

Mrs. Kreitzer Turns To Prayer; Accepts \$32,000 on TV Program

New York — (U.P.) — Mrs. Catherine E. Kreitzer turned to prayer for guidance on whether to keep \$32,000 won answering Bible questions on a television quiz, or risk losing it in trying

to double it on a final question. "I prayed for guidance twice, a few days ago," she said, "and the answer seemed to me to be — take the \$32,000 and quit." Tuesday night she did just that. Early today she drove with her husband, James, 55, a carpenter, to their farm home in Possom Hollow, near Harrisburg, Pa. James Kreitzer had the check for \$32,000 in his inside coat pocket, and it will be deposited in the Lemoyne, Pa., Trust Co.

Mrs. Kreitzer, 54, a grandmother who became nationally fa-



CATHERINE KREITZER Follows Prayer Guidance

mous in answering questions on the CBS show "The \$64,000 Question," had won the largest cash prize in radio-television history, according to the network.

"What will she do with the money?" "Put it away against the time my husband and I aren't able to work," she said. "We aren't going out on any wild spending spree. We've never lived that way and we don't intend to start now."

Mrs. Kreitzer, who is something of a Pennsylvania pixie in her own way, stood the television audience on its ear for about three seconds when she made it appear she would plunge for the \$64,000.

She had said before the program that she was having "a lotta fun." When Master of Ceremonies Hal March asked her if she had made up her mind whether to go for \$64,000, she said, "I have, sir."

He asked the decision. Mrs. Kreitzer looked pleased. People had been pestering her by phone for a week, from as far as Los Angeles (she even got mail from Formosa), about what she was going to do. Now it was her turn to drag out her answer. She rocked back on her heels. "Well," she said, "when I went on the show I was very confident."

She said she had been confident on the \$8,000 question, the \$16,000 question, the \$32,000 question — and she detailed the answers she had given — and then she said:

Audience Yells 'Wow'
"And I'm confident that I can answer the \$64,000 question."

"Wow!" yelled the studio audience, and broke into wild applause.

Mrs. Kreitzer let them finish, and then added: "But I am balancing this confidence with a quotation, from Ephesians 4:5, which is, 'Let your moderation be known unto all men.'"

"So . . . I'm going to let my moderation be known and accept the \$32,000."

The whole speech was carried off with a showman's timing. Ed Sullivan lost no time in calling her after the show to appear on his TV variety show next Sunday. She said she thought she'd accept.

Mrs. Kreitzer in declining to go further made a Bible error. Her quotation was from Philipians 4:5, not Ephesians. She corrected herself backstage after the show. When reporters asked when she had decided to take \$32,000, she sighed and said:

"I'll tell you, I had my mind made up a couple of days ago, fellows." She said she expected to pay about \$12,000 in federal taxes. According to accountants that will be about right for a joint return with her husband.

Central Point IOOF Lodge To Install

Central Point — Officers of Central Point IOOF Lodge 192 will be installed Monday, July 18 at 8 p.m. in the Oddfellows hall over the Alexander hardware store, corner of Third and Pine sts.

District Deputy Grand Master Harry Smith and staff from Gold Hill IOOF lodge will be the installing officers. Those to be installed include Neil Glenn, noble grand, with Forest Thomason and Frank Genn as supporters; Elwood Robinson, vice-grand, with Gerald Kime and Marshal Wideman as supporters; A. C. Smith, recording secretary; Harold Wilson, financial secretary; C. J. Thomason, treasurer; Clark McDowell, chaplain; Francis Marshal, warden; Andrew Glenn, conductor; Al Troutman, inside guardian, and Vern Kye, outside guardian.

Refreshments will be served and all visiting Oddfellows are welcome.

Cross-Examination Of Harry Bridges Continues in Court

San Francisco — (U.P.) — Harry Bridges was to take the stand for more cross-examination today as the government presses its fourth attempt to have the fiery left-wing labor leader stripped of his United States citizenship.

Bridges, Australian born president of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, is charged with falsely denying ever being affiliated with the Communist Party when he was granted U.S. citizenship.

The 54-year-old labor leader has steadfastly denied having any connection with the Communist Party, although he made no secret that he had met with known Communists in his union work.

Not Improper
U.S. Atty. Lynn J. Gillard drew a blast from Bridges yesterday when he asked the labor leader a number of questions about these meetings with Communists.

Bridges shouted that immigration officials told him it was not improper "to talk with Communists."

"It appears now that they were kidding me," Bridges said bitterly. "I don't care, I am going to talk with whom I please."

Earlier Federal Judge Louis E. Goodman made it quite clear that Bridges' activities since 1945 had nothing to do with the present case. The ILWU chief was granted his citizenship in 1945.

Makes Views Known
Goodman made his views known when government and defense attorneys tangled over whether Bridges' activities since that time were an issue in the case.

Gillard argued that the defense was wasting time by presenting testimony covering the years after 1945, but Telford Taylor, chief defense counsel, insisted that government witnesses had linked his client to the Communists during that period and Bridges had a right to refute the charge.

"I'll find against the government right now," Goodman said, cutting off the debate. "I will assume for the purposes of determining this case that Bridges has been a good American citizen since 1945."

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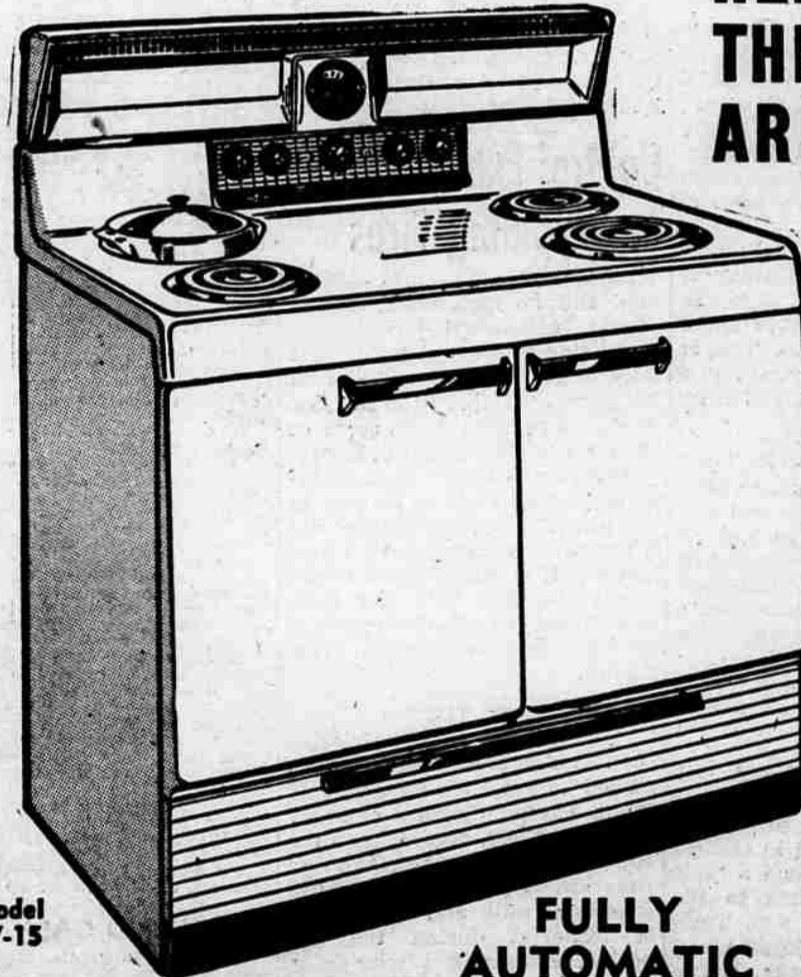
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