

Handicapped Flock To Texas Uranium Pond To Be Cured

Comanche, Tex.—The halt and the lame came by the hundreds today to the ranch of Jesse F. Reese to cover themselves, at a cost of more than a dollar an hour with dirt from a mildly radio-active pond he has.

Reese, 52, a farmer, is making \$200 or \$300 a day from sick persons who hope to get some benefit from dust the Atomic Energy Commission won't bother with. He lives 12 miles from Comanche at the end of a dusty, mesquite-covered road called "Uranium Avenue."

The sign was put up, he said, by Mrs. Fred Hall, a neighbor, who got tired of visitors asking her where his farm is. Reese now has three buildings on his 260-acre ranch where persons with arthritis, rheumatism, spastic colon, headaches, sinus and cancer sit from morning until late at night.

Their feet are covered with dust by an attendant. They can bury their hands in a box of dust in their lap. For those with neck and head ailments, there are socks full of dust which they can drape around their necks or across their skulls.

Reese will not say that this will help them at all.

Sign Statement

In fact, before he will let them sit down, he makes them sign a statement that they are visiting his ranch voluntarily, that they assume full responsibility for the "treatment," that nobody has asked them to come to the farm and nobody has promised them that they will be helped by the dust.

Nevertheless, people flocked to Reese's place and the number is growing every day. He charges each visitor \$2 for burying his hands and feet an hour and a half. He said experts have advised him that this is about as long as the visitors should cover their hands and feet with the dust.

Reese estimates 5,000 or 6,000 persons have visited the ranch since one day in 1953 when a man from Washington state knocked at his door and asked whether he could sit in his pond.

According to Reese, uranium hunters flew over his place in a plane three or four years ago and noted some radioactivity.

"I found out about it," he said, "and got me a geiger counter. It worked a little. I had had phlebitis—a big open sore—on my leg for 15 years," he said.

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"I noticed it was getting bet-

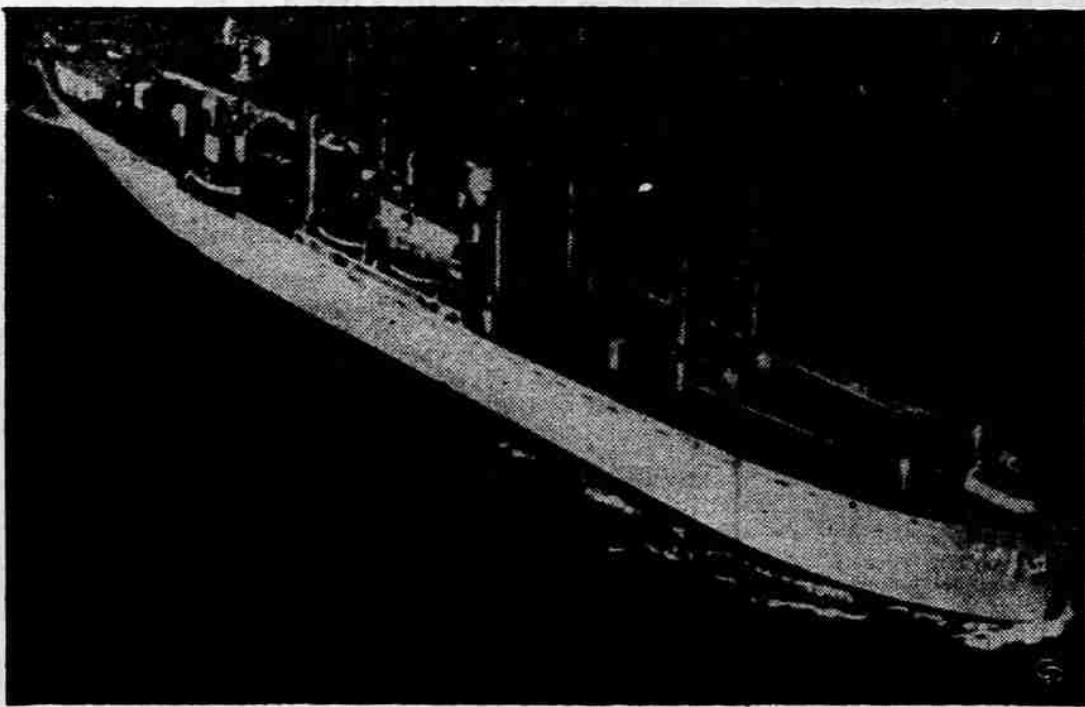
Disabled Airliner Finally Lands Safely

Houston, Tex. — (U.P.) — A Pan American Constellation loaded with passengers circled International airport for more than an hour today, unable to land when the plane's warning light system failed to indicate whether or not the landing wheels were down.

The plane, out of Panama via New Orleans, arrived over the airport at 7:15 a.m., and the pilot asked the control tower to have crash wagons standing by. After an hour of circling, the pilot made one pass at the field but pulled up when within five feet of the ground.

However he made another pass after circling twice and landed the big plane safely at 8:30 a.m.

Dead line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday; 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; other days 5:30 previous day.



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Police Called to Two Week End Accidents

State police were called to two accidents over the week end, both of which resulted in minor damage and injuries.

At 12:55 a.m. Sunday a car driven by Ralph Allen Andrews, 22, of Newberg, Ore., went out of control and rolled over several times near Birdseye creek on Highway 90, police said. Andrews suffered cuts and abrasions.

Two vehicles were involved in an accident on Highway 234, three miles south of Gold Hill about 7:30 p.m. Sunday. Operators of the cars, Loyd Johnson, 33, of 1832 North Riverside ave., and Ben Day, 43, Sams Valley, were uninjured. Minor damage was sustained by the autos.

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Negotiations Start In Chile Labor Dispute

Santiago, Chile.—(U.P.)—Negotiations for new contracts for railway, postal and telegraph workers were to begin today under a threat of more stoppages if the workers' demands are not met.

The workers agreed during the week end to end their nine-day strike when the government promised to accept most of their wage demands. Some 60,000 government employees were involved. President Carlos Ibanez insisted the workers return to work before formal negotiations began.

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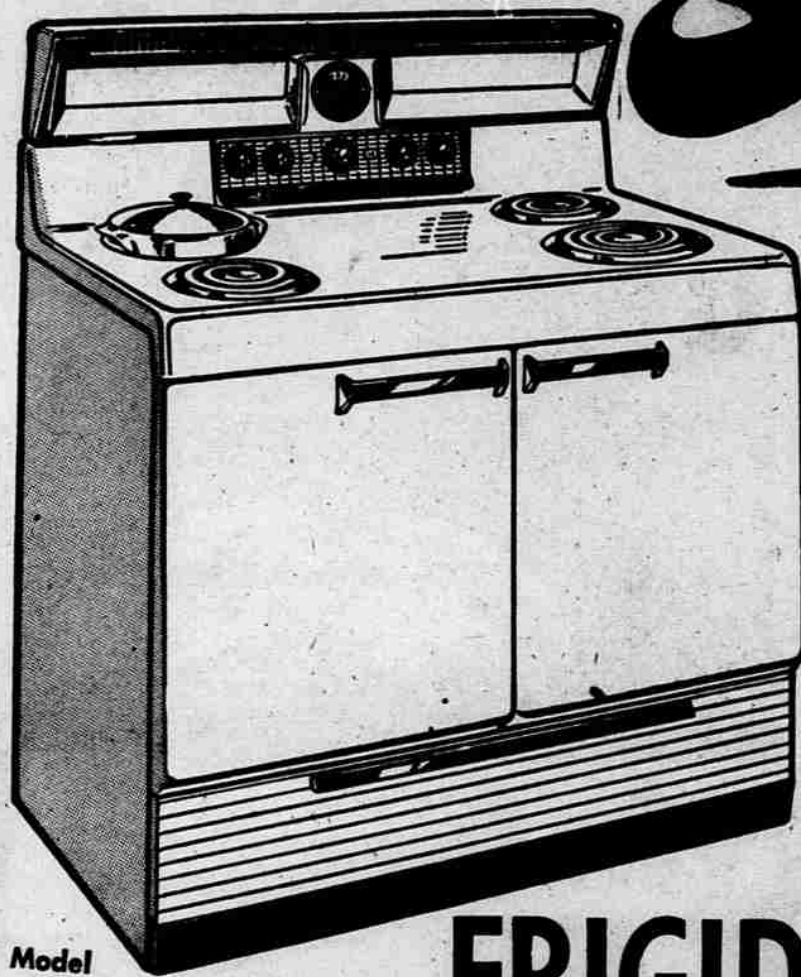
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