



Will Wed First Wife's Bridesmaid—Dr. Jacob Armstrong Swisher, 65, of Iowa City, Ia., and Mrs. Blanche A. Fletcher, 60, who was bridesmaid at the doctor's first wedding 40 years ago, have obtained a marriage license in Los Angeles. The doctor's first wife died a year ago and Mrs. Fletcher is divorced from her first husband. They exchanged letters recently and decided to marry. (AP Wirephoto).

McCarthy Demands Probe Of Removal of Adm. Denfeld

Washington, Jan. 24 (AP)—Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy R., Wis., today pressed his demands for a senate investigation of the removal of Adm. Louis Denfeld as chief of naval operations.

He renewed his charges, made Francis P. Matthews was either dishonest or incompetent. Chairman Millard Tydings, D., Md., of the senate armed services committee took the floor earlier to defend Matthews.

The controversy centered on Denfeld's commission issued last September for a second term as operations chief.

Tydings read the senate statement from Matthews to the effect that the commission was not properly delivered to Denfeld.

McCarthy immediately read the senate a telegram from Denfeld which said the admiral had thanked Matthews for the commission and was congratulated by the secretary on his reappointment.

McCarthy introduced the original commission and showed the senate the bright blue seal which was stamped on it. He said the presence of the seal indicated that the delivery of the commission was not improper as Matthews had suggested.

Matthews admitted in a statement read to the senate that both he and the president had signed Denfeld's commission for another term as chief. But he said the commission was invalid because it was "irregularly placed" in Denfeld's "custody."

The person who delivered the commission "irregularly" to Denfeld was Rear Adm. Robert L. Dennison, President Truman's naval aide.

Matthews also released an opinion by Rear Adm. G. L. Russell, navy judge advocate general, that Denfeld was removed legally and replaced by Adm. Forrest P. Sherman, Russell said Denfeld did not go through the formality of accepting the office for a second term.

Matthews' statement was made in a letter to Chairman Millard E. Tydings, D., Md., of the senate armed services committee. The senate has withheld confirmation of Sherman, pending investigation of charges by pro-navy senators that Denfeld had a commission and therefore no vacancy existed to which to appoint Sherman.

Col. Babeck Dies
Berlin, Jan. 24 (AP)—Colonel William T. Babeck, deputy U.S. commissioner for Berlin who played an active part in East-West disputes over Berlin, died today of a heart attack. He was 52. Babeck, a former police commissioner of New London, Conn., came to his post in Berlin in 1945.

Battle for House Seat
Hackensack, N.J., Jan. 24 (AP)—Three men battle today for the republican nomination for the vacant congressional seat of J. Parnell Thomas, now serving a prison term for fraud.

Observers gave the odds to Harry C. Harper, former big league pitcher and now state labor commissioner, who has the backing of the regular republican organization in today's special primary election.

Once in danger of extinction, seals breeding on the Pribilof Islands have been restored to abundance.

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License Given To Don Clark

With two "no" votes and two members absent, the city council Monday night voted a taxicab operator's license to Don Clark, who was involved in the taxicab scandal case a few weeks ago.

Clark was charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor, but was found innocent by a circuit court jury. He had no previous blemishes on his record.

The motion that his license be granted was made by Alderman Tom Armstrong and seconded by Alderman Maple. The no votes were by Alderman Musgrave and Gille.

Maple explained his vote by saying he was "going to recognize the courts." Alderman O'Hara also mentioned the outcome of the court case in explaining his vote.

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Clubs Resume in East Salem
East Salem, Jan. 24—East Salem clubs meeting this week are: Lansing Neighbors Garden club, meeting at 1:30 o'clock on Thursday in the home of Mrs. Merle Hann, 280 Evergreen avenue.

Lancaster extension unit meets Friday in the home of Mrs. Robert Picklerl. The lesson for this meeting will be "Giving Home Sewing a Professional Look."

Edina lane extension unit meets Friday at 10:15 o'clock at the YWCA in Salem. The lesson will be "Making Draperies," and material should be brought for samples. There will be a covered dish luncheon and the hostesses will be Mrs. Ronald Hopper, Mrs. Max Madison and Mrs. Phil Huber.

The Auburn Cub pack meets at the community hall Friday night at 7:30 o'clock. Cubs and parents should attend.

Despite the fact that Mount Etna is often active as a volcano and menaces towns and houses around it, people continue to live there because volcanic dust makes the soil around the mountain rich.

Top Brass Lets Hair Down For Hillbilly Band Doin's

By HARMAN W. NICHOLS

Washington, Jan. 24 (AP)—Top government officials let their hair down once in a while. Especially for a good cause.

That's what happened when a congressional hillbilly band rehearsal for the American Heart association program which is to be broadcast from here Feb. 2.

The object is, of course, to draw in the coins for the program to fight the greatest killer we know—heart disease.

The original amateur hour is eliminating all its commercials and will sacrifice its time for what will be known as the "V.I.P. (very important person) amateur hour."

Master of ceremonies may be Vice President Alben W. Barkley who is capable of a pretty fine piece on the harmonica when pressed.

Anyhow, the hillbilly band rehearsal at the Willard hotel's Mark Twain suite was quite a thing.

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tian Engleman of the U.S. navy. He had rigged himself up a dandy. The captain had a canoe paddle rigged up much like a bull fiddle. The handle was anchored in an old-fashioned wash tub. The captain manipulated the strings across the blade and to a point where he got a fine bass tone.

Another navy man was giving an upside-down tub the business for the drum effect. Gen. Carl ("Tooley") Spaatz also had a fine old time with a kazoo.

But having the most fun and not adding anything to the noise was retired Admiral Clark H. Woodward, who spent a half a century at sea.

The old gentleman equipped himself with a navy life belt and attached some strings.

The admiral's gadget didn't make any racket but he waved his head with the music and had a good time strumming.

Dutchman Sees America On \$25 and a Rail Pass

Cumberland, Md., Jan. 24 (AP)—A big bespectacled Dutchman with a boyish grin is back home now, telling all his friends about his month-long visit in the States—all for \$25. That is, \$25 and the gratitude of a couple of Yanks he helped escape from Nazi-held Holland during the war.

Harm Davidge, 36-year-old employe of The Netherlands Railway, was eligible for passes to travel by train all over Europe. Why, he asked himself this summer, not get one to America? He took the matter up with the railroad. The railway management started negotiations.

The Holland-America line agreed to furnish him passage, including meals. And on this side, the Baltimore and Ohio honored his Dutch railroad pass.

But his country informed him he could bring only 25 of those dollars back to the country that made them famous. They were needed too badly at home.

At the dock at Hoboken, N.J., he learned how fast they could disappear. The customs inspectors took six as duty on souvenirs he had brought for his friends. Another six went for a taxi to the railroad station.

By the time he reached Cumberland, half of his \$25 was gone. But there, he found he didn't need even that much.

Jack C. Murrell, 27, met him at the station and whisked him to the Murrell home just across the river at Ridgely, W.Va. The two hadn't seen each other since the dark days of 1944.

Murrell was a second lieutenant then in Uncle Sam's army. He had parachuted from a crippled C-47 after dropping paratroopers in the vicinity of Arnheim.

He broke his leg in the fall "right smack in the middle of two German Panzer divisions," as Jack puts it. He was picked up by the Nazis and hospitalized at Utrecht. But he soon learned the Dutch underground was entrenched firmly within its guarded walls.

By the time Murrell was up and about, he had been furnished blue-prints of the hospital by alert Dutch hospital attendants.

Through their help he and another American, Sgt. Wiley Moore of Ashville, N.C., escaped through a large conduit unknown to the Nazis that ran underground from the hospital basement to a power station outside the barricaded fence.

Two more underground workers met them and took them to Davidge's home. Moore was sheltered next door, while Murrell was hidden by Davidge between the walls above the



Souvenir—Harm Davidge got it roller skating.

French doors separating the living and dining rooms.

He remained with Davidge for three weeks. Then he was smuggled back to Allied lines, although it took six months to make this transit.

Murrell saw to it that Davidge was entertained during his stay here. The first day Jack took the husky Dutchman off on a combination weiner roast and roller skating party. Davidge became a firm believer in hot dogs, but it took him a little longer to appreciate the skates.

"The floor was very hard at first," he explained with a laugh, rubbing the sore spot which absorbed most of the tumbles.

But it took a high school football game—colorful bands, natty majorettes, cheerleaders, uniformed players—to bring out the comment, "this is really the big, great, wonderful United States."

In 1939, tea bags accounted for less than 10 percent of the tonnage of tea sold. Today sales of tea in the U.S. divide almost 50-50 between tea bags and loose packaged tea.

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