

WACs Get OK To Go Overseas

Fort Lewis, Jan. 13 (AP)—When a woman knows what she wants, she usually gets it.

Proof of this was given by 17 Wacs, all from Syracuse, N. Y., who were left behind when their unit shipped overseas.

These Wacs wanted to go. So they got together and drafted a telegram of protest. The telegram started going up through channels until finally it landed in the office of the surgeon general in Washington, D. C.

Teletypes wired and buzzed. Soon the Wacs were notified their previous orders were cancelled. They were to remain with their outfit for overseas duty.

Their commanding officer is Eleanor B. Gibson. The others are Lt. Clara Phillips, M/Sgt. Virginia Bacon, Sgt. 1c Martha Szczeniak, Cpls. Helen McCarthy, Ruth Schairer, Patricia Phillips, Pfc. Helen Capp, Helen Cadier, and Pvt. Arlene Korthas and Gwendolyn Buell.

Brig. Gen. LeRoy H. Watson, post commanding general, commended their action, and said "it was especially unselfish since their unit will undoubtedly be stationed in an undesirable area."

Rain-Makers of West Organize

Denver, Jan. 13 (AP)—Ten western state rain-making groups were banded together today in an interstate association.

Representatives of groups in California, Washington, Oregon, New Mexico, Wyoming and Colorado have organized the National Weather Improvement Association.

They set out today to organize committees for legislation, defense and public relations, among others, and to make plans for cooperation.

Harvey Harris of Sterling, Colo., was elected the first president of the association.

Jim Wilson, of Fort Collins, Colo., named secretary, said the organization was formed to bring into one group all associations, farmers, ranchers and businessmen interested in moisture-making activities.

The association hopes to assure "orderly development of moisture-making efforts for the benefit of local groups as well as for the welfare of the general public," Wilson said.

He emphasized that the association is independent of commercial rain-making companies but will cooperate with them.

200 Dealers to Meet in Salem

Salem has been selected by Union Oil Company of California as one of the key western cities in which to hold the firm's annual dealer sales meetings to discuss advertising and promotion plans for 1951.

Over 200 dealers, consignees and sales representatives from the Willamette valley and Oregon coastal area have been invited to attend the dinner meeting, according to L. C. Burkland, district sales manager. The session will be held at the Senator Hotel the evening of January 17.

A highlight of the gathering will be presentation of bronze plaques to dealers and consignees joining the ever-growing group who have been affiliated with Union Oil for five or more years.

Those who will be honored are: C. B. Henjum, Silverton; Joe Marsh, Silverton; A. E. Newberg, Wheeler; Albert L. Fliflet, Dallas.

Mimi Medart's Father Plunges To His Death

Paris, Jan. 13 (AP)—William S. Medart, St. Louis restaurant man, plunged to death from a Paris hotel window yesterday. His family said he leaped from the window.

Medart, 46, was the father of Mimi Medart, 17, whose name was linked romantically with King Farouk of Egypt last September.

Her friends denied emphatically then that she was the mysterious "Miss X" who was Farouk's companion at Biarritz and other Riviera resorts.

Asked whether her father jumped or fell, Miss Medart, 17,



Young MacArthur Dances—Arthur MacArthur, 12-year-old son of General Douglas MacArthur, dances for the first time in public at a party in Tokyo. His partner is Joyce Yamazaki, the niece daughter of an employee in his father's headquarters. (AP Wirephoto from Life Magazine)

Wacky Tunes Crowd Out the Tear-Jerking Love Ballads

By VIRGINIA MacPHERSON
(United Press Hollywood Correspondent)

Hollywood, Jan. 13 (AP)—Trying to hit the jackpot with a tune? Then stop fiddling around with "moon" and "spoon" and "June." Novelty ditties have nudged gushy ballads right off the jukeboxes.

Songwriter Lew Quaidling heard the call and collected a neat \$20,000 on "Sam Song." He did all right a few years before on "Elmer's Tune," too—and there ain't a lovesick wall in either one.

"People aren't going for the romantic ballads right now," Quaidling said. "They want stuff like 'The Thing' and 'Ragmop' and 'Goodnight, Irene.'"

Phil Harris' recording of you-know-what has already topped the million mark. "Ragmop" cleaned up like no other mop in history, and gosh knows how many people fearlessly walked into record shops and paid good money for "Irene."

Songs like this, Quaidling said, are called "noisemakers" in Tin-Pan-Alley.

"Some of 'em drive you crazy," he grinned. "But writers love 'em. You can write a noisemaker in a few hours. 'Sam's Song' took about two—and the money starts rolling in fast."

Quaidling thinks the wacky tunes are on top now because they make people feel good. Ballads remind 'em of love, he says, and love never makes anybody happy.

"That's the main drawback for the moon-spoon stuff," he added. "'Tzena, Tzena' and 'Music, Music' cheer you up. And everybody needs to be cheered up right now."

"Maybe, when more of our boys get back in the army and overseas, the tear-jerkers'll come back. But I can only think of two smash ballads this year—'Mona Lisa' and 'My Foolish Heart.'"

"Trouble is, people used to sit in bars and play those romantic things and weep into their beer. 'Nowadays everybody wants relief. They want to tap their feet. Songs like 'If You Were the Only Girl in the World' don't go now."

"With the A-Bomb and the H-bomb you might wake up tomorrow and find she is the only girl in the world!"

Building Permits Issued

Independence — E. D. Alger, city building inspector, issued the following permits during the past week: Methodist church on Monmouth street, repairs; T. D. Pomeroy, 383 Fifth street, garage; and Ross Oberson, 436 Fourth street, repair residence. He reported that building permits issued here during the month of December totaled \$3,705. There were \$3,000 for new residences, \$175 for repairs residences, \$180 for reroofing and \$350 for repairing buildings.

said in a trembling voice, "Can't you call some other time. I'm too upset to talk."

The family came to Europe last May. Mimi had been studying here and in Paris.

Unemployed Painter's 'Gift' Was Only 'Bank's Mistake'

By JACK GATES

Houston, Tex., Jan. 13 (AP)—Young Bob Baker figured today he'll have to paint a lot of houses during the next 3½ years to repay \$2,000 he spent from a \$19,000 "Christmas present" a Houston bank gave him by mistake.

The unemployed housepainter's bank account was down to \$15.73. When he received his statement from the bank the Saturday before Christmas, he gulped and took a second look—sure enough, his balance read \$19,015.73.

Before the bank caught its mistake, Baker had slipped Santa Claus \$2,000 to buy "the best Christmas ever" for his wife and two children, and had paid \$2,000 down on a shiny new Oldsmobile.

The First State bank of suburban Greens Bayou got back \$15,000 in cash and the Oldsmobile—but the remaining \$2,000 was spent.

Baker agreed yesterday to repay the money at \$50 per month. The bank promised there would be no charges against him.

"Two thousand dollars is quite a bit of dough for me," the 25-year-old father said, "but I guess things could be worse. I got a new job last Monday. I hope it lasts a long time."

Attorneys were perplexed by the unusual incident. Several said they knew of no law to cover such a case.

Gerald Gordon, general counsel for the bank, declined comment on whether Baker had violated any criminal statutes.

"There is no question about his liability from a civil standpoint, however," Gordon said.

Baker said his family faced a bleak Christmas until the money "fell into my lap."

"My hands started shaking when I saw that big balance," he said. "I checked with the bank and they said 'yes, sir—your balance is \$19,015.83.'"

"Sure, I knew it was a mistake. I knew they might catch me. But I stood right there and made up my mind I was going to pay some bills. And when I looked at my kids—well, I knew there was going to be a real Christmas in the Baker house."

Five-year-old Rickey Baker got a new bike and other glittering toys. Phyllis, age two, got a new doll and a heap of other gifts. Baker bought new clothes for himself and his wife. Then he paid \$2,000 on a new Oldsmobile and settled down to pay some back debts.

Senators Ask Ban On Jap Fishermen

A memorial asking congress to prevent Japanese fishermen from operating off the coast of North America was introduced in the senate yesterday.

Its sponsors are Sens. Manley J. Wilson, Warren, and R. D. Holmes, Gearhart.

The memorial says the return

Good Weather Helps Logging

Lebanon — Linn county is economically much stronger this winter than in many past seasons, as indicated in retail business volume and banking figures. The same situation exists in all western Oregon counties that depend upon timber for the big source of revenue.

No heavy snows so far has allowed logging crews to operate

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at almost full scale production when normally they cease work in late November.

Fred W. Worrall, state employment office manager in Lebanon, said Thursday that only 565 persons were drawing unemployment compensation at the local office. This is in marked contrast to last year when rolls carried 1485 names. The list grew to a late January peak of over 3,000. Of the 565 persons currently receiving benefit checks, 50 of them are from the C and M sawmill that was destroyed by fire last month.

Nearly all small mills that closed during the holidays for annual repair are now back in full operation.

The ribbon or oar fish is sometimes taken for a sea monster.

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