

### Here's Lowdown on Flying Saucers: Doctor Says It's Mote in Your Eye

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Salem, Ore., Apr. 5—(U.P.)—Here's the up-to-date, spring of 1950 lowdown on the flying saucer: It's mote in your eye.



Bill Warren

A lot of folks who think they do, don't see the saucers, but that doesn't necessarily mean they're in their cups, Dr. Leslie J. Carson, Salem optometrist said today.

Carson, are exposed to these conditions up in the wild goose-pardon—the wild blue yonder. What they really see, said the optometrist, are muscae volitantes. Literally, he said, that means fleeing flies (or vice versa). Let's let the doctor explain: "The spots or discs may appear to be single or in groups. They float somewhat, but retain a relatively stable position. If they are near the fixation point, and the observer moves his eyes in an attempt to gaze directly at them, they move correspondingly and cannot be overtaken. When the eye motion stops, the spots continue to float onward a short distance, then revert backward to their approximate original positions, thus giving the appearance of motion even though the eye is stationary at the instant. In any change of posture which the eye assumes, there is a floating lag in the motion of the particles in the vitreous, and therefore a correspond-

**IT'S ALL-STURGIS**  
Sturgis, Mich. (U.P.)—Alice and Suzanne Sturgis of Sturgis won first and second prizes in their high school cherry pie baking contest.

**FIGURING IT CLOSE**  
Memphis, Tenn. (U.P.)—Identical bids right down to the penny were turned in by two companies seeking to sell poles to a Memphis utility. When the secret bids were opened, the American Creosoting Co., of Jackson, Tenn., and the Republic Creosoting Co., of Mobile, Ala., figures were \$25,824.70.

**BABY SOUNDS ALARM**  
Duluth, Minn. (U.P.)—Wesley Willoughby woke up when he heard his one-year-old daughter crying and he found it wasn't merely a routine "summons." Willoughby found his wife unconscious from leaking natural gas. He, his wife and the baby had to be given medical treatment.

### VICTOR Says:

The other day I was listening to a lady voice her opinion as to why women had no children or maybe only one. Her thought was that they had waited for a convenient time.

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**'IT LOOKED COLD'**—Reunited in a New York police station, Mrs. Geraldine Ranzio (right) clings to her kidnapped baby, Diane, while Mrs. Catherine Palmore (left), in whose home Diane was found, makes friends with the 6-month-old infant. No charge has been made against Mrs. Palmore, who says she took the baby home because "it looked cold."

### Science at Work

U. S. Army Boasts of Record Health in 1949—Chief Surgeon Calls It Best in History

By Paul F. Ellis  
United Press Science Writer

New York, Apr. 5—(U.P.)—The U. S. army medical men have the right idea. Their aim is to prevent illness in the first place. The result is that Uncle Sam's army had the best health in 1949 it ever had.

Says Surgeon General Maj. Gen. R. W. Bliss: "The U. S. army today is not only the healthiest army in the world, but the healthiest in all history."

The big reason for this robust health, according to Bliss, is the application of the army's tradi-

tional policy of preventive medicine, something that civilian experts should also consider to cut down the nation's doctor bills.

**Rate of Admissions**  
Bliss said the rate of admissions for 1949 was 128 army men per 100,000 strength per average day. The admissions, he said, includes not only hospital patients, but also all persons relieved from duty because of illness or injury beyond the actual day of onset.

The 1949 report also shows an improvement in army health for the fourth consecutive year since the end of the war, and compares with an average war-time rate excluding battle casualties, of 202 admissions per 100,000 per day.

There has been a steady decline since the end of the war. In 1945, it was 178; in 1947, it was 174; and in 1948, it was 152. "This splendid achievement," Bliss said, "is even more remarkable when it is realized that in the past year a larger proportion of the army was stationed in the overseas areas than in pre-war years. Diseases are much more prevalent in some of those areas than in the United States."

**Respiratory Diseases**  
The report also shows that the number of respiratory diseases dropped during 1949. It was 43 per cent of the normal seasonal peak, Bliss said, and the venereal disease incidence rate was about 50 per cent lower in 1949 than the post-war peak of mid-1946. Injuries and other categories also showed improvement.

Bliss said there was a consistent decline in the death rate, particularly in deaths from disease. The 1949 figure for total deaths, he disclosed, was 200 per 100,000 strength per year, against 220 in 1948, and 230 for both 1946 and 1947. There were 50 deaths from disease per 100,000 per year in 1949, 60 in 1948, 70 in 1947 and 80 in 1946.

**Army's Health Better**  
The army pointed out that rates released by the U. S. public health service for the total civilian population in all age groups showed 989 and 1,008 deaths per 100,000 in the United States during 1947 and 1948 respectively.

Bliss said he was confident that the army's health record would be maintained during 1950.

**EXAM DEADLINE**  
Persons wishing to take examinations for caseworker I, employment security deputy I, and personnel assistant I positions were reminded today by the state civil service commission that their applications must be postmarked by midnight, Apr. 8, 1950, if they expect to participate in this year's tests. As a convenience to applicants, the tests will be administered in all parts of Oregon.

Golden Gate International Exposition opened on Treasure Island in San Francisco Bay Jan. 14, 1939.

### Oregon Jobless Paid 3,677,021 During Last Month

Salem, Ore., Apr. 5—(U.P.)—Jobless workers received unemployment compensation totaling \$3,677,021 in March, a decrease of more than one million dollars from the record amount paid out in February, the state unemployment compensation commission reported today.

The total was nearly half a million dollars less than went out in March, 1949.

**New Quarterly High**  
Last month's payments brought the 1950 total to \$12,844,293, a new quarterly high and more than for any entire year except 1946 and 1949. Last year's record high of \$26,389,788 included \$7,021,982 paid to veterans under the GI bill of rights.

The number of claimants continued to drop steadily, to 32,357 last week from the early February seasonal peak of 65,731. This compares with 39,041 a year ago and a 1949 peak of 62,816.

Of the 136,780 workers who have sought compensation since the start of the 1949-50 benefit year last July, 119,790 were found to have valid claims. Nearly 104,000 have received at least one check and more than 22,000 have received maximum benefits. A year ago 10,597 had exhausted their benefit rights.

Unemployed veterans entitled to readjustment allowances received only \$89,524 last month, bringing the 1950 total to \$265,030. In the first quarter of 1949, they were paid \$4,300,193, but the rights of those discharged before July 25, 1947, expired last August.

During the first quarter of the year, the state's unemployment reserves dropped nearly ten millions to \$71,370,000, the lowest figure since early 1947 and slightly less than was on hand when the war ended in August, 1945.

### Wisecarver Seeks Job Without Working

Los Angeles, Apr. 5—(U.P.)—Sonny Wisecarver, the teen-age romeo, announced today he was looking for job which provides "living without working."

"I just take it for granted that everybody doesn't work for a living," he explained. "There's a way you can make money without being crooked and without working."

So he put an ad in a newspaper situations wanted section asking for offers.

Wisecarver, 21, who eloped with one married woman when he was 14 and another at 16, said he had left his young wife, the former Betty Sue Reber, in Las Vegas, Nev.

"I called her and said I wasn't coming home, then I hung up fast," he said. "I prefer older women."

### Poster Contest Open To Green Guards Here

Jackson county's hundreds of Green Guard members are being invited to take part in the sixth annual state-wide fire prevention poster contest sponsored each year by the Keep Oregon Green association.

Local Green Guards, the youth auxiliary of the association, may enter contest posters from April 1 to 30, according to Moore Hamilton, county Keep Oregon Green chairman.

There will be six cash prizes in both the junior and senior divisions, with a \$25 cash award and a trip to the Oregon state forest nursery near Corvallis to the two division first-place winners. The size of the poster will be 11 by 14 inches and only one poster may be submitted by each Green Guard.

Entrants must use a fire prevention theme and the posters will be judged on originality, relation to educational phases of fire prevention and artistic qualities. They may be in cut-outs, water colors, poster paint, oils, pastels or wax crayons.

All entries should be sent to the Keep Oregon Green association, P. O. Box 471, Salem.

### VA Officials Visit Domiciliary Center

Camp White, Apr. 5—Two officials of the veterans administration were visitors at the veterans domiciliary center here recently.

Miss Mary Vocelle, VA library service, Washington, D. C., was a visitor at the center last Thursday and Friday. She was en route to San Francisco and plans to visit all VA hospitals in the Pacific coast area.

Raymond J. Novotny, area director, special services of the veterans administration's San Francisco office, was an official visitor here Monday. Novotny is here in a supervisory capacity relative to special services and VA volunteer service programs.

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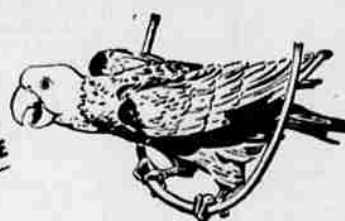
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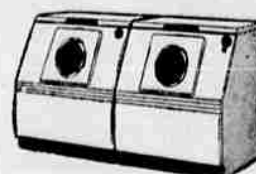
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