



BURYING ROADS, DITCHES under sand, "worst dust storm in history" sweeps Snyder-Lamesa-Midland-San Angelo area in Texas. Shelter-belt of trees, planted during New Deal era, fails to hold back sand drifts covering roads, ditches. (International)

### Modern Garden Sculptors Carry On Old Topiary Art

Washington — In the spring the topiary garden designer's fancy turns to shears and clippers—the tools by which he shapes shrubs and hedges into odd and ornamental patterns that nature never knew.

This is an ancient and imaginative skill. The term itself, goes back to the Roman Topiarius, a slave charged with training and trimming his master's ragged greenery into formal designs or fanciful figures.

One of the most famous of all such early gardens was owned by the Roman scholar, Pliny, whose sea-fronting terrace "was adorned with representations of diverse animals in box." But long before Pliny's time, the Greek poet Homer sang of the legendary garden of Alcinoos, "Where interwoven branches form a wall, and from the living fence green turrets rise" . . . and "ships of myrtle sail."

#### Embellished Formal Gardens

Interest in topiary decoration has waxed and waned in many lands with changing fashions in gardens and landscaping. It reached its peak in Europe during the 17th and 18th centuries, when royalty and the landed gentry delighted in large formal gardens and found no lack of labor to maintain them.

The old Roman legionaries, homesick for faraway Mediterranean scenes, introduced topiary design into England, and put conquered Britons to work mowing laurel, box and yew into outlines of bears, birds and boats.

The practice declined after the Romans left, but was revived in "knots" of flower-bed edgings in the 15th century. In the

### Coty Approves Plan For Reinforcements

Paris—(U.P.)—President Rene Coty made one of his rare appearances at a Cabinet meeting yesterday to put the final seal of approval on a plan to rush 100,000 reinforcements to terror-ridden Algeria by early May.

The session was called to formalize a decision to recall 70,000 reservists to active duty and detach an additional 30,000 troops from France's depleted divisions in Germany and garrison forces here.

The Cabinet is prepared to call up another 50,000 men as a "second wave" if the situation seems to require it.

### Wolf Believed Stalking Horse

Gunnison, Colo. — (U.P.) — A timber wolf was believed today to be stalking Elijah, a horse stranded by winter snows high in the Rocky Mountains.

Gordon Warren, the Gunnison flying service operator who is keeping Elijah alive with dangerous air drops of hay and oats, reported Tuesday he saw two wolves closing in on Elijah when he made a delivery of fodder to the windswept ridge between Mt. Harvard and Mt. Yale on which the shaggy pack animal is trapped.

Warren said the wolves were within 25 feet of Elijah, crouched in a snow bank, when he flew over. He said he got low enough to kill one of the wolves with a shotgun blast. But the other wolf fled to the cover of rocks.

Warren said the second wolf probably still lurks near Elijah. Hunger could eventually drive the wolf to attack the snowbound horse alone, although wolves generally prefer more docile victims.

Warren has been making air drops of hay since he first spotted Elijah—so called because the horse's plight is like that of the biblical prophet, who was fed by ravens while isolated in the wilderness.

### Security Doubled by French in Algeria

Algiers — (U.P.) — French security officials in Algeria doubled their vigilance today against the threat of Arab outbreaks during the Moslem observance of Ramadan, a fasting period which begins Thursday.

In the alleyways of the Casbah, native merchants shut up shop in response to mysterious orders from the murderous anti-French underground.

The hit-and-run guerrilla war in Algeria was touched off by a massacre on All Saints' Day—Nov. 1, 1954, and later native outbreaks often have coincided with Moslem or Christian holidays.

Algiers was tense today, but troops patrolling the city reported no violence. Elsewhere in Algeria, at least 26 Arabs were killed Tuesday. No French casualties were reported.

### Pink Bud Spray May Be Applied Soon

Commercial pear orchardists should apply pink bud spray when the buds are well separated in the cluster and are showing a lot of white, according to C. B. Cordy, county extension agent for horticulture.

This is the most important spray when scab has been a problem, he said.

Cordy recommended 8 gallons of liquid lime sulfur or 12 pounds polysulphide per acre for Bartlett and Bosc pears. For other varieties, he suggested 7 pounds Ferbam or Ziram per acre.

On Anjous, where mildew has been a problem, Cordy recommended 24 pounds of Kelofog or 3 pounds of Karathane plus 7 pounds of Ferbam or Ziram per acre.

OLD RAZOR FOUND  
Ancona, Italy — (U.P.) — Archaeologists reported Tuesday the finding of a bronze razor dating back to the Eighth Century B.C. The razor, shaped like a crescent, needed sharpening, they said.

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## Quotes From the News

By UNITED PRESS

Parris Island, S.C.—Maj. Gen. Joseph C. Burger, Parris Island boot camp commander, on the drowning of six recruits whose drill sergeant led them into a swift coastal stream to teach them discipline.

"A court of inquiry, now in session, will find the facts. When those facts are studied and the implications known, some changes in techniques may be indicated. If such is indeed the case, the changes will be made."

Kansas City, Mo.—Former President Truman, who will visit Europe, when asked if he was traveling as an "elder statesman":  
"I am not an elder statesman. I hate elder statesman. I am a Democrat and a live politician and proud of it."

New York—Dancing teacher Arthur Murray protesting a decision by Prince Rainier III not to dance with Grace Kelly during their marriage festivities:

"I think it is ridiculous that no dancing will take place at the pre-wedding party in Monaco because you are shorter than Grace Kelly."

Washington—President Eisenhower on the waste of military manpower:

"Only when we have created a career military service which can compete with the attractive opportunities available in civilian pursuits will we be able to stop the wasteful losses from our armed forces and attract individuals to those services."

Durham, N.C.—Carmine DeSapio, secretary of state of New York, on the chances of Gov. Averell Harriman for the Democratic presidential nomination:

While Governor Harriman has not projected himself I know there is a great deal of sentiment throughout the country in support of him."

Kansas City, Mo.—Boxer Alvin Williams, kayoed by light-heavyweight contender Floyd Patterson in the third round Tuesday night, when asked what punch Patterson stunned him with:  
"I don't know. All of a sudden, the light went out."

### In Medford's Schools

#### HEDRICK JUNIOR HIGH

The speech class at Hedrick Junior High school sponsored a dance Friday, April 6. The theme was "The Man With the Golden Arm," and the cafeteria was decorated attractively in gold. The intermission program included an accordion and singing solo by Oveta Walden, and a toe dance by Mary LeBar. Refreshments included doughnuts and cakes.

The ninth grade girls were hostesses to McLoughlin Junior High and Lone Pine school girls at a physical education play day, April 6. The girls were divided into 18 teams and participated in volleyball, softball and relays. The Purple Cows, captained by Elaine Norris, were winners and received blue ribbons.

Guests included Mrs. Joanne Henry, McLoughlin; Mrs. Enid Maurer and Miss Caroline Bloom, Lone Pine school. Mrs. Hugh Bell Mitchell, assisted by Mrs. Mary Ann Athanas, was in charge of play day. Refreshments were served:  
**Basketball Tournament**  
Girls from each home room played an intramural basketball tournament during the past few weeks. The winners in the ninth grade were from Mrs. Dorothy Stoniger's home room 326. Pa-

mela Stacey was captain. Team members were Stephanie Anderson, Bonnie Boggs, Ruby Candler, Sandra McClanahan, Sylvia Morris, Elaine Norris, Delores Pool, Nyla Murray and Pattie Schultz.

Eighth grade winners were from Monte Kounz' home room. Kay Lee Ruhl and Jean Pleisch were co-captains. Other team members were Carolyn Mencke, Jerilyn Smith, Elaine Jennings, Cynthia Blachly, Eloise Harbert, Molly Barker, Nancy Becken, Margaret Medlin, Anne McDuffee and Carole Slater.

Seventh grade winner was from Mrs. Thelma Halverson's home room. The captain was Pat Cranston. Ten members were Judy Hooper, Renae Nettleton, Kahleen Matula, Janice Robinson, Yvonne White, Loretta Hines, Judy Accord, Diane Lewis, Nancy Brown and Mary Verstrate.

### Jury May Get Fong Case on Thursday

Portland—(U.P.)—The six men and six women who will decide the fate of Wey Him Fong are expected to get the murder case tomorrow.

Fong, on trial for his life for the second time, flatly denied that he had anything to do with the death of 16-year-old Diane Hank or the dumping of her body in a secluded southwest Washington spot more than two years ago as the defense rested late yesterday.

The state was scheduled to put two or three additional rebuttal witnesses on the stand today, to be followed by the closing arguments by both attorneys.

### Suspects Seized In Bank Holdups

Oakland—(U.P.)—Oakland police yesterday arrested four men for investigation in connection with a series of five bank robberies, all with the same system, in the past two years.

This was the ring, according to Captain of Inspectors Anthony Bolger, that thwarted pursuit in each robbery by cutting the alarm wires.

The four men were picked up in four synchronized raids. One of the holdups attributed to the wire-cutting gang was the \$16,000 robbery of the Bank of America branch in San Francisco Dec. 9, 1954. Another attributed to the gang was an Albany robbery in which a teller was shot in the spine.

Those arrested were identified as Craig Parker, 26, Gary Clark, 27, and Clifford Peters, 27, all of Oakland.

Bolger said the arrests climaxed a months long investigation in which the FBI and San Francisco police cooperated.

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### Stevenson Sets Florida Pitch

Daytona Beach, Fla. — (U.P.) — Adlai E. Stevenson, "encouraged" by home-state support in the Illinois primary, made his "big pitch" for Florida votes with glowing confidence today.

Supporters predicted his three-day tour will put him in front of Sen. Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn.) in their crucial campaign for Florida's 28 Democratic convention votes in a May 29 primary.

Stevenson arose early to check latest count of the Illinois voting and began shaking hands in downtown shops and restaurants before addressing a business group at noon.

When his plane arrived at 12:30 a.m. (EST) after a bumpy flight from Chicago, the Illinois vote, then mostly from his Cook County balliwick, looked "splendid" to the former governor of that state.

"I can't say anything definite until we get the downstate totals but so far it looks splendid.

About 654 pounds of various raw materials are needed to produce one 376-pound barrel of portland cement.

It looks like we are running two-one ahead of the Republicans." Stevenson's aides indicated his "big pitch" in Florida will be in the form of a folksy handshaking campaign in an all-out effort to beat Kefauver in his own style of vote-getting.

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