

Study in Stripes—A fifteen-year-old zebra parades her new baby outdoors for the daily exercise period in their own reservation at the Perth, Australia, zoo.

Fred Astaire Has Hopes Charleston Not Coming Back

Hollywood, Dec. 14 (AP)—Is the Charleston coming back? Fred Astaire hopes not.

The famed and frenzied dance of the roaring '20's has been making a reappearance at college dances, society parties and in Broadway shows. It is part of a throwback to another postwar era, a trend which has also brought renewed interest in the raccoon coat, ukulele, mah jong and the bobbed haircut.

Dance King Astaire thinks—and hopes—the new Charleston craze will be a flash in the pan. "I suppose it's a novelty to youngsters who weren't even born when it was first danced," he commented. "It must look like fun to them. But I don't think it will make a comeback. "For myself, I'm not interested in old dances. I'm always looking for new ones."

Astaire admitted to being a Charleston dancer himself. "My sister Adele and I danced to a Gershwin tune in 'Lady Be Good' in London," he recalled. "It created a lot of talk." He also confessed having owned a raccoon coat.

But such things are in the past now, he said. He indicated the Charleston had little to offer in the way of grace and beauty.

Clatsop Asks for More Relief Funds

Astoria, Ore., Dec. 14 (AP)—The Clatsop county welfare commission appealed to the Oregon state welfare board for emergency aid Tuesday, declaring 50 families face hunger and a bare Christmas unless help is given.

Mrs. Bertha Roth, welfare administrator, said the 50 families included 50 children and

100 adults. She also said doctors had been informed that surgery costs except in "life and death" cases cannot be met through welfare channels.

The county court earmarked \$1,300, the balance of its indigent soldiers and sailors fund, to buy food for veterans in the group, but Mrs. Roth said an additional \$1,200 was needed.

The state unemployment office reported that Clatsop county claims were 30 per cent higher than last year's.

Cleric Says Workers Are 'Clock Watchers'

Spokane, Dec. 14 (AP)—Dean Charles McAllister of the Cathedral of St. John told Washington state dairymen yesterday America was "becoming a nation of clock watchers."

The only thing that can save democracy, he said, will be "people who are willing to work for something. The trend toward socialism is being caused by people who are unwilling to accept responsibility."

He spoke at the opening session of the annual dairy industry convention. Meeting jointly are the Washington State Milk Dealers, Washington State Ice Cream Manufacturers and Washington Creamery Operators associations.

Here's Loan Plan That's Easy and Works Like Charm

Jacksonville, Tex., Dec. 14 (AP)—Wouldn't this have helped you at one time?

It's a "Date Board," set up by Merchant John Hensley to aid male students of Lon Morris and Jacksonville Baptist college if they need cash for a date. Pinned to the board are ten \$5 bills.

A student may or may not leave his name on the back side of a sheet of paper attached to the board. All that Hensley asks is that the money be returned within a week. So far no student has failed to return the loan.

Romania Expels Children's Aid Staff

Bucharest, Romania, Dec. 14 (AP)—On orders from Romania's communist government the entire foreign staff which ran the U. N. International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) left the country last night.

The group of U. N. officials left for Paris after the government gave them a week to wind up their affairs here. Romanian employees of the UNICEF were left in charge to liquidate the operation which once handed out milk and examined children for tuberculosis. It was left to the ministry of health to decide whether the UNICEF office would continue to function under government control.

(Although no reason was given, the expulsion appeared to be in line with a current eastern European policy of eliminating non-communist agency operations.)

Service Station Sold

Amity—Elmer Engelland has sold his interest in the Hancock service station, north Trade street, to Harry Wilcox. The men have been in business together since 1945. Before buying the service station they were partners in the Amity Food Market. The service station now has the name of "Wilcox Auto Service." Engelland is undecided as to future plans.

PAT. PENDING

Electronic Brains May Fly Fast Airplanes of Future

By PAUL F. ELLIS

New York (AP)—Man is learning to fly so rapidly that the day may be coming when the electronic brain will have to take over the controls.

Man, according to S. Paul Johnston, director of the Institute of Aeronautical Science, "can't stand the gaff" at 1500 miles an hour, become a reality in 1955.

"There is no doubt whatever that we now possess the know-how to build practical aircraft that will fly at speeds of 1,000 to 1,500 miles an hour, or even faster," he reported to the Cooper Union.

It is not sure, he said, that such high-speed planes will have military value.

Johnston said "no human pilot" could operate a plane going 1,500 miles an hour.

"At 1,000 miles per hour, a pilot is traveling almost a quarter of a mile a second. In the time that it takes you to count five slowly you are a mile from where you started. And at such speeds, to make a turn of anything less than a mile radius is an invitation to 'black out,' even when wearing the best of our so-called 'G' suits."

He believes that man is nearing his limits of endurance, and that there are machines now that can do a job better than a human brain.

"The obvious thing to do," he said, "is to take the human being out of the machine; to replace him with electronic and mechanical devices that can do the pilot's work and still survive."

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heads "are certainly under intensive study and development by every major power in the world."

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"For the next decade, at least, a new intercontinental warfare will be waged with piloted aircraft. Long range jet bombers flying at speeds of over 600 miles per hour, will press home the attack on military and industrial objectives deep in enemy territory."

Johnston also believes that the idea of an artificial satellite, or moon, is "within our reach."

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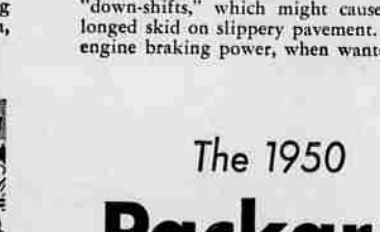
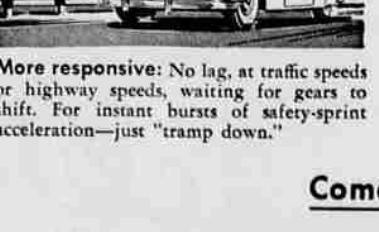
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