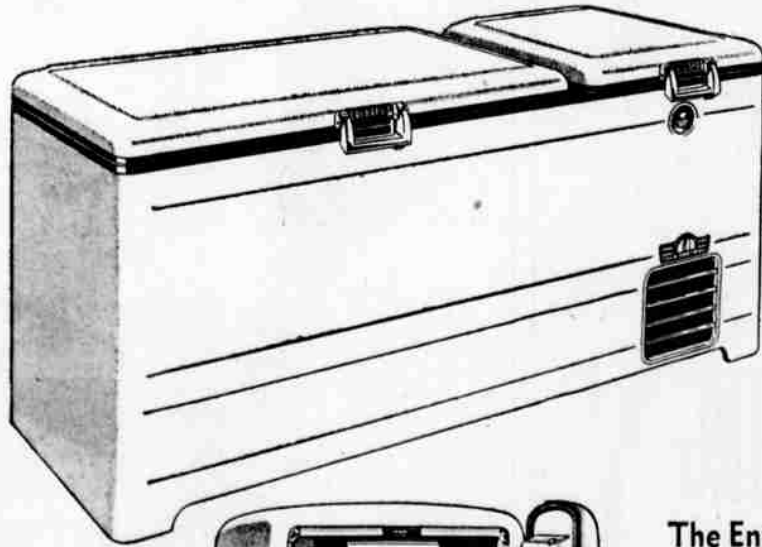


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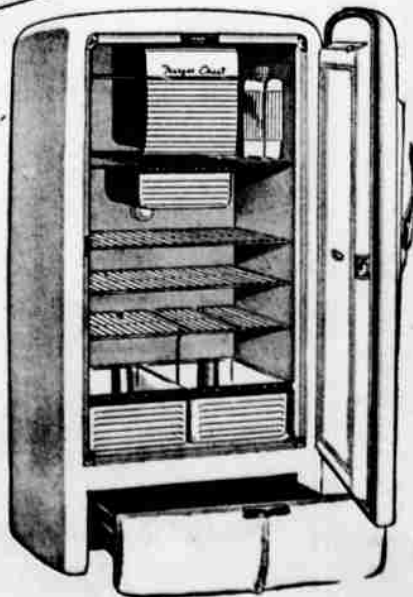
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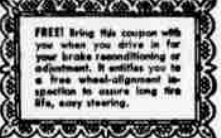
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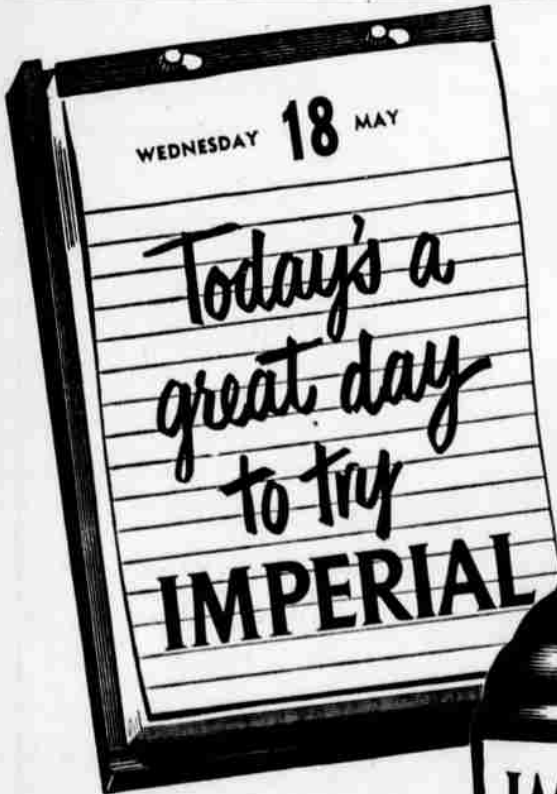
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