

American Brides Come Cheap—On Down Payment Basis, That Is

By HARMAN W. NICHOLS

Washington, Mar. (U.P.)—This won't set very well with our lovely women folks, but you've got to face the facts. The National Geographic society says that American brides come cheap—on a down payment basis, this is—compared to their less civilized sisters in the grass skirt sets in primitive lands.

If the American lover has \$2 or so in his jeans he can buy a marriage license and trot his girl off to the altar. There, after pledging to love, honor, and obey, he can slip the parson whatever he can afford and be away on his honeymoon.

But that's not so in other lands. The N. G. S. has looked into the matter and comes up with some interesting data.

Take New Guinea. There the native swains find a price tag of \$600 on their lady loves. True, they can go into the woods and pluck a few wild flowers and maybe spear a wild boar for the wedding feast, but there still remains the original cash outlay.

In Nigeria, the high cost of brides is causing a fine old-to-do. Among the I-do-speaking people

of the country, a shapely, pretty girl may win for her pappy as much as \$250, while the parents of a homely girl with skinny pipes and buck teeth would have to be satisfied with three mangy goats.

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Around the world where bride-buying is an accepted custom, a girl must hide her head in shame unless she earns something for papa. In the society of the Kaffirs, members of the Bantu races of South Africa, a girl who is not bought with cattle is dubbed an "old cat" by her campfire sisters. An "old cat" down there adds up to one word—worthless.

With the Kuki-Lushai people of Assam, India, a young man is expected to give a few gourds of fire-water to his sweetheart's parents when he calls to ask her to be his own.

If the folks accept him, he moves in on the girl's father and goes right to work. He becomes a servant in the household for three years. Then, if he has kept his nose dry, clean, and has otherwise behaved, he is free to wed. But another two years of servitude is required before he can go into the woods and cut down the material for his own thatch hut.

In Alaska, the situation is different. A hopeful suitor of the Kenai doesn't bother to ask for parental consent. He slips silently into the old man's igloo and begins to cook, clean, and take care of steaming up water for the baths. If he does a good job, he is allowed to work on for a year, then he can marry the girl and start igloo-inhabiting on his own.

All of which makes America a wonderful country.

We fellows expect, by tradition, to have the papa-in-law foot all the bills for the wedding, give us a set of sterling and maybe a new house for a wedding present and to leave us forever alone once we settle down.

Oregon Embassy Not Operating Now, Says Norblad

Washington, March 4 (U.P.)—Rep. Walter Norblad, R., Ore., today answered a postcard addressed to the "Oregon Embassy" by advising its New York sender that Oregon has been a state for 91 years.

H. D. Steein, (385 Amboy st.) New York, said in his postcard message that he would like "maps, pictures and stories of Oregon." Norblad sent as many as he had and added:

"May I advise that Oregon does not have an embassy in Washington or elsewhere as it is now and has been for 91 years a state of the United States of America."

Judge to Face Charges Anew

Sullivan, Ind., March 4 (U.P.)—Refiling of three charges against Judge Norval K. Harris of Sullivan circuit court was planned by Prosecutor John K. Purcell today.

Grand jury indictments containing three charges were set aside yesterday by Special Judge Ralph A. Seal of Vincennes, who sustained a defense plea in abatement.

However, prosecutor said he would file new affidavits covering the charges next week, and Judge Seal overruled defense motions to dismiss charges and to dismiss Judge Harris from custody.

The 58-year-old judge was indicted in his own court Jan. 25 on charges of forgery, embezzlement and issuing fraudulent checks. He is free on his own recognizance pending further action in the case.

Judge Harris, a democrat, was named last year as co-chairman with Singer Paul Robeson of a national committee to defend 11 communist leaders in their trial in New York.

The defense contended in its plea in abatement that the grand jury which returned indictments was illegally constituted. It charged a change in personnel was made after the jury was sworn in.

PEP Teachers Club Has March Meeting

The P.E.P. Teachers club held its March meeting at Shattuc's Chateau Wednesday. Alta Simmons and Esther Franz were hostesses from 6:30 to 8:30 for dinner.

The following teachers were present: Alta Simmons, Esther Franz, Elsie Carpenter, Hazel Read, Ethel Ramus, Cleora Parkes and Vestal Matter.

It was decided to postpone the April meeting until the second Wednesday of the month because of the meeting of the O.E.A. in Portland the first week in April. The hostesses for this meeting will be announced later.

The nominating committee was appointed and instructed to report at the April meeting. Officers will then be elected for the next year, so that they may be installed at the last meeting in May. Several of the members will be attending the meeting of elementary principals in Newport March 4.

Among those planning to go are Lettie Genre, Vestal Matter and Esther Franz.

Astoria Minister In Stayton Pulpit

Stayton—Rev. Newton H. Carman of Astoria, will fill the pulpit of the Stayton Baptist church Sunday at both the morning and evening services.

The church will present a missionary speaker, Rev. Chester J. Jump, Tuesday evening. Rev. Mr. Jump is connected with Dr. Osterhome, medical missionary in the Belgian Congo who was speaker here a year or so ago.



Actor-Artist at Work—Richard Whorf finishes a hand-painted skirt for his wife in Hollywood, the design showing Beverly Hills house, civic building, palms and shrubs.

Emergency Improvement Jobs Get Approval of Board

Three emergency improvement projects, estimated to cost \$211,000 were approved by the joint state emergency and control boards Friday.

Three others, urged by the board of control, were rejected over the protests of Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry and State Treasurer Walter J. Pearson.

The approved projects provide for installation of a sprinkler system in the administration building and cottages at Fairview home, estimated to cost \$56,000; installation of a sprinkling system in the main building and school at the state school for the deaf and construction of an addition to the administration building at Oregon State hospital, estimated to cost \$150,000.

Members rejected the proposed addition to the nurses' home at the Eastern Oregon State hospital in Pendleton; a sewage disposal plant at the Woodburn school for boys and construction of an addition to the state school for the deaf to be used as a main dining room.

Not Emergency

These projects, the board members said, did not constitute an emergency and should be deferred until the next legislative session.

The emergency board approved transfer of funds to provide an increase of \$19,405.36 for operation of a claim by the state liquor control commission.

Also approved by the board was an increase of \$10,325 for the milk marketing administration and \$19,841 for the state board of health to administer the \$9,000,000 federal hospital construction program. No additional money was required from the emergency fund as in each case the money was transferred from other funds in the department budgets.

A request for \$24,800 for a new elevator for the state supreme court building was deferred pending a check by the state labor commissioner.

The board will meet again on Friday, March 24.

Silverton—Postal receipts for January were \$2,614.28 and in February, \$2,422.55. Henry Alm is Silverton postmaster.

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Says Wallace Party Red Front

San Francisco, March 4 (U.P.)—A government witness in the Harry Bridges perjury trial testified Friday that the third party formed in 1946 "was conceived, born and nursed as a front organization for the communist party."

The witness was Mervyn Rathborne, a communist, he said, from 1935 to 1946.

For years Rathborne was a close associate of Bridges in maritime union affairs, and held top posts in the CIO. He testified he had attended numerous communist meetings with Bridges.

The prosecution has put in testimony that formation of the third party—the progressives—was one of the things that caused Rathborne to break with the communists and with Bridges.

Bridges, now president of the CIO Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's union is accused of swearing falsely in his 1945 citizenship hearing that he wasn't a communist.

As a government rebuttal witness, Rathborne remained today under cross-examination of Vincent Hallinan, chief of the defense staff.

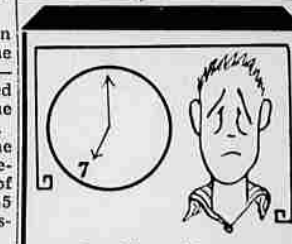
The third party plan, he said, was brought here in 1946 from New York by William Schnei-

A Bad Spot To Be In

Willoughby, O., March 4 (U.P.)—On his way to see a sick friend, Patrick J. Moran slipped on the ice and sprained his ankle.

The friend, Clarence F. Shroyer, heard of Moran's plight and got out of his sick bed to visit Moran. But walking to Moran's home Shroyer slipped on the same icy spot and broke his left leg in two places.

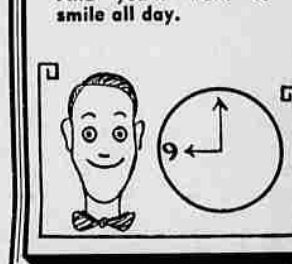
derman, head of the communist party in California. The program, Rathborne continued, "laid down the communist line."



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Cops Turn Table On Holdup Man

Baltimore, March 4 (U.P.)—A swagging holdup suspect who forced two policemen to chauffeur him around in a squad car was slain last night when the officers turned the ride into a death struggle for his gun.

Patrolmen John Biemiller and Joseph Judd said they drove Francis D. H. Clark for a mile before turning the tables on him. He died of bullet wounds in the head, chest and leg.

Biemiller and Judd gave this account of the episode: They picked up Clark, 31, in connection with the \$80 robbery of a North Baltimore ice cream parlor less than an hour earlier. He was searched and placed in the back seat of the prowl car. The officers taking the front seat.

As they pulled away for headquarters the prisoner produced a revolver and shoved it into the back of Judd, who was driving. "This is it—drive where I tell you," he ordered. "Obey all traffic signals."

Once when Judd stopped momentarily a few blocks away, the gunman warned, "I'm not after any damn foolishness. This is really going to be it."

Finally he ordered the car halted near a cemetery and demanded the officers to hand him their service pistols, one at a time. Judd complied first.

Biemiller hesitated, then Judd dived into the back seat after Clark's gun. Clark fired at least twice and Biemiller, gun now drawn, returned several shots.

Three hit Clark, who gasped, "You got me—I give up" and died.

Except for a slight hand wound Judd suffered in the struggle for Clark's weapon, the policemen were unhurt.

Keizer School Notes

By MERRITT LINN The Keizer school safety patrol basketball tournament ended in victory for Mr. Weddle's eighth grade room. They won by a score of 63-26 in the final game of the series with Mrs. Evans' sixth grade room. The game was played on Friday, the 24th, in the school gym.

The school had a George Washington program the 22nd. There were several musical numbers and a talk on his life. Mrs. Streeter presented Mrs. Evans' and Mrs. Yung's sixth grade rooms with an American flag for winning the flag code contest in the Marion county division. Also at the program 4-H club awards were presented to certain pupils.

The Keizer school played the Fairview Home Monday. The score was Keizer 46, Fairview Home 28. This game was played in the Keizer gym.

Court Approves Bequest Los Angeles, March 4 (U.P.)—The last wish of Author Lewis Browne has been upheld by the court and so little Wendy Rubin—whom he never saw—is \$5,000 richer today.

On January 3, 1949, Browne placed a \$5,000 treasury bond in an envelope with the request that it go to the then unborn child of his doctor. Then he committed suicide because of failing eyesight.

Browne also left \$5,000 to Diane, another daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Henry Rubin. Court approval came yesterday.

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