



COFFEE BREAK—Kathleen Girvan (Mrs. California) takes time out for coffee before getting down to trying to win the Mrs. America contest at Ellinor Village, Fla.

Nebraska Mother Gets Mrs. America Honors

Ellinor Village, Fla. — (U.P.)—Blonde and blue-eyed Mrs. Romana Deitemeyer of Lincoln, Neb., a mother of five, donned the crown of "Mrs. America" Saturday when she was judged the best home-maker among contestants from 48 states.

The 35-year-old wife of the managing editor of the Nebraska Farmer won \$15,000 worth of prizes to add to a truckload of kitchen ware won in previous contests and a trip to Europe.

Mrs. Deitemeyer, who also won two of the preliminaries in the contest at this newly sprung-up tourist resort near Daytona Beach, took the jackpot when she was chosen by the seven judges as best overall home-maker.

Second place in the 17th annual Mrs. America contest went to Mrs. Billie Dorris, 27, Nashville, Tenn., mother of two children.



MMM, GOOD—Aileen Green (Mrs. Utah) of Salt Lake City sips her soup during practice round of the Mrs. America contest at Ellinor Village, Fla.



TAKING OVER HELM of Montgomery Ward & Co., John A. Barr (above), 47, vice president, succeeds Sewell L. Avery, 82, as chairman of big Chicago chain institution. (International)

Wolfson Gets Three On Board of M-W

Chicago — (U.P.) — The final results of a stockholders' election of directors of Montgomery Ward and Co. were announced Saturday and showed Louis Wolfson elected three persons, including himself to the board.

Other victors on Wolfson's slate were Miss Bernice Fitz-Gibbon, merchandising expert, and Alexander Rittmaster III, his financial consultant.

Sewell Avery, octogenarian opponent and former board chairman of the giant mail order house during Wolfson's drive for control, was likewise reelected to the board, with the largest total of votes. Five other members of the Avery slate were elected, including the new president, John A. Barr.

Results were announced after approximate vote totals had been revealed Friday.

12 Persons Killed In Japanese Mishap

Tokyo — (U.P.) — Twelve persons were killed and more than 30 others were injured Saturday when a bus carrying school children back from an excursion tumbled into a river in northern Japan.

First reports said the bus was carrying 34 grade school children, three teachers, 11 parents and a baby.

The accident, the second in less than a week involving school children, occurred near Hanamaki, Iwate prefecture, approximately 270 miles north of Tokyo.

The cause of the accident was

Oregon Youth Legislature Defeats Sales Tax Plans

(Editor's note: The following was written for the United Press by Tom R. Williams, senior at Eugene high school and member of the Eugene Hi-Y. He is a reporter for the eighth annual Oregon Youth Legislature sponsored by the Pacific Northwest Area Council of the YMCA and is covering the two-day session for the United Press.)

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Salem—(U.P.)—The first session of House and Senate of the eighth annual Oregon Youth Legislature convened Saturday morning to consider legislation.

Two bills appearing before the legislators Saturday are of interest to voters throughout the state. One of these, Senate Bill 110, would provide for a three per cent sales tax. This bill, which passed in committee with a first priority, do pass recommendation, was defeated in the Senate, just as the sales tax was defeated in the Senate in the 1955 legislative session.

Sixth Defeat

It would seem that the youth legislators of the state see some legislation in the same light as do the senior legislators, for they have defeated this bill each year for the past six years.

Another bill of interest is House Bill 201, which Friday passed out of committee with a second priority, do pass recommendation. This bill is to provide that relatives of people who are on relief, are liable for suit by the state if they do not take care of their relatives when financially able.

Favored by Governor

This type of legislation was favored by Youth Governor Carroll E. McCasland of Gresham, who in his inaugural address Friday stated that he was in favor of welfare legislation that would be of benefit to those who really need it, not those who are unwilling to support themselves.

The governor has stated that if this bill passed the house and senate he will sign it.

Final sessions were scheduled in each chamber from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. A joint session in the house chamber was planned at 3:45 p.m. with Bud Titus of Baker, president of the senate, presiding. The two-day session was slated for adjournment at 4:30 p.m.

Waterways Group Backs Ice Harbor Dam Work

Pasco, Wash. — (U.P.) — The Inland Empire Waterways association will back Ice Harbor as the next federal dam to be built in the Northwest, Executive Secretary Herb West, Walla Walla, said Saturday.

He said the planning and design of the project, located on the Snake river about five miles upstream from its mouth, is about 80 per cent finished.

About \$2,000,000 is needed in fiscal 1956 to get the project finished, West said. Total estimated cost of the dam is \$142,000,000. The dam is one of four needed on the lower Snake river to provide for slack water navigation to Lewiston, Ida.

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Three Men Injured In Albany Crash

Albany, Ore. — (U.P.) — A Piper "Tri-Pacer" crashed on takeoff at the Albany airport Friday night, injuring its three occupants, one of them seriously.

James R. Idlewine, 22-year-old passenger from Junction City, was hospitalized with a broken back. His condition is serious.

The two others were less seriously hurt. Max Wall, 37, Junction City, the pilot, was hospitalized with an injured ankle. Robert Etherington, 33, Newport, was shaken up. He was released from the hospital after being treated for a cut on the chin.

The crash occurred at about 6:50 p.m., one-half mile from the airport. The plane's motor "conked out" according to Wall, and the plane nosed into the ground.

The craft was leased from McKenzie flying service of Springfield by Wall, Bartram and Sanford, contractors. It was en route from Springfield to "somewhere in Washington," according to state police.

not immediately known.

Last Wednesday more than 150 persons, many of them school children, were killed when the ferry Shiun Maru collided with another ferry and sank in Japan's scenic inland sea.

There are about 44,500,000 bathrooms in residences in the United States, it is estimated, and at least one-third of them have equipment which is 40 or more years old.

U. S. Ice Skater Refused Permit

London — (U.P.) — The British government has refused American ice skater Patricia Firth a work permit to appear in a forthcoming ice show here, it was disclosed Saturday.

A spokesman for show promoter Claude Langdon said the Ministry of Labor's ruling has been sent "regretfully" to Miss Firth at her home in Seattle, Wash.

Labor Ministry officials could not be reached for comment.

The decision, however, appeared to be in line with the policy that work permits can be granted to foreigners only when comparable British talent is not available.

Miss Firth was to have appeared in the ice show, "Wildfire," scheduled to open June 16 at London's Empress hall. The producers said they would have to find a replacement.

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