

Armless Woman Painter-Mlle. Victorine Dufaux, 55, of Perpignan, France, armless for 19 years following an acci-dent, paints by holding the brush between her teeth.

First Bathtub Yarn Proved To Be Old-Time Mencken Hoax

By HARMAN W. NICHOLS

tub in the face again. I have been guilty of perpetuating a newspaper hoax—the one about the introduction of the tub into the American home. It's all the fault of the Library of Congress

ut's all the fault of the Library of Congress. Back in early December as woman in Council Bluffs, Ia., got

herself stuck in a tub and stayed there for 60 hours. It seems she had taken over management of a home owned by a midget friend and decided to take a bath in the midget tub. That sent me to the library to find out about tubs.

In one of the volumes I found a yarn about the "first tub ever installed in America—one used by an Adam Thompson in Cin-cinnati." It (the tub) was en-cased in Nicaraguan mahogany, lined with metal. It was seven feet long and four feet wide and weighed 1,750 pounds.

It seems that the story was put out as fiction by H. L. Mencken. Or mostly fiction. He later let it out that Adam Thompson was an "imposter." The writer made the whole thing up.

Anyhow, I got a sharp letter from George N. Lamb, secretary of the Mahogany Association, Inc., which has been worrying about the hoax ever since Mencken wrote it in the New York Evening Mail on Dec. 28, Portland, Feb. 14

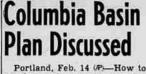
It seems that the whole Mencken story turned back his-tory to 1842 when this man "Thompson," a Cincinnal cotton labelar dimensional a this and planter, imported a tub and pitched a big party to show it off. First, the story goes—and has been going ever since—he took New York Gir a hot bath in the morning and a cold bath in the afternoon. Then he invited a flock of big shots to look over the new gimmick. A few of 'em shed their fine clothes and took on a few suds.

Aparently it wasn't so. A little more research reveal

matic bathing. He shocked the folks around him by taking "two baths a week," according to books on file with the plumbing and heat-ing industries bureau in Chica-go.

As early as 1770, Franklin fetched to America a thing that was described as a "bathing inum band to go with it," said slipper.'

You would sit on the end of the slipper that looked like the "heel" and put your feet in the part that resembled a toe. Under the heel part was a place for a small fire, which was supposed to keep the tub warm. Water was poured in her the



develop and conserve the Co-lumbia basin's land, water and forests is being talked at a meet ing of department of agriculture experts here today.

The two-day session is regarded as the first step in pre-paring a plan to fit into the comprehensive program of the corps of engineers and the bu-reau of reclamation. That pro-gram now is before congress.

The meeting is being attend-ed by regional heads of nine bureaus and agencies of the de-partment of agriculture and by directors of farm extension work and experiment stations of sev-eral northwest land grant colleges. Together they make up the department's regional ad-visory committee, headed by Herbert M. Peet, the secretary of agriculture's Columbia basin representative.

Aiding them in their discus-sions are two representatives of other regions: Gladwin E. Young of Lincoln, Neb., who pre-pared the department's Missouri

3 Bus Unions Seek

Portland, Ore., Feb. 14 (P)-

Three unions disputed today for

recognition as bargaining agent of west coast Trailways bus

tional labor relations board elec-

The line has 47 regular and some extra drivers on the pay-roll. Its buses operate from Se-

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Good News-Manager Jim Mosolf of the Salem Sears, Roe buck & Co. store and these employes justifiably look pleased when they got the news showing their participation in the company's saving and profit-sharing pension fund. Eightyfour others in the Salem store participated. In the picture, from left, Ray Roach, Clarence Williams, Manager Jim Mosolf, Ann Walther.

Sears, Roebuck Employes Share in Pension Fund

Eighty-eight employes of the Salem Sears, Roebuck & Co. store

oday received the good news. "It was contained in individual statements handed to them by sion. Jim Mosolf, manager of the store, at an employes' meeting. The statements show the extent to which each of the 88 men and women staff members are shardrivers. Two of them—the AFL Am-algamated Street, Electric Rail-way and Motor Coach em-ployes and the independent Brotherhood of Railway Train-men—asked yesterday for a na-tional labor relations board elec-

women statt members are shared ing in the company's 1949 profits through their membership in "The Saving and Profit Sharing Pension Fund of Sears, Roebuck & Co. Employes." According to Manager Mosolf, 20 per cent of Sears stock and the local employe group has to this ownership makes it the com-

business.

Mosolf said the fund was first 458 members have deposited established by Sears manage-only \$46,700,000 out of their

president nor his leaders want



Says Hoover Report Ignored by Demos Washington, Feb. 14 (P)-Rep. Norblad (R., Ore.) accused the administration last night of playing politics with the Hoover re

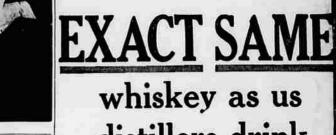
He asserted in a radio broad-cast (Mutual) that the administration was ignoring recommen dations of the Hoover commis "In my opinion neither the

the report with its accompany ing great savings put on the statute books for the simple rea-



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Truman Program

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ead to communism." U. S. Senator Schoeppel to 1400 republicans at a Linco day dinner that the party m Seattle, Feb. 14 (P)—A Kan-as republican senator describ-d President Truman's program

last night as "plain and simple socialism, which, after all, is freedom for a passing tempor just the halfway house on the dole."

The

Capital Journal, Salem, Ore., Tuesday, February 14, 1950-







ney, is the new national com-mandant of the Marine corps league, national all-Leatherneck veterans' group founded in 1922 by the late Lt. Gen. John A. Lejeune. He suc-ceeds Theus J. MacQueen of Baton Rouge, La.

Some political definitions from a bulletin issued by the Colo-Portland, Feb. 14 (P)-The 1917. "Worst part of it is," says Lamb, "every time anybody was recovered yesterday from tries to bat down the hoax they have to repeat the story. That makes it twice as bad." Portland, Feb. 14 (4?)—The body of a middle-aged man, pos-sibly the victim of a slugging, Lamb, "every time anybody was recovered yesterday from the Willamette river below Port-land. Police said there was a large bruise on the forchead, and th at the pockets of his said ado department of agriculture: Idealism: If you have two cows, you milk them both, use all the milk you need and have enough left for everyone else. Socialism: If you have two cows, you keep one and give the other to your neighbor.

Communism: If you have two cows, you give both to the gov-ernment; then the government gives you back some milk. and th at the pockets of his suit inside out. The Imperialism: If you have two

New York Girls Hope Boys Will Bring Diamonds, Mink By BARBARA BUNDSCHU

New York, Feb. 14 U.B.—The girls are hoping the boys will come calling tonight with Valentines like diamonds and mink and tickets to "South Pacific."

ed that Benjamin Franklin was this country's pioneer in syste-matic bathing. He checked the first

"I might take some girl some candy or flowers or something," one unattached young man said. "Or I might just stay home that night."

and

candy

Mink ran about neckpiece to necklace with the diamonds. Af-ter that the girls picked charms for their charm bracelets—gold, that is.

cows, they're both dry.

One girl said she really did want flowers. No girl wanted

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one forthright, young, unmar-ried woman.

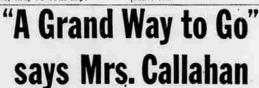
the Mobilgas Canyon Economy Run?

nually. Sears each year places New Dealism: If you have two cows, the government shoots one cow, you milk the other cow, is credited to the employe-men-then throw part of the milk bers on a length-of-service basis. down the sink Anarchism: If you have two cows, your neighbor shoots one than 1,200 useful products in-

cows, you steal somebody's bull. Soft-pink communism: If you

and takes the other. Nazism: If you have two cows, the government shoots you and lon, alcohol, rubber, plastics,

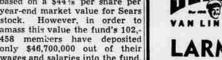
takes both cows. Realism: If you have two sides fuel, lubricants and paving material.



"Greyhound is my favorite way to travel... just like riding in a private car, but you can really relax and enjoy your trip. You pay so much less and see so much more. Stops for rest and

tion. The present contract is now held by a third union, which is not relinquishing its claim, the AFL Miscellaneous Drivers, a Treamsters' union affiliate. The line has 47 regular and some extra drivers on the pay-Ward for the boars stock plus a cash bal-ance of \$33,302. Based on a year-end market value of \$44 is this oversent for the Sears stock, this group now has a total in-vestment worth \$163,024. Mard for the boars stock plus a total in-the local employe group has to the local employe group has to the local employe group has to the somership makes it the com-pany's largest single stockholder. The fund's total current assets now amount to \$267,328,000, year-end market value of \$44 is this group now has a total in-vestment worth \$163,024. Mard for the boars for the Sears stock. However, in order to amass this value the fund's 102,-

Mosolf explained that all reg-



Water was poured in by the bucketsful and later was lugged into the back yard and dumped. It must have taken a lot of man-ranged in rather limited fash-backetsful and later was lugged they'd remember their wives and sweethearts with gifts that ranged in rather limited fash-backetsful and set and the backetsful and set and ion between "nothing" power to perform the task.

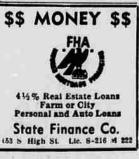
After that, Franklin is sup- "half a dozen golf balls, may-posed to have invented a less be."

ourbersome tub resembling an oversized coal scuttle. It was a copy of some of the old tubs Franklin had seen while abroad and gave rise to many of the legends of how a man got fect slave" on Broadway, will big hand whether the or d his Mar in Golfferric his back washed. Whether he send his Mrs, in California a hired small boys to dump pitch-ers of suds on him or whether his wife did the chore. his wife did the chore.

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Anyhow, let this be the end of the Mencken hoax about Adam Thompson. And forgive me, Mr. Lamb.

September, 24, 1949, was New Year, 5710 in Israel, which has adopted the Jewish calendar,



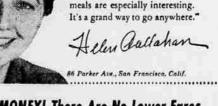
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