

BREAK BREAD AND BREAK GROUND



Farm Program Guess Contest

Washington (AP)—A guessing game involving participants all over the world has developed around the closely guarded drafting of a new farm aid program...

The big questions center largely on farm price supports, production control programs, export plans, and methods for dealing with a present four-billion-dollar farm program.

The speculation is worldwide because of the possible influence of the recommendations may have on commodity markets at home and abroad.

Secretary of Agriculture Benson and his close associates are keeping mum on the farm recommendations President Eisenhower will include in his State of the Union message to Congress.

Chicago Baby Sitters Union Hikes Prices

Chicago (AP)—The organized baby-sitters in Chicago will get \$1.25 an hour for after-midnight duty on New Year's Eve.

Mrs. Painter said the going rate is a dollar an hour before midnight, \$1.25 after midnight, and door-to-door transportation for the sitter.

Tony Drago, assistant basketball coach at Duke, was captured by the Germans in the Battle of the Bulge and was a prisoner of war for six months.

New Year's Day Dinner 12 Noon to 8 P.M. ROAST TURKEY OVEN BROWN STEAK BAKED SALMON

All You Can Eat for 99¢ (Of Anything and Everything) Kids under 10—44¢

REMEMBER, IT'S THE 515 LOUNGE for NEW YEAR'S EVE \$2.50 COVER CHARGE Provides Noisemakers and a Trip to Our Famous Buffet for Prime Rib of Beef or Juicy Baked Ham

Before the ground breaking ceremonial Tuesday for the new Lipman, Wolfe & Co store at North Liberty and Chemeketa a luncheon of 80 invited persons was served at the Marion Hotel.

Dulles Tells Reasons For Recalling Troops

Washington (AP)—Secretary of State Dulles Tuesday described the decision to withdraw two United States divisions from Korea as due to a combination of circumstances.

Judge Clark on Way to Home

Paris (AP)—Suspended Chief Justice William Clark of the U. S. Appeals Court in Germany said Tuesday an American consul general threatened him with jail if he refused to surrender his diplomatic passport.

The jurist arrived here Tuesday from Spain en route to the United States after American diplomatic officers took the special passport and gave him one-way papers to return home.

Clark was suspended by the State Department Dec. 9 when he refused to return to Washington.

Clark said the jail threat was made two days ago at Las Palmas in the Canary Islands, where he and his wife were vacationing.

"I was told that I had to surrender it—the passport—and that if I didn't the police would be advised," he asserted. "I naturally surrendered it."

The tall, distinguished looking judge, who claims he was dismissed because he criticized U. S. High Commission policies in Germany, said Secretary of State Dulles sent a second cable "which ordered the chief of police of Las Palmas to pick up the passport."

He said he was leaving for New York Thursday on the Queen Mary and that he would make no statement on his troubles with the State Department until he arrived in America.

T. A. Beck Appointed

Williamina—T. A. Beck has been appointed to fill the unexpired term as director of the Union High School board, made vacant by the resignation of Howard Scharschmidt.

Lipman's Given Keys to Salem

The keys of the city of Salem were presented by Mayor Al Loucks Tuesday afternoon to President Harold Wendel of Lipman, Wolfe & Co. of Portland at a luncheon given by the Portland company in the Hotel Marion in connection with the pouring of the first concrete for the new Lipman store here.

The company was welcomed to Salem by the mayor, by Douglas McKay, secretary of the interior, who occupied a seat at the head table with leaders of Salem and of the Lipman company, and by Bill Hammond, Chamber president.

Mrs. Agnes Schucking, who was born 70 years ago on the store site at the corner of Liberty and Chemeketa, told of her pleasure at having such a fine building go up on this corner.

Former Governor Charles A. Sprague added his congratulations, and Harry Schwartz, president of National Department Stores, New York, expressed his gratification at the company's project here.

French Discount Laos Invasion

Paris (AP)—A French foreign ministry spokesman discounted Tuesday the military importance of the Vietminh invasion of Laos.

He also threw cold water on a suggestion in the Paris newspaper Le Monde that France should ask the United States to send troops to Indochina, now cut in half by the communist-led move.

Donald Heath, the U.S. ambassador in Saigon, issued a statement denying newspaper speculation there that the United States would send to Indochina the two divisions it is withdrawing from Korea.

Heath recalled, however, that Eisenhower said American troops would be maintained in the Far East in sufficient numbers to provide security.

The foreign ministry spokesman refuted reports France was considering asking for American troops, saying, "There is absolutely nothing in it, and I can deny it completely."

Nitrogen Taken From the Air

Seattle (AP)—Dr. William A. Pearl, head of the Institute of Technology at Washington State College, reported Tuesday that nitrogen has been taken from the air successfully in a fertilizer research project at the institute.

He made the report in connection with his appointment as Bonneville administrator, in commenting on expanding new uses for electric power.

He said it is a new process of nitrogen fixation which may prove of great agricultural value.

Dr. Pearl said the next step would be the building of a "plot" plant for limited production purposes. He said it probably would be at Pullman.

One of the advantages, he said, would be the opportunity to manufacture nitrates during periods when excess, or interruptible, power is available.

He said it could be in any of several forms and engineers are continuing to try to cut the costs of production.

Half Army Planes Now Jet Powered

Washington (AP)—The Aircraft Industries Association reported today that more than half of all military planes now produced are jet-powered. The ratio may jump to three out of every four by the end of 1954.

Retired Adm. Dewitt C. Ramsey, president of the association, also said this country is now producing military planes at the rate of 1,000 a month, or 12,000 a year.

He said this production schedule will continue for "several" months and then taper off until it may be "appreciably less" a year from now.

POOR BOY SANDWICH At NORTH'S 1170 Center St.

Crystal Gardens Ballroom New Year's Eve DANCE HIRILEE Our Biggest Celebration Ever HATS—HORNS—BLOWOUTS Noisemakers Galore—Balloons—Surprises Two Bands - Two Floors Modern by Crystal Serenaders Old-time by Pop Edwards

Jail Inmate Attempts Suicide by Drinking DDT

An attempted suicide by a county jail prisoner Tuesday morning ended with his being back in jail with nothing but a sore stomach to show for his efforts.

Leo Collins, 34, a Negro arrested last week on a burglary charge, obtained some five percent DDT solution bug poison from the jail spray gun Friday morning and took what probably amounted to a couple of good swallows of it, Marion county Sheriff Denver Young reported.

Collins was discovered unconscious on his bunk about 10:30 a.m. when city police Sgt. Ersel Munding went to his cell to get him for his attorney. When he was unable to arouse Collins, Deputy Sheriff Jack Millard was called and both attempted to awaken him.

First aid men were then called and found that he had apparently taken some of the poison solution probably within the hour before he was discovered.

He was rushed to Salem Memorial Hospital by Willamette Ambulance service under guard where doctors used a stomach pump to empty the stomach. Although the dose was not enough to be fatal, it would have made him a pretty sick man, they said.

He was returned to the jail a short time later suffering only from a stomach irritated by the poison and the stomach pump.

Collins got the poison into his cell from a trusty whose job it is to clean the jail, police said. The city jail is used to house both city and county prisoners until the new courthouse is completed.

He has been threatening suicide ever since his apprehension in Portland last week for Salem police on the charge of stealing about \$540 of cash and items from the cabin of O. L. F. Taylor and Gordy Levy at the Southern Pacific railroad labor camp on November 27, officers learned.

He told other prisoners he was going to eat some broken glass and had told detectives who returned him from Portland that "you can't take a dead man to the penitentiary."

Collins was released from jail here only eight days before the cabin burglary and about five weeks before his arrest on the charge after serving a year's sentence for contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

He appeared in Marion county district court Monday and was granted a continuance of arraignment until he could consult an attorney. He is to reappear Thursday.

The trusty who furnished the poison to Collins has been returned to his cell as a regular prisoner with all trusty privileges taken away from him and all "good time" toward an earlier release lost, police said. There will probably be no other action taken against him.

Bay State to Recognize Texas

Boston (AP)—Massachusetts is moving to correct a 108-year-old oversight. The Bay State is planning to recognize Texas as a state in the union.

While other states acknowledge Texas as a member of the union since Dec. 29, 1845, Massachusetts has lagged a bit behind.

Seems the General Court of Massachusetts state legislature (state legislature to non-Yankees) once resolved not to acknowledge the admission of Texas and to use "her utmost exertions . . . to defeat its accomplishment."

That was in March, 1845, while the union was tearing in two over the slavery-abolition controversy. That was settled rather bloodily a few years later but Texas and Massachusetts never did settle their spat.

It wasn't until a couple of weeks ago that someone prowling through the Bay State's cluttered statutes — they go back to the early 1600s — found that the anti-Texas resolve has never been repealed.

Monday night, on the eve of the 108th anniversary of the Lone Star State's admission date in 47 states, that is—Massachusetts Gov. Christian Herter initiated action to make it unanimous.

COLORADO PAN-SAN at the SAN SHOP

CAPITOL Gala New Year's Show! STARTS AT 5 P.M. THURSDAY!

HE CAME THROUGH THE GUNSMOKE Lonely and Proud... Like the Surly Dog at His Side! JOHN WAYNE ...They called him Hondo

Savage Real Life Thrills! Life-Devolving Quicksand! Man Against Jungle Killers in "BLACK FURY"

PLUS AT MIDNIGHT NEW YEAR'S EVE! Premier Showing of one of the Greatest Musical Comedies of 1954, Starring 2 Great Singing Stars in a Romantic Musical You Will Long Remember.

Movie Czar Defends Code

New York (AP)—Film Czar Eric Johnston defended today the motion picture industry's self imposed production code as "a living document" and said it has never laid "a dead hand" on creative endeavor.

Johnston, president of the Motion Picture Association of America, made the defense of the morality code in a letter addressed to Film Producer Sam Goldwyn who criticized it as old fashioned. The Johnston letter was released here by the association which drew up the code in 1930.

"The code like the Constitution of the United States, is a living document for living people," Johnston pointed out to Goldwyn. "That has been demonstrated, I think, through the amendments and the interpretations, all within the basic principles of the code, that have been made since the code's adoption."

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French Attack Indochina Reds

Hanoi, Indochina (AP)—Communist-led Vietminh troops which made a lightning drive to cut Indochina in two apparently have achieved a "prestige and political success," but they are going to have a hard time trying to stay there.

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HOLLYWOOD ENDS TODAY! Open 8:45 "ALL AMERICAN" "STAND AT APACHE RIVER"

STANWYCK-McMURRAY "FREZZY FLOODS THE CANYONS!" "Moonlighter"

ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON'S "THE MASTER OF BALLANTRAE" TECHNICOLOUR

ERROL FLYNN BEATRICE CAMPBELL-WONNE FURNEAUX

ESTHER WILLIAMS with JOHNSON-MARTIN TECHNICOLOUR

Alex Nicol - Aubrey Miller "CHAMP FOR A DAY"

GRAND STARTS TOMORROW!

Kiss Me Kate BIG SMASH MUSICAL! KATHRYN GRAYSON - HOWARD KEEL

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MARTIN LUTHER in DAWG RAMPOL "MONEY FROM HOME" C. TECHNICOLOUR A HAL WALLIS Production MARIÉ MILLAR - PAT CROWLEY RICHARD HAYDN Added hilarity "MA AND PA" and "FIESTA FROLIC"

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