

Family Late for Dinner, So Dad Installs Fire Pole



COME AND GET IT—Mrs. Van Der Bosch gives call to dinner.

Chicago—Life in the Van Der Bosch family is perpetual fun.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Van Der Bosch and their nine children run family affairs like a business. Each young Van Der Bosch is assigned a chore, except Edward, Jr., who is married and lives nearby.

The Van Der Bosches live in a converted two-family dwelling. The upper floor was made into a spacious dormitory. The lower apartment is used as the living area.

The roll call of children lists Richard, 25, Edward, Jr., 23, Larry, 21, Betty, 17, George, 16, Jack, 15, Patricia, 12, Casey, 9, and Terry 7. Six of the children are in school, with two boys attending college.

Dad Van Der Bosch operates a wholesale produce business. He pursues the chalked bulletin board installed at home for daily instructions the same as the kids do. Family conferences decide who does what.

Early this year Casey brought up the subject of mother Van Der Bosch's scolding about being late for dinner after she rang the bell.

"We've got to come down the front stairs and walk clear back to the dining room in the rear. That's awful far," he said.

Casey suggested a fireman's pole be placed between the floors of the back porches. It would be a quick slide to the dinner plate.

A few days later a fireman friend had found one.

Workers cut a two-foot square opening in the floor of the second story porch and installed the brass pole. Every member of the family uses it.

"The gang gets to the table in less than a minute," papa Van Der Bosch said.

U.S. War Cemeteries Are in Good Condition

Philadelphia (AP)—American World War I cemeteries in Europe have been placed in better condition again.

This is the report of John F. Harbeson, of Philadelphia, a consulting architect to the American battle monument commission, following a six-weeks inspection of these and new permanent American cemeteries for America's World War II dead.

Harbeson said there no longer are signs of the enforced neglect of the older cemeteries caused by the Nazi conquests and occupation.

He said the construction of chapels for the new cemeteries will begin next spring. These new chapels are being designed for individual meditation and prayer on the part of visitors and not as places for formal services he explained.



Physician's Pets—Brig. Gen. Wallace H. Graham, physician to President Truman, visits his birds, a macaw (left) and a mynah, in his garden at Walter Reed hospital, Washington.

Fear Pretty Missing Actress, Dancer Is Victim of Foul Play

Los Angeles, Oct. 11 (AP)—An attorney for pretty Jean E. Spangler, 27-year-old actress and dancer missing since Friday, said today she fears she met with foul play.

Miss Spangler, former wife of plastics manufacturer Dexter Benner, was last seen Friday night when she left for work.

Her purse, its strap torn off at one side, was found Sunday by a gardener in Griffith park.

Attorney S. S. Hahn said he would appear in court to ask that the missing dancer's mother be appointed guardian of her child, Christine, 5.

Police issued an all-points bulletin for the statuesque Miss Spangler. Meanwhile, they attempted to identify a "Kirk" to whom a note found in the dancer's purse was addressed. The note read:

"Kirk: Can't wait any longer. Going to see a doctor. It will work best while mother is away."

Miss Spangler's sister-in-law, Mrs. Sophie Spangler, turned in a missing person report on her Saturday when she failed to return home.

Troops Resent Pajamas

Singapore (AP)—British soldiers in Malaya take a dim view of the war office's latest orders to issue pajamas to all ranks with priority for troops in the tropics. The typical reaction is "just one more kit to yank around and lay out for inspection."

R. W. Tavanner, visual aids director, has fixed the music room so we can darken it for movies.

Wood is no longer burned in the school because a new oil burner has been installed. Liberty and Salem Heights teachers held a meeting jointly

Montana Youth Has Champ Bull

Portland, Ore., Oct. 11 (AP)—Archie Parkes, Vaughn, Mont., displayed the grand champion bull and took four out of seven firsts in individual classes for Hereford cattle today at the Pacific International Livestock exposition.

Meacham & Sons, Cadesack, Ida., had the reserve champion Hereford bull at the largest livestock show ever held here Idaho Hereford Ranch, Gooding, Ida., showed the champion Hereford female and Herbert Chandler, Baker, Ore., had the reserve champion.

Grand champion bull among the Jerseys was shown by Gordon Farms, Carlton, Ore. Ernest Child, Woodville, Wash., has the reserve titlist and George Horning, Jr., Sherwood, Ore., took the junior championship. Top Jersey cow was shown by Ernest Mellvanna, Vancouver, Wash.

A Southdown lamb owned by the University of Idaho was named grand champion open class wether.

Pilot's Body Found

Halfway, Ore., Oct. 11 (AP)—The body of Pilot Vertis Hansen, hotel owner here who crashed Sunday near Hell's Canyon, was brought out of the mountains last night.

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The salesman was James Groves, and the meter carries the name Automaton. He asked for consideration if the city wants any more parking meters.

The device is self-winding and therefore completely automatic, which other meters are not, the salesman said. It can be switched easily from one-hour to two-hour service or vice versa. It has a lucite dome top that you can see through and read directions beneath, and has a device whereby the traffic cop can see at a glance if it is out of order, and not smack you with a parking ticket unless you've got it coming.

When the salesman tried to insert a slug in the meter—hoie—it was spat right back at him.

Campaign Will Start

Independence—A campaign to raise around \$2000 as Independence's share of the Community Chest will get underway around October 15, with Ray Herbst and W. J. Darling as chairmen. Mrs. Ivan Marble will head the Woman's club with Mrs. E. R. Grantham, Mrs. Henry Meyers and Mrs. Paul Hershey representing the Rebekah lodge. Other personnel has not yet been named.

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ON HER WAY—Patricia shows how she goes to meals.

CIO Ballots for State Officers to Be Mailed

Portland, Oct. 11 (AP)—Election ballots for CIO state industrial union council officers will be in the mail within 10 days. The nominations were made at last week-end's convention in Bend.

The ballots will list: President, John Brost, Portland longshoreman, and Harold E. Geiger, Klamath Falls, woodworker.

Vice president, Ed Starr, Springfield woodworker, and John Bell, Portland clothing worker.

Secretary, George Brown, Portland, unopposed. Brown was also the sole nominee as delegate to the National CIO convention.

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