



'ONE-FAMILY TOWN' NOW . . . Millican, Ore., had an astounding population gain of 400 per cent when Mr. and Mrs. William A. Mellin and their two daughters, shown above, "bought" the town, which for years had a "one-man town" tag. Inset shows one of the three buildings comprising the town.

IN THESE UNITED STATES

Oregon Town Loses 'One-man' Tag; Now 'One-family' Affair

MILLICAN, Ore.—When the census taker comes to Millican, he's due for a surprise because he'll discover that the population of this little town has increased by 400 per cent.

On the census taker's last visit, this was a "one-man town" with Billy Rahn as the sole resident. Now that Mr. and Mrs. William A. Mellin have bought the town, it's a "one-family town." The Mellins and their two daughters, Michela Lee, 3½, and Tina Ann, 6 months, make the population total four.

Millican's chief claim to fame for years lay in the fact that it was a "one-man town." That was in the days of Rahn, who was postmaster and everything else connected with the town. But retirement age for postmasters forced Rahn's retirement in 1942, and the postoffice died with his departure.

'Buys' Entire Town

Now the "one-man town" tag on Millican has been lost, probably for good, with the advent of the Mellins. Mellin, 28-year-old navy veteran, now owns—lock, stock and barrel—the entire town, a desert community located 26 miles east of Bend. He bought the town from George T. Petry, successor to Rahn. "Buying" the town consisted solely of the purchase of the three buildings located here.

The Mellins operate the town grocery store, gas pump, tourist camp—two small cabins—handle repairs on tourists' cars and Mrs. Mellin furnishes hot lunches upon request.

"There's nothing like owning your own town to boost your faith in human nature," the Mellins insist on the basis of their venture.

Faith in Humanity

As evidence of that faith, Mel-

lin admits that he leaves gas in the tank when he goes to bed at night "just in case anybody coming down the road is short." In the morning, he adds, he always finds the money shoved under the door. "We haven't lost a gallon yet," he says.

As evidence of his enthusiasm for building up his town, Mellin has petitioned to have the postoffice restored. The postoffice, he explains, would benefit ranchers in the area who occasionally stop at the Mellin store.

Boys Find Dynamite Cache, Sell at Penny

PORTLAND, Ore.—Dynamite, stolen from a cache at a rock quarry, was being sold for a penny a stick by a local juvenile ring, police reported in warning Portland parents that some of it may have been stored in homes.

The police broke up the ring after Patrolman Earl Shinn had found a 17-year-old boy with six sticks of dynamite, for which he had paid six cents. The boy led police to a rock quarry where the teen-agers had broken into a cache and scattered the explosives about the area.

Some of the dynamite, the boy told police, had been thrown against rocks in hopes of an explosion.



MUTUAL ASSISTANCE . . . This is a daily brother and sister act at the Israel Orphan home at Far Rockaway, L. I., N. Y. The seven children from the same family, ranging from 3 to 8½ years of age, help each other to dress in a hurry in their own version of the assembly line.

Women and Rat Provide Lively Trolley Drama

DETROIT, Mich.—The combination of women and a rat always makes news. This little drama was played against a metropolitan backdrop, with a Detroit trolley car as the setting.

The characters were Motorman Walter Williams, his near-capacity load of female passengers, Tom Woodishee and an unidentified rat.

Williams stopped his trolley to pick up Woodishee. At that mo-

ment a rat ran at Woodishee. A timely kick sent the rat sailing through the air and through the trolley's front window.

The rodent landed beside a woman in the front of the car. She promptly took off for the rear of the car. So did the rat. Terror-stricken women screamed, jammed the aisle and performed trapeze acts on the straps.

Williams came back on stage with a broom. Exit the rat.

FIVE-YEAR CACHE

U.S. Starts Accumulating War Reserve Stockpile

WASHINGTON.—First step to build up a 2 billion 100 million dollar war reserve stockpile of the "critical materials we would need first in an emergency" have been taken by the government, War Undersecretary Royall reports.

Contracts for the material are being let by the treasury's procurement division, acting as agent for the armed services. Funds for the initial purchases are contained in a 100 million dollar appropriation included in the deficiency appropriation bill voted in closing hours of the recent session.

Plans for the reserve war cache, which ultimately will involve purchases spread over a five-year period, were drafted on the strength of actual war experience with shortages.

'Too Little, Too Late'

A 70 million dollar stockpile accumulated before Pearl Harbor was "too little and too late," munitions board officials declare.

Royall, who is the war department member of the army and navy munitions board, said the board deems the stockpile a "project of highest importance."

Composed largely of strategic materials not obtainable in this country, the list includes some 65 critical materials as top priority. Included on the priority list are asbestos, chromite, manila and sisal fibres, jewels, lead, pepper, rubber, tin and zinc. Most of the priority materials are not obtainable in this country.

Stored in Depots

The materials will be stored principally in army and navy depots scattered throughout the country.

A pledge that the purchases will be "orderly" and made with due regard for civilian shortages, the administration's concern over inflationary pressures and the economy of foreign countries came from Richard R. Deupree, Cincinnati industrialist, who is civilian president of the munitions board.

Key to Fabulous Gold Mine Lost With Prospector

TUCSON, Ariz.—Adding another weird story to western folklore, reports indicate that the secret of another "lost" Spanish gold mine may be locked forever in the mind of Albert (Rabbit) Johnson, weather-beaten prospector, missing and believed dead in the desert wastes of central Arizona.

After the prospector's disappearance, Quinton Ford of Phoenix reported that Johnson had confided to him that he had found one of Arizona's fabulous "lost" mines.

Johnson was one of dozens of men who, believing the maps and strange tales of hidden wealth handed down from one generation to another, had set out in the futile and tragic quest for wealth.

Some of the prospectors, according to western legends, seek a mine where a rusty revolver marks the site of a wide vein of almost pure gold.

It was long before Johnson's time when a prospector, lost in one of the state's frequent sandstorms, took shelter in a cave at the base of a hill. Idly picking at the rock as he sat out the storm, he discovered that the rock was unbelievably rich ore.

When the storm had died, the prospector's water was almost gone but he stuffed his pockets with ore, left his gun as a claim-marker and tried to find his way back to civilization.

When found, he was dying from thirst and was beyond speaking. With his samples of ore was a note giving a rough description of the hill of gold. Many have tried, but none have found the revolver or the rich mine.

Start on Shoestring—Birds, at Least, Do

TROUSDALE, Kas.—Setting up housekeeping on a shoestring may be out of style for the modern generation—but not for bluejays around this Kansas community.

Mrs. C. R. Wood recently washed the baby's shoestrings and hung them on a line to dry. When she went to get them, the strings had disappeared.

An older son, wise to the ways of bluejays, climbed a tree in the back yard and found the shoestrings neatly woven into a blue-jay's nest.

Bachelor Seeks Wife, 'Safe' in Jail Instead

HAMMOND, Ind.—When Wilhelm John Siebert, 76-year-old bachelor, went looking for a wife, he landed in jail instead.

Now prospective wives are looking for Siebert—and he won't get out of jail. He likes it.

Jailers report that willing widows, eager to wed the old-timer, had written 18 letters and made four telephone calls.



POLLY AND HER PAL . . . Charles F. Sirl, student at Bowling Green State university, Bowling Green, Ohio, is shown with his parrot, which has become the pet of the campus. Although 14 years old, the bird spends most of her time giving the "wolf whistle" to coeds—but Sirl insists she didn't learn that from him.

"Off We Go" AVIATION NOTES

Aerial applications of insecticides and fungicides by plane on nearly 100 Indiana farms were made this summer, some for the first time. Results of field tests on corn, rye, potatoes, onions and tomatoes are being followed by Purdue university entomologists and plant pathologists to determine effectiveness of this new method of control.

In the opinion of George E. Gould, Purdue entomologist, further experimentation is required to determine effectiveness of aerial dusting. In many instances, he points out, too few applications were made or dusting was not done at the proper time.

OLDEST FLYER

Candidate for the title of Britain's oldest flyer is Edward Douglas Fawcett, 80 years old. Fawcett, who plans to buy his own plane soon, is taking a refresher course in straight flying and aerobatics before applying for renewal of his license.

DISABLED VET FLIES

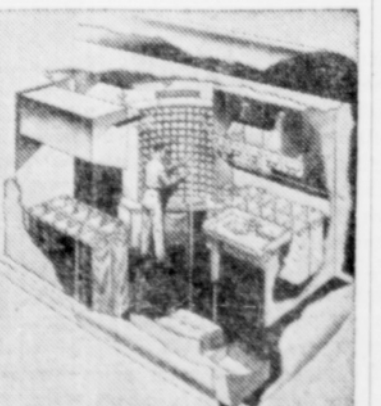
Another testimonial to the courage and spirit of America's fighting men who were permanently disabled on the battlefronts is contained in the story of the accomplishments of Charles Colwell of Greenfield, Ind.

The 23-year-old ex-serviceman, who lost both legs from mortar fire in the German front, was determined he would not permit his physical handicap to get him down.

As the first step, he took up flying, because he felt it would facilitate "getting around." After seven and one-half hours of instruction, he made his first solo flight.

RECTIFIES STAIN

Service is the keynote of air transportation, a fact which made it possible for Judge Lee Knous of the Colorado court to uphold his sartorial judicial dignity. En route to Cheyenne, Wyo., by plane to attend the annual Frontier Days celebration, Judge Knous spilled a cup of coffee on his shirt. The pilot radioed the judge's plight ahead to Cheyenne and, when the judge stepped off the plane, he was presented a new shirt.



FLYING MAIL CARS . . . Concept of a future mail plane shows a typical sorting unit.

NEW HELICOPTER

Development of a twin-engined helicopter which its makers claim is the first of its kind ready for short-haul commercial use was announced by Kellett Aircraft corporation of North Wales, Pa. The craft, which can operate on a field the size of a baseball diamond, is known as the KH-2. It carries 10 passengers in addition to a crew of two, or cargo loads of one ton or more. It is an all-metal craft.

N. Y. Court Decision Holds Test-Tube Baby Legitimate

NEW YORK.—A supreme court justice ruled that a child born as the result of artificial insemination is legitimate.

The ruling was made by Justice Henry Clay Greenberg in deciding that the estranged husband of Mrs. Julie Strnad, 31, had a right to visit her daughter, four-year-old Antoinette, who she said was a product of artificial insemination.

Mrs. Strnad claimed that her husband, Antoine, 42, was sterile since birth, an allegation he denied. She sought to prevent him from seeing the child on the ground Antoinette was not the offspring of her ex-mate. She had won a separation decree and principal custody of the child last October.

Atomic Danger Zone Posted For Tests on New Weapons

WASHINGTON.—The atomic energy commission has posted a "Danger—Keep Out" notice covering 39,000 square miles of the Pacific ocean surrounding Eniwetok atoll, site of forthcoming "tests of military weapons."

"Hazards will exist" in a rectangular area approximately 173 miles north and south and 226 miles east and west, the commission said.

The danger will continue throughout 1948.

Plane Crosses Ocean With Dead Motor; Bishop Safe

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA.—An Australian flying boat, carrying 29 passengers and a crew of 6, landed here safely after flying 380 miles across the storm-tossed Tasman sea with one of its four engines dead. Among the passengers were Episcopal Bishop G. Ashton Oldham of Albany, N. Y., and his wife.

Railway Passengers Gassed And Robbed in Romania

BUCHAREST, ROMANIA.—A band of thieves put all the passengers in a railway carriage to sleep by using gas and robbed the night train from Bucharest to Iasi, the newspaper Natunea said.

When the passengers woke up at Iasi station they found all their luggage gone.

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Farm Mechanization Boosts Production to Record Level

OMAHA, NEB.—Americans are harvesting 20 million more acres today than they did in 1940, although there are three million fewer people doing it, and on 200,000 fewer farms.

Fast-growing mechanization of farms is largely responsible for this feat, Joseph A. Hoban, merchandising manager of B. F. Goodrich company, told members of Midwest Implement Dealers association. He cited the fact that the nation's tractor "population" had doubled, from one million to two million, just since 1940.

Praising "the way America's farmers and other food producers had come through to ease tragic conditions in many lands," Hoban cited the following estimates on the nation's 1947 exports of foodstuffs: 392 million bushels of wheat, five times the amount exported in 1939; 88 million bushels of corn, compared to 32 million in 1939, and 328 million pounds of meat products, against 193 million in 1939.

The farm market offered "the biggest sales opportunity" for industry in 1947, Hoban said, adding that "there is no question that this market is going forward at as great or even greater pace in 1948."

Hoban said that all tractors now made are rubber-tired, and that changing all a farm's rolling stock from steel to rubber tires produced an average saving of 24 working days and 675 gallons of gasoline per year, for each 150 acres worked.

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