



Feeding Time—A young chimpanzee is fed by Pop Marquis, vaudeville performing chimp, after being christened "Cheerful Charlie" at London's Palladium theater. Charlie was flown to the British capital from Sierre Leone, West Africa.

It's National Exchange Week At Stores After Christmas

Washington, Dec. 28 (AP)—This is National Exchange week. It's the week when you take back the hobby horse that went wayback and spilled junior and the dolly that wouldn't say "mama" or go to sleep like it was supposed to. Oddly enough, the lines in front of the exchange counters in Washington were not as long as usual. On the first day after the stores reopened, anyway.

Storeskeepers had the answer. The advertised post-Christmas bargain sales where you could get "Misses better suits valued at \$49.95 to \$55 for \$28," "\$448 to \$498 north black muskrat coats, federal tax included for \$269," "boys' hooded mackinaws valued from \$7.95 to \$8.95 for \$5.99," "\$1.00 ties for 59 cents."

That sort of thing, they say, took the minds off the carrying-back business. In addition to the clearance sales, the department store managers claimed that the exchange situation has eased considerably since the war years.

During those years, people trooped back because somebody sent a pair of 9 1/2 Sox that didn't look good on a size 11 foot. Purple pajamas that irritated a blonde. Simply because supplies were slim.

A spokesman for Julius Garfinkel & Co., said that the bulk of exchanges these days is for size "and we rarely have to give back any money."

A clerk at one counter was startled in the J. G. & Co., store yesterday when a portly gent in an ascot tie and spats wobbled in lugging a neatly wrapped package that obviously had not been opened at all. He tried to exchange it at the lingerie counter. He said he wanted to trade it in "because the color isn't right. But he didn't know what color it was, or what was in the package.

The clerk, with justification, argued politely. The man finally picked up his bundle and left.

Blue-Blooded Pooches Bow To Mongrels as Trick Dogs

Hollywood (AP)—Blue-blooded clearly having trouble getting ahead on their own, and in the same goes for blue-blooded dogs. The most successful dogs in this part of the country are mongrels.

Mongrels are the easiest dogs to train, trainer Henry East says. They don't have a stack of old family customs behind them.

"Pure-blooded dogs are so keyed up as a result of super-careful breeding," East said, "that although they look pretty they're almost worthless for the kind of work Rags and my other movie dogs do."

This cinderella dog is so smart, East said, that the trainer doesn't have to give him hand signals; wiggling a finger is enough.

"Usually you give a dog a big, generous wave," East explained. "On a movie set that might upset the camera. So I trained Rags to recognize slight finger motions."

Despite his brains, Rags has been assigned the role of Moronica, which means just what it sounds like it does, in Colin Miller's "A Kiss for Corliss." And not only does he have to act stupid, but he has to dye his hair.

"He never forgets a smell," East explained.

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Air Force Smashes Flying Saucers; 'No Such Things'

Washington, Dec. 28 (AP)—After checking up on 375 rumors of weird and wondrous sights in the sky, the air force has concluded that there aren't any "flying saucers."

It took two years, a special team from the USAF's science staff, and help from university consultants to track "down" the rumors of strange discs whizzing through the air.

Last night the air force said "project flying saucer"—the investigation started by the air materiel command at Wright base, Dayton, Ohio, on January 22, 1948—has been ordered ended because there is nothing to show that the reports were "not the results of natural phenomena."

All evidence, it added, points to three factors—"misinterpretation of various conventional objects; a mild form of mass hysteria; or hoaxes"—as the origin of the flying saucer reports.

Under air force definition, "various conventional objects" include such things as meteors, balloons, birds in flight or just ordinary optical illusions.

The effect of last night's air force announcement was to deny a story appearing in the current edition of the magazine "True."

The magazine said it had learned that "a rocket authority stationed at Wright field has told 'project saucer' personnel flatly that the saucers are interplanetary and that no other conclusion is possible."

The air force last spring sought to shoot down the flying disc rumors with a long, detailed discussion of the whole history of the rumors. It devoted a portion of that report to explaining why visitors weren't likely to arrive from other planets on space ships.

Among other things, the report questioned the possibility of the existence of men even on the relatively near planet of Mars.

Even if men were there, the USAF doubted that they were a "technically established race," able to build space ships.

The people who said they saw flying saucers varied widely. Some were housewives. A businessman back in June, 1947, thought he saw one while flying his private plane near Mt. Rainier, Wash. Other airmen began talking about odd-shaped "aircraft" moving at fantastic speeds, or curious lights and discs. So the air force moved in to run down the rumors.

Whatever these people saw, it was very real to some of them. Down at Godman air base, Ky., something that looked like "an ice cream cone topped with red" was reported. The control tower at the field ordered four national guard fighter planes flying in the vicinity to investigate.

The planes closed in. One pilot said he saw something of "tremendous size round like a tear drop and at times almost fluid." The flight leader radioed he was following the object and would abandon chase at 20,000-foot altitude if he couldn't get any closer.

His body was found in the wreckage of his plane later in the day. The air force concluded he had collapsed from lack of oxygen when he reached 30,000 feet and his plane had gone down out of control.

Air force officials said today they were unable to estimate immediately how much the two years of investigation had cost.

City Protects Packing Plant

On recommendation of City Manager J. L. Franzen the city council approved an agreement with United Growers, Inc., for fire protection for the company's packing plant at Liberty.

Under the general city policy relative to protecting properties outside the city limits the concern will pay the city \$293. The city is under obligation to send fire fighting apparatus if equipment and men are available when a fire occurs.

Lindow Lotta Chance Has Production Record

Lindow Lotta Chance, a registered Jersey cow owned by Mr. and Mrs. John E. Lindow of Independence, has completed a production record of 9,983 pounds milk and 546 pounds butterfat which has qualified her for the Silver Medal award of the American Jersey Cattle club, with headquarters in Columbus.

Lindow Lotta Chance's record was made on 305 day actual production at the age of 3 years and 2 months. All her tests were verified by both Oregon State college and the American Jersey Cattle club.

In compiling this record she produced more than two and one-half times as much butterfat as the average dairy cow in the United States.

She has also been officially classified for type by the Cattle club with the high rating of good plus.

Linn Livestock Men Meeting Soon

Lebanon—Jack Swanson, Lebanon stockman and president of the Linn County Livestock organization, calls attention to the organization's annual meeting at City hall on January 6, starting at 10 o'clock.

The program will interest all producers of swine, sheep and beef cattle, with H. A. Lindgren, livestock specialist at Oregon State college, discussing the returns which may be expected from irrigated pastures.

Plans are being developed, said Swanson, to have discussions on Oregon State College's livestock research program, the recording of livestock brands, Oregon's livestock theft law, and predatory animal control.

"His hair is the same color as one of the girls in the picture," East said. "They were afraid they'd look too much alike."

So Rags showed up at the studio makeup department each morning at 7:45 a.m. and was given a henna rinse. Many of the other actors also were there dyeing their hair.

Rags is rewarded for his work each evening by three-quarters of a pound of red meat mixed with kibble.

"I've got to keep him hungry all day to keep him on his toes," East said. "If he has lunch, he sleeps all afternoon."

Each time he's scheduled to play a scene with an actor, he visits with the actor the day before. East claims Rags makes friends easily and instantly recognizes actors he previously has worked with.

"He never forgets a smell," East explained.

Discount Claim 'Flying Saucers' Space Ships of Outside Planet

New York, Dec. 28 (AP)—A sensational claim that so-called "flying saucers" are space vehicles from another planet kindled new controversy on the subject today.

The Air Force promptly discounted the claim. A spokesman said:

"Air force studies of 'flying saucers' lend no support to the view that they come from another planet."

The assertion that the flying discs are real and that they are used by visitors from another planet was made by True magazine in an article it calls the "most important true story we have ever published."

It was written for the January issue by Donald E. Keyhoe, a former information chief for the aeronautics branch of the U. S. commerce department.

The magazine, saying its conclusions were based on an eight months investigation, stated:

"For the past 175 years, the planet earth has been under systematic close-range examination by living, intelligent observers from another planet."

"The intensity of this observation and the frequency of the visits to the earth's atmosphere, by which it is being conducted, have increased markedly in the past two years."

The flying discs, Keyhoe writes, vary "in no important particular from well-developed American planes for the exploration of space expected to come to fruition within the next 50 years. There is reason to believe, however, that some other race of thinking beings is a matter of two and a quarter centuries ahead of us."

The article says that U. S. army air force investigators and charged with solving the mystery, "are receiving and evaluating" reports of sightings.



French Chief—Major Gen. Clement Blane (above), 52-year-old veteran of both world wars, has been named by France's cabinet as Chief of Staff of French land forces.

7 UAL Hops Weekly To Hawaiian Islands

Seven round-trip flights weekly between San Francisco and Honolulu will be operated by United Air Lines with double-deck Mainliner Stratocruisers beginning January 15.

Travelers flying to Hawaii will have a choice of taking either nine and one-half hour daylight flights, to be operated on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays, or equally fast overnight trips scheduled for Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

Mainliner Stratocruisers will carry 55 passengers on the main deck. The lower deck lounge, will be available to all passengers for social gatherings, card playing and soft drinks.

State Educational Post Calls Collins

Albany — Paul Collins, instructor in social studies and forensics, who announced his resignation to accept a position with the Oregon Educational association, state-wide teacher's organization, as research and field service representative, will assume his new duties, January 1, and Wednesday marked his last in service of the Albany school system.

The local instructor's appointment came on recommendation of City School Superintendent I. R. Halsey, who said that Collins' name was submitted at the recent OEA convention in Portland as a potential appointee for one of two positions which the state organization had open.

Collins came here in September, 1945, following his graduation from the University of Oregon. He and his family will move to Portland.

Baby Survives Fall On Metal Radiator

Albuquerque, N. M., Dec. 28 (AP)—A three-month-old boy was "doing pretty well" at St. Joseph's hospital today after falling from a bed onto a radiator and suffering burns.

Jimmy Hunter, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Hunter of Pocatello, Ida., rolled from a tourist court bed onto the hot radiator. His parents said they had stepped out of the cabin for a few minutes when the accident occurred.

Critics Select 'All King's Men'

New York, Dec. 28 (AP)—New York critics have voted "All the King's Men" the best motion picture of 1949.

Other best-citations, voted yesterday by the group of 17 film critics of New York Metropolitan daily newspapers, included:

Best actress—Olivia de Havilland (for the second successive year), for her portrayal of the title role in "The Heiress."

Best actor—Broderick Crawford, for his role in "All the King's Men."

Best director—Carol Reed, for his direction of the British film, "The Fallen Idol."

Best foreign language picture—"The Bicycle Thief," an Italian film.

Newsman Barred By Czech Court

Prague, Czechoslovakia, Dec. 28 (AP)—Western newsmen were barred today from the trial of a young Swedish businessman who is on trial at Prague's Pankrac prison on charges of industrial espionage.

Czech authorities told representatives of western news agencies there was "not enough room" at the trial due to the great interest shown. But the official Czech news agency Ceteka had not carried a word about the impending trial, nor had the communist-controlled newspapers of the country.

No specific accusations other than the general charge of industrial espionage were disclosed in the case of the defendant, 28-year-old Holger Hjolm.

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