



Miss Ann Meriwether, the "Miss America of 1955" is an enthusiast for the U. S. Savings Bonds program. The regular purchase of Savings Stamps and Bonds during school years provided the money necessary for her college education. And first on her list of Christmas presents is a U. S. Savings Bond. As "Miss America" she suggests to everyone: "This Christmas, give Savings Bonds. They keep growing through the years and promise a brighter tomorrow. Ours is a priceless heritage, one which was built upon thrift and the privilege of sharing security with those we love. Share this security by giving them the best present of all—a U. S. Savings Bond. And enclose it in a Treasury Christmas gift folder available at your bank."

Chinese Communists Can't Solve Riddle Of What American Seventh Fleet Will Do

Taipei, Formosa—(U.P.)—The Communist Chinese have been working at it for four months but they have yet to solve the riddle of what the American Seventh Fleet will do if the Reds attack Nationalist islands off the China coast.

The Communists and the U. S. Navy just keep playing a deadly game of cat and mouse. There is no question but that the fleet will protect Formosa itself and the Pescadores. That was made clear in the recent Sino-American mutual defense pact. Military men believe the Reds would have tried to invade the Chiang Kai-shek bastion long ago if the Seventh Fleet had not been there.

The cat and mouse game is taking place among the hundreds of little islands off the China coast, some of them strategically important such as Quemoy, Tachen, Matsu and White Dog.

Official American policy is to say nothing of what the Seventh Fleet will do in case of invasion of one of those islands. And if Chiang's military commanders themselves know, they are keeping it quiet.

Prowling Fleet

The only thing the Communists know for sure is that the

big warships are prowling out there—somewhere—in the Formosa straits with enough power to make nightmares for any commander planning an amphibious operation.

The Reds, apparently frustrated by the American poker face, have tried during recent months to make our Navy show its hand.

First, in September, they began artillery bombardment of little Quemoy Island, four miles off the Red Chinese port of Amoy. The Americans did nothing but Chiang's own small but

crack air force roared out of Formosa and counter-attacked with surprising sting.

Stymied at Quemoy, the Reds turned their attention to the north and brought the Tachen Island chain under pressure. They shelled the Nationalist islands, made invasion feints and sent bombers over.

Still not a quiver from the Seventh Fleet.

Then they gathered together a hundred or so junks, according to official Nationalist claims, and circled around Wuchiu Is-

land, a tiny speck in the Straits of Formosa so small it does not show on most maps.

Guns Loaded But Silent

Through it all, the Seventh Fleet, probably the most powerful gathering of naval might in the world today, kept its guns loaded but silent. Planes from carriers patrolled the coastline for any signs of really big Communist preparations and destroyers ran their regular patrol missions.

The riddle has two sides, of course.

Military observers in Formosa must ponder whether the Reds will face up to the possibility of active American intervention—with all its far reaching implications—and risk an amphibious assault on one of the tiny islands.

The Communists have given no sign of calling off their pledge to "liberate" Formosa. The way there lies through those little islands and, up to now, the Communists have made no headway. Military observers believe the Seventh Fleet, mobile, powerful and mysterious, is largely responsible.

Signature of Dogs

Forged by Husband

Chicago—(U.P.)—Mrs. Georgia Miller, 34, believes her husband should be cited for contempt of court because he forged the signature of their two dogs.

Mrs. Miller complained Tuesday her husband sent her notes signed by "Skipper and Teddy," their two dogs, after he had been enjoined from molesting or communicating with her. She is seeking a divorce.

A Nichol's Worth of . . . Comment On This and That

By HARMAN W. NICHOLS
United Press Feature Writer

Washington—(U.P.)—It may interest you to know that there are twice as many left-handed little boys as there are left-handed little girls.



Harman Nichols

That is according to Miss Jerlyn Madison, a handwriting expert, who has been running around the country and writing letters to school teachers looking into the question of who is portside and who isn't.

Jerlyn, who works for a pen company, learned what everybody else knew before the pen people spent all that money on research—nobody knows what makes a person left-handed!

Great Painters

"But," she added, "if you have a left-handed child you have nothing to worry about. Point the kids up to a hero. Leonardo da Vinci and Michelangelo, two of the greatest painters of all times, were left handed. And how about Babe Ruth and Robert Moses (Lefty) Grove?"

But, Miss Madison said, a left-handed child does have a mild problem . . . he lives in a world where an awful lot of things are designed with only right-handers in mind.

In the old day, school masters even gave a lefty the ruler-cure over the knuckles. They don't do that any more.

Now if a kid writes with his left hand, they let him. And the pen people are trying to help. Out comes now a left-handed fountain pen. The point is slanted the other way for the southpaw who writes straight

up and down. There is another complicated point for those who practically stand on their heads when they sign their names.

Shorthand Problem

Some children when they get to high school have trouble with shorthand if they are left-handed. Some seem to get along fine. One of the old-time stenographers in Congress, who refused to learn how to use the new-fangled mechanical stenotype machines, still uses a dip pen and does right good at it with his left-hand shorthand.

If your young'un is left-handed, Miss Madison has a few little suggestions.

"He has to learn an entirely different technique," she told me. "When he is very young leave him alone. If he picks up his spoon with the left hand, it's all right. But give him all the help you can."

And when he goes to school talk with the teacher and let her know his problem.

"There is no reason why he can't live a fine normal life," she said.

After all, as my pen pal points out:

"Maybe he will grow up to be President. President Garfield was a lefty."

Butte Falls District Ranger Announced

Brittain H. Ash this week will take over his new duties as district ranger at Butte Falls, it was announced today by the Rogue River National forest headquarters.

Ash succeeds Robert M. Beeman, who last month was assigned to Wenatchee forest in Washington as fire control officer.

Ash is a forestry graduate of Oregon State college, and began his forest career in 1941 as junior forester on Mt. Hood National forest. After work on several forests, he was promoted in 1946 to district ranger at McKenzie Bridge in the Willamette National forest, and comes to the Rogue forest from there.

Mr. and Mrs. Ash are the parents of two boys, Donald, 10, and Terry, 8.

Eisenhower Mails Christmas Cards

Washington—(U.P.)—President and Mrs. Eisenhower's Christmas cards were in the mail today.

The cards are white. On the first sheet the presidential seal is executed in color and the words "season's greetings" embossed in gold.

The message on the inside of the cards reads "The President and Mrs. Eisenhower extend their best wishes for Christmas and the New Year."

The White House also said Mr. Eisenhower will speak tomorrow for about six minutes at the capital's annual yuletide pageant tree lighting ceremony just south of the White House grounds.

Children Drown in Pool at Canyonville

Roseburg—(U.P.)—Two small children, a brother and a sister, drowned last night at Canyonville about 30 miles south of here, Douglas County Coroner L. Jim Powers reported.

The victims were identified as Thomas Paul Acosta, 4, and his sister, Christine, 3. They were the children of Mr. and Mrs. Paul G. Acosta of Canyonville.

Powers said the children were playing near a pond when they apparently slipped and fell in. They were pulled from the water and the fire department worked over young Thomas for more than an hour in a futile effort to revive him. The little girl was taken to a hospital and died later last night, apparently from the effects of the water, Powers said.

Machine tool manufacturers sold about 11 per cent of their production to foreign countries in 1952.

RR Blood Drive Assisted by Many

Rogue River—This community went "all out" Tuesday for the first visit of the Red Cross bloodmobile, when 103 pints of blood were collected.

A house-to-house canvass on every street and nearby road was conducted beforehand by a crew of volunteer women, and signs were posted on every street into town, pointing the way to the bloodmobile station. The signs were made by fourth and fifth graders in the Rogue River school.

Tables at the blood collection center were decorated in a Christmas theme. Coffee, doughnuts and fruit juice was donated by the Rogue River Booster club.

Mrs. W. C. Zieser was chairman of the committee which arranged the event, with Mrs. H. J. Stephens in charge of recruiting; Mrs. William White, canvasser; Mrs. John Dixon, staff aides; Mrs. Cecile Rambo, nurses and Mrs. Ed Burkett, hostesses.

Boy Scouts served as helpers and messengers, and Girl Scouts baby-sat during the event.

Festival's Season Rate Expires Soon

Ashland—William Patton, general manager for the Oregon Shakespeare festival, reminded patrons today that the special membership rate of \$12 for season tickets would be in effect only until December 24.

After Christmas, season tickets for the world famous festival will be \$15, Patton said.

Patton said that the special price offer and the growing idea of giving festival subscriptions as Christmas gifts had led to the best early subscription sale in the event's history this year.

Season's subscriptions to be used as gifts come with a special greeting card showing an artist's rendering of the festival stage and carrying the line "Season's Greetings." An additional 25 cents is charged for handling gifts subscriptions.

Extra Fare Eliminated From Crack SP Train

San Francisco—The "City of San Francisco," Southern Pacific's crack streamliner to Chicago, will be operated without extra fare starting Jan. 9, the SP has announced.

Elimination of the extra fare will not curtail the train's service, the announcement said, and it will continue to run on the fastest San Francisco-Chicago schedule, almost seven hours faster than other trains.

Tugman Resigns From Eugene Paper

Eugene—(U.P.)—William M. Tugman has resigned as editor of the Eugene Register-Guard after an association of 27 years with the newspaper in order to publish the weekly Port Umpqua Courier at Reedsport, Ore., it was announced today.

Alton F. Baker, president and published of the Guard Publishing Company and Tugman announced the resignation jointly.

They said the announcement was timed so that it could appear simultaneously in the Eugene and Reedsport newspapers.

Tugman said he purchased the Courier outright last Friday. The paper was purchased from John G. Weiss and Harold A. Pruitt for an undisclosed sum.

Pickpockets Pick Wrong Place To Hide

Chicago—(U.P.)—Three suspected pickpockets sought refuge in a men's rest room at a subway station when they were followed by two policemen.

One policeman stood guard outside the door while the other telephoned for help. Two male officers responded to the call and arrested the suspects.

Founder of Hooper Rating System Killed

Salt Lake City—(U.P.)—C. E. Hooper, 56, originator of the widely used Hooper ratings in radio and television, was killed here yesterday when he fell against the propeller of a boat in Great Salt Lake.

Hooper, of Norwalk, Conn., came here two days ago on a business trip. He was hunting ducks with two companions when the accident occurred. They reported he fell against the propeller while attempting to push the boat from a shallow

area into deeper water.

Hooper still was alive when his companions, Frank McClatchey, sales manager for a Utah Radio Service Corporation, and Dr. Harry R. Nordberg, Salt Lake City dentist, rushed him to a hospital. He died shortly after arrival.

Hooper founded and was president of C. E. Hooper Surveys, Inc.

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Mystic Revelers Society Plans New Year's Party

Memphis, Tenn.—(U.P.)—Some 500 persons have received invitations to a masquerade ball on New Year's Eve.

Invitations were signed "Secret Society of the Mystic Revelers." A post office box number was given for replies. Those invited said they probably wouldn't know who their host is until the unmasking.

Santa Claus Refused Ride in Helicopter

Fort Devens, Mass.—(U.P.)—City officials of Ayer, Mass., asked the Army if it would bring Santa Claus to a children's party in a helicopter.

The Army refused on grounds Santa Claus is a civilian and Army regulations provide that only servicemen may be transported in Army helicopters.

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