



Dinghies Off on Championship Test—Against a background of the Long Beach, Calif., skyline, dinghy competitors get off in a race for the 1950 championship.

Mrs. America Bakes Her Own Cookies; Spanks Her Kiddies

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Washington, Sept. 21 (UP)—After a week or more of covering Miss America at Atlantic City, it was a comfort to know this: that the Mrs. America, who is, of course married, bakes her own cookies and spansks her own youngsters when they need it.

The Mrs. A. is Mrs. Betty Eileen McAllister of Johnstown, Pa. Her husband is an advertising man and between them they have two kids, a girl, 5, and a boy, aged 3.

Betty, a pretty blonde with whom I had lunch, wonders if she can afford to be Mrs. America. She got all kinds of dresses and coats, a portable dish-washer, a TV set, a set of sterling silver, a fine diamond ring, and a lot of other stuff.

"Don't worry," she said. "I'll have to pay tax on all of that."

The tax won't be cheap. The regular percentage. She came here to look over the capital as a guest of the National Association of Home Builders.

"Miss America," said the pretty Betty, "has it pretty easy. She can take a year off from whatever she's doing and tour the country. Or maybe the world. Me, I'm neglecting my husband and the kids when I take as much as a month off."

Betty thinks that maybe she will get some of her tax money back on the many things she won by "writing" a column for a news syndicate.

"I won't tell you what they are going to pay me, but I won't get hurt financially," she said. "I plan to be real wifey about it and give the women of the country some fine recipes and advice about how to raise children. I have a couple of dandies and whacking them once in awhile is in the program I plan to write about."

The new Mrs. America, who was crowned not long ago at Asbury Park, N.J., weighs in at 113 pounds. She is six pounds lighter than Yolande Betbeze, of Alabama, the new Miss America, who sings instead of cooks.

Mrs. America has a 34 bust, compared to a 35 for Yolande. Mrs. A's waist is 24, and her hips are 35. She wears a 5½ shoe. Aside from the bust, the two just about measure up.

Betty's husband, Will, is a naval reserve, and may be called any minute. The Mrs. Mama of the country will sit by the fire and mind the young, if he has to go.

Mrs. America—Betty McAllister—hasn't received any real movie offers, although she has had a few nibbles. She wouldn't bite even if she had a big offer, she said.

"I've got cookies to bake and clothes to wash," she said. "You see," she added, "I have no maid."

Betty's long suit—or talent as they call it in Atlantic City—is baking. Her specialty: Ice box pie. If you girls want to write it down:

Take some gingersnaps. Smear same with whipping cream, a layer of cream between each "snap." Put in the ice box overnight.

Gosh, Betty! My 11-year-old kid has been doing that since she was seven and she never thought of competing for a Miss or Mrs. Anything contest.

If you'll excuse the expression!

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Club Youths to Buy Guernseys

4-H and FFA members will again have an opportunity to purchase purebred, registered Guernsey heifers when the Oregon Guernsey Breeders association holds its fifth annual 4-H and FFA Guernsey heifer sale at the State Fair grounds in Salem.

The sale will get underway at 1 p.m., Saturday, October 21, says L. E. Francis of Tillamook who is chairman of the sale committee.

Twenty-six head of heifers were selected by the sales committee during the early part of the summer when they visited the Guernsey breeders of the state. There will be 10 head of Junior calves, 11 head of senior calves, three junior yearlings, and two senior yearlings consigned to the sale. These heifers, in addition to excelling in type and quality, come from some of the finest herds in the Northwest, and represent some of the strongest and most popular bloodlines.

The bidding at this sale, as in former sales, is restricted entirely to bonafide members of the 4-H club or FFA programs, according to Ben A. Newell, Salem, secretary of the Guernsey breeders. Prospective buyers who will not be able to attend the sale may submit mail bids to Newell or the sales committee, which will represent them as buyers at the sale.

The Guernsey breeders who have served on the sale committee this year are, in addition to the chairman: Ray Hobson, Am-

50% Zirconium Increase Asked

Albany — A 50 per cent increase in zirconium metal production was ordered by the federal government for the bureau of mines electro-development laboratory plant here, lab director Stephen Shelton announced Tuesday. The increase will involve expenditure of about \$100,000.

Tuesday's announcement follows by barely three months the decision to spend \$325,000 on improved zirconium plant in Albany. The new plant is just now getting into operation.

Shelton said the latest order would mean the installation of five new furnaces in the local metal plant, bringing the total to 15.

Zirconium is a rare metal, needed urgently for undisclosed defense purposes, produced in quantity only by the bureau at its Albany plant. The new expansion project will be completed by December 1. Production then will total 2,500 pounds of the rare metal a week.

The five new furnaces, Shelton said, will be installed in the original pilot plant here.

School Board Man In Seaside Killed

Seaside, Sept. 21 (AP)—George H. Crandell, 56, insurance man and member of the school board here, was killed today when his car crashed into the side of the Necanicum river bridge three miles south of here.

He was riding alone at the time of the unexplained accident. State police are investigating.

Crandell was a past president of the Kiwanis club.

His wife and two children survive; Phalen Nelson, Medford; Ernest Calhoun and Cecil Johnson of Grants Pass; R. M. Lyons of Junction City; and Hans Leuthold of Tillamook.

Car Shortage Cuts Mill Pay

Portland, Sept. 21 (AP)—The rail car shortage will cost \$40,000,000 in lost mill wages this year, states H. V. Simpson.

Simpson, executive vice-president of the West Coast Lumbermen's association, said lack of cars is cutting fir lumber production by 60,000,000 feet a week.

In a statement to the press, Simpson said the country's class 1 railroads "have been selling the American economy short ever since the end of World War II."

(Criticism of rail lines for the car shortage has been heard fre-

quently, especially in the Oregon lumber-producing region. Rep. Norblad, R-Ore.) has introduced a bill in congress asking that the government build up a pool of government-owned rail cars for allocation to short-supply regions.)

Simpson said that in the year ended July 31 the class 1 roads retired 90,546 old freight cars and had put only 40,171 new ones into service for a loss of over 50,000.

In the week ended Sept. 2, he said, the over-all shortage of cars in the country was running at the rate of 200,000 a week.

He said the Oregon lumber industry was hardest hit and in recent weeks had been getting only 30 per cent of the cars needed.

Mills, he said, are sending

hundreds of truckloads of lumber daily to California, are trucking—at high cost—as far away as to Nebraska and Texas, and are increasing the volume of water transportation.

Trucking, he said, has been "one salvation," but he called it a costly conversion.

Child Loses Fingers In Dynamite Blast

La Grande, Sept. 21 (AP)—Donald Kline, 12, La Grande, lost four fingers and part of the thumb of his left hand and suffered other injuries when a dy-

namite cap with which he was playing exploded yesterday.

The boy, who also suffered burns and wounds on the chest, right hand and wrist, was believed to have found the caps at a construction job near his home.

He was in a fair condition at a hospital.

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