

New York — (U.P.) — The Boy Scouts of America have added a merit badge for "railroading" to their list of awards. To win this badge Scouts must fulfill eight requirements which include giving a description of the growth and development of railroads in the United States, naming railroads that serve their community, explaining how locomotives develop power and identifying examples, models or pictures of different kinds of rolling stock and different locomotive types.

Lincoln, Neb. — (U.P.) — An inmate of the men's reformatory here wrapped himself in a sheet to blend with the snow, sneaked out of his quarters and climbed a fence to escape. He then thumbed a ride. The motorist was a state safety patrolman.

Around Hollywood

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Hollywood — (U.P.) — Judy Garland is spurning movies temporarily to take her own stage revue on tour, and her opening to-night is turning into one of filmland's big events of the year.

Alina Mossy

So the pugnacious entertainer gathered her own troupe of 50 for a nation-wide tour — a feat

few movie stars would attempt. The celebrities who turned out to cheer Judy's "A Star Is Born" premiere a year ago are hauling out the black tie and mink again for the opening of her stage revue at nearby Long Beach.

Wants to Travel

Lana Turner, Lex Barker, Dean Martin, Jimmy Stewart, David Niven, Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall are a few of the big names who've bought \$10 tickets. Frank Sinatra is chartering a bus to take his friends to the Long Beach event. Even Debbie and Eddie will be in the audience as proof they still speak to each other.

Judy has been rehearsing until

2 a.m. for two months. Friends, the press and various advisers dropped in to watch her in action at one of the last rehearsals this week.

"I had such a long haul on 'A Star Is Born' and then a long vacation. I thought this tour would do me good and snap me to," gasped Judy after a strenuous routine with a line of chorus boys.

"I want to go all over the country, to places I've never seen. I've never gone on the road for one nighters. My other stage show played only at the Palace in New York, San Francisco and Los Angeles. This time I'll get to other cities."

Sid Luft, her husband and producer who helped the one-time unhappy singer back to stardom, sat in the darkened re-

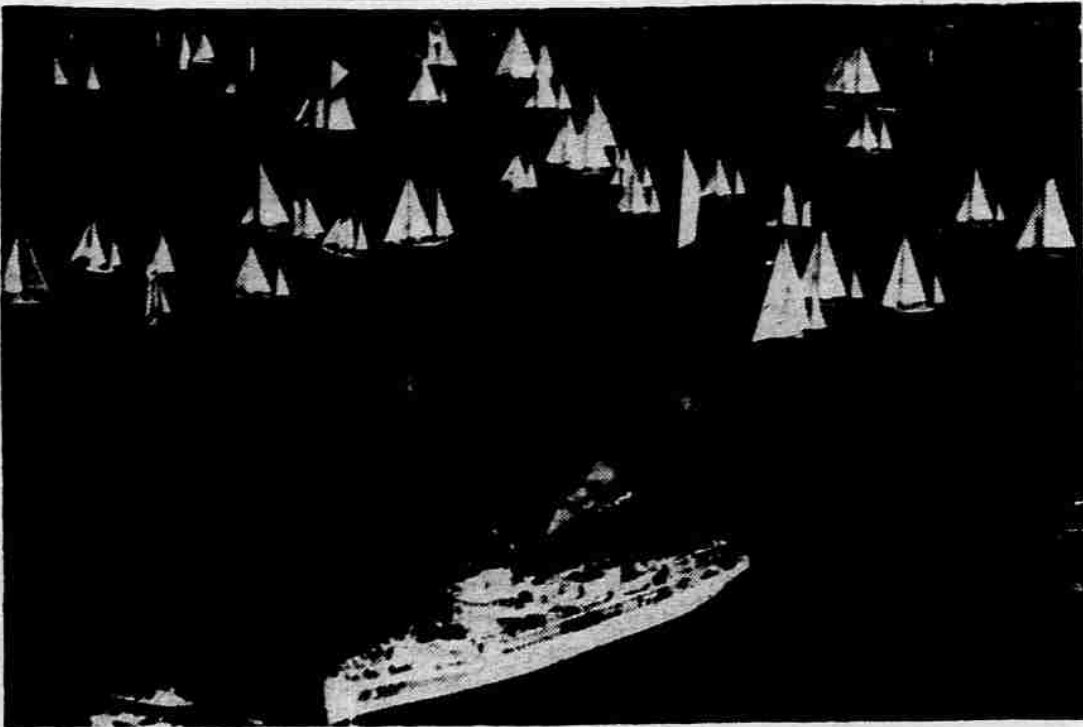
hearsal auditorium to watch his wife at work.

"She could have done movies," he said. "She turned down 'Carousel' for this tour. If a part isn't good for her, she doesn't have to do it. And it was hard to find a movie script to follow 'A Star Is Born.'"

"So we decided to produce our own show with our money (\$10,000) and go on the road. Judy loves the stage."

Judy broke in the show in San Diego Saturday night, followed by the Long Beach charity benefit opening. After a national tour the troupe may wind up on Broadway or "We might do it for television," Luft said.

"This has been so hectic," smiled Judy. "We haven't even got some of the costumes finished yet."



HEADING TO SEA from Los Angeles Harbor, 53 yachts start 2,225-mile race to Honolulu, longest regularly scheduled race held on globe. Entry list is largest on record. (International)

Bible Expert Won't Let Jackpot In TV Quiz Game Change Her Life

Harrisburg, Pa. — (U.P.) — Win or lose, Mrs. Catherine Kreitzer has no intention of letting the largest jackpot in television history change the even, pleasant flow of her life.

The 54-year-old Camp Hill grandmother laughed heartily when asked whether she would quit her job as a clerk-typist at the Mechanicsburg Naval Support depot should she try for and win a \$64,000 cash bonanza on a nationwide television show Tuesday night.

"The Navy was good enough for me when I needed something," she said. "If I should get something now, it will still be good enough."

Even if she tries and loses, she has no intention of learning to drive the new Cadillac convertible which would be her consolation prize.

"I have never driven and I'm not going to start at my age," she said.

Mrs. Kreitzer, who has six sons and nine grandchildren, arrives in New York Tuesday she will have her own cheering section.

"There are at least 14 persons planning to go up with me — we may have to take over Central Park," she said. But she smilingly declined to identify who would accompany her on the trip.

Decision Tuesday Night

With the same good humor she said that she will not make her decision on whether she will accept the \$32,000 she has already won or risk it on a "double-or-new-car" basis until she walks out on the stage Tuesday night.

She said she has been reading the Bible regularly and will depend on it for guidance in her big decision.

"But then, I have always

turned to it for guidance," Mrs. Kreitzer said. "And it has never failed me."

"Of course, I read other religious books," she continued. "But the Bible is the book — the biggest influence in my life."

Mrs. Kreitzer appeared little worried about the decision which means a small fortune despite a deluge of advice — by mail, telegram and phone.

"Yesterday there were 106 letters and the phone never stopped ringing."

Her husband, Joseph, a carpenter, volunteered the information that reporters have been visiting their frame farm house in Possum Hollow day and night.

"Last night they were still here as late as 10:30," he said.

His wife appeared more concerned about the disruption of



HOLDING \$100 win ticket on My Red Geflen which paid \$281.40 at Arlington Park, Mrs. Titus Haffa, Chicago, collects \$14,070. (International)

normal things by the national publicity she has received.

The Poor Mailman

"The poor mailman is dragged down," she said. "Such a bundle as he has to deliver here every day since I've been going to New York. And the way that phone rings."

For the most part, however, she has kept her life on the same even keel. For one thing — the fact that \$21,000 of the \$32,000 additional she could win would go for taxes will have no effect on her decision.

"Uncle Sam must get his share — that's only right," she said.

And she has made no attempt to do any additional studying or research on her specialty — the Scriptures.

"Where could you possibly start cramming for something like that," she said.

With one exception, Mrs. Kreitzer was willing to answer freely without hesitation. When she was asked whether she would have a Bible expert accompany her if and when she enters the glass-enclosed sound-proof booth Tuesday, she answered:

"I have absolutely no comment to make on that."

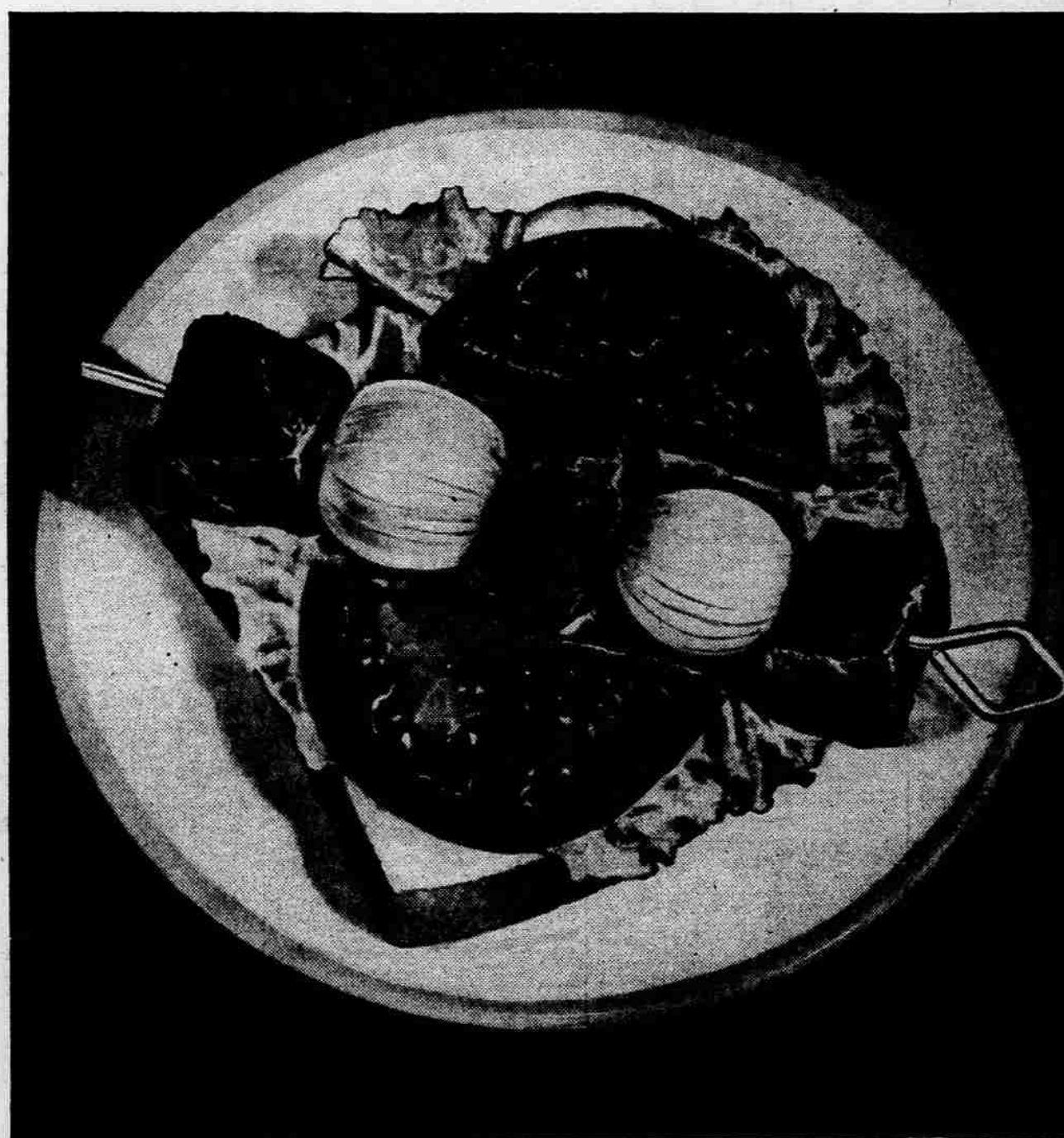
PROFESSIONAL TOUCH

Rockville, Conn. — (U.P.) — Farmer Myron Green, charged with kindling a fire without a permit, decided to be his own lawyer. He was sentenced to jail for 15 days. Green hired a lawyer. The attorney won the farmer a suspension of the sentence after telling the court Green's wife was ill.

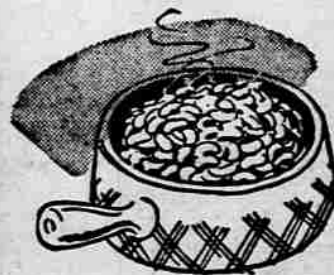
Chicago — American railroads rest on more than one billion cross ties, enough to circle the earth with a 50-foot wide broadwalk.

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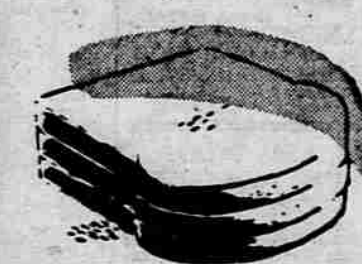
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