



**\$1,500,000 Fire**—Flames were still burning in the packing plant of Goleta Lemon association, at Santa Barbara, Calif., after a \$1,500,000 fire swept the structure. In addition to building, lemons valued at more than \$100,000 were burned. (AP Wirephoto)

**LOST IN SHADE OF RUSSELL FIGURE**

**Jack Beutel, Who Played Opposite Jane, Is 'Found'**

By BOB THOMAS

Hollywood, Jan. 29 (AP)—Hollywood's forgotten man may finally be remembered. He is Jack Beutel, who seemingly had the leading role in "The Outlaw," but who got lost in the bountiful shade of Jane Russell. Under contract to Howard Hughes for nine years, he has worked in only that one picture. But now he hears that he may finally do another. He has been reported chosen to star in a football picture and a western. "All I know is what I read in the papers," he sighs. The only real indication he has received was a telephone call from a Hughes executive New Year's eve. "Mr. Hughes wishes you a happy New Year," said the voice, "and wants me to tell you to get ready for some work. Mr. Hughes expects to make a lot of pictures this year."

If Beutel isn't ready for work now, he never will be. He has



**Big Man**—When Lowell Stockman (above), republi-can representative from Pendleton, Ore., appeared at a meeting of the American Retail Lumbermen's association in New York City he wore the costume of the storied Paul Bunyan. Stockman stands six feet, five inches and weighs 270 pounds. (AP Wirephoto)

**Middle Grove Clubs Start Campaign for New Building**

Middle Grove, Jan. 30—The Middle Grove Associated Clubs held its first meeting of the current year with the newly-elected president, Gil Blankenship, in charge. Mrs. Cleo Keppinger was presented with a gift in appreciation for her work. She has served as president ever since the club was formed two years ago. The purpose of the club is to raise funds for a hall to be built at the corner of Silvertown road and Lardon road. The property has been donated by Mr. and Mrs. Norman Fletcher as a memorial to his grandparents. The club is a consolidation of the youth, educational, church and social groups in the Middle Grove area. Regular meetings are held every third Friday of the month at the school house. New residents are cordially invited. Committees are: Ways and means: George Hardy, chairman; Norman Fletcher, Cleo Keppinger, Earl Malm, Lee Dow. Membership and hospitality: Mrs. Lewis Patterson, chairman; John Van Laanen, Vera Bassett, Mrs. Dan Scharf, Jim Schardine, Ted Kuenzi. Program: Mrs. Norman Fletcher, chairman; Mrs. George Hardy, Charles Wenger, Miss Cordelia Wilkin, Henry Sprick, Mrs. Joe Slinkak. Building: Norman Fletcher, chairman; George Hardy, Ted Kuenzi, Earl Malm, Cleo Keppinger, John Van Laanen, Ernest Crum. Kitchen: Mrs. Vicar Wagers, chairman; Mrs. Robert Fromm, Mrs. Emery Goode, Jack Wikkoff, Paul Bassett, Ernest Crum, Es-

**Joyce Ann's Asthma Trouble Gave Her Dad Idea for Gadget**

Washington, Jan. 30 (AP)—Joyce Ann Herr was born with an allergy that gave her constant misery from asthma. The child is six years old now, and although she is not yet as foxy as the other kids in her set, she has shown much improvement. Thanks to her daddy. It all happened like this, and let's get the record straight right now: Her pop is claiming no "cure" for asthma.

Joyce Ann was a normal child at birth, but at the age of six months she developed the wheezes and coughs common to asthma. Her dad, Paul A. Herr of Neffsville, Pa., took her to specialists on allergies. They tried a change of diet. They took away soft foods, and re-jiggered the milk formula. They started moving furniture out of the house, thinking that some of the overstuffed chairs were bothering the child. The family even removed the feathers from all the pillows in the house and replaced them with cotton. By the time the baby was three, she couldn't run 10 feet without coming up short of breath. Finally an eye, ear, nose and throat man was consulted. He asked one simple question: "What is the relative humidity in your home?"

Herr, a short haired little fellow who calls himself "half a scientist," took an instrument reading at home and found the humidity to be around 18 percent. The doctor said to get that up to 50 percent. Herr, now with the Lancaster Engineering Corp., did things the hard way. He boiled water on the stove in the kitchen. He set two electric burners in the living room and kept water bubbling on them. He put a hot plate in Joyce Ann's room and set a pan of water on it. He got his humidity. Inside of two weeks, the child was beginning to show improvement. (many doctors have contended for a long time that regulated humidity relieves asthma.)

The little girl turned out to be a sort of means to an end for her dad. Herr was in town recently to see the patent office about pushing his new humidifier past the "patent applied for" stage. He got some encouragement. His gimmick looks something like an air-conditioner and at present is designed to serve a home instead of an apartment, although the latter may come in later. The principle, or objective of the instrument is to atomize water at a high pressure—breaking the drop of water (maybe spraying is a better word) into the air.

Inventors don't like to give away their secrets, but Herr went so far as to say that his gadget is equipped with a pump which builds up a pressure of 200 pounds per square inch—enough to get the moisture around the house. If the humidity is right, the sufferer from asthma is eased, he claims. The machine works automatically and almost thinks for itself. It adjusts itself to the temperature outside. Don't ask technical questions. All that is Herr's secret.

Herr, incidentally, claims there is a close link between little kids and little chickens. "Chickens have asthma and colds, too," he says. He thinks his invention would be a great boon to the poultry people. An egg is put in an incubator where the humidity is 86 per cent and when the chick pecks its way out of the shell it is exposed to an atmosphere with only 15 per cent humidity, Herr claims.

"It's the same as with humans," he says "the respiratory tract is dried up. But if you put a good humidifier into the chick house I think you'd have a lot more chicks grow up into eatable friers or fat laying hens." The department of agriculture is looking into the humidifier.

Liliana Biagi, of Florence, wrote the Atlanta Constitution that her dream "is to have an American husband and live in America—but I don't know no one, so it is very difficult for me to realize what I think. "So I write you," she added. "Maybe your newspaper can help me find an American husband. My height is 1.60 meters (approximately five feet five inches) my hair is black and my figure is nimble. . . ."

Liliana came right to the point. "I think I have all the things that a husband may be wanting. I like sports and music and I amuse myself at the theater or by walking. I love babies and want to have only nine." She gave her address as Castello, Firedke, Florence, Italy.

Air Agreement Planned Manila, Jan. 30 (AP)—A foreign office spokesman said today an Australian mission will arrive here next month to conclude a reciprocal air agreement with the Philippine government. The treaty will be signed in Manila. Preliminary negotiations for the treaty have already begun.

Heavier Than Usual—Air force's new high-speed penetration jet fighter takes off on test flight at Edwards air force base, Calif. Designated the YF-93A, the plane was developed by North American Aviation and is heavier than most current fighters. The fighter is powered by a turbo-jet engine with 6250 pounds of thrust, further increased with an afterburner. Sweepback wings have span of 39 feet and fuselage is 44 feet long. (Acme Telephoto)

said had been her romance with the Russian engineer. She emphasized repeatedly that she did not consider it had been furtive. The avowed purpose of the conference, was to explain why her mother had not attended her trial here as she had in Washington. The reason, Judith said, was that Mrs. Coplon had lost 11 pounds since Judith's arrest and the death of her husband early last year.

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**Two Local Students Join Future Teachers**

George Fox College, Newberg, Jan. 30 — Two students from the Salem area, Kenneth Miller, senior, son of Mrs. Ethel B. Miller, 385 McGilchrist street, and Bill Hampton, sophomore, son of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Hampton of Independence, have recently joined this school's newest organization, the Amos Stanbrough chapter of Future Teachers of America, the fourth such college group in the state of Oregon.

The new chapter, organized only last month, was named in honor of the school's oldest living graduate—class of '93—who is retiring this year from the teaching field after 52 years' service. Miller and Hampton are two of 20 charter members of the group, which is sponsored nationally by the National Educational association.

**Salem Heights School Notes**

By JOHN HARVEY The school lunch room gave the fifth grade enough cans for all the pupils to make waste baskets.

Geraldine Rose won honorable mention for the fourth grade in KOAC's "Land of Make Believe." David Bradshaw tied for first and Jeanette Harrison won honorable mention, both being fifth graders. Judy Laetsch was out of school with earache. She is in Mrs. Green's first grade. The children in this room did ceramics Friday. They painted window scenes.

The third grade put on an assembly Friday. It was about holidays in 1950. Children of that grade are studying about Oregon.

The first issue of the Salem Heights School Journal was published last week. It had three pages. Staff members, all sixth grade pupils, are John Hammerstad, editor; Donna Zeh, reporter; Jerry White, artist; Julian Thurston, cartoonist; Loretta Bates, assistant editor; Jerry Carlton, sports editor; and Carol Marggi, Nancy Steen and Julia Rich, printers.

The school is collecting toys to be sent to needy children in Europe. The fifth grade pupils are writing letters to the fifth grade in Greenville, Okla. They are telling all about Oregon. The fourth grade is finishing a study of the dry desert land regions.



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