

Biggest Little Stories of Year Hold Spotlight in U.P. Roundup

New York—(U.P.)—The biggest little stories of the year (packaged and labeled for placement in the broad sweep of history):

Nature: In January, in Owen Sound, Ont., a lady phoned Owen W. C. Crawford that a skunk was in her cellar. He told her: "Make a trail of bread crumbs from the cellar to the yard and then wait for the skunk to follow it out. She did. Skunk he got another call. Same lady. "Now I've got two skunks in my cellar," she said.

Drama: In March, in Ventura, Calif., a villain lay in ambush, a hero walked toward death. Frank Stretch, 11, couldn't stand it. He leveled his BB gun. He fired. The villain disappeared. So did the hero. So did the TV tube.

Conscience: In April, in Chicago, the Internal Revenue Bureau got, anonymously, \$400. The sender said it would apply on a \$1000 overdue tax bill. He added: "If I still can't sleep, I will send you the balance."

Wild Frontier: In June, in Mt. Clemens, Mich., police got a call to rescue from a tree "a boy in a Davy Crockett hat." They found an indignant raccoon.

Outrageous Fortune: Same month, in Philadelphia, Mrs. Walter Bradthering wasn't home when they called to tell her she had won a trip to Spain. She was in Spain on vacation.

Machine Age: In July, in Detroit, Mich., the air conditioning got Mayor Albert Cobo's office so cool that a thermostat turned on the radiators. The office got up to 90 degrees before they could get the heat off.

Circumstance: Also July, in Los Angeles, a policeman waved a red light violator to the curb. I'm Sergeant Friday," the cop said. "And I'm Davy Crockett," said the driver. Then Sgt. Lester Friday got the facts. David W. Crockett, 20, got a ticket.

Genius: Again July, in Memphis, Tenn., barber Doug Rutledge announced he'd solved the age-old problem of how to get those itchy hair clippings off customers' necks. He uses a vacuum cleaner.

Cosmos: Once more July (a hot month), in Oceanport, N.J., there was cosmic reaction to the government announcement that that it would launch a satellite in space. "Another Moon" won the ninth at Monmouth Park.

Commerce: In August, in the Panama Canal, traffic jammed. Cause: A cow swimming in Gatun Lock Chamber. Officials towed her ashore and advised her that bathing in that area was restricted.

Hope: In September, in Charlotte, N.C., Judge J.E.D.J.N.S.W. E.D. Henderson turned 76, stuck with his initials, and told a sad story: His mother had named him after all his uncles, hopefully. But uncles Jackson, Ezekiel, David, James, Nathaniel, Sylvester, Willis, Edward and Demosthenes had all passed on without leaving him a dime.

Politics: In November, in Columbus, O., on election eve a man poked his head into a diner and shouted: "Vote for Sensenbrenner!" "Who was that guy?" a customer asked. "That was Sensenbrenner," said the proprietor. Next day, Mayor Maynard Sensenbrenner was re-elected.

Fragility: In November, in Beverly Hills, Calif., actress Gloria Rhodes told police 18 pairs of panties stolen from her clothesline were worth \$150. Why? Because they're embroidered with a fig leaf and have rhinestones on them."

Purposeful Action: In December, in New York, a New Jersey man wrote to the editor of The Daily News: "I'm sick of this Taft-Hartley bill. I say we should pay it and get it over with."

Russia 'Takes Note' Of Foreign Criticism

Moscow — (U.P.) — Russia admitted today that foreign criticism of bad housing, poor town planning and wasted manpower in the Soviet Union was correct. It said it would "take note" of such criticism.

Vilis Lacin, chairman of the Council of Nationalities, told the third day's meeting of the Supreme Soviet (Parliament) that the criticism came from visiting foreign delegations last summer.

He said the delegations particularly noted the waste of manpower, inadequacy in town planning and bad housing.

Lacin reported to the council on the exchange of delegations between the Supreme Soviet and parliaments of foreign nations. Last February the Supreme Soviet adopted a declaration of parliamenting for an exchange of parliamentary delegations.

Survivors of Remote Slide To Get Wish for Little Dog

Roseburg — (U.P.) — Three children, orphaned by a huge slide that demolished their home and killed five members of their family, were to receive a cocker spaniel puppy today.

The body of 18-year-old Tommy Neal was recovered yesterday from the slide at Remote, 40 miles west of here. Earlier the mud-covered bodies of the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Eugene Neal, and two girls, Mary, 16, and Becky, 20 months, were removed from the shattered house into which they had moved only 10 days before.

The survivors were Margaret, 13, Billy, 6, and Arvis, 7. The first two were hospitalized here and Arvis was brought to Roseburg yesterday by John Cawse, a neighbor, who discovered the tragedy and informed authorities.

Margaret, suffering from two broken vertebrae, shock and bruises, was interviewed in the hospital yesterday and was asked if she wanted anything. She asked for a "little black puppy dog." Radio station KRXL broadcast the request and almost immediately was flooded with calls. Mrs. Wilbur McCue of the Glide area was to bring in a dog for the children today.

Authorities said it was almost a miracle that the three children survived. Billy and Arvis were caught in cross-beams as the slide pushed the house some 400 feet. The beams trapped enough air to allow them to breathe. Margaret, asleep when the slide struck, was buried up to her neck in mud for several hours until freed by rescuers.

The slide apparently occurred about 4 a.m. Monday when the 600-foot bluff plummeted down. Coroner L. L. Powers said the five victims probably suffocated.

Quotes From the News

By UNITED PRESS

San Francisco—William Ward, Contra Costa county civil defense chief, on the condition of the levees holding back the flooding San Joaquin river:

"If we can hold what we have got until Thursday, we are over the hump, barring another storm or a southwest wind."

Legislator, Russia — An unidentified Russian actress after a performance of the sex-laden American folk opera "Porgy and Bess":

"Porgy and Bess makes sex stronger than sentiment."

Washington—The Senate Security subcommittee in a 100-page handbook designed to "counteract current misinformation" about Communism:

"We earnestly believe that, given a more accurate knowledge of the Communist conspiracy, fewer Americans will fall victim to its wiles."

Chicago—Ned H. Dearborn, president of the National Safety Council, on the "Black Christmas" highway massacre:

"How much longer will a civilized nation create or endure such mass mayhem?"

Callander, Ont.—"Papa" Oliva Dionne, charging that the four surviving quintuplets have broken away from home:

"Lately they have been treating their brothers and sisters almost with contempt."

Montreal—Yvonne Dionne, when asked by a Montreal Star reporter whether rumors of a family split were factual:

"Don't believe it. It's not true."

Raleigh, N.C.—Basketball Coach Frank McGuire of North Carolina, a coach noted for his court stratagems, plotting how he will play arch rival North Carolina State:

"It depends on what develops. We may even let the air out of the ball."

New York—John Boning, president of the Bartenders School, Inc., on having a morning-after "hair on the dog" drink to cure a hangover:

"That's a little like pouring gasoline on a bonfire."

Sperry Rand Files Suit Against IBM

New York — (U.P.) — Sperry Rand Corp. yesterday filed a \$90,000,000 treble damage suit against the International Business Machine Corp., charging that IBM has unfairly been causing Sperry Rand business to diminish steadily.

Sperry Rand charges among other things that IBM has "tampered or interfered with the efficient normal operation" of tabulating machines manufactured by Sperry Rand, the merged corporations of Sperry Gyroscope and Remington Rand.

Thomas W. Watson Sr., chairman of the board of IBM, issued a prompt denial of "any violation of the anti-trust laws or that our conduct at any time has been adverse to the legitimate business interests of Sperry Rand Corp."

British Comet Jet Sets Flight Record

London—(U.P.)—Britain's Comet III jet airliner flashed from Montreal to London in 6 hours and 18 minutes today in history's first non-stop Atlantic crossing by a jet transport plane.

The crew "breakfasted" in Canada before leaving and lunched in Britain, as it completed the last leg of a round-the-world shakedown flight that covered a total of 30,041 miles in a flying time of 66 hours and 43 minutes.

The average speed on the more than 3000-mile flight from Montreal to London was announced at 548 miles an hour.

Veteran pilot Group Capt. John (Cat's Eyes) Cunningham said the four-jet Comet hit the near-sonic speed of 600 miles an hour at one point over Shannon, Ireland. He said that was the top speed for the trip, despite favorable 50 to 60 mile tailwinds.

Postman Quits TV Quiz With \$16,000

New York—(U.P.)—Roscoe C. Wright, a New York postman who got an extra week to make up his mind because of the Christmas rush, decided last night to take the \$16,000 he had already won instead of shooting for the top in the television quiz show "The \$64,000 Question."

Wright had been scheduled to make his decision to try for \$32,000 or take his \$16,000 last week. But he said he'd been too busy to decide. He was given the extra week.

Mabel Morris, 74, a former New York school teacher and social worker, ran her winnings to \$8000 last night by correctly describing the villainy of three characters in Charles Dickens' novels and naming the heroes who brought them retribution.

Tug, Bridge Span Collide at Portland

Portland—(U.P.)—A drawspan of the Morrison street bridge and a tug collided here yesterday afternoon.

The pilothouse of the 60-foot tug Dix III was sheared off. Lauren McRae leaped from the pilothouse to the deck.

A harbor patrol launch took the disabled tug under tow. The pilothouse remained afloat and was retrieved by the harbor patrol.

The collision occurred while the tug was headed downstream in the flood-swollen Willamette river.

Adventists Mobilize Aid To Flood Victims

Portland—(U.P.)—Oregon Seventh-Day Adventists yesterday mobilized 89 welfare societies around the state to provide emergency flood relief to victims in Oregon and California.

Elder C. J. Ritchie, conference welfare director, said the church's welfare societies in southern Oregon and California were already in operation providing clothing, bedding and some food to flood victims.

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