



Gracie Allen Gives Ideas (?) On Saving Wear on Budget

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Hollywood (AP)—Ladies, are your dishes hard to wash? Add soap powder to the food.

Do your windows always look dirty? Paint them black.

Are the children always tracking dirt in the back door? Send them around to track dirt in the front door.

These are Gracie Allen's ideas for saving wear and tear on the budget and the housewife.

"Any fool knows," says Gracie, "that in these days of high prices we all have to economize."

The comedienne's first suggestion for household economy is serving economical foods like artichokes.

"There's more left after you finish eating an artichoke than when you started," she pointed out.

Another way of saving money is to convince members of your family they're too fat.

"Trick mirrors add weight to the argument," she suggested.

Another cooking hint is adding a tablespoon of soap powder to everything. It doesn't improve the flavor much, but it makes the dishes easier to wash.

The little wife also can buy prefabricated suits for men. They send you a bunch of sleeves, lapels, pockets, button-holes, pants-legs, seats and zippers and the wife puts them together.

"The death rate among husbands who wear homemade clothes is very low," she noted.

"I don't know why, but George says it's because few men will be found dead in them."

There are so many other ways to save, Gracie found after studying her dark-matter to work. (It isn't gray, she says; it hasn't been used enough.) You can take off your glasses when not looking at anything, or roll up the carpets when nobody is walking on them.

"Lately," she added, "I've even been shutting off the motor when I'm not using the car."

"These things may seem like a lot of trouble. But when you add up the money you've saved, it's really nothing."

Road Committees Of 2 States to Meet

Portland, Dec. 8 (AP)—Legislative highway committees of Washington and Oregon plan a meeting here January 9 to review joint problems, particularly on the subject of trucks and busses.

The Oregon committee discussed finances here yesterday. Rep. Ralph Moore, Coos Bay, said revenue sources were also being reviewed by the neighboring state group.

Kabul, the capital of Afghanistan, recently paved its streets for the first time.

Shoots Wife to Keep Children

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 8 (AP)—Harold Blankenship, 25, who shot his pretty brunette wife to death, says he did it so she couldn't have their children.

Blankenship fired six bullets into his 26-year-old wife Tuesday in the downtown office where she worked. He surrendered to an officer who ran from a nearby corner to the office. He was charged with murder.

Blankenship, an art student, had arrived from Tulsa Monday night. He said he and his wife had been separated two weeks and she had filed suit for divorce. They had two sons, Guy, 3, and Gary, 2.

He told detectives: "I killed her because I didn't want her to have our two little boys."

Cold Wave in Middle West

Chicago, Dec. 8 (AP)—The U. S. weather bureau today issued its first general cold wave warning of the season for the midwest as frigid polar air moved southward out of central Manitoba.

The bureau said the midwestern temperatures will range from 15 below in Minnesota to 20 above in southern Ohio. Strong northerly winds and snow flurries over most of the area will accompany the cold.

The forecaster explained that the day's high points—in a reversal of the usual procedure—were reached during the early morning hours in the area. The leading edge of the cold passed over Chicago at 3:30 a. m. (CST), and temperatures dropped three degrees in beginning their downward plunge.

Bismarck, N. D., where 35 above was recorded yesterday at 11 a. m., dropped to three above at 4 a. m. and was continuing down.

"The heart of the cold air is still to come," the forecaster said. "We look for it to move southeastward and stabilize with markedly lower temperatures all the way to the gulf."

A storm center moved across Detroit during the morning and headed east with a promise of three to six inches of snow for New York state. Snow flurries—"some will be pretty hard flurries"—were promised for most of the midwest.

Rain was reported from Louisiana northward to Pennsylvania, but no amounts were substantial. The rest of the nation had fair weather.

Wallgren Vice Chairman

Washington, Dec. 8 (AP)—Mon C. Wallgren, former democratic U. S. senator from Washington, today was elected vice chairman of the federal power commission for 1950. Wallgren became a member of the commission Nov. 2. Nelson Lee Smith is chairman of the commission.



Plead for Scout Leaders—Margaret O'Brien, actress, and Mrs. C. Vaughan Ferguson, National President of the Girl Scouts of the USA, read the script of Margaret's movie trailer, a plea for adult leaders for Girl Scout troops.

Voice of America Starts Buying Spree

Bucharest, Romania, Dec. 8 (AP)—A Voice of America broadcast about Romanian currency troubles has touched off a buying spree by Romanians fearing another devaluation of the nation's money.

Sales of textiles, foodstuffs, cigarettes and other goods skyrocketed. Rumors of impending currency stabilization moves have been current for some time.

But the buying rush got going after the Voice of America radio broadcast a report that the Bulgarian State bank was refusing to change Romanian currency.

The government-controlled

press denied that any currency revaluation moves are planned. The leu was devalued in 1947 when the government decreed that 20,000 leu should have the value of one leu. The official rate now sets 100 leu as equivalent to 6.7 U.S. cents.

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