



Pint-Sized Farmhand—Five-year-old Teddy Ray Hooker, who has been driving a tractor, since old enough to "cry to get on," is a two-fisted milker as well. Father Ray Hooker, owner of a 160-acre farm near Skiatook, Okla., says Teddy is "the best doggone hand I ever had." (AP Wirephoto)

FEDERAL JUDGE SAYS:

Experienced Jurists Should Be Promoted to Highest Tribunal

All judges should be appointed for life and greater consideration should be given to judicial experience and the promotion of district court jurists in filling higher U. S. court vacancies, Federal Judge John C. Knox declares in the December American magazine.

While he doesn't criticize any specific appointments, the chief judge in the southern New York district makes it plain that he thinks competent lower court justices as well as judicial experience are overlooked too frequently in the selection of judges for higher U. S. courts.

State, county and even municipal judges should be appointed for life, he says, so that they'll be able to mete out justice without regard for political expediencies. It's a great handicap, Judge Knox agrees, to require a judge to be a politician to remain a judge under a system which requires him to seek reelection every so many years.

While stating in a signed article that "I don't want to imply that there is any lack of ability in the present Supreme Court," the venerable judge, a democrat who was appointed to the federal bench nearly 32 years ago, adds:

"In the present Supreme Court there are only three men—Chief Justice Vinson, Justice Minton, and Justice Black—who have had prior experience on the bench, and Justice Black's was confined to a service of about 18 months.

"I think more judges ought to be advanced to positions of higher importance, if they are worthy of promotion, and that men in lower courts should feel that promotion is the reward of ability and competence, just as it is in other careers.

"If experience is worth while in other professions, I can't for the life of me see why it shouldn't be where the courts are concerned, but it doesn't always seem to be.

"Upon occasions I have thought that some of the appointees were selected because of their economic, social, or—should we say?—political points of view . . .

"In fact, over the years, many appointees have had no judicial experience at all, and many good judges have been passed

France Nears End Of Food Rationing

Paris, Dec. 1 (AP)—France neared the end of food rationing today.

The French cabinet last night voted to take sugar and rice off the control list today, leaving only coffee distribution controlled by the government. The government said the normal coffee ration would be doubled this month.

The cabinet, which recently derationed cooking oil, also voted to abolish the national food control board on December 31.

To keep the price of sugar at its present rationed level of about 13 cents a pound, the government plans to allow sugar imports from Algeria and Tunis. Similar imports of cooking oil also will be permitted.

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Is There a Santa Claus? Pan-American to Prove 'Yes'

Seattle, Dec. 1 (AP)—Is there a Santa Claus? To the skeptics, Pan American World Airways says "sure!" And offers to prove it.

Airlines officials today offered to produce a signed letter from the old gentleman for any child whose parents will follow a simple set of rules.

Fairbanks Alaska, has been officially designated by Santa Claus as the post office nearest to the north pole. He's sending a special dog sled from his Arctic headquarters to the Pan American office at Fairbanks.

Here are the instructions:

1. The parents must write letters to their youngsters and sign them "Santa Claus."
2. Place the letters in airmail envelopes stamped with six cents postage and addressed to the boy or girl. Allow room on the left hand side of the envelope for Santa's picture which will be stamped on by the airline.
3. Take the letters to a district sales office or put them in another envelope and send to Pan American World Airways, 1302 4th ave., Seattle, attention Santa Claus.
4. The letters must reach Seattle or district sales offices not later than Monday, Dec. 12, 1949.

The letters will be flown to Fairbanks and mailed there to Santa Claus. After a pause of three minutes for the round-trip by dog sled to the north pole, the airlines will return the mail to the states.

Rescue Party Finds All 6 C-54 Airmen Perished

Longview, Wash., Dec. 1 (AP)—Whether to attempt to retrieve the bodies of six airmen from the snow-covered, blizzard-swept sides of Mt. St. Helens or to leave them there until spring was to be decided today by air force officials.

The shattered C-54 transport yesterday 7,000 feet up at Mud-dy glacier on the 9,671-foot high mountain. But the only two members of the party actually to reach the wreckage—Robert Quoidbach of Longview and Corp. LeRoy LaVigne of Virginia, Minn.—said they found no bodies inside the plane.

Quoidbach estimated it would be next June before a ground party could safely search the treacherous mountain sides for the bodies.

The ground party was forced to return to its base camps last night by a driving snowstorm and frigid 50-mile-an-hour winds.

The C-54 crashed nine days ago on a training flight from McChord air force base near Tacoma, Wash., to Portland, Ore.

Stanton Patty, Longview Daily News reporter who accompanied the search party, said the plane's tail section was buried in the snow, about 150 feet from the hardy-dented fuselage.

"The main landing gear was on a ledge 100 feet or so higher up the slope," Patty continued. "Nobody knows precisely where the plane crashed, but some assume it crashed near the top of the mountain and tumbled on down."

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As has been the custom for many years, booths will be established in public places for the purpose of selling Christmas seals to those persons who did not receive them through the mails.

These booths will be set up this week in the post office lobby for operation from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.; the Kress store from 11 a. m. to 5 p. m. as well as Friday evenings; Montgomery Ward from 10 a. m. to 5 p. m. and Friday evenings, and Ladd and Bush bank from 10 a. m. to 3 p. m.

Although the seal sale will continue through December, A. L. Schaefer, president of the Marion County Tuberculosis and Health association, sponsoring agency, states "we would greatly appreciate having returns made promptly." Early returns would ease the load of the post office during the Christmas rush, he points out.

Total returns to date are \$4,242.15, approximately the same as a year ago at a similar date.

Duty-free Goods In Western Europe

Paris, Dec. 1 (AP)—American tourists will soon be able to tote their souvenirs, perfumes and new dresses from one western European country to another without paying customs duty.

An agreement was reached yesterday between 18 Marshall plan countries creating a single uniform list of goods overseas visitors can carry in duty free.

No date was set for putting the list into effect, but it was hoped most of the countries could start by Jan. 1.

The agreement affects all overseas visitors, including Americans, but does not permit citizens from one Marshall plan country to carry the listed goods to another.

"Megacycle" as used in radio is the measurement of frequency, meaning that the rate of vibration is at 1,000,000 cycles per second.

Chief Needs Help

West Linn, Dec. 1 (AP)—Police Chief William Ellis has asked Portland detectives to help investigate a burglary at the high school here in which the safe was cracked open and \$120 taken. It occurred sometime Tuesday night or early yesterday.

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Khans Plan to Use Chalet

Lausanne, Switzerland, Dec. 1 (AP)—Arrangements for Film Star Rita Hayworth and her husband, Prince Aly Khan, to move to their winter chalet around Christmas time led to the belief today she expected her baby before that time.

Aly and Rita have been in Lausanne for nearly a month and have made secret reservations at Montchoisi Maternity clinic here. No word has leaked out as to when Rita expects to enter the clinic.

Rita lives in almost complete seclusion while she awaits the birth of her baby. When she does leave her hotel suite she is always accompanied by Prince Aly or his half-brother, Prince Sadruddin.

Outside the prince's family the couple receives few visitors. Rita made a rare exception when Actress Constance Bennett came to the hotel last week-end. The only other outsiders to come to her suite are her French teacher and her hairdresser.

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