



FIRST LADY—Martha Anne Woodrum smiles happily from the cockpit of her plane after she and her co-pilot, Mary Ann Weatherben, landed at Greenville, S. C. Miss Woodrum's plane was the first to cross the finish line in the women's transcontinental air race from San Diego, Calif.

White Men Construct Aged Indian's Home

Julian, Cal. (U.P.)—San Diego county's oldest man has a new house, thanks to his friends and neighbors.

Joequain Paipa, 109 chief of the Inaja Indian reservation 10 miles southwest of Julian, lost all his possessions except an old-fashioned wood-burning stove when his cabin burned.

Since then he and his 14-year-old grandson, George Paipa, have been living with friends in a crowded cabin.

Members of the bureau of radio and electrical appliances heard of the old Indian's plight and agreed to contribute a dollar for each electrical blanket sold during the month of January. The sale netted \$1,000.

Members of the Julian chamber of commerce and the Lions club joined a group of 25 carpenters, ranchers and volunteers and 18 sailors on liberty to build the new cabin in one day.

Now the aged Indian has moved his stove into his cabin and a furniture dealer has promised to provide him with furniture so he and his grandson can live in comfort.

Many Animals Fly But Dogs Top List

New York (U.P.)—Baby elephants, monkeys, gorillas, Sardinian donkeys, race horses, bulls, snakes and baby chicks have flown the Atlantic but dogs are the number one air travelers of our day in cargo planes, Trans World Airlines reports.

The line carries an average of eight dogs from abroad each week.

Two cargo passengers from Ireland, listed as "Winston Churchill and Franklin D. Roosevelt," turned out to be pedigree Bedlington terriers. The most expensive dog to fly the route was a \$1,500 long-haired Dachsund from Paris.

About the most puzzling customs problem resulted from a litter of seven puppies born in a kennel at LaGuardia airport to a mother just arrived from abroad. They finally were considered proper U. S. citizens, born on U. S. soil, and duty on the pups was waived.

About one-half of the 1,500-2,000 pounds of iodine used annually in the United States comes from the brine extracted from oil wells. The balance comes from Chilean saltpeter and Japanese seaweed.

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Jefferson's Famous Tree Given Surgery

Charlottesville, Va. (U.P.)—Modern tree surgery is being used to save a beech tree, one of the seven remaining original trees planted by Thomas Jefferson at his home, Monticello.

George Van Yahres, tree consultant, is grafting a new trunk into a wound in the original tree to bridge over a spot where the bark has died. The tree was split by a windstorm some 50 years ago.

Thomas Rhodes, who was caretaker at Monticello at the time, pulled the tree together and braced it with a chain and large hooks. Since then, several modern innovations have been used in the effort to keep the tree sturdy. In 1925, the brace was replaced with steel cables and eyebolts.

Like many an old soldier, the beech tree suffered from neglect during World War II and the old wound became so infected that a large part of the bark died. That is why the new graft is needed.

Yahres said the surgery will take more than one year to complete. A young beech was selected from the stock of a specialized New York nursery and planted at the foot of the old Jefferson beech. When sap movement in the young tree is normal and the young tree has fully recovered from the shock of moving, the actual grafting will begin.

The world's four principal opium-producing countries—India, Iran, Turkey and Yugoslavia—have agreed to limit their opium production to the quantity required for medical and scientific purposes only.

Historic Ironworks Restoring Scheduled

Saugus, Mass. (U.P.)—The nation's first known ironworks, built in 1644 on the Saugus river, will be restored as an historic landmark and a standing tribute to the American steel industry.

With the financial backing of the American Iron and Steel Institute, the First Iron Works Association of Saugus is searching ancient documents and digging in the bramble-covered ruins for details of the plant, which was abandoned in 1875. It turned out household pots and pans, nails, bolts and chisels and other iron implements used by early Massachusetts Bay colonists.

One hundred men employed at Saugus turned out a ton bar of iron a day in the 1640's. They used iron ore raked up from bogs and supplemented their supply of limestone with shells and coral from the sea.

'Bottle Preacher' Says Gospel Spread

Piedmont, Ala. (U.P.)—How to stay 200 miles inside the United States and carry the gospel to foreign parts at small cost has been solved by Jewel Pierce.

He calls himself a "bottle and water preacher," and explains his way of doing missionary work like this:

"A bottle and water preacher puts printed religious literature in glass bottles and corks them and throws them into the nearest waters."

The results have been surprising, Pierce said.

Since he began tossing literature-laden bottles in Alabama rivers in June, 1946, he reports hearing from finders in 19 seashore states and two foreign countries.

May Fertilize River To Grow More Fish

Seattle (U.P.)—Biologists some day may fertilize streams to increase productivity of fish, just as the farmer does his lands.

The Washington State fisheries department is making a study to determine how environmental factors influence migratory fish.

It is believed that streams may be made to produce more food much in the manner of modern farming practices, department director Alvin Anderson said. The addition of minerals as a "fertilizer" to streams will be part of the study.

The examination will include the effects of stream bed disturbances on fish food supplies; the relation between salmon populations at both food abundance and water flow levels and the speeds with which disturbed streams recover their normal food production.

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Terms Ending Strike Announced, Portland

Portland, Ore., June 17—(U.P.) The Reynolds Metal company today announced terms of the settlement of the strike of AFL crafts unions against its plant at Troutdale, near here.

Agreement was reached early yesterday in the office of Federal Mediator I. I. Pickett. A trainload of aluminum ore, held up by pickets for more than a

Columbia River Tops Flood Stage in North

Portland, Ore., June 17—(U.P.) The Columbia river in the Portland-Vancouver, Wash., area went 5 1/2 feet over flood stage today at 20.5 feet and forecasters said it would continue to rise over the week-end.

An expected high mark Monday will be 22.3 feet at Vancouver with a crest of 23 feet late in the month before the recession starts.

State AFL Leaders Back Demo Candidate

La Grande, Ore., June 17—(U.P.) The executive board of the Oregon State Federation of Labor has endorsed Austin Flegel, the democratic nominee, for governor of Oregon.

The board, meeting after adjournment of the federation's state convention late yesterday, also endorsed Republican Sen. Wayne Morse for re-election.

Other endorsements included Roy R. Hewitt, democrat, for congressman in First district; Vernon D. Bull, democrat, for congressman in Second district; Homer D. Angell, republican, for congressman in Third district, and David Shaw, democrat, for congressman in Fourth district.

The board also asked the retention of Paul E. Gurske as industrial accident commissioner. Klamath Falls was named as the federation's 1951 convention city.

Harry Bridges Loses U. S. Citizenship

San Francisco, June 17—(U.P.) Convicted perjurer Harry Bridges, ordered stripped of his citizenship by a federal court, may not be deported for years, federal officials indicated today.

Bruce Barber, district chief of the immigration and naturalization service, said his office would tings until there is a ruling on the CIO longshore leader's pending appeal of his perjury-conspiracy conviction.

Allen Gebhard Again Indicted, Enterprise

Enterprise, Ore., June 17—(U.P.) Allen Gebhard, Medford, has been indicted a third time in the hunting accident death of Reid Wade, Lostine, Ore., last November, it was disclosed today.

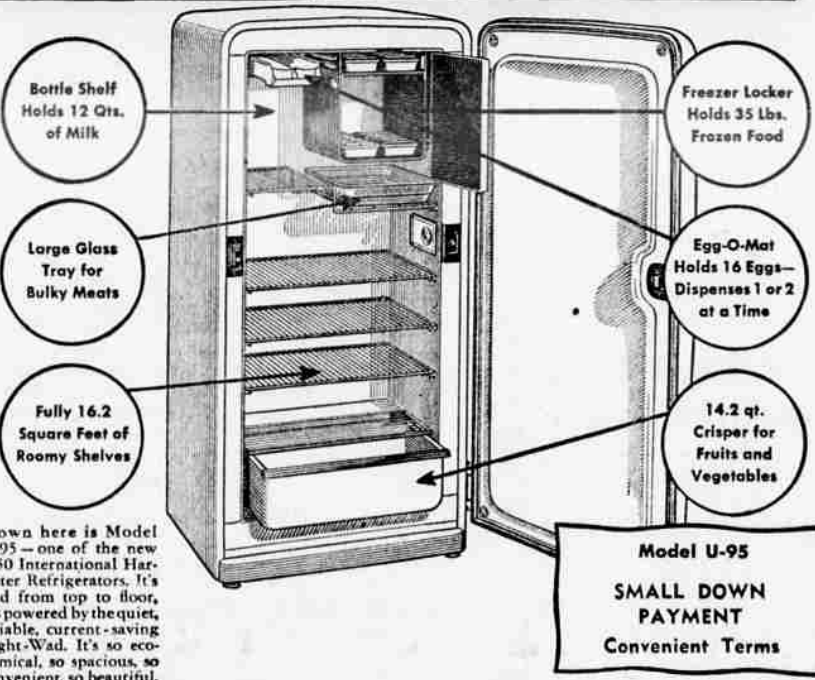
Wade was killed on the Grand Ronde river while hunting. A Walla Walla county grand jury indicted Gebhard again on a charge of involuntary manslaughter after two earlier indictments were found faulty by the court.

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