



INVESTIGATION OF BOMB CRATER . . . Near Kaesong, Korea, United Nations officers and Chinese and North Korean Communist officials crowd together around a huge bomb crater. The Communists have issued claims that the crater was caused by a United Nations plane which dropped its load in a neutral zone during the armistice talks. The crater is on the outskirts of Kaesong, but still in the armistice restricted zone. The bomb caused no damage to life or property. In reply to Red claims, the United Nations has asked for a re-investigation of the incident, as the Reds have issued many false claims.



ARAB LEAGUERS APPEAL TO U.N. PRESIDENT . . . In Paris, France, Luis Padilla Nervo, Mexico, president of the United Nations general assembly, is shown (left) talking to a delegation from the Arab-Asiatic league that called on him with an appeal that he intercede with the U.N. French delegation to help bring peace in Tunisia. The Arab delegation members are (from left) Dr. Mohamed Fadhill Al-Jamali of Iraq; Salah-Edin, Egyptian foreign minister; and U. Mynt Thien, president of the Burmese delegation. With the Tunisian riot death toll at 38, the French cabinet decided to send a new note to open negotiations with Tunisia.



NEW ROOSEVELT TAKES A BOW . . . Representative Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr., and his wife, the former Suzanne Perrin, admire their new daughter (their first), Nancy Suzanne, as the baby makes her camera debut. Nancy was born January 11. The Roosevelts were married in August, 1949, three months after Rep. Roosevelt was divorced in Nevada by his first wife, Ethel DuPont. His first wife bore him two sons, Franklin D. III, and Christopher.



LET IT SNOW . . . P.F.C. Frank Ryerson models latest air force clothing for winter in Burlington, Vt. Footgear, made to be worn over several pairs of socks, has felt uppers and canvas tops. Heel is notched for wearing of skis.



REPORTS ON RUSSIAN CHURCH . . . The Rev. Martin Niemoeller, German Lutheran leader, talks with officials of the Russian orthodox church in Moscow. On his return to Berlin, he said he noted a revision of the Russian anti-church policy and now it was no longer uncommon to see clergymen in the streets. He said he found the Russian church a Christian one. "Let it be understood I am neither a Communist, nor am I pro east or west," he said.



WHITE HOUSE MOUSER? . . . Siamese cat cuddled here by little girl may become official mouser at White House. The feline is the pet of Diane Kefauver, daughter of Senator Estes Kefauver, Tennessee, whose coonskin cap is in ring.

### Farm Team Grandfather, Girl Win

PLATTEVILLE, Wis. — A grandfather, Henry Sporle, 62, and his granddaughter, Eileen Fecht, 15, teamed up to win an interstate corn championship and a much needed tractor. The pair used a single bushel of hybrid seed corn to plant 8.28 acres and produce 1,232.15 bushels of corn to beat contestants from Wisconsin, Illinois and Iowa.

The contest was to see how many bushels could be grown with one bushel of seed, and not the usual how much could be produced on a given amount of land.

Eileen is a sophomore in the Platteville high school. She likes farm work, especially in the open fields. The grandfather plowed the land in the spring and put in the corn. Then Eileen took on the job of cultivating with "Tom" and "Maud" the horse team. She worked the field six times knocking out the weeds.

### Policemen in Ohio Village Raise Money For Own Equipment

WILLOUGHBY, O.—Harried taxpayers all over the country would likely welcome the services of the Willoughby, O., police force. These services include raising the money to pay for most of their own equipment. In most towns such equipment is paid for out of the public treasury.

Willoughby is a village of 4,500 near the shores of Lake Erie, not far from Cleveland. During the past year the police force bought for its own use and thereby public use, an ambulance equipped with radio, oxygen tanks, a cot, a new type resuscitator, a motorcycle, fingerprint and photographic material, and office and cruiser equipment, including radio and siren.

Funds for these purchases were raised by the policemen.

Expenses incurred in previous years include purchase of desks, typewriters, shotguns, gas guns, two-way radio equipment, lockers, modernizing jail cells and part of the cost of three automobiles used by the department.

Chief Robert Collins reports: "In most places, when the police need money for equipment, they ask the village council for funds. But Willoughby has only a small amount of money available from taxation for operating expenses. So, we must go out and raise the money ourselves. We want to keep up our efficiency and that is the only way we can do it."

Last year the policemen spent between \$3,000 and \$4,000 from their own funds for equipment. Since the start of the system in 1944, around \$9,000 has been spent in this manner. Any money left over at the end of the year is divided equally among the policemen for purchase of their uniforms.

The chief source of funds has been benefit dances held more or less regularly at the nearby Pine Ridge country club. The policemen donate their time and efforts. Other assistance has been received from the Chamber of Commerce and various business firms and individuals.

The police also donate out of their fund to help a village recreation program for children.

The village has a force of six regular officers, plus four for extra duty.

### Only Barber Quits; Village Goes Shaggy

STAFFORD, Mo.—The 300 residents of the village of Stafford are unhappy. It is without a barber and the people don't like it, especially the mothers.

Garland "Cotton" Harrison, 47, the village barber for the past 27 years, quit "about three haircuts ago," Postmaster Eddie Murphy reported.

"He's just worn out," said Mrs. Harrison. "After all, he's been cutting hair for 27 years."

But one Stafford citizen surmised that Harrison had just "got it made" and decided to retire.

"Well, yes," said Mrs. Harrison. "We are milking a few cows and we'll make out all right. But he's just worn out."

Many Stafford men have been going to Springfield, 12 miles away, to get their hair cut. A few mothers have been sending their sons in by bus and having them get crew cuts so they won't have to go so often.

With haircuts \$1 in Springfield and the bus fare 62 cents for the round trip, the boys have been paying more than double Harrison's price—65 cents.

### Village Hopes Bell Is Quiet if Siren Sounds

PENTWATER, Mich. — The village of Pentwater is installing a new water system. At intervals it has to be shut off so connection can be made. Since the community did not dispose of its old fire bell when the new fire siren was installed, the bell is used to warn villagers that the water supply is going to be cut off in the following 15 minutes.

Now all the village has to worry about is the day both the old fire bell and the new fire siren go off at the same time.



### America's Strength

"YOU CAN'T watch fields growing without feeling awe for the Infinite Power which makes them grow. And you can't grow up learning to combine pride of personal ownership and neighborly concern for others without understanding the real meaning of democracy."

This excerpt from a speech of Under-Secretary of Agriculture Clarence J. McCormick recently at Milwaukee, unswervingly points the finger away from the confusion endangered by political hucksters and directly and unwaveringly at the great strength that is innate in the nation's backbone—the great well-springs of religion and tolerance, of self-reliance and responsibility, and of neighborliness and brotherhood at the grass roots of rural America—on the farms and in the home towns of the nation.

For where there is reverence for the Infinite Power and neighborly concern for others, there can be no communism. Where there is pride of personal ownership, there can be no socialism. Where there is self-reliance and responsibility, there can be no fear or loss of confidence in government and in American institutions.

Where there is religion and tolerance, the eyes of grass roots America are crystal clear in peering through the grime and slime of character assassination, of the pillaging of people's reputations, of the violation of basic human rights in our democracy. There is tolerance of human weaknesses and frailties, but no condonement of graft or corruption either of private or public trusts.

The great masses of the grass roots population will not be confused by what Senator Lehman of New York brands as "creeping myopia"—the growing fear and suspicion and distrust in many sections—born of the smears and violations of the Bill of Rights which we see and hear daily here in Washington, both in and out of government circles. This is an election year. Controversy will be bitter. The issues may not be so much political as personal. There will be attempts at "backstreet campaigns" such as a senate committee designated the last election in Maryland. Political mountebanks will throw mud and dirt and unproven charges. But as you observe Brotherhood Week in many thousands of forums February 17 to 24, the great ideals proclaimed should serve as lighthouses to mark the course rural America should serve as a bulwark and guide to the selection of leaders who will bring the nation safely through these critical times.

### Survivors Insurance

For the first time in a major disaster in the United States, every one of the 119 coal miners who lost their lives in the tragic explosion at West Frankfort, Ill., recently, was insured under the federal old-age and survivors insurance program.

The families of these men will receive approximately \$1,464,000 from that federal program in compensation.

### Child Labor

Because investigators for the Department of Labor have found an unusual number of children under 16 working on farms, the department has issued a pamphlet, entitled "What Farmers Should Know About Child Labor Provisions." Copies may be obtained from the Wage-Hour Division of Labor Department, Washington, D.C.

The department found more than 3,000 children employed illegally on farms. The anti-child labor law provides that it is illegal for farmers whose crops or products go either directly or indirectly into interstate or foreign commerce to employ children under 16 during school hours. The farmer is responsible for finding out the correct age of the children. The law does not apply to the farmers' own children.

### Grain Storage

Despite what you may have heard or read, Secretary of Agriculture Brannan declares unequivocally, that neither the department, any employee thereof, nor any cooperative is involved in any charges against the agricultural grain storage plan. Brannan charges that the attack against the grain storage program probably comes from the same sources which crippled the program in 1948.

### Civil Service

At this time when the "bureaucrats" are under fire from so many different quarters it is fitting that this year is observed as the 69th birthday of competitive civil service in the government. Since 1883, when first established, 93 per cent of all federal workers have been placed under civil service, holding their jobs by virtue of having won them in open competition with their fellow citizens and retaining them under the merit system.

### INSPIRED TOWNS

## Big Business Inspires Towns To Help Selves

ATLANTA, Ga.—The people in the home towns of Georgia are singing the praise of the Georgia Power Company these days and one of its vice presidents, Charles A. Collier.

A little over a decade ago the state was in a bad way. It had lost a third of its manufacturing plants and agricultural production had dropped 70 per cent. The small towns were stagnant and unattractive; young people were leaving the state as fast as they could.

The greatest weakness of the whole state was the small community. Collier believed that something had to be done to restore the small towns economically; some way had to be found to restore their self confidence and energy and respect.

The result was the Better Home Towns Program with a community development division to direct its activities. The company discouraged small towns from trying to coax outside capital and industry to move in, but urged them to set up small local industries, financed with local capital and processing local raw materials.

### 200 Towns Compete

Then, in 1948, the company began its community improvement competition between the towns themselves. More than 200 communities have competed in each of these contests held annually.

Only towns with 20,000 people or fewer are eligible. Prizes are awarded in three population groups: less than 750, 750 to 3,000, and 3,000 to 20,000. In each division the first prize is \$1,000, the second \$750, and the third \$500, with four \$100 honorable mentions. The prize money must be spent on some useful civic project.

The objective of the competition is to make the home towns cleaner, more progressive, more prosperous; to attract new businesses and new residences; to develop initiative and leadership among the people.

As an example of progress being made by small towns in Georgia today, look at Villa Rica. Once it was a dying town, now it has a new factory.

Its citizens heard about an iron furniture and metal casket company that was looking for a location. In 24 hours they raised \$6,000 to buy a tract of land, scraped up another \$3,000 for grading, sent out their delegates to talk to factory officials, and landed the prize. It is already in operation and ultimately will need 800 workers. Villa Rica, with only 2,200 inhabitants is confident it can supply them.

Cost \$500,000

Since its inception the program has cost the Georgia Power Company more than \$500,000 and is now running at about \$125,000 per year for prizes, salaries, publicity and other expenses. Company officials consider the money well invested.

Today, Georgia is booming more than any section of the nation. The dollar value of manufactured goods is up 315 per cent over 1939. Agriculture is becoming diversified and mechanized. The emigration of young people has almost ceased.

Per capita income has jumped 234 per cent compared to a national gain of 146 per cent. In 1948, the rate of business failures was only 43 per 1,000—by far the lowest in the nation.

And there are no losers in the Champion Home Town Contests. Each town that competes comes out a cleaner, finer, better place to live.

### Christmas (Fla.) Post Office Can Relax Now

CHRISTMAS, Fla.—The postal clerks of Christmas (Fla.) can relax now until next Christmas. They licked and pasted 300,000 pieces of holiday mail last year.

Mrs. Juanita Tucker, postmistress since 1932, said the outgoing Christmas mail last year posted by persons from 32 states and several foreign countries, exceeded by at least 60,000 items the volume of any other year.

Mrs. Tucker was aided in handling the voluminous Christmas mail by her husband, their 20 year old son, Cecil, and his girl friend. The little post office handles more mail on one December day than in all the rest of the year put together.

Another town that competes with Christmas, Fla., for nation-wide holiday publicity is Santa Claus, Ind.

### Old Town Signposts Soon to Be Destroyed

OLD GREENWICH, Conn.—The old town signposts of Old Greenwich—10 in all—are soon to go the way of the horseshark, the Stanley steamer and the celluloid collar.

The selectmen have asked permission to eliminate them. Only one would be retained and it is located in front of the town hall.

Although a number of public notices are required by state statutes to be posted, the selectmen believe the signposts have outlived their usefulness and are today "archaic" and "superfluous."

The selectmen reported it cost the town \$10 each time one notice is fixed to the 11 posts. Between 10 and 15 notices are posted annually.

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