

### Garden Notes

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Some of our lighter soils are getting dry enough to work and a few sunny days will bring about the urge to start gardening. Soils should not be worked when they are too wet as this will cause the formation of clods and the soil will work with difficulty for the remainder of the season.

A well prepared seedbed is essential to the production of a good garden. If the soil is normally a little heavy and doesn't work up good this condition can be helped by the addition of coarse organic material. Manure and straw are helpful but these rot out rather quickly so the help is only temporary. A slow rotting material such as sawdust, if added in sufficient amounts, will loosen up even our heavy soils.

Two inches of sawdust is about as much as can be applied to a garden and thoroughly mix it with the soil. If more than that is applied the sawdust will be left in pockets and the garden crops will not grow in those areas. By putting the sawdust on about two inches deep and then thoroughly mixing it, the soil will be lightened up some and if this is repeated each year for a period of years it will be found that the soil can be worked much earlier in the spring and you will have a nice patch of light soil.

Sawdust should not be used in anticipation of it ever turning into fertilizer. In fact, it has just the opposite effect in that it soaks up the fertility in the soil. This natural fertility is used as food by the soil organisms while they are decomposing the sawdust. Where sawdust is used it will be necessary to add 3 pounds of ammonium sulfate or 10 pounds of a complete commercial fertilizer to each 10x10 foot area. If the garden plants lack a good green color in the summer it would indicate that an additional application of a nitrogen fertilizer was required.

### Communists Expected To Evade War Rules

London — (U.P.) — Defense Minister Sir Walter Monckton believes the Communists will evade the Geneva conventions in future wars by pretending that all prisoners of war are "war criminals."

Monckton reminded parliament Wednesday that Russia ratified the 1949 convention on war prisoners only with the stipulation that "war criminals" and "persons accused of crimes against humanity" are not entitled to its protection. The Communists in China were more specific, Monckton said. They ruled that any captured enemy is automatically a war criminal "by the very fact of having waged war" against the Reds.

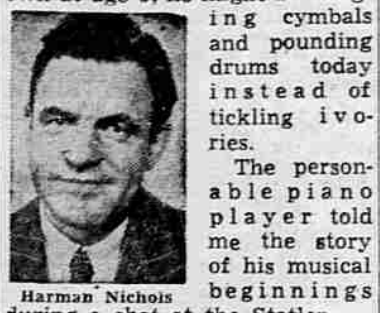
**ENVY**  
Hartford Conn. — (U.P.) — The president of the National Educational Association, J. Lester Buford, told a teachers' meeting: "Change that hair-do once in a while; I want our teachers to look pretty. I wish I could." Buford is bald.

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### A Nichol's Worth of... Comment On This and That

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Washington — (U.P.) — If Frankie Carle hadn't had a mind of his own at age 5, he might be banging cymbals and pounding drums instead of tickling ivories.

The personable piano player told me the story of his musical beginnings during a chat at the Statler. Way back there his uncle, a professor of music, caught the kid behind a stump in the woods trying out a pack of cigarettes he had found.

"Why don't you give up cigarettes," said the old professor, "and take up drums. They make a lot more noise than a cigarette."

Frankie told his uncle that if he didn't mind he would rather do his racket-making on the piano, which isn't as noisy as drums and brass bangers. Piano playing is what he has been doing with considerable grace for a great many years.

In fact he wore out a lot of pianos growing up to sell over 7,000,000 of his records and help write such lovely tunes as "Sunrise Serenade," and many another in the unique Carle manner.

"Incidentally," Frankie said, "while we are at it, I would like to explode a myth that has followed me most of my professional life. I seldom have any arrangements on my rack, and that has led to the rumor that I play by ear. That's not true. I have a fine musical background. The rumors started, I suppose, because I memorize very fast. I not only can read the notes, but I can write them down."

Why isn't the great player of modern tunes in television? "Politics," Carle replied. "Let's let it go at that without amplification. But I'm just as happy where I am. Even on the road, we rehearse a show and let it wear on the folks from town to town. None of those unpredictable 13-week contracts." While on the road with his band and show, Frankie says, there is little need for rehearsing more than a couple of times a week.

"And that is only briefly," he added, "mostly for our own amusement." At his home in California, the artist has two pianos.

**Cop Named Tune**  
"A beautiful Baldwin baby grand," he said. "That's in the living room. I bang that one only when guests come in. I have my own private fun on a beat-up old upright in my den." And speaking of "Sunrise Serenade," Frankie tells the story in his own words:

**At Least 110 Die In Algerian Clashes**  
Algiers, Algeria — (U.P.) — French North Africa seethed with unrest today in the wake of a day of clashes in which reports said at least 110 persons were killed. The 24-hour death toll was one of the highest since violence first erupted in the territories. The reports said an additional 51 persons were wounded in the clashes between French security forces and rebel bands in Algeria and Morocco, and between rival native political factions in Tunisia. The biggest action took place in Algeria where a band of more than 150 "army of Allah" rebels engaged a heavy detachment of security forces in an eight-hour battle in the Nemencha Mountains, 96 miles south of Constantine. The French said at least 42 rebels were killed in what they describe as a "major" action. French losses were eight dead and 20 wounded.

**Court Records**  
**POLICE COURT**  
Bertha Engeline Spencer, failure to stop at a red light, \$5.  
William Richardson Bagley, violation of basic rule, \$10.  
Hollys Grace Richardson, violation of basic rule, \$10.  
Robert Lee Lissner, violation of basic rule, \$10.  
Richard Harold Mathewson, failure to stop at a red light, \$5.  
Eugene Earl Lawson, one headlight, \$5.  
**DISTRICT COURT**  
Frederick R. Gottfried, failure to operate in right lane of traffic, \$7.50.  
Robert Force, failure to operate on right side of highway, \$15.  
William T. Britt, overload, \$65.  
Everett W. Cushman, violation of basic rule, \$7.50.  
Henry L. Stevens, failure to signal, \$10.  
Robert L. Cook, following too close, \$5.  
John J. McDaniel, failure to stop at stop sign, \$10.  
Mervin W. Johnston, defective foot brakes \$6.  
Roland A. Thompson, failure to operate on right side of highway, \$7.50.  
Eugene E. Lawson, defective headlight, \$5.  
**CIRCUIT COURT**  
William T. McGaughey vs. Cora J. McGaughey, divorce complaint.  
**MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS**  
David Smith Hughes and Paulette Pitts, Trail.  
Ellis Elmer Soden, Central Point, and Roberta Jeanette Wallace, Cummings, Calif.

### Strange Sickness Kills Filipino Men

Manila, P.I. — (U.P.) — A strange "nightmare" sickness that has killed seven persons in their sleep during the past 16 days is "becoming a grave public health problem," the chief medical officer of the Manila Police department said today.

Dr. Mariano B. Lara said the afflicted persons invariably "ran out of breath" in their sleep. All of the victims have been Filipino men. Lara said autopsy on the victims "showed no organic diseases, poisonous or microbial illness had caused the deaths."

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

### Union Blasts Plan By Westinghouse

Pittsburgh — (U.P.) — The striking International Union of Electrical Workers blasted a back-to-work proposal by Westinghouse Electric Corp. today as part of a campaign of "lies, duplicity and misrepresentation."

The proposal is a "sham by which the company hopes to delude its employees and the public," Robert Nellis, chairman of the IUE's Westinghouse Conference Board, said. "Westinghouse has provided a deplorable example of the low level to which the business morality of a billion dollar corporation has fallen."

The company plan was an alternate to one proposed by five governors in which a fact-finding panel would seek a solution to deadlock issues in the 123-day strike of 44,000 IUE members.

**CANINE SCHOLARS**  
West Haven, Conn. — (U.P.) — The town dog warden has appealed to parents to keep dogs confined when their masters and mistresses leave for school. He said so many dogs are tagging along to school that they have begun to disrupt classroom work.

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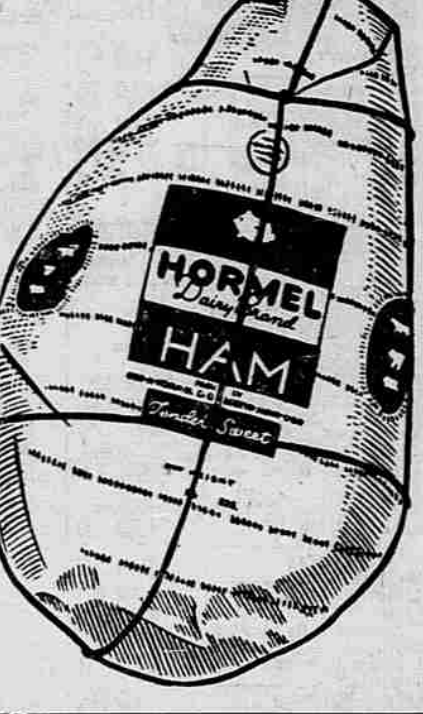
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