



SUCCESSFUL OPERATION—Siamese twins, Napit (left) and Prissana Polpinyo, joined Thailand twins successfully separated at University of Chicago medical center, board plane at Chicago's Midway Airport for trip home. Holding twins is their nurse, Miss Jirapon Karsensak, who accompanied them from Thailand. Girls will celebrate their second birthday this month.

As We Live

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How To Repay Friend For Caring For Child?

There are ways and ways of repaying kindness. It does not always have to be in the form of money.

(Q) "I am expecting a baby shortly and a very close friend has offered to take on the gigantic job of taking care of my 20-month-old son. He will live in her home while I am in the hospital and will stay on for a short time after I return. I don't think I should offer her money for doing this, but do you think I should offer her if I bought something for her or her home? They are a family of four and of modest means who could use almost anything. On the other hand, they are not in dire need of anything. What would you suggest?"

(A) Of course you should repay your friend for her kindness. If you did not have her to help

you out, you would have to hire someone. And because she is a close friend, you can feel that your son will receive the best of care. That alone is worth a lot to you.

Since she is a close friend, why not ask her what she would like as a gift? She will probably protest and say that she wants noth-

ing. You can then follow up your question by saying that you want to give her something but you would rather give her something she really wants than something she might have little use for. If you can't get any satisfaction from her, then consult her husband.

While she is taking care of your son, why not ask your husband to drop in from time to time and offer to take the children out for a little treat? That would please them and at the same time give your friend an opportunity to do some of the things she cannot do while she has the children on her hands.

He could also show his appreciation by taking toys, ice cream, or lollipops to the children every time he goes to see your son. And, he could take your friend some little gift, too, such as candy, some jam, or a cake. Anything he can do to show gratitude would be welcomed, I am sure.

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Christine Jorgensen Banned Caracas, Venezuela — (U.P.) — Police said today Christine Jorgensen has been refused permission to appear in public spectacles here. The former American GI, who underwent a series of operations to change sex, was said to have been offered \$20,000 to appear as the feature attraction in some shows.

Dead line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday; 1 a. m. Monday for Monday; other days 5:30 previous day



King of the Frontier

Davy Crockett was scarcely born back there in the year 1786 before the folks of the Tennessee woods and rivers started to tell big stories about him.

"How could the Crocketts have themselves a baby boy?" a Mississippi river raftsman wanted to know. "They are too scroungin' poor to afford a stork."

"The gov'ment took charge," said the news bearer. "They put a gov'ment buzzard to work and brought the infant in free."

"Seven buzzards it took, the babe was so hefty and hard to handle," a woodsman argued. "Bull buzzards they was, biggest in the gov'ment service."

That was the first of a string of bird stories that followed Davy Crockett through his lifetime and kept on going with the frontier as it moved westward. The real Hon. David Crockett came out of the Tennessee wilderness to make himself favorably known by service in his state's legislature, then by two terms in Congress.

Like many adventurous Tennessee riflemen of his time, David Crockett traveled to Texas to fight for the independence of the Lone Star Republic. He was one of the band of heroes that died defending the Alamo in 1836.

Ma Mandy Crockett

The Davy Crockett of the big stories lived in the Davy Crockett Almanacs that were published every year from 1832 up to 1857. People read the stories and told them again and again from corner to corner of the country and in all locations in between. In the stories Davy Crockett roved from Texas to Canada and out to Oregon. Often one story would contradict another one. But all agreed that Davy was a poor boy.

The stories told that Davy's Ma Mandy worked out for a family that lived across the Mississippi, in Arkansas. Even when the old river was in flood Mandy Crockett would cross to work each morning and cross back in the evening shades. She kept her ax along. Each crossing Ma Mandy would chop down a big loblolly pine on the river bank.

Then across the wide river she would go, perched sideways on the trimmed tree, using her apron for a sail and her left leg for a rudder. Rarely she would use her left foot to paddle also. It would commonly make trouble when she did, as every kick she made would set a thundering big wave billowing from bank to bank, swamping all boats.

Pa Crockett would seldom work out and he loathed to farm. But he was prime at cat-fishing whenever he could bring himself to do it. For little Davy he did take pains to put himself out.

Once three men and a boy saw Pa Crockett dive from a raft in the middle of the old river, and come up with a 60-pound catfish in his teeth. They knew, for they helped him weigh it.

While Davy was still a very young infant he was given to his Uncle Roarious and Aunt Scree-

chy to raise. Nobody lived farther back in the Tennessee backwoods than they did. They were proper people to fetch him up.

Little Davy was fed on fresh panther milk night and day, with bear milk for his Sunday dinners. The same riverman who told about the buzzards bringing the infant also vowed that Aunt Screechy mixed his pap from rattlesnake eggs. She was accused of it, and she denied it.

"They were plain, honest, tasty eel eggs," Aunt Screechy declared.

A spoon carved from a buffalo's hoof, with an eagle's leg for a handle was the first trick leg by Uncle Roarious for the dewy infant. Davy's rattle was a plugged buffalo horn primed with grapeshot. On the nights of howling wind Davy was lashed to the top of a tall sycamore,

American Climbers Killed in Scotland

Fort William, Scotland — (U.P.) — Two young American mountain climbers were found dead today in a deep gully of Britain's tallest peak.

Royal Air Force rescue crews found the mountaineers roped together on the north buttress of 4,406-foot Ben Nevis, a rugged peak whose slopes plunge sharply into disguised crevasses.

The crews had set out at dawn today when it was feared the Americans were lost in a blizzard on the mountain. They had not been seen since Sunday morning when they began the treacherous ascent.

The dead men were Frederic C. Hadden of Pasadena, Calif., and Bert Woodburn of San Gabriel, Calif., both 21-year-old students at the University of Edinburgh.

Authorities said the climbers had previous experience and took plenty of equipment and first-aid kits when they set out on the four-hour northern ascent Sunday morning.

Hearings Scheduled On Soviet Air Power

Washington — (U.P.) — Chairman Richard B. Russell (D-Ga.) said yesterday that top defense officials soon will be called before the Senate Armed Services Committee to report on Russian air power.

Russell hoped to hold the hearing "at a very early date." It results from recent disclosures that Russia is making rapid strides in the production of long-range jet bombers as well as other new aircraft.

Russell said in an interview that the briefing will go into such questioning as Russian research and development and production of new planes and missiles.

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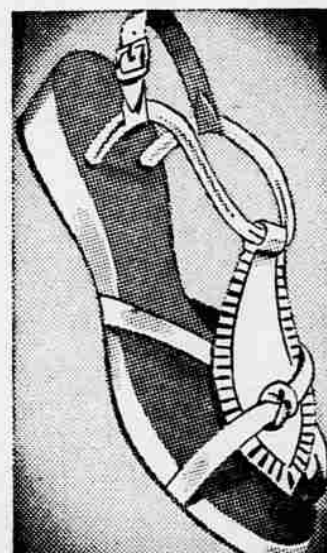
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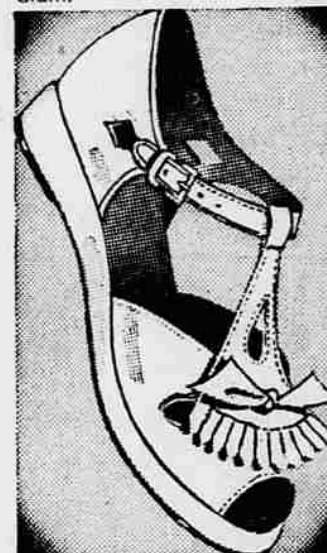
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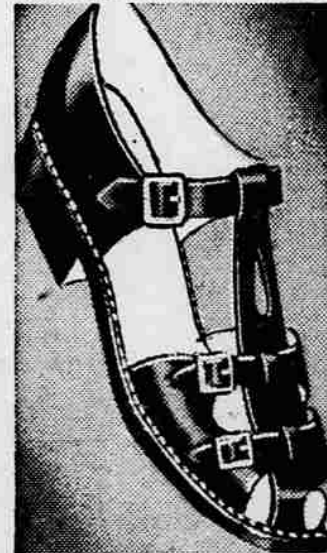
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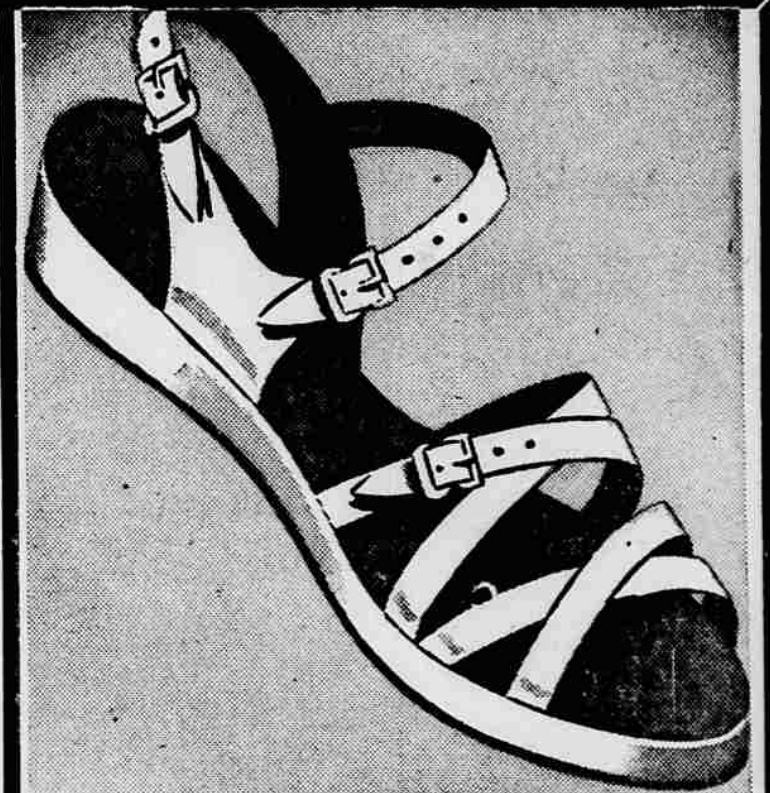
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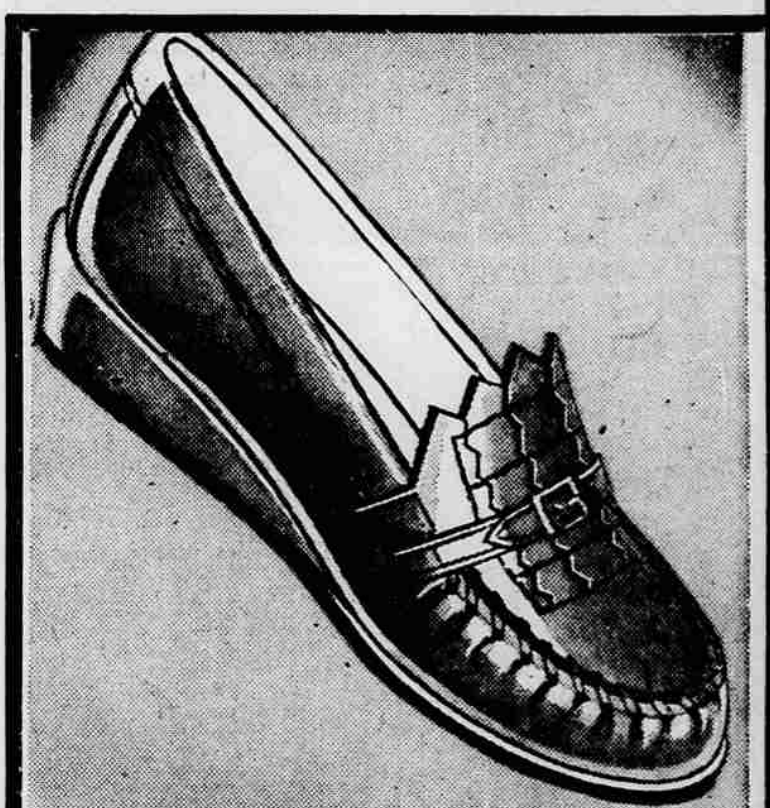
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