



GETTING HELP from Governor and Mrs. Goodwin J. Knight (left), Santa Claus distributes gifts to Yuba City, Cal., children. The city was inundated December 24 by raging waters of Feather and Yuba rivers, postponing Santa's visit until now. (International)

Baptist Group Refuses To Order Work Halt in Negro Bus Boycott

Miami—(U.P.)—The influential National Baptist Convention, representing one-third of the country's Negroes, refused today to endorse a proposal for all Negroes to stop work on March 28 to pray for Alabama Negroes arrested in a bus boycott.

Dr. Joseph Jackson, president of the 5,000,000 member organization, said the local boycott in Montgomery, Ala., was "all right" but that a work stoppage by all the Negroes in the nation would amount to "a nationwide economic boycott."

Not Christian Tradition. "I don't believe religion should be used as an economic boycott," the Negro minister said Monday. "Calling a halt to work is not in the Christian traditions."

Rep. Clayton Powell (D-N.Y.), a minister himself, and a group of other New York Negro clergymen, called for the nation's Negroes to stop work for one hour on March 28 to offer a prayer for the Negroes arrested in the Montgomery bus boycott.

Powell, a member of the National Baptist Convention, said the work stoppage would be a prayer campaign "for delivery from persecution and for the delivery of persons afflicted with racial prejudice."

"We are in favor of prayer, but we shall not go along with a nationwide economic boycott," said Jackson, who is here on vacation.

Won't Support Boycott. He said he talked by telephone with Powell and "I told him I agreed with the prayer aspect."

Mercy Flights Takes Three to Vancouver

Three members of the Camp White Veterans Administration Domiciliary center were flown to Barnes General hospital in Vancouver, Wash., by a Mercy Flights, inc., air ambulance plane yesterday.

The patients were Chester B. Thompson and Samuel A. Williams, both for treatment of heart ailments, and Godfrid S. Ackerlund, for medical treatment. They were accompanied by a nurse from Camp White.

The patients were the 451st, 452nd and 453rd carried by planes of the non-profit air ambulance corporation in the past six years.



Where's that boy! Youngsters always disappear just about dinner-time? Well, you've most likely discovered how to save your voice at times like this . . . by phoning around the neighborhood for them. This is another of the "chores" the telephone has taken over in this day and age. And after all, that's what it's for. The men and women of Pacific Telephone work to make your telephone more useful every day.

Republican Senators, Already Burned on Natural Gas Bill, Fear Another Scorching

By LYLE C. WILSON
United Press Correspondent

Washington—(U.P.)—Break out the emergency ointment for those Republican senators who burned their fingers on the natural gas bill. Shed a tear for their Republican colleagues whose luck held on the gas bill because they voted against it.



The burned and unburned now must handle the fiery farm subsidy legislation in genuine fear that President Eisenhower might this time cross them by failing to veto. There could be third degree burns in that.

Mr. Eisenhower on a second-look decision vetoed the bill which would have exempted independent natural gas producers from direct federal regulation. The bill passed the Senate with 31 Republican and 22 Democratic votes. Opposed were 14 Republicans and 24 Democrats.

Republicans who voted for the gas bill had considerable reason to expect Mr. Eisenhower to sign it. His surprise veto endorsed the bill's principles but condemned the lobbying tactics of a small percentage of its industrial supporters.

Farm More Serious. Republican supporters of the bill were somewhat embarrassed and perhaps may suffer a bit of campaign humiliation under these circumstances. The farm subsidy business, however, is more serious, by a margin of the difference between croquet and Russian roulette.

Pending in the Senate now are two farm propositions. The administration bill would continue flexible price supports on basic farm crops and establish a soil bank system by which farmers would be paid for taking acres out of production.

The other proposal, sponsored by the Senate Agriculture Committee, would return to high and rigid price supports at 90 per cent of what is determined as a fair price. It will have special treatment sections for rice and corn. The soil bank idea also is a part of the committee bill. The chips will go down on several issues. The big one will be the vote to substitute the administration version of farm subsidy for the committee version.

Any farm belt Republican who votes for that substitution may expect Democrats to attack him back home as an enemy of the American farmer, a tool of big business.

Rigid Subsidy Bill. If the administration version is defeated, the Senate will adopt the rigid 90 per cent farm subsidy program and, the House concurring, the bill will go to the White House.

If Mr. Eisenhower vetoes high, rigid support prices, the

administration bill will, at least, have the formal backing of the administration in their stand.

But some supporters of high, rigid support prices confidently expect the President to accept that program, reluctantly, if it is forced on him. Some Republican senators who are of a mind to support the flexible administration plan are fearful it could

come out just that way.

That would put them in a bad spot, especially if they represented agricultural areas and were up for renomination and election this year. They can't quite believe that the President would accept the high, rigid support principle. But they are not sure, either. A hint from the White House would be welcome—priceless.

Chessman Gets New Right To Appeal

San Francisco—(U.P.)—Condemned convict Caryl Chessman has won the right to file a new appeal for another trial on charges of kidnap, robbery, rape and sex perversion.

Chief Justice William Denman of the U.S. Court of Appeals signed yesterday a certificate of probable cause. This gave Chessman the right to appeal a decision of District Judge Louis E. Goodman, who on Jan. 31 denied Chessman a new trial.

Denman said the court should hear Chessman again for the third time—because neither Chessman nor his attorney was present when the Los Angeles County Superior Court approved the transcript of his trial in May, 1949.

Chessman has contended that the transcript was faulty. The original trial court reporter died before completing the transcript. A substitute completed it after a court hearing attended by the prosecuting attorney and several witnesses.

The appeals court will probably hear Chessman's appeal in about four months. Since his conviction, Chessman has won seven stays of execution.

DUCKS FOOLED

Hot Springs, S. D.—(U.P.)—Despite the theory of some hunters, it is possible to fool wild ducks. A flock crashed into the Hot Springs airport runway during a snowstorm recently, apparently mistaking it for a lake. Result: about 200 dead and crippled ducks.

BE PREPARED

Columbus, Ind.—(U.P.)—Contrary to current rumor, city police are not engaged in a drive to "clean up" headquarters. The dustpans and brooms recently made standard equipment in all patrol cars are for clearing the street of broken glass and debris after accidents.



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"KARPET-SQUARES"

By ALLEN

You Saw It in Sunday's Feb. 26 Mail Tribune:

Carpet Squares Now May Be Laid By Householder

Newcomers to the growing field of "do-it-yourself" products are cotton carpet squares that can be laid by an amateur. This new carpet product consists of 18-inch squares of cut-pile, tufted cotton carpet bonded to a "built-in" padding. The back of the padding has a pressure-sensitive adhesive which causes the carpet to adhere to the floor when lightly pressed.

Called "Karpet Squares," they were developed by Allen Industries. The squares are aimed at "forgotten rooms," such as children's rooms, dens,

and playrooms which are rarely carpeted, a company spokesman notes. The theory behind the development of these squares is that consumers can afford to put carpeting into secondary rooms at a moderate price and without any costs or installation or padding.

Adhesive Won't Mar. The adhesive on the back of the squares, it is said, will never mar any floor. A square will adhere to any clean floor, though concrete floors must be primed before installation. The squares taken up and replaced a "reasonable number of times." Badly soiled or marred squares can be removed easily and replaced at any time, it is reported, and the squares can be cleaned by normal on-location methods recom-

mended for cotton carpet. The carpet is made in 12 colors, including dark green, light green, sandalwood, cocoa, black, white, turquoise, pink, red, dark gray, light gray, and gold. The blocks can be laid in various color combinations. Complete Directions. Masking the adhesive back of the square is a sheet of paper which the consumer pulls off before installing the carpet. This sheet contains full, illustrated instructions. Squares can be cut with a sharp knife or razor blade. The carpet will be sold by the square, with each block containing a quarter of a yard. The new product is expected to have national distribution by early 1956. It already is proving popular in the areas where it has been introduced.

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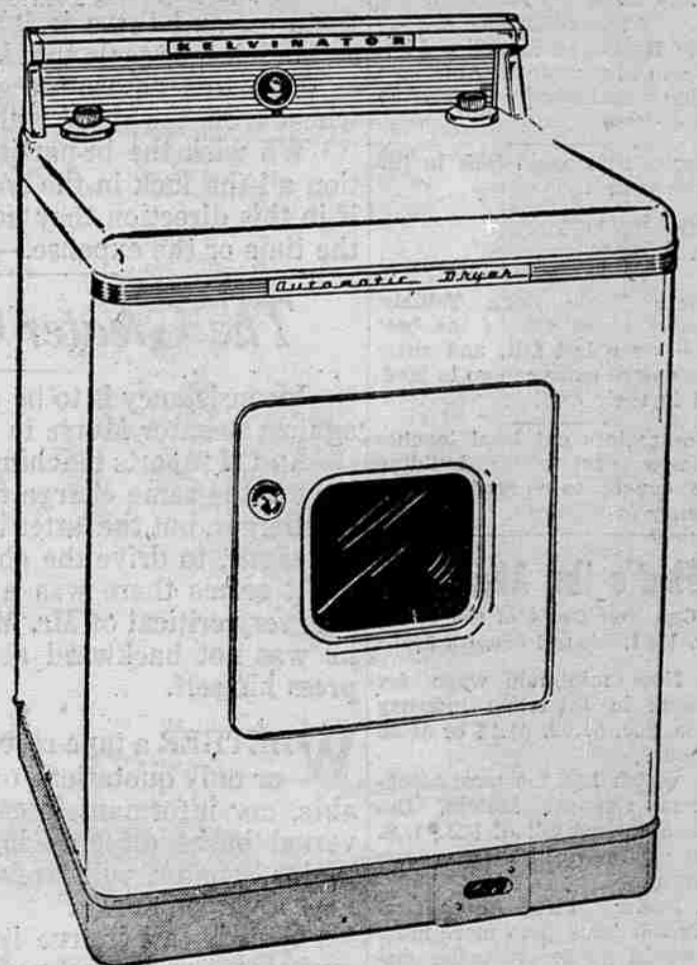
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Seed Study Completed By Talent Students

Talent—Talent Elementary school second grade recently completed a detailed unit on the study of seeds.

The project, which stemmed from the student's curiosity about seeds, included a study of different types of seeds. The students classified them as seed that have stiff sails and ride in the wind; seeds that have hooks and fasten on moving objects; seeds that are heavy and fall to the ground, and seeds that are foods.

Seeds were collected, classified and planted. Plant growth was observed.

Some scientists have found drinking warm milk often helps to induce sleep.

On The Side

By E. V. Durling

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O stars, you saw our meeting
Two beings and one soul,
Two hearts so madly beating
To mingle and be whole!
O happy night, deliver
Her kisses back to me,
Or keep them all and give her
A blissful dream of me.—LOWELL

What is a good drink to be served at a bar for a man who is a non-drinker of alcoholic liquors or one who is "on the wagon"? How about a "pep cocktail"? Recipe for that concoction, which is said to really pep you up with no letdown following, is "orange juice, lemon juice, one egg and honey."

Sidelights. British scribe calls Ethel Merman "America's Gracie Fields." The resemblance escapes me. Gracie is a vaudevillian. Besides Miss Field is 11 years older than Miss Merman. . . . The preferred dining place in Manhattan of Grace Kelly and her Prince is the Harwyn. On a recent visit to the Harwyn with Miss Kelly, the Prince requested the playing of the song titled "Your Eyes are the Eyes of a Woman in Love."

Passing By. Jerry Geisler. Brilliant legal light from the Pacific coast. One of this country's most successful lawyers. Has figured in more celebrated cases than any other lawyer in the land. As a young man, Jerry first attracted attention when he entered a plea of self-defense for a man accused of shooting a deer out of season. Geisler said the deer had attacked the man.

Asking. Queries from clients. Q. Who is your favorite film star now? A. Kay Kendall. . . . Q. Who is the patron saint of flyers and people traveling by plane? A. St. Elias. . . . Q. How old was the model who posed for Leonardo Da Vinci's painting, Mona Lisa? A. Francesco Del Gioconda, a beautiful brunette, was 30 when

she posed for the painting you mention. She was the third wife of a 45-year-old businessman of Florence. She had a young stepdaughter. Da Vinci was over 50 when he painted the Mona Lisa.

Monte Carlo. Note a reference to "The Roulette System of Harry Wells." It was Harry Wells, an Englishman, who inspired the song titled, "The Man Who Broke the Bank at Monte Carlo." Wells didn't really break the bank at the celebrated casino. He just broke one table. He won about \$100,000. At another session he won \$30,000. Wells put his gambling winnings into annuities. Then he gave up gambling and spent the rest of his life in Paris living on his income.

So They Say. Men born under Virgo (Aug. 24-Sept. 23) have an unusual sense of humor. Many professional comedians have been born under that sign. Virgo men are seldom sentimental or demonstrative. Their wives get more laughs than loving. Or, so say the stargazers.

Brides. Do you know a young woman married this month. Here is what is predicted for the February bride in that rhyme called "The Bride's Prophecy": "Married in February's sleety weather Life you'll tread in time to gether."

Please Note. Among those favoring twin beds for the married is Gloria Swanson. Her fifth husband is said to have preferred a double bed. Arguments inspired by this difference of opinion are reported to have been a major factor in their marriage ending in a divorce.

Asides. When a woman is given to chain smoking it indicates she may be suffering from frustration. She probably isn't being loved as much as she would like to be. . . . One of every four marriages in the United States is by a justice of peace. People who have church weddings remain married the longest. Those figuring in justice of peace weddings usually marry in haste and repent the same way. . . . Twenty years ago in 1936 the three leading box office attractions among film stars were: 1—Shirley Temple. 2—Clark Gable. 3—The team of Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers.