

# ODD INVENTIONS GIVEN PATENTS OVER PAST YEAR

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Washington, Dec. 26—(U.P.)—  
You ever sink your teeth in a crabapple?

If so you can appreciate the Christmas gift to the nation of Carl A. Hanson, of Brookings, N. D., who has patented (and has the papers to prove it) a crabapple tree which showers down sweet crabapples.

**Pink Meat**  
How you go about inventing a crabapple tree I do not know, but Hanson proved to the U. S. patent office that his crabapple tree is better than anybody else's. Not only is its fruit sweet when raw, but it's pink all the way through, like a Texas grapefruit, and that fact alone is likely to revolutionize the art of jelly-making.

**It's hard to come by coconuts** in days like these, but if you ever get your paws on one, then patent number 2,364,358, as issued to Jacquelin Dewitt Rector of San Leandro, Calif., is the piece of machinery for you. Mrs. Rector has invented a coconut meat extractor.

She describes it as a mandrel with blades, a mandrel is a handle; blades you know about. You squosh Mrs. Rector's invention into a coconut, squiggle it around a couple of times and out comes the meat, curled up like shavings. So much for good eating.

**Brooch Intrigues**  
The year-end inventors have not let this nation down in other fields of human endeavor, either. Consider the beautiful brooch invented by Clinton J. Davidson of San Diego, Calif.

The brooch, which any lady

would be proud to wear, bears a sign, outlined in diamonds or maybe glass, which says: "Pull." Hanging down—handy—is a chain, which can be gold, or even brass.

You go up to the lady and pull the chain. Her brooch pops open, revealing another sign which says: "Hello. I love you, what's your name?"

Friends, I swear it. That's what Davidson's invention says on the inside and you can easily see how it might come in handy.

If I had an automobile, I'd like to have it equipped with patent number 2,365,454, the automatic window opener of Daniel L. Chandler, Salem, Mass., and George W. Ewing of Peabody, Mass. Too windy in your sedan? Push a button and the Chandler-Ewing electric motor in the bottom of the door turns the gears and hoists the window. Too hot? Touch another button and the machinery lets the window down.

**Toboggan Control**  
We come finally to the art of controlling toboggans. If you ever started down a mountain on skis with a toboggan behind you loaded with pemmican, bonded whisky, or other heavy cargo, you undoubtedly were run down and maimed by the juggernaut in the rear.

That's what's been happening to Avery M. Cochran of the U. S. army, who practiced for months to be a ski trooper in the mountains near Colorado Springs, Colo. Every time he'd start out with a toboggan load of anything, he'd get the skin knocked off the backs of his legs.

He wearied of this, finally, and invented a toboggan with brakes. This device necessitates a motorman and a conductor. The motorman goes in front and steers with shafts. The conductor trails behind, holding on to ropes, which are hitched to plungers. When he yanks, the plungers plow into the earth, the procession stops, and catastrophe is averted.

That solves that and I'll be communing with the inventors again next year, bright and early.

## Livestock

Portland, Ore., Dec. 26—(U.P.)—  
Livestock—Cattle, 900; calves, 200. Sharply higher on light receipts. Good feed steers \$13.75@16.50. Good fed heifers \$14; common-medium \$9.50@13. Canners-cutter cows \$5.50@7.50. Medium-fairly good beef cows \$10@11.50. Medium-good bulls \$9@11. Good-choice vealers \$13.50@14. Good 380 lbs. grass calves \$13.50.  
Hogs, 14,000. Active. Long considering more lenient sorts. Good-choice 170-250 lbs. Largely \$15.75. Good sows \$12.25@13.75. Feeder pigs \$14.  
Sheep, 350. Strong. Good woolled lambs \$13.50. Strictly good-choice quotable to \$14. Few good ewes \$5.50.

Chicago, Dec. 26—(U.P.)—(W.P.A.)—  
Livestock—10,000. On p. 1 of the clearance. Actually all good and choice hogs 100 lbs. and up, \$14.75 ceiling; 100-160 lbs. \$14.25; most sows \$14, ceiling.  
Cattle—14,000; calves, 1,000. Largely steer run; choice yearlings up to \$17.75; bulk steers \$13@16.50; best fed heifers \$15.75; bulk \$11.50@15; cows 15 to 23 cents higher; bulls 15 to 15 cents up; vealers mostly \$13 down.  
Sheep—8,000. Three decks good and choice around 94 lbs. Fed woolled western lambs held around \$15.25.

## Portland Produce

Portland, Dec. 26—(U.P.)—Wholesale produce market:  
Celery—California green fancy \$4.50. No. 1 \$3.75 crate.  
Garlic—Local No. 1 40c lb.  
Lettuce—California 4s, \$5 crate; Arizona \$5 crate.  
Onions—3-inch \$1.70.  
Peppers—California 20c lb.  
Pots—Local 100s \$3.50. California sweets and yams \$3.50 crate.  
Tomatoes—Repacked \$9.50 lug.

## Chicago Wheat

Chicago, Dec. 26—(U.P.)—Wheat:  
Open High Low Close  
May \$1.63 1/4 \$1.64 1/4 \$1.63 1/4 \$1.64 1/4  
July 1.54 1/4 1.56 1.54 1.55 1/4  
Sept. 1.54 1/4 1.55 1.53 1/4 1.54 1/4

## S. F. DAIRY PRICES

San Francisco, Dec. 26—(U.P.)—  
Dairy market:  
Butter: 93 score 43, 92 score 42 1/2, 90 score 42 1/4, 89 score 41 3/4.

Cheese: wholesale prices, loafs 27.9, triplets 27.2.  
Eggs: large grade A 57 1/2, large grade B 44 1/2, medium grade A 52 1/2, small grade A 44 1/2.

## Wall Street

New York, Dec. 26—(U.P.)—  
Anticipated year-end evening up operations today brought an irregular decline into the stock market on contracted volume.

Railroad shares stood out as the leading strong spot and their average rose to a new high since Aug. 31, 1937. This demand was attributed to the belief that the roads face a good earning period as long as the war is going on and a prospect of higher rates when peace comes.

Today's closing prices on selected stocks:

American Tel. & Tel.	164 1/2
Anaconda	28
Chrysler	90
Curtiss Wright	5 3/4
General Electric	38
General Motors	62 3/4
Montgomery Ward	50 5/8
Penn. R. R.	32 3/4
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**PUTTIN' ON THE DOG**—The GI's captured this German shepherd dog when it was only a month old, and now "Recall" is the pet of the U. S. Army infantry unit near Shevenhutte, Germany. Picked up at St. Malo, "Recall" has done a lot of traveling with the Americans and some fine scout duty.

## John Wayne In Craterian Hit



Starting tomorrow at the Craterian is John Wayne in "Tall in the Saddle," with Ella Raines and Geo. (Gabby) Hayes.

## United Aircrafts

United Aircrafts ..... 29 7/8  
U. S. Rubber ..... 50 3/4  
U. S. Steel ..... 58 1/2

## Daily Weather Report

Forecast:  
Medford and vicinity: Cloudy tonight and Wednesday with light rain Wednesday. Slightly warmer tonight and Wednesday.  
Oregon: Cloudy with light rain in northwestern portion and over western portion tonight and Wednesday with light snow in east portion Wednesday. No cold.

Temperature a year ago today:  
Highest 44; lowest 34.  
Total monthly precipitation .37 inches. Deficiency for the month 2.01 inches.  
Total precipitation since September 1, 1944, 5.83 inches. Deficiency for the season .53 inches.  
Relative humidity at 4:30 p. m. yesterday 71%; 4:30 today 97%.

## Sunrise 8:33 a. m.; sunset 5:46 p. m.

Boise	34	29
Boston	47	37
Chicago	25	16
Denver	21	7
Eureka	52	40
Havre	16	2
Los Angeles	68	40
Medford	47	27
New York	44	30
Omaha	22	2
Phoenix	58	48
Portland	39	23
Reno	49	19
Roseburg	41	33
Salt Lake	41	21
San Francisco	50	40
Seattle	25	31
Spokane	21	4
Washington, D. C.	58	33
Yakima	27	21

## SPECIAL MISSIONARY SERVICES POSTPONED

The missionary service planned to be held at the Church of God at Haven and Holly streets on Tuesday evening, Dec. 26, with Rev. Sidney P. Rogers as speaker, has been indefinitely postponed. Word was received Saturday that for some unavoidable reason Rev. Rogers' plans had to be changed.

## RECKLESS RIDERS

New York, Dec. 26—(U.P.)—  
Faz II Ail, 16, and his brother, Kaid Ail, 18, who said they learned to ride bareback in their native Arabia, were fined \$2 each by Magistrate Charles E. Hersimaki today for riding rented horses recklessly in Prospect Park, Brooklyn.

## SEES STRAWBERRY METHOD

Ponch A Toula, La.—(U.P.)—  
John Zuluaga of the department of agriculture of Colombia, S. A., is now studying agricultural methods employed in producing strawberries in Louisiana's famed strawberry belt.

## SPAR SHOOTS UP

Boston—(U.P.)—  
Cadet Arleen F. Goode of Jamaica Plain has broken all records for promotion from enlisted ranks to officer-candidate school in the Spars. An accountant, 23-year-old Miss Goode is the only seaman 2-c ever accepted in the pay officer's class.

## Use Mail Tribune Want Ads.

# MERCHANT RUINED BY AIDE'S THEFTS LEAPS TO DEATH

New York, Dec. 26—(U.P.)—  
Oscar Gropper, 57, Fifth Avenue leather goods merchant, leaped to his death from a hotel window early today leaving a note which said the "Lady Robin Hood" bookkeeper who gave away \$40,000 of his money had ruined him financially.

It was learned that Gropper left three notes, one each to his wife and daughter and a third to his attorney, Millard Ellison.

The serio-comic preliminary to Gropper's death began last Dec. 8 when Mrs. Madeline Dunnigan, 22-year-old wife of a navy yard worker, walked into the New York district attorney's office and confessed that she had been financing her personal philanthropies with Gropper's money.

Asst. District Attorney Francis X. Clark said the \$40,000 bookkeeper with the \$100 a day heart began spending her employer's money last Jan. 1. It was disclosed that she had kept some \$2,000 of nearly \$40,000 for herself and spent the rest in raises to other employes and gifts of cash and luggage to 50 soldiers overseas, some of whom she didn't know.

## BIRTHS

**ARTMIRE**—To Mr. and Mrs. Raymond, Prospect, Dec. 19, 1944, girl, six pounds, at Sacred Heart.

**NEWCOMB**—To Mr. and Mrs. Paul, Box 109, Dec. 24, 1944, girl, 6 1/2 pounds, at Sacred Heart.

**RUFFO**—To Capt. and Mrs. Edward, 807 Pennsylvania, Dec. 24, 1944, girl, 7 1/2 pounds, at Sacred Heart.

**SARRATT**—To Mr. and Mrs. Claude, Talent, Dec. 23, 1944, boy, seven pounds, at Community hospital.

**WHITESIDE**—To Mr. and Mrs. Otto Lee, Rt. 1, Box 114, DeDe. 23, 1944, boy, seven pounds, at Community hospital.

**HALMGREN**—To Capt. and Mrs. Roger, 815 E. Main, Dec. 23, 1944, son, six pounds, at Community hospital.

**HICKATHORN**—To Mr. and Mrs. Roy, 434 Haven St., Dec. 24, 1944, girl, nine pounds, at Community hospital.

**SHREVE**—To Mr. and Mrs. Leonard, 736 Oak St., Dec. 26, 1944, two boys, five and seven pounds, at Community hospital.

# JUDGE H. K. HANNA IS SERIOUSLY ILL

Judicial proceedings in both circuit and county courts were at a standstill today due to illness of Circuit Judge Herbert K. Hanna, who was stricken over the week-end, and County Judge J. B. (Blin) Coleman who became ill last Thursday.

Judge Hanna was removed to a local hospital Sunday and his condition was reported as serious. He became ill last Friday and remained at his home in Jacksonville. He was reported suffering from a kidney infection.

County Judge Coleman was reported as showing improvement today following a relapse Sunday. He is still at his home. County Physician A. E. Merkel reported Judge Coleman was able to enjoy Christmas dinner yesterday. He is not expected to be able to return to his desk for a week or 10 days.

County authorities said in the event of any pressing legal mat-

ter, Judge Coleman would be able to sign papers at his home. Nothing of this nature however, is anticipated.

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