

## Hollywood Family Prepares Time Capsule In Case Civilization Snuffed Out Soon

New York — (U.P.) — Arch Oboler lives with his wife and four sons 3,000 feet up in the Santa Monica Mountains of California, where the air is soft and sweet and the sky is made bright on dark mornings by the atomic flashes at the Yucca proving grounds 350 miles away.

The flashes got him to thinking. What if our civilization were suddenly snuffed out? What would we, as a family, want to leave behind for some family in the future? How about leaving a time capsule to be opened by civilization 1000 years from now?

The thought has become reality. Oboler is building the "Oboler Family Time Capsule," a 50-ton solid rock, steel, and cement sphere to sit at the gateway to his mountain home. It was designed by famed 85-year-old architect Frank Lloyd Wright, who also designed the home.

Just In Case

"I don't think it's presumptuous, because each of us lives with himself and his family," he

said. "The capsule is for use if there's complete destruction as a result of war."

"I'm optimistic enough to believe mankind will remain on this planet despite the temporary sicknesses that may come to it."

Each member of the family is contributing. Everything will be put on microfilm or be tape-recorded and sealed in a metal alloy case, filled with an inert gas, in the stone sphere center.

Oboler's own selections were guided by one question: "What's meant the most to me personally?" He selected:

Walt Whitman's poems; excerpts from the music of Beetho-

ven, Tchaikovsky, Stravinsky, Debussy, and Rodgers and Hammerstein; a dictionary, and a book of inventions from the wheel to the latest business-machine automaton; the United Nations charter, the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution, the Ten Commandments, and the Sermon on the Mount.

His oldest son, Guy, 12, is leaving his Boy Scout manual; Son David, 9, his Cub Scout manual; son, Peter, 3, wants to leave his three-week-old St. Bernard puppy. Oboler hasn't figured how to do that.

Mrs. Oboler hasn't disclosed what she picked for the capsule. A plaque of lasting metal alloy affixed to the sphere will direct

that it not be opened for 1000 years.

Oboler, a playwright and author who has written extensively for radio and movies, expects to produce a Broadway play next fall. He is finishing the building of his 30-room, \$250,000 Wright-designed home in the mountains 60 miles from Los Angeles only because he believes the design is a work of art. He said it will go to the State of California when his sons die.

"I'm dead serious about this capsule," he said. "I have nothing to sell. I'm not in radio, pictures, or television, and I have no scarlet to advertise. I think mankind will hold and that we're going to have a golden age—if we can just keep ourselves from committing international suicide."

A script which Oboler wrote as an explanatory note to go in the capsule begins:

"To a family of the future: We, the family Oboler, living in the year 1955 (which means one thousand nine hundred and fifty-five years after the birth of Christ, who some men believe is the son of the power who made us all, and who all men who know him believe was a great and good man) speak to you across the years."

"We are putting these words deep into the center of a great rock, hopeful that you might learn a little of what we thought here in what may be, for you, a forgotten past..."



LETTING EYES ROVE, Marilyn Monroe seems disinterested in Novelist Truman Capote while dancing at New York cabaret. Capote is author of musical hit "House of Flowers." (International)

### Eddie Robinson Jr. Again Jailed as Drunk

Beverly Hills, Calif. — (U.P.) — Edward G. Robinson Jr., 22, son of the film tough guy actor, was arrested Wednesday as a drunk and spent six hours in jail before he was bailed out for \$50. Last July 9 Robinson was arrested on similar charges, and last Dec. 21 he was acquitted of robbing two cab drivers. In 1952 he was freed of bad check charges by a jury in nearby Santa Ana.

## Central Point OKs Plans for Proposed Fire Hall Library

Central Point — The Central Point city council has approved plans and specifications for the proposed fire hall-library building, it was announced this week.

A call for bids on the building is scheduled for tomorrow. Bids will be opened at 8 p.m. on April 25, and will be received by the city until that time.

Vacation by the city of an alley has been requested by Reno Offutt, owner of the Ross motel. Offutt plans to enlarge his present rental space, and to move the present cafe, storage building and some cabins.

The council has indicated that it favors the vacation requested by Offutt, and preliminary work on the plan was authorized.

The council has directed Police Chief Oran Chastain strictly to enforce the city's dog control ordinance. The ordinance provides for a fine for owners of dogs creating a nuisance, and defines such dogs as those which howl or bark, roam at large around the city, bite, or chase cars.

City officials report that numerous complaints have been received concerning dogs killing chickens, chasing cars, and running at large.

### Customer Checks Focus To Vanishing Point

Chicago — (U.P.) — A customer, "checking" the focus of a \$300 camera, edged toward the door Wednesday and told the clerk:

"I guess you have to be a little farther back to use this properly."

When the clerk turned around to get an accessory, the customer kept right on edging and disappeared — with the camera.

## Pilot Halts Plane For Last-Minute Kiss

Grand Rapids, Mich. — (U.P.) — The pilot of a loaded plane slowed his engines and ordered the loading ramp lowered Wednesday when he saw a woman rushing toward the plane, waving her arms frantically.

The woman rushed up the ramp to one of the male passengers and kissed him breathlessly.

"My husband forgot to kiss me goodbye," she exclaimed.

## Missionary, Polio Victim, Recovering

Portland — (U.P.) — David Hazen, 29-year-old missionary from The Dalles, Ore., who was stricken with polio while preaching among the natives of Sofru in French Morocco, arrived here Tuesday to finish his recovery.

Hazen said that he became ill shortly after he had preached his first sermon in the Arabic language after two years of study. He said he intended to return to the Near Eastern country to spend the rest of his life

preaching. Hazen, whose wife and three small children were with him, was stricken with a combination of bulbar and spinal polio. He was treated at an Air Force hospital in Morocco, and the servicemen then helped finance his plane fare to the United States. He was treated for about two weeks at Boston before coming to Portland. His recovery is expected to take about six months.



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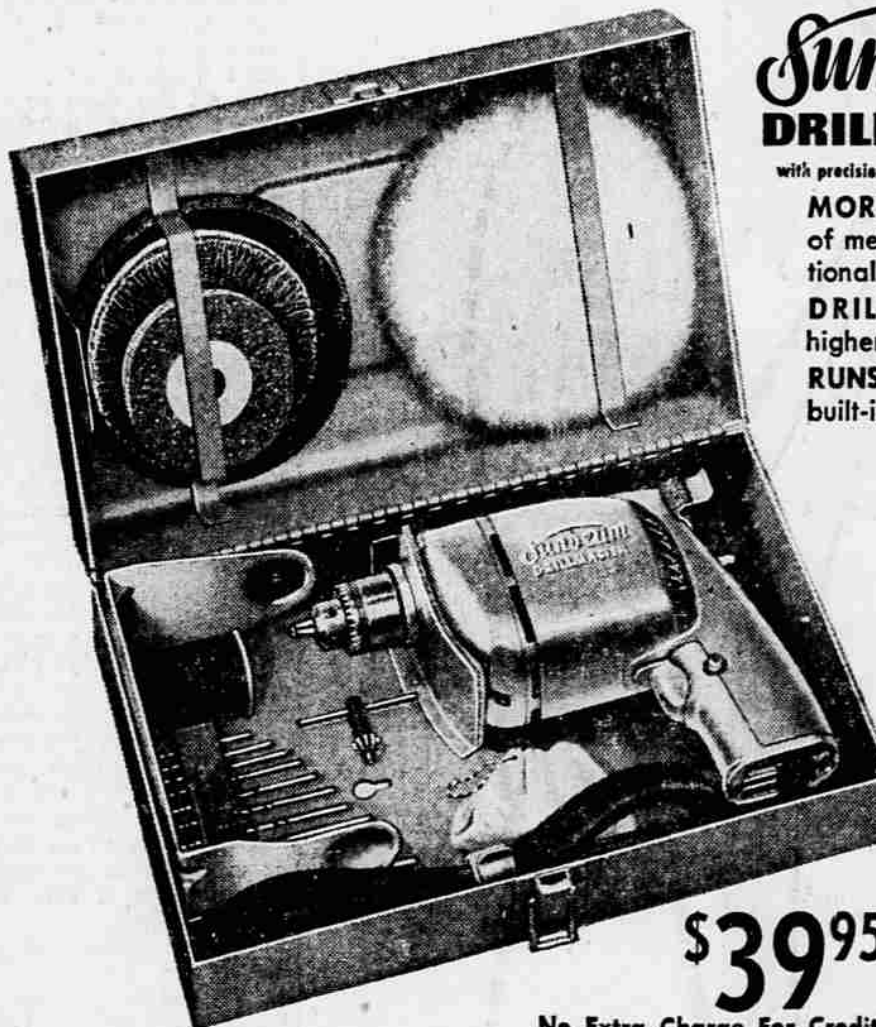
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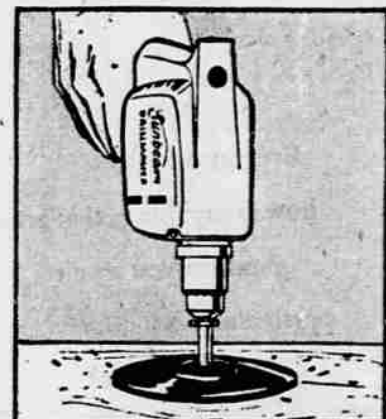
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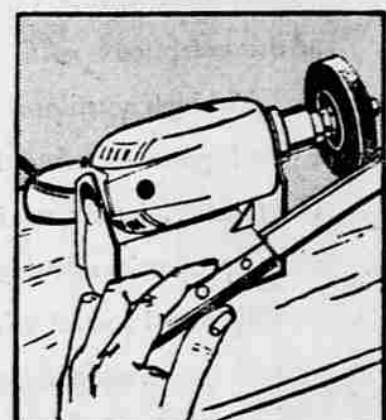
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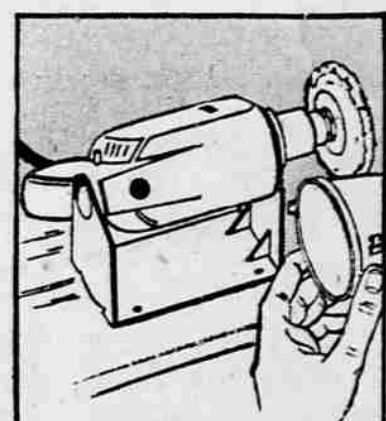
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