



To Sail Around World—Marcel Bardiaux works aboard the 30-foot homemade sailboat Four Winds with which he will shortly leave Paris on a cruise around the world.

'Aunt Jemima' of Radio Fame Dies

New York, Jan. 3 (AP)—Miss Tess Gardella, 52, "Aunt Jemima" of the stage and radio, died early today in an ambulance en route to a hospital. Miss Gardella, a huge woman who weighed more than 400 pounds, lapsed into a diabetic coma at her home last night. Miss Gardella won widespread fame as a black-face "Aunt Jemima" on the radio and in vaudeville. In 1936 she won a verdict of \$115,000 in Brooklyn federal court against the National Broadcasting company, General Foods, Inc., and Log Cabin Products Co. She charged other entertainers using her professional name were hired in her place by NBC.

Montana in 'Deep Freeze'

Helena, Mont., Jan. 3 (AP)—Montana was in a deep freeze again today. The arctic ice box poured cold air over the state, sending temperatures to a seasonal low—far below zero. Thermometers recorded these lows early today: Cut Bank -42, Havre -36, Great Falls -33, Lewiston -21, Billings -19, Livingston -18, Kalispell -13, and Missoula -9. The federal weather bureau saw little hope for above-zero temperatures in Montana today and predicted another nose-dive tonight. Temperatures are expected to begin rising tomorrow. Jap Mine Detonated Moclips, Wash., Jan. 3 (AP)—A Fort Lewis demolition squad detonated a horn-type Japanese mine on the beach a mile north of here yesterday. Coast guardsmen from the Grays Harbor lifeboat station stood guard over the explosive for 2 1/2 hours before it was destroyed. commander of the post, in active charge, assisted by Peery Buren, Miss Susan Faharty, commander of Pioneer Post No. 149, says her group will cooperate but that nothing has been done because of her absence from the city, returning home only Monday.

'Tide of Toys' Sweeps Pier; Europe's Children to Benefit

Philadelphia, Jan. 3 (AP)—A Delaware river pier is groaning today under a steadily mounting pile of picture books, dolls, blocks and cowboy suits bound for the children of Europe. The flood of playthings is the nation's response to the American Legion's "Junior Marshall Plan"—a drive designed (1) to provide toys for European children born during or after World War Two and (2) by doing combat communist propaganda. Officially designated the "Tide of Toys" the project got underway the day after Christmas and was originally scheduled to end Jan. 7, 1950. The response has been so great, however, that Legion officials announced the final date for shipment of toys to Philadelphia has been extended to Jan. 15. All the nation's children have been asked to participate by sending new toys or cash contributions. Each toy should have a letter attached from the young donor. While the primary appeal was to children, toys and money have been flowing in from churches, youth groups and civic organizations. Local American Legion posts are aiding in the collection while distribution of the gifts aboard will be handled by the CARE organization. Gifts may be shipped direct to the American Legion, Pier 38 South, Philadelphia. Toys which are fragile or difficult to pack should be avoided, the legion said. Electrical playthings also are of little value because they cannot be used in many sections of Europe. And above all else, Legion officials warned, do not send any war toys—such as toy guns, tanks, planes or metal soldiers.

Edward P. McGinnis, Legion director of public relations, said one million toys on their way to Philadelphia from California alone. Several states, including Arkansas, Connecticut and Virginia, "Tide of Toys" while Pennsylvania's Governor James H. Duff endorsed the campaign in a recent statement. "Response to the Legion's appeal has been literally overwhelming," said McGinnis. Everywhere in the nation we are seeing demonstrations of enthusiasm. Our Tide of Toys for Europe's children may well become a floodtide. Speaking of communist attempts to discredit the Marshall plan in Western Europe, McGinnis said: "A shipment of toys from our children to youngsters in Europe will help offset this line of propaganda. The time to mold the minds of people is when they are young enough to be without prejudice." The toys will be distributed

Women of Pacific Give Vet Idea to Create 'Charm Guild'

Pittsburgh, Jan. 3 (AP)—Alan Michel, a 28-year-old veteran of the Pacific war, had a five-year dream fulfilled today in the offices of Charm Guild, Inc. "I'm putting beauty on a production line," he said. "I've been thinking about it for years. Ever since the first time I saw a native woman in the South Pacific." Charm Guild is a combination beauty salon, modeling school, fashion center and portrait photographer's. A woman can buy the latest fashion clothes there or get any beauty treatment she wants. She can attend Michel's modeling school or have her picture made. And she can do all at the same time. One of the unique things about Michel's business is that a woman, bedraggled after a day's shopping, can go in for a portrait and still look like a movie star when she gets in front of the camera. She can have her hair done and her eyebrows plucked, get a facial and the proper make-up and be dressed in the latest fashion clothes. A trained teacher of models will help her pose for the picture. After the portrait is made, she can change back into her own clothes and go home. All for no extra charge. Michel got the idea for his business in 1944 when he went

overseas as a lieutenant in the navy air corps. "Our CBMs operated from seaplane tenders," he said, "but we hit a lot of islands, too. We'd just set down at a likely-looking spot. "Sometimes, we'd find an island that was inhabited. You've heard the gags about native women looking better every day that you spend in the islands—don't believe a word of it. They look worse every day." A lot of the time Michel spent in the Pacific was given to anti-submarine warfare and air support for invasions. But during the long, lonely hours that fighting men spent just sitting and waiting, he thought of a subject that has always been dear to his heart, beautiful women. "You have no idea how horrible some of those natives could make themselves look," he recalled. "Especially on Borneo. They sprinkled ugly powders in their wrinkled unkempt hair. They dyed their bodies and scarred themselves. They did the darndest things to themselves. After looking at native women for a few months, Michel reached a decision. "I promised myself that when I got home, I was going to do everything I could to make American women ever more beautiful than they already were. "You might say I felt like a crusader. I wanted to dedicate myself to beauty in women." When he was discharged from the navy at the end of the war, Michel studied business administration at the University of Pittsburgh. In June, 1949, he was graduated and started looking around for business prospects. He consulted a beauty parlor operator who had been well known in Pittsburgh for 18 years. Together they developed his plans. "The thing began to snowball," Michel said. "Every day we talked about it, it seemed to get a little bigger." Beauty to Michel is more than just having the proper clothes and hair-do. He thinks women should have poise and "an air of regality about them." Hence the modeling school. The photographer was just an added service. But Michel is more than just a crusader. He thinks he's got a pretty good idea for making money, too.



Milk Re-distributor—Bob, a retriever, of Fort Atkinson, Wis., is caught with the evidence after neighbors found bottles of milk missing from the stoops of their homes.



Oldtimers Get Together—Reginald Denny, Claire Windsor (left) and Mae Murray join movie stars of yesteryear who met in Hollywood to celebrate the anniversary of "The Squaw Man," the movie capital's first feature picture which Cecil B. DeMille said he started in 1913.

How About Hollywood Scandal Story That's Strictly a Dream

Hollywood, Jan. 3 (AP)—Let me tell you about my holiday dream. The mind doctors say that dreams relate to actual experience. I can believe that. Because I think this dream is the result of questions that I am often asked by actors. Such questions as: "Why is the press always concerned with Hollywood scandal? Why don't columnists print more nice things about Hollywood? Why are film critics so critical?" "Anywhere, here is my dream: Once upon a Christmas, every correspondent in Hollywood was gifted with a golly wrapped bottle box. Inside the box was a bottle of champagne and a card which said, "For a Happy New Year's eve—S. Genesis." "Who is S. Genesis?" one correspondent asked another. "I think he's an independent producer—isn't it Sam Genesis?" "Yeah, I think so." So on New Year's eve, every correspondent in Hollywood poured the champagne and toasted big-hearted Sam Genesis, the independent producer. Now it so happened that the gift giver was not an independent producer, but was actually St. Genesis, the patron saint of actors. And the champagne was not pure. It contained a magic potion of good will. And when the correspondents wrote their columns on New Year's day—for columnists must work on holidays, too—they could write nothing bad about Hollywood and its people. Their copy was nothing but sweetness and light, bristling with the good deeds done by stars. And all the pictures they reviewed were beautifully-acted hits. After two weeks of this, editors began peppering the correspondents with demands to "get on the ball! Cut out this soft-sister stuff!" Then the public became aroused. Crowds marched on the newspaper offices and hurled rocks through the windows. The harassed editors finally fired all the good-will correspondents and hired new ones. And so the new correspondents began writing the kind of copy that people wanted and everybody was happy again. Everybody, that is, except the actors—and St. Genesis.

'Any Girl Can Be Glamorous' Says Betty Who Ought to Know

Hollywood, Jan. 3 (AP)—Any girl can be glamorous, Betty Grable contends. The movie glamour queen says a girl who started as Dracula's daughter could end up rating whistles if she took the time and trouble. "The only question," she said, "is whether it's worth it." Miss Grable, who needs take no time or trouble to be glamorous herself, explains that lots of glamour can be manufactured artificially on the assembly-line factory in operation at movie studios. "But this is an ordeal that very few women would put up with, especially as a daily routine, unless they had to," she said. A movie queen spends an hour with a hairdresser, an hour with a cosmetician and a long, long time getting fitted for clothes. "No wonder she comes out looking shapely," Miss Grable said. "Who wouldn't?" Miss Grable goes through the routine herself every day for her movie, "My Blue Heaven," at 20th Century-Fox. But off the screen she bothers with nothing more than a staple of lipstick, a two-minute hairdo and casual sports clothes. The lucky Miss Grable still looks glamorous. Most females

Charlie Meyers Fails to Make Fuss Over His 110th Birthday

Tomahawk, Wis., Jan. 3 (AP)—Few people ever get a chance to learn what being 110 years old is like, but Charlie Meyers says it "feels just like always." Meyers celebrated his 110th anniversary. He announced he was still in the peak of condition "but I sometimes lose track of the time." The aged Wisconsinite, who still likes to get up early for a little fishing, took time out on his birthday to comment on how the world looked from the vantage-point of a century and a decade. On modern war—"one of these days those scientist guys will blow up the whole shebang with their atom bomb." On work—"a lot of hard work shouldn't keep a guy from enjoying life and living a long time." On modern inventions—"automobiles are nothing but a nuisance and I don't have any use for airplanes, either." On Wisconsin—"it ain't no better than any other state, but it ain't no worse, either." Germany's U-21 was the first submarine to sink an enemy ship on the high seas.

Rape of Child Starts Man Hunt

Lynn, Mass., Jan. 3 (AP)—The raping of an eight-year-old girl under circumstances which had some similarity to a fatal sex attack on a Lynn beauty eight years ago, touched off an intensive manhunt today. Lt. Edward Ray said the child, whose name was withheld, was raped in woods in which Frances Cochran, 19, was slain in July, 1941. After the attack yesterday on the child, she was driven back to a spot near the former home of the Cochran girl. Ray quoted the youngster as saying "a man in a new car" offered her a ride to the home of a playmate but took her instead to woods near the Salem-Lynn line. The child furnished police with a description of the man who left her out of his car a mile and a half from her home, Ray said. She was treated at Lynn hospital by physicians who said she had been raped.

Six Miners Killed

Vienna, Jan. 3 (AP)—The Austrian press agency reported today that at least six miners were killed and eight others injured by a gas explosion in a coal mine in the British occupation zone of Austria. Other reports, which could not be immediately confirmed, said an estimated 40 persons were trapped in the mine behind fallen timbers and coal. The explosion reportedly occurred at Fohnsdorf, in Styria.

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Befriended 22 Years Ago, Man Returns to Repay

Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 3 (AP)—It was cold on a night in 1928 at the City Hall in suburban Hollywood. Firemen and policemen were huddled around a pot-bellied stove. They talked and joked and, at first, did not notice a boy slipping quietly in the door. The tall, thin-clothed youth walked slowly to where the men were seated, placed a battered suitcase on the floor and asked, "May I warm in here?" "Sure," they told him, "come on up to the stove." He stood with his back to the stove in silence. Someone asked, "Hungry?" "Yes," he said, "I'm hungry." "Got a place to sleep?" "No sir, was his frank reply. "I'm tired out. I've been walking all day, and I don't see how I can keep going without anything to eat or any sleep. Is there a place here I could sleep awhile?" They fed him and gave him a comfortable place to sleep. The officers furnished him a good hot breakfast the next morning. He thanked them for being so kind, picked up his battered old suitcase and walked down the road. The incident was forgotten during the next 22 years. But Sunday night a man wearing well-tailored clothes brightened by a silk shirt and a belt buckle inlaid with gold, walked into the same city hall with a big smile on his face. He told a new batch of cops the story of the youth who was befriended 22 years ago. "I am that boy," he said. "And now I want to prove that a good deed is remembered." He drew a \$100 bill from his billfold, deposited a moment, and asked: "Do you fellows have any special work—anything that requires money—that you'd like to put across?" "Well, sir," Lt. Bob Nichols said, "We've been wanting to build a camp and bathhouse for our city employees...but we don't expect..." "I know," the tall money interrupted, taking \$500 from his wallet. "But I want to do this. I've wanted to do it a long time."

Gambling Headache To Illinois Governor

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 3 (AP)—Commercialized gambling, says Gov. Adlai E. Stevenson, has been his "biggest headache" during his first year in office. Stevenson, in a radio talk last night summing up his first year as governor of Illinois, said: "Illinois is getting the reputation of a gambling state. The tribute we pay to the slot machines runs into millions a year." The democratic governor, in his first full scale report on the gambling situation, termed gambling the most "stubborn problem." "It's against the law in Illinois," he said, "and it can only exist where local officials tolerate it, either because they think the people don't care or because it's politically expedient." Christmas Eve is supposed to represent the mistress of the house.

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