

## A Nichols' Worth of—

## Comment On This and That

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Washington, May 23—(UP)—One of these days, if things work out, maybe you can take a pup tent on a fishing trip and get the livable in a few seconds with a bicycle pump.

I saw a demonstration of same—on a larger scale—at the celebration of armed forces day at Bolling field.

An air-borne tent was brought here from Wright field, O. There were no roustabouts to hammer down the stakes. The circus people who do that job with mechanical pile-drivers could have taken a lesson.

This tent, built by the B. F. Goodrich people for the engineering division of the air material command, was a masterpiece.

Total weight of the thing was 740 pounds and when it was up it was as big as a four room house. The canvas came in eight sections, each 10 feet wide. The covers were zippered together rapidly by GIs and when it was

all over you had an area of 1680 square feet covered by a tent 80 feet long, 21 feet wide, and 16 feet high.

The boys put the air blowers to work on long tubes which looked like the tails on the tube vacuum cleaners and within six minutes, after the preliminaries, it was up.

Handy For War  
Ed Katzenmeyer, the project engineer for Goodrich, says that the tent would be handy in time of war as a briefing tent for plane crews before a takeoff against the enemy.

Actually, the tent was designed by the air force primarily for use as a portable photographic processing laboratory. The "building" is made entirely of cloth-rubber fabric.

Structural members which hold the weight and shape of the tent, which will stand up under a 40 mile wind, are irregularly shaped tubes which, when filled with air, become rigid and capable of supporting the rubber-fabric cover that zips together.

The tent was shown to the public on armed forces day for the first time.

Visitors saw aerial photographs of the Washington area, taken only a short time before, processed by a high-speed printing machine—the only one of its kind around so far.

Many Possibilities  
Katzenmeyer said the blow-up tent has all sorts of possibilities. "Even the Ringling people might find it a time-saver," he said. "And the pup tent idea isn't beyond possibility, either."

All in all, it was quite a show. Bolling entertained a quarter of a million on Saturday and as many or more on Sunday.

The folks had a look at the best our uncle has come up with since the war stopped being a shooting war and turned into a cold one. There were jets, big guns and little ones, plus everything else that would come in handy if another bad one comes along.

What impressed most people, though, was the absence of big military brass, unless maybe some of the fellows showed up in the livery of the man on the street.

Enlisted military police shooed the captains and lieutenants to one side so that the spectators could watch the show.

But even better—no long-winded speeches.

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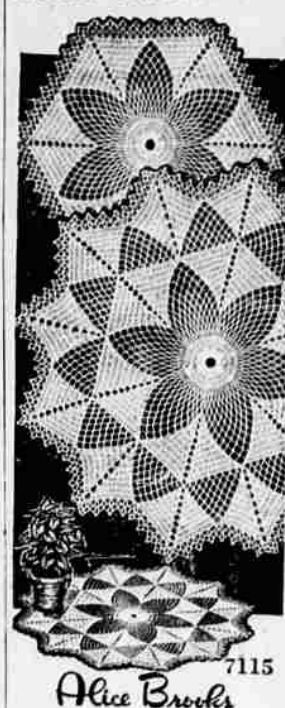
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## Itinerary Given For Liberty Bell On County Visit

Medford school officials have announced the time table for the showing of the Oregon Liberty Bell at Medford schools. The bell will appear in Jackson county on Thursday, May 25, in connection with the current Independence savings bond drive of the United States treasury.

The schedule is 10:55 to 11:10 a.m., Lincoln school; 11:15 to 11:30 a.m., Roosevelt school; 11:40 a.m. to noon, Washington school; 12:05 to 12:25 p.m., Jackson school; 12:30 to 1 p.m., junior high and 1:07 to 1:25 p.m., senior high. From 5:30 to 7:45 p.m. the bell will be on display on the Southern Pacific company area at Main and Front streets, according to Morris Leonard Sr., county bond drive chairman.

Other Stops Listed  
Jackson county itinerary of the bell includes stops at other schools. Rogue River at 8:40 a.m., Gold Hill at 9:25 a.m., Central Point at 10:10 a.m., Phoenix 1:40 p.m., Talent 2:15 p.m., Ashland 2:50 to 4 p.m. The bell will be shown on Ashland streets from 4 to 5 p.m.

Col. H. J. Meiring will have charge of the Boy scout guard of honor accompanying the bell through the county. Selected high school seniors will go along also.

America's Liberty Bell is taking on new emphasis as a symbol of freedom in connection with the bond drive. The savings bond division of the treasury department is sending 52 nearly exact replicas of the bell on tours of the 48 states, District of Columbia, Alaska, Hawaii and Puerto Rico.

The alloy of copper for the bells was furnished by six of America's largest copper companies. A foundry at Ancony, France, cast the bells at a cost of \$120,000. The bells are the exact size of the original and have approximately the same tone.

Ford Motor company has furnished trucks for hauling the bells. Fredie Wilhelm, Warehouse company, Portland, has provided Lucas F. Weiler as driver of the bell truck in Oregon.

Dead line on Classified Ads 5:30 p.m. for following day; 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; noon Saturday for Sunday a.m.

## ROBIN TOO GREEDY

Memphis, Tenn.—(UP)—Cecil Holt turned up a 10-inch black snake while digging in his garden and a bold robin swooped down for the feast. For 40 minutes the bird struggled with the snake. Finally the robin gave up and flew away.

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