

A Nichols' Worth of— Comment On This and That

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Washington—(U.P.)—Aviation Cadet Paul Ed Shortal Jr., of Reese Air Force Base, Lubbock, Tex., is a service man who can salute a lady and kiss her at the same time.



Ed went through that unusual performance here. The lady was his aunt, Miss Hazel Shortal, a lieutenant colonel in the public nursing service. As such, she holds a number of ratings over her nephew.

The cadet's buddies had kidded him about what he did when he met his aunt: "Do you kiss her or salute her?"

The answer turned out to be "both".

Shortal is one of three cadets chosen from the Air Training Command's many bases to come to our cherry blossom festival, April 2 to 6, and help select a blossom queen.

That job in former years has been performed by fat-tummed politicians who usually spun a wheel.

Will Pluck Straws
These streamlined kids, though just youngsters, are going to go old-fashioned on the girls and use the time-honored practice of plucking straws from a broom.

Beauties will be on hand from the 48 states and the territories. There will, of course, be only one queen and the rest will serve as her attendants.

The game of chance will be a sensible way of choosing the prettiest because at a glance one girl looks as lovely as the next.

Selection of cadets was made through a screening process carried out by the base command-

ers. The Air Force went for the stunt because the higher-ups thought it would point up the great need for more air cadets.

Boys' Records Studied
One lad was picked from each base and the blossom people cut the field down to three by looking over the boys' records and photos.

The three, who made the grade in the race to look at all of the pretty girls and pick one, are typical of the type of men who fly our planes.

Shortal is 23 and comes from Alton, Ill. He's a six-footer and weighs 190. He attended St. Louis University and was president of his senior class, a football and baseball star and later coached at a high school.

Cadet Paul B. Root Jr., from Craig AFB, Selma, Ala., comes from Erie, Pa. He attended Washington and Lee and studied business administration.

Cadet Joseph H. Daniel is stationed at Ellington AFB, Houston. He comes from Evanston, Ill. He played football at Simpson college, Indianola, Ia., and did some fancy kicking around on the stage as a member of the school's drama club.

Government Lifts Ban
On White Sidewall Tires

Washington—(U.P.)—The government Wednesday lifted the ban on manufacture of white sidewall tires. It authorized increases in the natural rubber content of all types of automotive tires.

The action, effective immediately, will be followed in the "near future" by further relaxation of restrictions on natural rubber, the National Production Authority said.

The first record of an earthquake in the San Francisco Bay region was 1808.



IKE'S STAND-IN—Gen. Alfred M. Gruenther (left), chief of staff to Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower and a stand-in for him, chats with Chairman Tom Connally of the Senate foreign relations committee prior to reporting on the progress of rearming in Europe. The committee is considering the \$7,800,000,000 foreign aid program.

Human Blood Used As Totem Pole Glue

Washington—(U.P.)—Human blood is used as glue on a totem pole made by Australian aborigines that is part of a collection on display at the Smithsonian Institution.

The totem pole, called the "Yermerlindi," is eight feet high and made from a bundle of saplings covered by paper-bark. The bark is coated with human blood which acts as an adhesive to glue an outer covering of wild bush cotton to the pole. On top is a plume of emu feathers that represents the head of a sacred python.

The "Yermerlindi" and the other objects in the collection were gathered by an international expedition to Arnhem Land on the northern coast of Australia.

La Paz, Bolivia—(U.P.)—President Hugo Ballvin has cabled President Truman asking that Bolivia's demands in a tin price controversy between the two countries be met in a "just and equitable manner."

Ephrata, Wash.—(U.P.)—Some 6000 acres of state-owned Columbia Basin land near here will be auctioned off next fall, State Land Commissioner Jack Taylor said Wednesday.

Around Hollywood

By ALINE MOSBY
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Hollywood—(U.P.)—Brassiere-makers accused Marlene Dietrich today of trying to promote a race of top-aided women.

The deep-voiced glamour announced last week that American females would look better if they didn't wear bras, or, at least "not the pointed bras that make them stick out in front."

Marlene figures this country is too bosom-conscious. If it wasn't for those glamorous brassiere ads, she said, "women probably wouldn't wear bras."

A couple of bra companies were shocked right up to their stitched up-lifters. One firm, Formfit, got right on the phone from Chicago.

"Miss Dietrich probably hasn't got any bosom," spluttered a spokesman, Drucilla Handy, who's a size 36 B.

Will Send Bras
"We'll send her some bras. A woman to be properly groomed looks better in a bra and girdle. Even a woman with a small bust should wear one with built-in cups. Then the boys will whistle at her."

"A woman actually looks more pointed when she doesn't wear a bra. A bra gives her that rounded, natural look that Miss Dietrich says she likes."

Another firm, the Renee of Hollywood Co., insisted that if a woman's bra gives her bosom

a pointed profile, it's the girl's fault, not the bras.

Some women iron their garments for that pointed look," confided executive N. R. Samuels, over the roar of sewing machines at his factory. "Others look pointed because they're built that way. During the war girls went for pointed bras—part of the war psychosis. These days bras have rounded contours. We just follow fashion trends."

If all gals left off bras, he added, "we'd get a race of women who would look a little distorted."

"If the bosom isn't properly supported, the tissues break down," he explained. "It's healthy to wear one."

"I will tell you the history of the bra," he went on with dignity. "First came the camisole top to a corselet, then the bandeau type of bra. Both had a tendency to flatten, not healthy. In the early '20's came a new idea of a bra, a construction to fit the form."

Polite Alderman
Gives Assistance

Milwaukee—(U.P.)—Alderman Erwin Zillman's constituents never give him a chance to relax. He was walking down the street when a trolley car halted in the middle of the block. The motorman shouted to Zillman:

"Hey, alderman! I've got a lot of rubbish in my backyard I'd like to have the rubbish man take away. Will you take care of that?"

"Sure," Zillman said, taking down the man's name and address.

School Census Shows Increase of 17,371

Salem—(U.P.)—Oregon's school census of October, 1951, showed an increase of 17,371 over the census of October, 1950, Rex Putnam, state superintendent of public instruction has announced.

The 1951 census showed 387,328 persons of school census age, 4 to 20 years. The October, 1950 census showed 369,957.

Seven of Oregon's 36 counties showed decreases—Baker, Clatsop, Deschutes, Gilliam, Hood River, Malheur and Wheeler.

The 1951 census by county with increase or decrease included:

Jackson 16,630, increase 851.

Josephine 7,849, increase 311.

Klamath 12,856, increase 523.

Korea War Casualties Increase 123 in Week

Washington—(U.P.)—The defense Department has reported that announced American battle casualties in Korea now total 100,794—an increase of 123 over last week.

It was the smallest increase since the department began issuing weekly casualty summaries in October, 1950.

Burbanks, Calif.—(U.P.)—Lockheed Aircraft Corp. reported Wednesday a 1951 sales increase of 37 per cent for net earnings of \$5,793,000, equal to \$2.55 per share on outstanding stock.

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- 1 cup butter or margarine
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- 1 cup Mission macaroni

During time macaroni is cooking (in boiling salted water), drain beans; boil liquid rapidly until reduced to 1/2 cup. Add enough milk to make 1 1/2 cups; reserve. Drain liquid from tuna into saucepan; add 1/2 cup butter, paprika and dry mustard. Add reserved liquid and cook, stirring constantly, until mixture thickens and comes to a boil. Add drained beans and tuna; heat to serving temperature. Toss hot cooked macaroni with remaining ingredients. Arrange macaroni around platter; tuna bean mixture with roast beef with fish cookie cutter.

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