

## Funerals Cost Little In Mexico

Funerals for the common folk of Mexico cost but a few dollars, according to Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Krows, Medford couple now traveling in that country. Caskets are often made of paper mache, Mr. Krows noted in a letter to the Mail Tribune.

Mr. Krows wrote: "After a week spent in Guadalajara we have been touring Central Mexico, except Mexico City which we enjoyed very much three years ago. All of this part of Mexico has an elevation of from 6000 to 8000 feet with fine dry climate this time of year. "Day temperatures are 85 degrees with blankets every night. We have visited several ancient silver mining cities dating from 1540's, which made Spain the richest country in the world and still producing.

"These cities must be seen to appreciate—the fine architecture and construction of those times. Many of these mines were walled cities to protect them from the Indians. One ancient abandoned mine had a vertical shaft 1800 feet deep up which the miners packed ore in leather sacks, up ladders made of logs notched for hands and feet.

**Paper Caskets**  
"Many of the native markets feature caskets made of paper mache. The proprietor sized us up and suggested one costing 40 pesos, \$3.30 U. S. We took a raincheck on that one. That really would be the whole cost for a funeral. All other services are volunteered by friends. We saw many funerals on the way. Caskets carried on shoulders by men—others with shovels and picks. Of course if the clergy was called in that would be extra.

"We met a couple from Nebraska. Their car stopped about a mile from a village and they were not able to start it. They sent word to the village and several young boys came out with tools. They swarmed over the car, taking off this and that, finally they got the fuel pump disconnected and one chap hot-footed to town with it. Before very long he was back with a new one. When replaced, it started up and gave no more trouble. Cost—one new pump only; the boys were paid by the satisfaction of doing it.

"The means of transportation are interesting. Along the west coast highly mechanized, then manpower only. Tepic to Guadalajara oxen—then burros, mules, horses—and that goes to the Texas line.

"We have had excellent accommodations. We eat only in the larger places. We lunch along the way from boxes with bottled drinks. Water in motels and hotels is purified or distilled.

"This is our fourth trip down here and each one seems more enjoyable and instructive. We have driven 3500 miles in Mexico so far."



**KNOWS HIS CAMERA ANGLE** — Singer-actress Judy Garland poses with her year-old son, Joseph, in Hollywood. It is the baby's first photo and he seems to have inherited the modeling talents of his famous mother.

## PHOENIX Stovalls Hold Reunion

By LILLIAN KNIGHT  
Phoenix — A family reunion dinner was held at the J. B. Stovall home on Pacific rd. Easter Sunday. An egg hunt and baseball games were featured. Those from out of the valley attending were Mr. and Mrs. VanPelt and three children of Klamath Falls, Mr. and Mrs. Murry Organ of Camp White, and Mr. and Mrs. Jake Lemley of Ashland. Mrs. Maud Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Reynolds and three children, Mrs. Loredia Posh, and Mr. and Mrs. Vinis Carter, all of Medford, made up the rest of the guests.

The baby daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. Dick Caster last week at El Paso, Tex., is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Caster and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Brown of Medford. The mother is the former Nanci Ring and the father is the assistant manager of The Food Mart in El Paso. Both young people attended school here and in Medford. The baby weighed 9 pounds, 2 ounces and is named Deborah Lea. She is the first granddaughter on both sides of the family and the first girl in two generations on her mother's side. Her uncles are Otto, Norman and Gordon Caster.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Richey and family spent Sunday, at Canyonville with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Richey and family.

Mrs. Sarah Clouse of Richmond, Calif., spent last week with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph, and granddaughter, Rosa. The Hites and Mrs. Clouse went back to Richmond where they spent Easter at Mrs. Clouse's home.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hite went to Baker, Ore., to spend Easter with Mrs. Hite's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Marshall. Marshall came back with them for a few days' visit and to attend business here.

The Rev. Everett McGee of Ashland, assistant pastor of the Christian church, and Mrs. McGee, were back Easter Sunday after a month's vacation spent back East, where they bought a new car. On Easter after church they were presented with a silver vegetable dish and lid by the members in appreciation of their service to the church. They will also celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary in the near future and the dish commemorated both occasions.

A three weeks' evangelistic campaign began Easter Sunday at the Christian church with the Gilbert Cays as the evangelists. The Rev. Dean Pense will conduct the musical programs during the meetings.

Mrs. Albert Arnold has been in Portland with her daughter and son-in-law and family, Dr. and Mrs. Rae Foster, for the past few weeks visiting and having medical checkups. She will enter the Portland General hospital April 12 for an eye operation and will recuperate at her daughter's home a few days before returning home.

The high school plays, "Hail the Hunkering Hero" and "An Amateur Hamlet" will be pre-

sented Friday, April 6, at 8 p.m. under the direction of E. M. Skipworth. Proceeds from the plays will go for lights and new decorations for the stage in the gymnasium.

## Milk Distributors To Discuss Increase

Portland—(U.P.)—Milk distributors were slated to meet today to discuss milk producers' pleas for a price increase of 55 cents a hundredweight, slightly more than a cent a quart.

Antone Larsen, president of the distributors association, said that any price increase granted would have to be passed on to the consumer.

The association, he said, hopes to have a decision on the proposed price hike by the end of the week.

A three-story, seven-room house at Long Beach, Calif., is only 10 feet wide.

## Posthumous Award Given U. P. Writer

New York — Gene Symonds, United Press foreign correspondent who was killed by a mob in Singapore last year while covering Communist riots, Tuesday night was given posthumously the George Polk Memorial Award by the Overseas Press club.

The club's awards for last year's journalistic "bests" were made at the annual awards dinner at the Sheraton-Astor Hotel.

Symonds, 29, of Dayton, Ohio, was United Press manager for Southeast Asia at the time of his death. He was fatally beaten by a mob May 12 during riots accompanying a strike. A Chinese truck driver was sentenced to death for the slaying but later won a reversal of the conviction.

Symonds was given the Polk Award for "best reporting requiring courage and enterprise abroad."

## Welfare Workers' Salaries Studied

Portland—(U.P.)—The Oregon State Employees Association revealed here yesterday that county welfare department officials are being polled on a proposed reclassification plan under consideration by the State Civil Service Commission.

The association said the survey is part of an effort underway to obtain higher salary scales for welfare workers, who they say are the lowest paid of the state civil service groups.

The association also is seeking a solution to the high turnover of personnel problem that has hampered the welfare departments. The association said that in the year ending last July, 200 out of 800 posts in the departments were vacated.

Most of the drugs produced before 1925 were used to relieve symptoms, rather than prevent or cure.

## CARPET FACTS

... By Laurine

Did you know that the more you vacuum your rug the longer it will wear? Carpet wears out at the base of the pile. Each time you walk on your rug, you set the sand and grit at the base of the nap in motion, causing a razor-like action which grinds the pile right off the rug.

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## Spectator Disease Threat to Waistline

Detroit—(U.P.)—The threat to the waistline: "spectator disease."

It is one of the causes for overweight, said Dr. George Berryman, assistant professor of medicine at the University of Illinois.

Berryman described that "spectator disease" as affecting the television viewer who munches while watching, and the sports fan who "gorges himself" with hot dogs, soda pop

and other weight-boosting food when watching a football, hockey or baseball game from the stands.

But the physician said that excess poundage can be trimmed in three to four months without drastic measures.

To trim down, Berryman said an individual or family should "itemize" calorie consumption for one week. With the information a "plan of attack" can be made.

The calorie intake should equal the amount expended in a normal day of activity, to maintain present weight.

To lose weight, caloric intake would have to be less than the amount expended.

Berryman said the way to do this was to "cut out desserts when you know you're going to be drinking cocktails later the same evening." Other ways he listed included switching from whole milk to skim milk, cut down the amount of butter eaten, try broiling instead of frying meats, leave off salad dressings and cut down on the amount of fat eaten.

## Mayor Has Good Reason To Withhold Tax Plan

Columbus, O. — (U.P.) — Mayor M. E. Sensenbrenner was asked following a speech why he had not mentioned a proposed tax increase during his reelection campaign last fall.

"If I had mentioned that 1/2 per cent tax increase last fall, my opponent, Mr. Joseph Jones, who is at this meeting, would be the mayor and I would be out," Sensenbrenner said.

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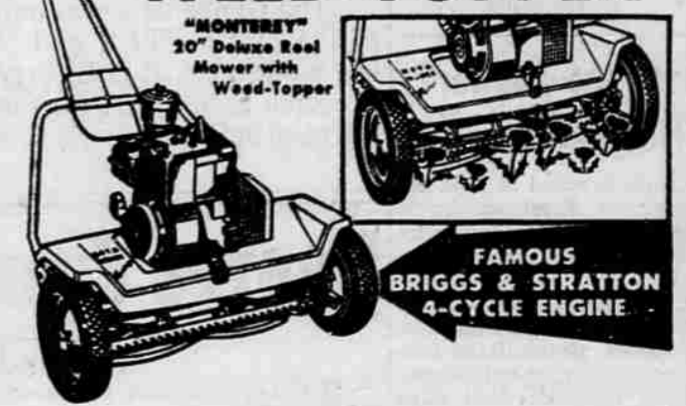
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