

Latest Machines To Do Everything Around Office But Wear Sweaters

Los Angeles, Apr. 27—(U.P.)—Machines can do everything around an office now but wear sweaters.

The southern California business show proved today that the time is here when the boss can arrive in the morning, open his mail, tell one machine what to write in reply, tell another to get those orders out fast and then relax with a dictating machine on his knee.

What's more, the machines never chew gum, get phone calls, or skip out to the powder room.

First Appearance
A one-machine accounting department that cost \$5 million to build but only \$4,000 to buy is making its first public appearance at the show under the sponsorship of the National Association of Cost Accountants.

"It adds, subtracts, multiplies, divides, types, lists and posts," a demonstrator said. "It even makes up its own problems."

"The only thing it won't do is mix a martini, and we're working on that."

A push-button letter writer is built on the theory that 90 per cent of all business letters say the same things. The owner writes standard paragraphs to fit all needs such as "settlement of your account has not been received" or "we have no openings at present."

Then the boss or his secretary

can punch buttons for paragraphs 7, 31, 42 and 79 and go out to lunch.

Even if the boss wants to write something original, it's passe to dictate to a stenographer. He uses a dictating machine. It can't spell—but it can correct his mistakes automatically.

"If he wants," the man from the company added, "he can hold the microphone on his knee."

Another company offers an automatic policeman. It claims its time clock eliminates time keepers, checkers, counters and cheating. The boss also can figure out how much time is being spent at the water cooler.

Most of these marvels are so new they haven't been tested. And a few business men were skeptical.

"With me," said Movie Producer George Jessel, "a machine will never replace the secretary."

Faulty Sanitation Said Disease Cause

Portland, Ore., Apr. 27—(U.P.)—Oregon's state board of health reported today faulty sanitation caused 287 cases of disease in 1949, with infectious hepatitis in Douglas county last October and November heading the list.

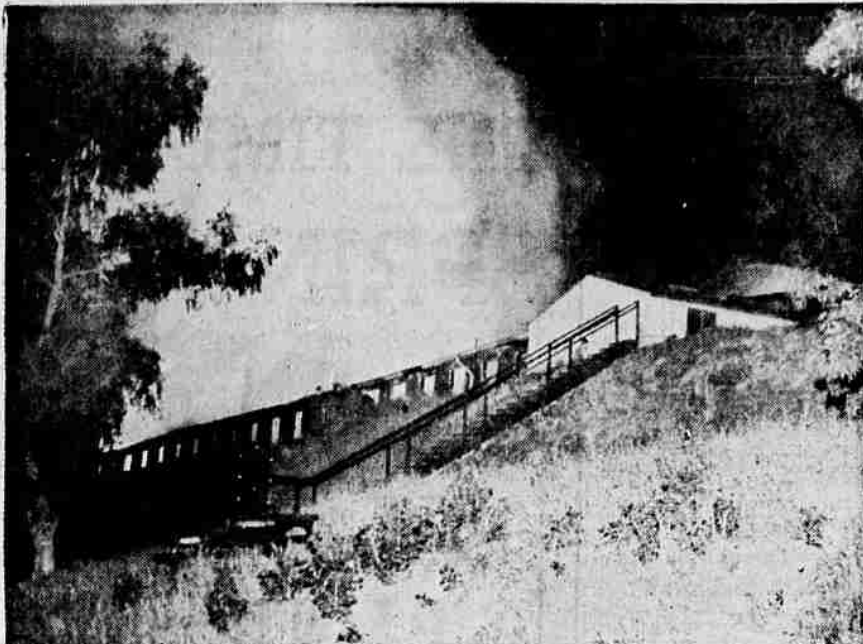
The Douglas county outbreak was attributed to contamination of a public school's water supply. A turkey dinner served in a Klamath county school cafeteria caused 45 cases of food poisoning last November and ranked second in the board's list of disease carriers.

No deaths occurred from faulty sanitation but Dr. S. B. Osgood, state epidemiologist, said deaths from such outbreaks do occur.

So far this year, he said, faulty sanitation has caused disease outbreaks in a school cafeteria, on a college campus, and in three restaurants.

MOTHER CAT SAVES DAY

Worcester, Mass.—(U.P.)—The burglar who broke into the grocery store of Thomas Klinkis reckoned without the strength of a mother's devotion. The intruder fled empty-handed when the grocer's cat howled to protect her litter of kittens.



ATOMIC LAB FIRE—Two-story wooden structure used for experimental work on the atom-smashing cyclotron at University of California, Berkeley, laboratory goes up in smoke at height of blaze which destroyed the building. Damage to the building, only 90 yards from cyclotron itself, was set at \$150,000, but valuable secret documents were destroyed in the fire.

... AROUND HOLLYWOOD

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Hollywood, Apr. 26—(U.P.)—Joan Crawford, who used to plunk down \$250 for a bonnet without batting a false eyelash, swore off hats today. With four children, she says, she can't afford them.

"I don't know how other women do it," the glamour-queen shrugged. "But in our house, shoes and cod liver oil and

steak and milk take just about all there is of the budget."

Her four moppets range from 10 to 7 to two three-year-olds, and next month she's adopting another five-year-old boy. When the Crawford clan goes shopping for shoes the bootery can stop worrying about making a profit for that week.

"I took 'em all down the other day," she explained. "The three younger kids had to have three pairs—each. And Tina, the oldest, needed four. That's 13 pairs and they'll probably last about six months."

You can see, she said, how much that leaves for a new hat for mama. She can't even squeeze out change from her four-figure paycheck by passing her own shoes on to the 10-year-old. Joan wears a size 4½. Tina wears a 6.

On Chapeau Wagon

Going on the chapeau wagon might not be revolutionary for some movie queens, but La Crawford is the girl who used to set the hat styles around this town. She originated the pill box and the droopy brim and a lot of other fancy frills the females stick on their nogginns.

Nowadays it takes a lot of self control every time she ankles past a milliner's.

"I adore hats," she sighed. "Used to buy between 40 and 60 new ones every year. The average price was \$80 to \$90. But when I bought a fur hat—trimmed with mink, say—the price went up to \$250. Just like that!"

She hasn't had a furt hat, Miss Crawford added, since she adopted her last two children.

"Last Easter I outfitted all four in new clothes," she said. "Cost me \$39.95—each—just for their coats. When I got through

Prison Group Finds County Jail Unfit

Though Jackson county's jail has been found by the federal bureau of prisons to be one of the best institutions of its type in the state, it is still not considered a fit place to detain delinquent children. And during the years 1944 to 1949, the Oregon Prison association discovered 545 children under 18 were held in the county jail for lack of any other kind of a detention facility. Forty-one of these children were from 7 to 13 years of age and their offenses were generally minor ones.

In the state as a whole, the association found that about 10,000 children had been held in unfit county jails during the five-year period. Only Multnomah, Klamath and Lane counties have detention homes specifically designed for not only holding children until their cases are disposed of but for studying them in a controlled environment—making a definite step forward in their rehabilitation.

In a recent study, the Oregon Prison association, with T. Lawson McCall as president and Mrs. Claire Argow as executive secretary, has singled out Jackson county as one of four Oregon counties whose records of juvenile jail inmates emphasize their need for a more humane detention facility.

TOO MUCH ADVERTISING

Cincinnati, O.—(U.P.)—A traffic court judge sympathized with motorists who didn't appreciate the gag. An automobile dealer "tagged" downtown cars with advertising cards similar in color and size to traffic tags. Judge Clarence Denning "tagged" the dealer for \$4 in court costs for illegal advertising.

ENTICEMENT NEEDED

Leonardtown, Md.—(U.P.)—The Southern Maryland electrical co-operative, unsuccessful in attempts to get a quorum at its annual meetings since 1947, is

about to try again, this time by offering door prizes, free movies and other attractions as bait. Forrest Coakley, general manager, said the first business to be taken up, if a quorum of five

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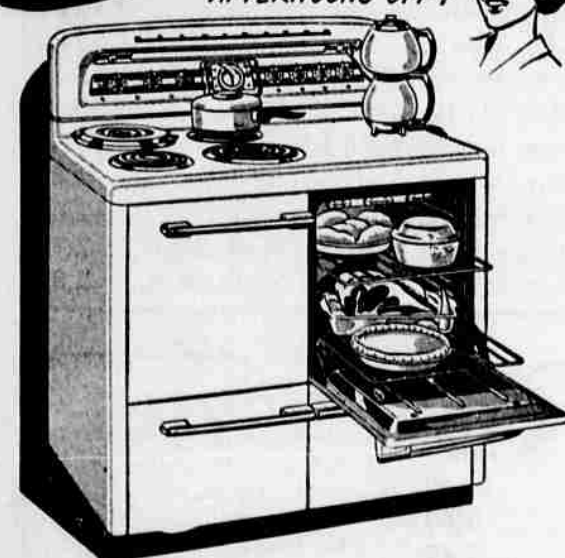
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