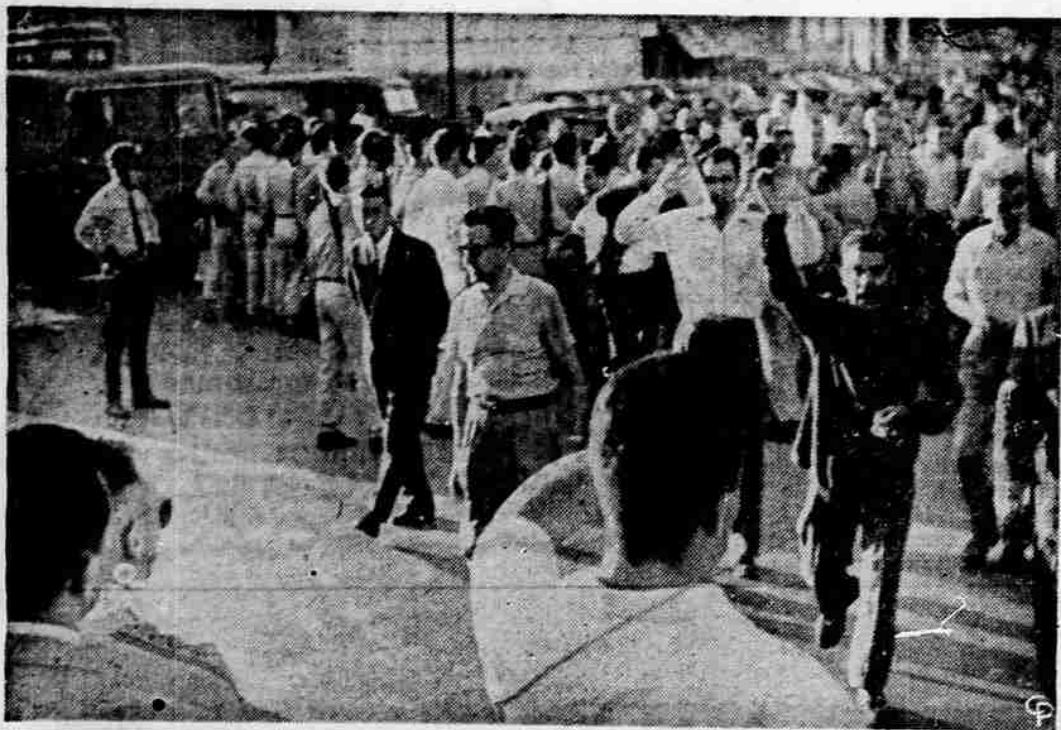




DEMONSTRATING AGAINST FRENCH, mob in Rabat, French Morocco, charges police lines, demanding freedom from foreign rule. Disorders caused resignation of deputy resident general. French troops are moving against rebel tribesmen. (International)

Blue Cheese Gives Life To Aging Cats

Chicago—(U.P.)—A veterinarian recommends feeding your cat blue cheese.

This will make his ninth life as eventful as his first, said Dr. Robert J. Cyrog.

Cyrog said blue cheese is especially beneficial to elderly felines who have forsaken the back alleys for nightly naps under the kitchen stove.

"When a cat loses his stalking interests, it's usually because old age has hit him right in the stomach," said Cyrog.

"In that respect a cat is something like a human being—he's as old as his stomach feels."

Cyrog blamed bacteriological disorders in the stomach for Old Tom's declining vigor.

"Blue cheese corrects these common disorders," Cyrog said, "and a healthy cat—well, he just naturally starts acting like a healthy cat."

Fire Alarm Preferred To Dial Telephones

Hammon, N. J. — (U.P.) — This township prefers fire protection to a dial telephone system.

The dial system, scheduled to be installed soon, would eliminate the local telephone operator, and she is the key person in the chain alarm system which alerts 50 firemen.

Councilmen recently appeared before the New Jersey Public Utilities Commission and explained. At present, when a fire breaks out, the operator touches off the town's two sirens and rings a bell in the fire chief's home. The chief throws a switch which rings a bell in each of the firemen's homes.

Officials asked the PUC to force the company, the New Jersey Bell Telephone Co., to continue the present service which was granted in 1905.

Schoolhouse Changed To Comfortable Home

New port, N. Y. — (U.P.) — Jack Franklin, a state highway engineer, is determined that a man's home is his "castle" — even if it's only an old schoolhouse.

With prices soaring at the end of World War II, Franklin settled for an old stone schoolhouse near this Herkimer County village, and since 1949 he has worked evenings, Saturdays and holidays to make it into a home for his wife and three children.

The building, more than 100

years old, had not been used as a school since 1877 and didn't even have a roof when Franklin bought it.

Today, it has an upstairs and downstairs, a cellar, automatic heat, electric lights and other modern improvements, along with a two-stall garage which Franklin built.

Motorists Ignorant Of Accident Causes

Boston — (U.P.) — More than 50 per cent of all American motorists appear to be ignorant of the real causes of auto accidents that kill more than 35,000 and injure 1,250,000 on the nation's highways each year.

The Institute For Safer Living reported after a survey covering a typical group of more than 500 motorists. Each motorist was asked:

"What, in your opinion, is the biggest single cause of highway accidents?"

More than 53 per cent blamed highway mishaps on "road hogs," "impatience," "teenagers," "poker drivers," "modern cars," "women drivers" and "wrong laws."

Only 47 per cent gave the causes which have been established by safety authorities as fundamental causes of highway destruction. Chief among these are speeding, passing in the wrong place and wrong way, pulling in and out of traffic, mechanical failure of cars, and failure to heed traffic signs and signals.

Old Wall Etching Proves Valuable Art

Otisco, N. Y. — (U.P.) — An artist poking around the ruins of an old home uncovered a rare art treasure on the walls. Not a portrait or a landscape, but the walls themselves.

Lee B. Coye, of Syracuse, discovered what was described as an "extremely rare" type of wall etching—the chief method of home decorating before the invention of wallpaper.

Sprinkled with eight-point stars in red, orange and green between pillars painted in green and black the plaster panelling extended from floor to ceiling. The paints were made of colored dirt mixed with oil.

A well-preserved section of wall was salvaged for the Onondaga County Historical Association, Richard Wright president, said the specimen probably was painted between 1810 and 1820.

College Fund Raisers Form Organization

Chicago — (U.P.) — Officials responsible for raising money for institutions of higher learning throughout the United States have banded together for mutual aid.

More than 75 colleges and universities have representatives in the new organization, which was formed at the recent annual session of the American College Public Relations Association.

The body will invite as members directors of development and fund raising for colleges and universities throughout this country and Canada and operate as a section of the ACPRA.

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Pencil Mightier Than Pen; U.S. Consumes 1½ Billion

Washington — In these days of peace the pencil is mightier than the pen, at least in numbers. And in two notable instances it was not the pen, nor even the sword, but the pencil that wrote history in wartime.

Today the same instrument that set down the first drafts of "The Star-Spangled Banner" and the Gettysburg Address sells at the rate of nine to one over all other types of writing tools. Americans now buy a record-breaking 1½ billion pencils or 8½ per person per year.

The standard 7-inch model is made of 25 or more products from around the globe. It contains wax from Brazil, clay from England, gum from Iran, zinc from New Jersey, graphite from Mexico and Ceylon, and sperm whale oil from the South Pacific.

Tennessee supplied most of the wood until its stands of red cedar were exhausted. Now the casings come from incense cedars in California and Oregon. Dyed a rosy pink to simulate red cedar, incense cedar offers all the advantages of the original Tennessee product. Straight-grained, it whittles easily. It also smells like pencils.

No Lead in Lead Pencil

The average tree yields about 172,000 pencils. The wood is cut into 7-inch slats, 6 to 7 pencils wide and a half-pencil thick. The slats are grooved and leaded, then sandwiched together in pairs with glue, and finally sliced lengthwise.

The so-called lead encased within actually is graphite. Greeks, Romans, and Egyptians

used discs of real lead for ruling lines on papyrus, and 14th-century artists made fine line drawings with lead. But since 1564 lead has been associated with writing in name only.

In that year a graphite deposit was discovered at Borrowdale, England, and the ore was named Plumbago ("that which acts like lead"). So valuable was it that Parliament put the mine under armed guard. The graphite had only to be sawed into sticks to be used as it was.

When England's supply gave out, the problem was to find a way to use powdered graphite. In 1795, a Frenchman, Nicholas Jacques Conte, mixed such graphite with powdered clay and fired the mixture in a kiln. Result: the modern pencil.

Today's school-desk pencil contains 7 part of clay to 10 of graphite. Harder pencils have more clay. Seventeen grades of hardness are made—from softest 6B to super-hard 9H for tombstone designers.

Pencils for Skin, Steel, Glass

Altogether there are 350 styles and types of pencils. Some write on white-hot steel. Others cut into glass. And still others camouflage furniture nicks and scratches.

Surgeons map out operation areas with special skin pencils, while chemists mark their glassware with wax pencils that melt at 300°. Women use one type on their eyebrows and various others for writing on children's boots, jelly glasses, and freezer food packages. Butchers can get a knurled meat pencil that won't slip out of greasy fingers—even

a kosher model guaranteed free of pork-derived products.

Heaviest consumers are industrial concerns (led by Bell Telephone Company), followed by school children and government employees.

Since the average yellow pencil (yellow is preferred four to one) can draw a line at least 35 miles long, the year's crop of all pencils in the United States can trace the distance to the moon and back 100,000 times.

Moral Fears Delayed Apartment Housing

New Haven, Conn. — (U.P.) — It took a hundred years for Americans to adopt the European idea of apartment houses because of fears that it would lead to a "breakdown of the family."

New York City 90 years ago it was difficult to obtain tenants. The writers explained that "the name itself suggested a dangerous and racy way of life. The moral threat in sharing a building with so many other people and the promiscuity encouraged by several families living on the same floor raised further objections from many New Yorkers."

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