

CAN CARRY ATOMIC WARHEAD—First official photograph of the Air Force's Northrop SM-62 Snark long range strategic missile which is undergoing tests at the Air Force Missile Test Center at Patrick Air Force Base, Fla. The Snark, powered by single jet engine, travels its 5000-mile range at about 600 miles an hour. (Dept. of Defense photo.)

About 3,000,000 Farmers Belong To 10,000 Cooperative Groups

Washington — (U.P.) — About 3,000,000 farmers in the United States now are members of more than 10,000 cooperative organizations set up to obtain services for themselves at cost and without profit.

These farmers, many of whom belong to more than one organization, represent some 7,600,000 memberships in cooperatives in the marketing, farm supply, and related service fields. The individual farmers making up the multiple membership total more than three-fifths of all farmers in the United States.

These statistics, compiled by the Department of Agriculture, show total membership for the 1953-54 year rose 100,000 over the previous year. Despite increased membership, the number of cooperatives fell slightly. There were 10,058 coops in 1953-54 compared with 10,114 the year before. The department said consolidations were responsible for most of the decline.

The net dollar business of the co-ops for 1953-54 was \$9,500,000,000, almost as much as in the preceding year in spite of declining prices for many products cooperatively handled, such as livestock, grain, and feed.

North-central States Lead
Of the net business, total farm products marketed accounted for about \$7,300,000,000. Farm supplies purchased for members was a most \$2,000,000,000. Receipts for services totaled \$188,000,000.

Dairy products marketed accounted for \$2,400,000,000, or about one-third of the net value of all products. Feed was the big item in supplies, amounting to \$810,000,000. This was more than two-fifths of the total net value of supplies purchased.

The greatest number of memberships in cooperatives is centered in the north-central states. The west north-central states of Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, and Kansas had almost 23,000,000 memberships in 3,952 associations which did a net business of more than \$2,300,000,000.

Second in number of memberships was the east north-central region with more than 2,000,000 memberships in 2091 associa-

tions which did a net volume of business totaling \$2,500,000,000. Illinois was first in memberships with 594,507. Minnesota was second with 575,025, and Missouri third with 454,306.

Gain in South
California led the nation in value of business transacted. With 461 associations and memberships of 129,957, California had a net business of about \$793,000,000. Illinois was second with about \$632,000,000.

Farmers in the South showed a substantial gain in their use of cooperatives with 1,913 associations in 1953-54 compared with 1890 in 1952-53. The south Atlantic and east south-central areas increased in relative importance in the number of memberships and in 1953-54 accounted for 22 per cent compared with 16 per cent in 1945-46.

The products marketed by cooperatives for their patrons included beans, peas cotton and cotton products, dairy products, fruits and vegetables, grains, soybeans, soybean meal and oil, livestock and livestock products, nuts, poultry products, tobacco, wool and mohair, and miscellaneous. Supplies purchased included building material, equipment, feed, fertilizer, insecticides and fungicides, meats and groceries, petroleum products, seeds, and miscellaneous.

Receipts for services came from trucking, storage, grinding, locker plants, cotton ginning and livestock trucking.

Duke Enjoys Messing Into Work at Farm

London — (U.P.) — The Duke of Edinburgh said Tuesday night he and Queen Elizabeth "get a lot of fun" out of butting into the work of their farm manager.

The duke told a National Farmers Union dinner that he was supposed to propose a toast to agriculture "but I know less about the subject than anybody else here."

He added that four years ago he knew nothing about farming but since had learned "a bit more about it." "I am afraid our agent would probably disagree with that remark because both the queen and I get a lot of fun out of interfering with his work," the duke said.

Night Classes at Southern Oregon College Announced

Ashland — Night class offerings at Southern Oregon college for the spring quarter beginning March 19 and ending June 1, have been announced by Mrs. Mabel Winston, registrar. Enrollment may take place on the night classes start.

March 19 classes: basic ceramics, 2 hours credit, Monday 7-9; painting, 2 hours credit, Monday 7-9; educational psychology, 3 hours credit, Monday 7-9; problems in education, 3 hours credit, Monday 7-9; measurement in education, 2 hours credit, Monday 7-9; first year Spanish, 4 hours credit, Monday and Tuesday, 7:30-9:30.

Other Courses Listed
March 20 classes: history and appreciation of music, 3 hours credit, Tuesday 7-9; administration in the elementary schools, 3 hours credit, Tuesday 7-9; social dance, 1 hour credit, Tuesday 7p.m.; advanced English composition, 3 hours credit, Tuesday 7-9; second year Spanish, 2 hours credit, Tuesday 7:30-9:30; history of the Pacific northwest, 3 hours credit, Tuesday 7-9.

March 21 classes: methods research and writing, 3 hours credit, Wednesday 7-9; principles and techniques of speech correction, 3 hours credit, Wednesday 7-9.

Mar. 22 classes: methods and materials, 3 hours credit, Thursday, 7-9; first aid, 2 hours credit, Thursday 7 p.m.; psychology of adolescents, 3 hours credit, Thursday 7-9.

Music 123 and education 473 are courses which were added for the spring quarter.

Quotes From the News

By UNITED PRESS

Washington—Press Secretary James C. Hagerly on having to turn down 75 applications to attend President Eisenhower's news conference because of space limitations:

"I haven't any idea why everybody wants to come to this press conference."

Washington—Gen. Nathan F. Twining, Air Force chief of staff, on his belief that this country's ability to strike back with devastating force makes it safe from Russian attack:

"No nation is going to attempt a war with us with the terrific losses he would have to take."

Washington—Adm. Arleigh A. Burke, chief of U. S. naval operations, on the role of U. S. naval forces in any possible future war:

"After the initial blows are struck by both sides, United States ability to take further action may well depend on the mobile striking power available to us at sea."

Hollywood—Comedian Red Skelton on a possible invitation by the Soviets to make a trip to Russia:

"They're brave people, inviting me to their country. If I go, it'll never be the same."

Chicago—Ralph Bunche, undersecretary of the United Nations, in a statement on "bigoted" whites who "smear" supporters of Negro rights as Communists:

"This serves Communist purposes admirably but it will not deter the Negro."

Washington—Abe McGregor Goff, Post Office Department solicitor, on his advice to people who receive unordered merchandise in the mail:

"The public can do much to discourage the practice of mailing unordered merchandise by refusing to buy or return it. Personally, I just throw such stuff in the wastebasket."

Florence, S. C.—Negro leader Clarence Mitchell on Florence, S. C. officials declining to press charges after he refused to use a back entrance at a railroad station:

"I hope this means the end of segregation in Florence."

On The Side

By E. V. Durling

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And love and warmth tomorrow. Sleep, little baby, sleep. The holy angels love thee. And guard thy bed and keep A blessed watch above thee. Sleep through the holy night, Christ-kept from snare and sorrow, Until thou wake to light, And love and warmth tomorrow. —Christina Rossetti.

Above would make a nice cradle song. Reminds me I knew a young mother who said she had tried all the famous cradle songs with no results. That the only time she could put her baby to sleep with a song was when she sang "When the Midnight Choo-Choo Leaves for Alabam."

Parents
What's the United States record for prolific parenthood? Can you top a couple of Kutztown, Pa., named Wartenluft, who were the parents of 29 children?

Asking
Queries from clients. Q. Who was in the cast of the original stage production of "The Voice of the Turtle." A. Margaret Sullivan, Elliott Nugent and Audrey Christie. It was a three character play. . . Q. You said the abbreviation "Xmas" is incorrect? Don't you know "X" is an abbreviation of the Greek word for Christ? A. I didn't say "Xmas" was incorrect. I said I didn't like the abbreviation and that's the way I still feel about it. . . Q. Did Arnold Rothstein win a million dollars on one horse race? If so, when? A. Rothstein is said to have won about \$800,000 on a horse named Sideral. The race was at Aqueduct. Was in the days of track bookmakers. Sideral opened at 30 to 1, closed at three to one.

In a Few Words
It was Paulette Goddard who observed, "Slacks are an abomination. Shorts are all right, but skirts are better. Women just weren't built for wearing trousers." . . . Ed Howe said, "When we see a woman who has been married and divorced a number of times, we are reminded of a man who is always falling in business."

That Check
Among the things this country needs is a good system to decide who shall pay the check. It is ridiculous for a group of people to battle for the check after a luncheon or dinner. Also, the type of fellow who insists upon always paying can become quite a bore and a pest. Best way is to let everybody pay their own check. Second best is to toss dice or draw cards to see who pays.

Get It Right
Gene Tunney was "a brilliant boxer" but "a light puncher." So says a sports scribe. A ridiculous statement. Some of these Johnny come lately of the sport pages should spend a little time studying the history of boxing.

Tunney packed a terrific punch. Jack Dempsey said the hardest blow he ever stopped was one Tunney landed on him in the seventh round of the Chicago fight. Said Dempsey of this punch, "it was not a question in my mind of being knocked out. I thought I was going to die."

Among the Married
Women have a desire to be dominated. So alleged experts of life among the married repeatedly claim. I believe the choice of the word "dominated" is unfortunate. That means to rule over, to command, to compel obedience. No intelligent wife wants to be pushed around like that. Women like to be led. To be guided by their husbands. To have them capable of making a final decision. Having such a man around the house increases a woman's feeling of security. Having a timid, indecisive spouse inspires much wifely worry.

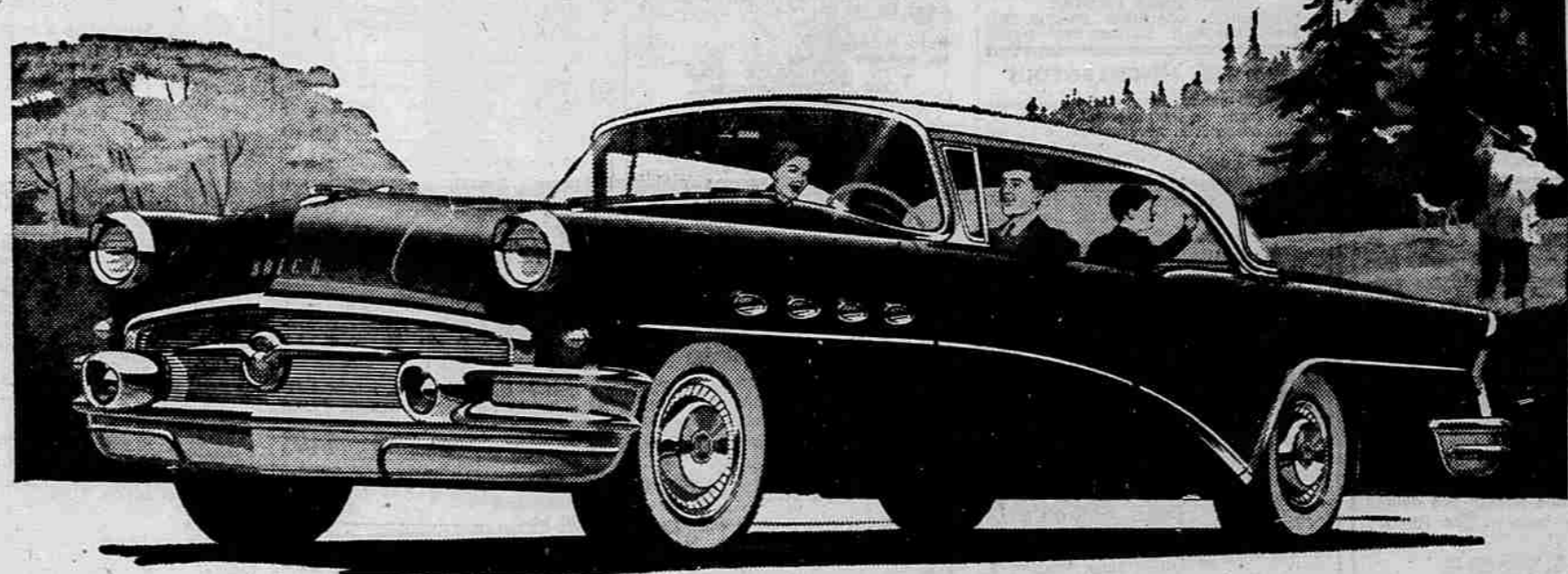
Please Note
"Dined last night at Mario Uchard's. Present was Paul D'Yvoy, who tells Parisians in a daily column what is going on in Paris." Jules deGoncourt wrote that in his diary just about 100 years ago. On Dec. 5, 1857, to be exact. So you see the gossip columnist is not, as some people claim, a recent development.

Grange
Central Point Grange will hold their regular meeting Friday, March 2, at 8 p.m. with Master Harold Gebhard presiding. The lecturer, Delmar Smith, has planned a "Buzz" session, using topics for the good of the Grange. He also will give a report of the lecturer's school held recently in Ashland.

Griffin Creek Grange
Grange met Feb. 23. It was social night and everyone enjoyed an evening of card playing and games. It was announced that those ladies not roasting turkeys are to bring pies for the public dinner which is to be Sunday, March 4. Dinner served from noon to 5 p.m.

Salem — (U.P.) — The Volunteers of America was praised yesterday by Gov. Elmo Smith for its 60 years of service to the people of Oregon and the nation.

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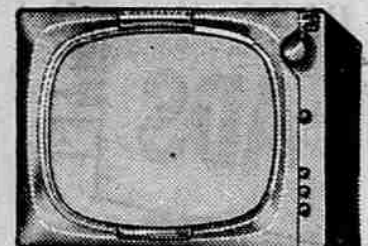
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