



### Rug Shampoo Appears Here

One of the last drudgery-ridden tasks of the American household, hands-and-knees rug scrubbing, is on its way out with the recent introduction of the first home-size rental rug shampoo equipment by the Clarke Sanding Machine company of Muskegon, Mich.

These revolutionary light-weight, attractively streamlined appliances—a shampoo unit and a vacuum pick-up—will be rented to the public through retail hardware, paint, lumber dealers and other types of retail outlets.

The American housewife can now get off her knees to rugs and not only eliminate the tiresome and unpleasant task of shampooing her carpeting by hand but she also can be certain her rugs are clean, with texture revitalized and colors sparkling in a way not possible with hand cleaning.

In a nation-wide independent survey among the 86 percent of American housewives owning rugs or carpets, it was revealed recently that there is a huge pent-up demand for rug shampoo rental equipment. Seven out of 10 women interviewed said they would like to rent such equipment. And it was further shown that rugs will be cleaned much more frequently now that machines can be rented to do the job. More than 90 percent of the prospective renters said they would rent the equipment from one to four times per year.

Both the self-contained, self-feeding shampoo unit and the pick-up machines are as easy to operate and as safe to use as an ordinary vacuum cleaner.

Ridge, used some non-union workers on a short gas line leading to the new gaseous diffusion plant, designated as K-29.

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### New Walkouts At Oakridge

Oak Ridge, Tenn., Dec. 7 (AP)—New walkouts today swelled to more than 700 the number of construction men off the job at the atomic energy commission's new \$66,000,000 gaseous diffusion plant here.

Gordon Molesworth, assistant to the manager of Oak Ridge operations of the AEC, estimated 710 men already are idle or would be out by nightfall at various projects in the Oak Ridge area.

Molesworth said those involved included 250 AFL steamfitters, truck drivers and operational engineers.

The AEC spokesman said the walkout had not spread to any workers employed in production of fissionable materials in the AEC plants at Oak Ridge. Only workmen on construction projects are involved, he said.

The plant is being built to increase production of uranium-235 for atomic bombs.

Molesworth said the AEC assumes that the walkout started because the Oman Construction company of Nashville, which is constructing a gas line to Oak

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### Milestone Reached in War Of Science on Arthritis

By PAUL F. ELLIS (United Press Science Editor)

New York, Dec. 7 (AP)—The battle to whip arthritis, one of man's most crippling diseases, has reached a milestone comparable to the day that the first atom bomb went off, a group of physicians agreed today.

The doctors, members of the medical and scientific committee of the arthritis and rheumatism foundation, said they were referring specifically to the discovery of the new drugs—cortisone and acth—and what they have meant in the campaign against arthritis.

Dr. Cornelius Traeger, one of the group, recalled that out of the first atomic explosion in New Mexico only a small portion of the potential energy contained in the bomb was utilized.



Old Salts—Mrs. H. D. Herring shows some of the 400 old salt dishes she has collected in 50 years, at her home in West Los Angeles. Thirteen foreign countries are represented.

So it is with the new hormone substance, he said, and that as time goes on the efficiency—like that of the bomb—will be increased.

The meeting here was with members of the national association of science writers. They were shown a new movie of three case histories of arthritis that were treated either by cortisone or acth.

In each case there was dramatic improvement, but in each case the patient relapsed after administration of the drug was ceased.

Dr. Traeger said that under present means of production it would take the bile from all the oxen "in the world" to treat 100 patients. Cortisone is manufactured from hormonal substances in the ox bile that come from the adrenal cortex. Acth is extracted from the pituitary glands of cattle.

The foundation is now in a campaign to raise \$2,000,000 to carry out further research and to purchase the rare drugs for use in patients. Some of the money, too, will be spent in the training of physicians of technicians in administration of the drug.

Only recently, the Merck & Co., pharmaceutical house, Rahway, N.J., announced that the price of cortisone had been reduced from \$250 a gram to \$150, still a precious price. The company also has again taken over the duty of distribution of the drug, an indication that the scientists are making headway in improving production methods.

Doctors are finding the drug causes bad side reactions in some patients, but believe that in time its proper dosage will be determined.

### Ask Full Week Hard Coal Mines

New York, Dec. 7 (AP)—The anthracite operators have asked John L. Lewis' United Mine workers to rescind the three-day work-week in the hard coal fields. Coal negotiations sources said.

The anthracite operators and a UMW negotiating committee met today for the first time in a session which both sides hope also might lead to a settlement in the soft coal fields.

An operator source first disclosed that the anthracite employees had asked that the three-day week be ended in their territory. A union spokesman confirmed this. He denied any knowledge of a further report that the UMW representatives had turned down the request.

The anthracite workers have been on a five-day week. John L. Lewis, UMW head, put them on a three-day week last week when he sent striking soft coal miners back for the same work week.

On the soft coal side of the bitter industry dispute, Robert R. Young, head of the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad, stepped into the picture as a possible intermediary.

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### Yule Safety

Christmas, the merriest time of the year, frequently is the time of unexpected disaster.

In our effort to have a bright and gay household, we burn more lights than usual, taxing our electric light circuits, we use lighted candles and lots of paper decorations, all fire hazards.

There are very few Christmas trees that really are flame-proof safety experts tell us, and the ordinary Yule tree is one of the most flammable objects known.

If you want to have a safe Christmas observe these rules: have been opened.

1. Keep the Christmas tree outdoors until ready to install it. Place it in the coolest part of the house, shutting off the radiator closest to it. Do not put electric lights around it. Be sure tree lights do not burn when no one is in the house. If needles near lights start to turn brown change the location of the lights. When needles start falling, it is time to discard the tree.

2. Avoid decorations near chairs where people may smoke. If lights are desired in windows, do not use candles. Keep curtains and other flammable material pulled back at least six inches from electric lights. Use non-flammable decorations of glass or metal and "fire-proof" snow in decorating. Dispose of all gift wrappings and packing materials after gifts

### Fairview

Mrs. R. C. Dixon of this district is recovering at her home from a recent severe heart attack when she was hospitalized a part of the time. She and Mr. Dixon were Thanksgiving day guests of their son in law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Chandler and family in the Grand Island district.

Mr. and Mrs. Toivo Bantsari have had as their house guest Mrs. L. E. McKinney, mother of Mrs. Bantsari, who was recuperating after a severe heart attack following treatments at a McMinnville hospital. She has been taken to her home near Amity.

Mrs. James Watts and Mrs. Carl Wood of this district, who are members of the Webfoot extension unit will attend project leaders meeting on "Basic tools" for extension work to be held at the 4-H club building in McMinnville December 7.

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