



Fat Bill Wetzel photographed by friend John Wheatley, his personal photographer.



It Takes Five Girls to wear the pants in 627-pound Bill Wetzel's home.

**WIDER THAN HE IS TALL**

**World's Fattest Man Tips Scales at 627 Pounds**

By ROBERT A. BARNES

Clayton, N. M. (AP)—Bill Wetzel says he's the world's fattest man, and there's plenty of weight behind his argument. His belt—if he wore one—would be longer than most men are tall. And he hasn't been able to bend over and put on his own shoes for 13 years.

**Farm Subsidies Face Trimming**

Washington, Oct. 3 (AP)—The administration moved today to head off growing criticism of the top-heavy subsidies paid by the government on some farm products.

Democratic Leader Lucas of Illinois said he didn't know whether the farmers would like it, but "we are trying to save the farm program from annihilation through the payments of huge subsidies on certain crops."

Lucas didn't say what crops are involved. He merely told newsmen the move would apply to all crops where subsidy payments are inflated.

He offered an amendment yesterday to the Anderson farm bill to carry out the plan which has the approval of the agriculture department.

The bill was drafted by Senator Anderson, D., N.M., as a compromise in the political tug-of-war over the administration's farm program.

The Anderson bill establishes a flexible price-support program. It would continue price support for basic crops at 90 per cent of parity for another year. Then, if production outran demand, the support level could drop to 75 per cent of parity.

Parity is a price calculated to give farmers a fair return on what they grow in relation to the prices of the things they have to buy.

Lucas said his amendment would make the farm program "more realistic" by eliminating abuses and saving money for the government on parity payments.

**Plant Contract Awarded**

Portland, Oct. 3 (AP)—The International Harvester company has awarded a contract for a \$750,000 sales, service and warehouse installation at nearby Milwaukie. The installation will provide headquarters for the northwest operations of the farm implement and machinery firm.

**Refugees from Baltic in Ireland**

Cobh, Ireland, Oct. 3 (AP)—Irish authorities said today they would permit the sailing of 402 Baltic refugees across the north Atlantic to Halifax in a battered landing craft.

The landing craft, christened the "Victory," is packed to capacity with men, women and children who want to cross the Atlantic and "get as far away from Russia as possible."

"If they can get away under their own steam, may God be with them," an Irish government spokesman said. "We won't hinder them. On the contrary, Ireland has always shown itself ready to give every assistance to anybody in distress."

The ship slipped out of a Swedish port early this week despite the attempt of a Swedish coast guard vessel to make it turn back.

Passengers said the coast guard ship fired several rockets and the Victory smashed a hole in her bow on submerged rocks when she tried to evade the Swedish ship. The compass also failed on the trip across the North Sea and food supplies gave out.

When the ship reached Cobh yesterday the starving passengers, including about 100 women and 100 children, tore apart

and gulped down loaves of bread tossed them from the dock. The Victory, 159 feet long, was built to accommodate 50 soldiers, wooden bunks line the walls but they are insufficient and the passengers are forced to sleep in shifts.

**Detroit Has Reception**

Detroit—A reception for Detroit teachers will be held in the new grade school Monday, Oct. 3 at 8 o'clock. All parents and teachers are urged to come. A very pleasant evening has been planned. Mrs. Ray Sophy is chairman of entertainment and Mrs. John Weisgerber is chairman of refreshments.

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**Fishing Vessels Collide; 1 Sunk**

Vancouver, B.C., Oct. 3 (AP)—The 24-ton purse seiner Row City sank off the British Columbia coast last night after colliding with the fishing vessel Invercar but all crew members were saved, the Royal Canadian Air Force reported today.

A vessel the type of the Row City normally carries five or six crewmen, the RCAF said. The crew was taken aboard the Invercar, also a purse seiner.

The accident occurred about 10:45 p.m., 30 miles east of Prince Rupert, B.C., near Williams Island.

The RCAF said the Row City was taken in tow by the 24-ton Invercar after the collision, but the tow rope parted and the Row City sank shortly after.

**Salmon Fishermen Accept Price Scale**

Vancouver, B. C., Oct. 3 (AP)—A week-long strike of some 4400 British Columbia salmon fishermen ended today with company-union agreement on a set scale of prices for the fish they catch.

Members of the fishermen's and allied workers' union voted to return to their jobs Tuesday. They voted three to one to accept cannery operators' offers of nine cents a pound for chum salmon caught in the Johnston straits, and 7½ cents a pound for all fish caught south of Cape Caution. Prices were to be retroactive to Sept. 1.

**Red Mt. for Robeson**

Moscow, Oct. 3 (AP)—A mountain peak in Russia has been named after negro singer, Paul Robeson, the communist party newspaper, Pravda, reported today.

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