

# Fuss About Falsies Is Silly; Fake Fronts as Old as History

By VIRGINIA MACPHERSON

Hollywood, Calif., Oct. 25 (U.P.)—All this fuss about falsies is downright silly, a theatrical conker sniffed today. What makes Hollywood glamour gals think THEY discovered the things, anyway?

Fake fronts, according to Paul Berman, have been going on—or out—for thousands of years. For all he knows, even the cave-woman stuffed an extra hunk of fur inside their prehistoric sarong.

"Women have been building themselves up since time immemorial," Berman declared. "Nowadays, everybody acts like it's something Hollywood thought up."

"Believe me, the cinema queens are about 2000 years behind the times."

Berman qualifies as an expert on this kind of thing. He's head of the Berman theatrical costumery firm and he, or his father, or his grandfather have been duding up entertainers here and in England since 1884.

His Hollywood warehouse has authentic costumes as far back as anybody can remember, and he'll defy you to browse around the racks and find a female outfit that doesn't require some kind of stuffing in the bosom department.

"They even had falsies back in Cleopatra's day," Berman said. "They called them breast plates—but all they were, actually, were tin falsies. They came in different shapes and materials, but invariably they were larger than what was underneath."

Along about 1820, he went on, skimpily endowed maidens were improving on nature with muslin and cotton filling inside their chemises. And even the Victorian ladies, well aware they'd be ostracized socially if anything ever slipped, risked all to build out their corseted silhouettes in the right spots.

In the 1920's, Berman admitted, the girls called everything off and flaunted chests with about as much appeal as silk-covered washboard.

"But a few of them saw the light in the 1930's," he grinned. "And before anybody ever thought of actually manufacturing a falsie, girls were stuffing their lingerie with men's sox or rolls of cotton or wool."

The only new development in the structure of female fronts, according to Berman, has practically nothing to do with mother nature.

"Girls just don't mind talking about their falsies now," he said. "Back through the ages it was all very hush-hush. Many a husband didn't even know his wife was stuffed."

"Nowadays girls even by their gay deceivers in assorted shapes and sizes and switch around for sweaters and bathings suits and formal gowns. "And everybody knows it. With these plunging necklines you can't be fooled for long."

First use of a coaxial cable for a regular television program came at the Republican convention in Philadelphia in 1940, the relay being to New York.

## Lower Meat Prices In 1950 Predicted

Washington, Oct. 25 (U.P.)—Meat prices will be slightly lower next year because of trends toward increased production, according to an agriculture department forecast.

"The prospect for 1950," the department said, "is that these trends will continue and that an increase in meat production will result in lower prices for meat and meat products."

But the department pointed out that any price reductions probably will be "moderate" as long as demand remains heavy.

**COMMISSIONER'S COURT**  
The following is the official publication of the record of claims before the Marion County Commissioner's court for the September term for 1949, with the amount allowed, bills continued, etc., according to the records in the office of the county clerk.

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- Mrs. P. ... \$230.00
- Mrs. Q. ... \$240.00
- Mrs. R. ... \$250.00
- Mrs. S. ... \$260.00
- Mrs. T. ... \$270.00
- Mrs. U. ... \$280.00
- Mrs. V. ... \$290.00
- Mrs. W. ... \$300.00
- Mrs. X. ... \$310.00
- Mrs. Y. ... \$320.00
- Mrs. Z. ... \$330.00

- Howard R. Pyler, health educator, \$238.85
- Vera Wood, clerk, \$190.20; Odean McElroy, \$169.80; E. J. ... \$150.00
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- Mrs. N. ... \$130.00
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- Mrs. Q. ... \$100.00
- Mrs. R. ... \$90.00
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### Snail Killer Proposes Idea To Bring Health to Millions

Cairo—For the last nine years Dr. Claude H. Barlow has had one aim in life—to kill snails. They harbor a tiny larva which is more destructive, up to now, than the atomic bomb.

Dr. Barlow says the disease caused by this larva is one of the most widespread and destructive human ailments known to man.

Since earliest history it has afflicted hundreds of millions of men and women working in the streams and flooded fields of the middle and far east.

Half of Egypt's 10,000,000 people suffer from it today, and all affected countries are beyond calculation. The disease is known as bilharziasis.

Dr. Barlow first became interested in it as a medical missionary in China.

Coming to Egypt in 1929 with the Rockefeller foundation, Dr. Barlow spent the next ten years studying snails. In 1940 the Egyptian government asked him to set up the first public health department in the world devoted solely to the destruction of bilharziasis snails. It is this section that he now operates.

In 1948 President Truman gave Dr. Barlow the certificate of merit in recognition of "one of the most heroic and unselfish acts in the history of medicine."

The act occurred during World War two, when a number of American soldiers suffering from bilharziasis were evacuated to the United States from the middle and far east. The question arose as to whether snails in the United States would carry the disease from one human being to another. To find out, it was necessary to have eggs of the bilharziasis worm from a human patient.

Dr. Barlow exposed himself thoroughly to bilharziasis larvae, which melt their way through unbroken human skin and attack the liver and other organs inside. He was flown to the United States and refrained from taking treatment until months after his infection had reached dangerous and exorbitating proportions. Finally he underwent treatment, which he says is so prolonged and disgusting that most victims will not take the required number of injections.

"Don't let anybody tell you the treatment isn't nauseating," he says with a grin. "I have inside information." He still stumps around his laboratories and workshops on legs slightly crippled by the ordeal.

**Auto Crash Fatal**  
Klamath Falls, Oct. 25 (AP)—His second automobile accident in five weeks was fatal yesterday to Clarence C. Loudon, 27, crushed under an overturned truck in a ranch field.

Company President Harry A. Green said the change of work assignments was permissible under the contract. He said the reason only 125 of 550 workers were called back October 11 was poor business conditions.

Green said civil damage suits may also be filed against the union.

**To Interrupt Percy's Fast**  
Birmingham, Ala., Oct. 25 (U.P.)—Huge Percy Coplon, more than halfway through a proposed 100-day fast in a little house atop a steel pole, will make a forced landing on Nov. 3.

Coplon, who has slimmed down from 357 pounds to a mere 280 in the first 58 days of his fast, has been subpoenaed as a witness in a trial involving his mother-in-law. She is being sued on charges of nonpayment of a debt.

Percy said he would go back to his perch and finish the fast after the trial.

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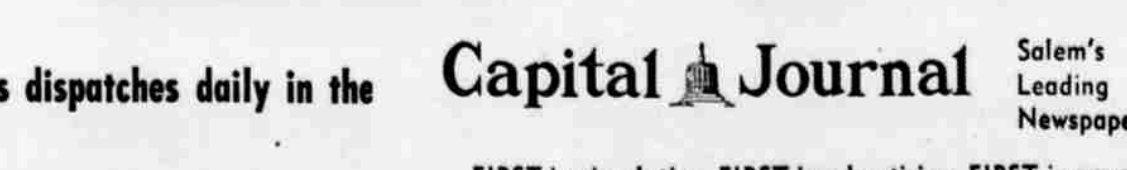
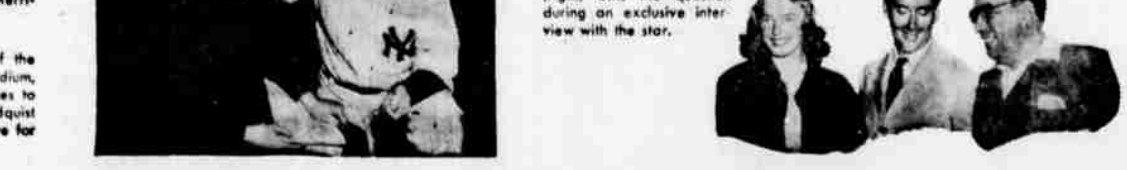
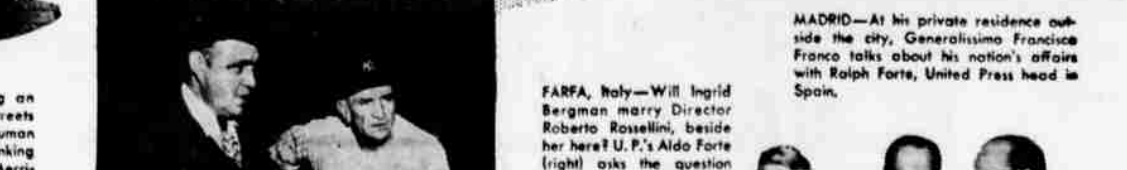
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**CHICAGO—**Through the left window, a two-gun car thief trapped inside the Northwestern Station is shooting into the street. At the right a plainclothesman is answering with a riot gun. Between the two is Ed Seimsbury of the United Press. He scored a half-hour bout on the bandit's killing.

**INDEPENDENCE, Mo.—**During an early morning stroll along the streets of his home town, President Truman pauses to chat with the ranking White House reporter, U.P.'s Merriman Smith.

**NEW YORK—**On the steps of the Yankee dugout at the Stadium, Manager Casey Stengel outlines to U.P. baseball editor Carl Lundquist his strategy for the stretch drive for the American League pennant.

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