

**Back Stairs: Something Ruby for Mamie**

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Washington—(U.P.)—Back stairs at Walter Reed hospital:

It's a fair bet there's something ruby in Mamie Eisenhower's near future. No one has been leaking any White House secrets, but Sunday is the Eisenhowers' 40th wedding anniversary—the ruby anniversary. President Eisenhower is one husband who doesn't forget anniversaries.

Eisenhower could wear quite a chestful himself, but he has decided to wear only one decoration—a medal conferred on him by the Panamanian government.

The "White House office" at Walter Reed hospital is a 20-by-30-foot lounge, the kind you generally find at the end of a hospital corridor except that it's fancier and busier. The customary easy chairs have been augmented by two desks, two typewriters, and five telephones. President Eisenhower's military aide, a secretary, and the aide to the commandant of the hospital are posted there ready to do whatever their chiefs bid.

Mrs. Ann Whitman, the Presi-

dent's personal secretary, has been using one of the typewriters for dictation she takes from Mr. Eisenhower almost every morning.

The White House won't reveal what gifts the President has received since his operation, but there is no secret about the surprise portrait given to News Secretary James C. Hagerty the other day by the Advertising Club of Washington. Hagerty took the handsome, youthful likeness of himself straight home and propped it on the mantel to startle his wife when she came in. It hangs now in the Hagerty den and the Hagertys are very, very pleased with it.

**'Mutual Interest Bank' Urged for Middle-Age**

Rhaca, N. Y. — (U.P.) — A family life conference has recommended that middle-aged couples build a "mutual interest bank" to keep from drifting apart after children leave the home.

The annual conference at Cornell university suggested that "middle-aged boredom" could be avoided by "banking" for future use the hobbies, travel and enterprises which couples did not have time for when life centered on the family.

**Umatilla Farmer Uses New 'Soil Bank'**

Portland — (U.P.) — A Umatilla county farmer was the first Oregon rancher to use the administration's new "soil bank" program by plowing under 802 acres of wheat in favor of putting the land in "acreage reserve."

The farmer will receive \$17,853.43, according to Arnold N. Bodker, administrative officer in Portland for the state Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Committee.

An appraised yield of 15.121 bushels for the farm was paid at the rate of \$1.18 per bushel. This, it was explained, was considerably less than the farmer would have received had he harvested the crop.

Bodker said the farmer decided to turn the crop under because the wheat was intermix-

**Shipyard Worker Strike Headed Off**

Portland — (U.P.) — A strike of some 14,000 shipyard workers on the West Coast was headed off yesterday by an 18-cent hourly wage increase.

The agreement, announced by Thomas Rotell, secretary of the Metal Trades Council, raised straight time pay from \$2.29 to \$2.47 an hour for average workers. It also called for about one cent an hour additional for vacation pay.

A working agreement on the wage increase and vacation benefit fringe had been reached Wednesday and was accepted by council delegates in meetings yesterday. Other minor details

were worked out yesterday and delegates were packing their bags by nightfall.

The agreement will be referred to local unions which have 30 days to vote and report back to the council. Effective date of the agreement is 12:01 a.m. Sunday, July 1.

ed with rye and was not of milling quality. Several other "soil bank" applications are pending, Bodker said.

**REA Approves Loan To Philomath Firm**

Washington — (U.P.) — The Rural Electrification administration yesterday approved a loan to Pioneer Telephone Coop. Philomath, Ore., of \$131,000 to furnish new and improved telephone service to 159 rural subscribers in Benton county.

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By E. V. Durling

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Are there some outstanding thruways, freeways or turnpikes in your section? If so, the next time you count your blessings be certain to include them. I just made a trip via a pair of thruways in less than half the time I formerly took by regular highways. By the New Jersey Turnpike and the magnificent Garden State Parkway. And, of course, in addition to the decreased time for the trip there were no irritating traffic problems. Starting from midtown Manhattan we were coasting through beautiful Monmouth county in practically no time at all. Yes, sir, in 30 minutes we were in the heart of Monmouth county, birthplace of so many beautiful and celebrated women and fast horses. What women? Well, just to name two, Molly Pitcher and Vivian Blaine. Horses? Why, sir, regret the only filly to ever win the Kentucky Derby was born in Monmouth county.

**Please Note**

Could the work you do be handled entirely by a machine? In Derby, England, there is a so-called "robot factory." All the work is done by machines. Only two men are necessary to be on hand to repair or adjust the machinery when necessary. The machines in this factory work non-stop, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The organization utilizing this "robot" system manufactures powder for use in plastics, rubber, paint and wallpaper.

**Guide To Gals**

Women born under Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20) are possessed of much common sense. They are excellent managers of a home, a business or a staff. They also handle husbands well. They are definitely career minded. Never happy unless they have their own pay check. Most of the troubles of Capricorns come from unfortunate love affairs or unhappy marriages. Or, so say the stargazers.

**Asking**

Queries from clients. Q. How

long ago was it the fashion for women to feature stuffed birds on their hats? A. Couldn't say definitely. However, the song titled "The Bird on Nellie's Hat" was written in 1906. Incidentally, Eddie Foy introduced that song. Q. What is the world's record for attendance at a basketball game? A. Seventy-five thousand. That was the attendance at the Berlin Olympic stadium to see a game featuring the Harlem Globetrotters. Q. How does the figure of Anita Ekberg compare with that of Marilyn Monroe? A. Ekberg measurements are 39½-23-37. Monroe 37-23½-37½. Both young women are too bulky in spots. To achieve the type of figure a well-dressed dramatic actress or woman of fashion should have both Anita and Marilyn should have two inches clipped from their hips. Or, so say our horses and women experts.

**Asides**

When asked to name their congressman and the senators from their state only one person in 30 can answer offhand. So, if you can name your representatives quick as half a flash you are an unusual fellow. A character analyst who is a student of compatibility says that his checking indicates the marriage of Grace Kelly and Prince Rainier has a 96 per cent chance of success.

**Art**

Not long ago a Dublin art critic attributed the supposedly enigmatic smile of the Mona Lisa to a pair of badly fitting false teeth worn by the model. Now the French art expert, Georges Isario, says the Mona Lisa is a portrait of a man!

**Twins**

A married couple can be insured against the expense of having twins but the price of the policy is not the same for all couples. If there has been an unusual number of twins in the family of either the wife or husband the policy costs more. That is because twin births usually run in families. Incidentally, Mrs. Paule Tremblay of Roberval, Quebec, has given birth to seven sets of twins. Her descendant will have to pay plenty for twin insurance.

An Army wife paid a quiet visit to the hospital's emergency news room the other day to see where the press operated on her favorite surgeon. She is Mrs. Leonard D. Heaton, wife of the Walter Reed commanding officer, the man who operated on President Eisenhower.

She has been graciously turning down requests for interviews since that famous day, and she has not even peeked in on any of the dozens of press conferences, though bursting with curiosity. She is known as a charming, vivacious lady, but she leaves the spotlight to her husband.

The short-lived order putting Pentagon military officers into "civvies" was overturned by a civilian who still wears his olive drab on occasions. Mr. Eisenhower hauled an old field jacket out of mothballs last summer when the temperature dropped below freezing at his Colorado fishing camp. Two more uniforms are being preserved in the Eisenhower museum at Abilene, Kan.—his first dress blues, and a World War II outfit with its "Eisenhower" jacket.

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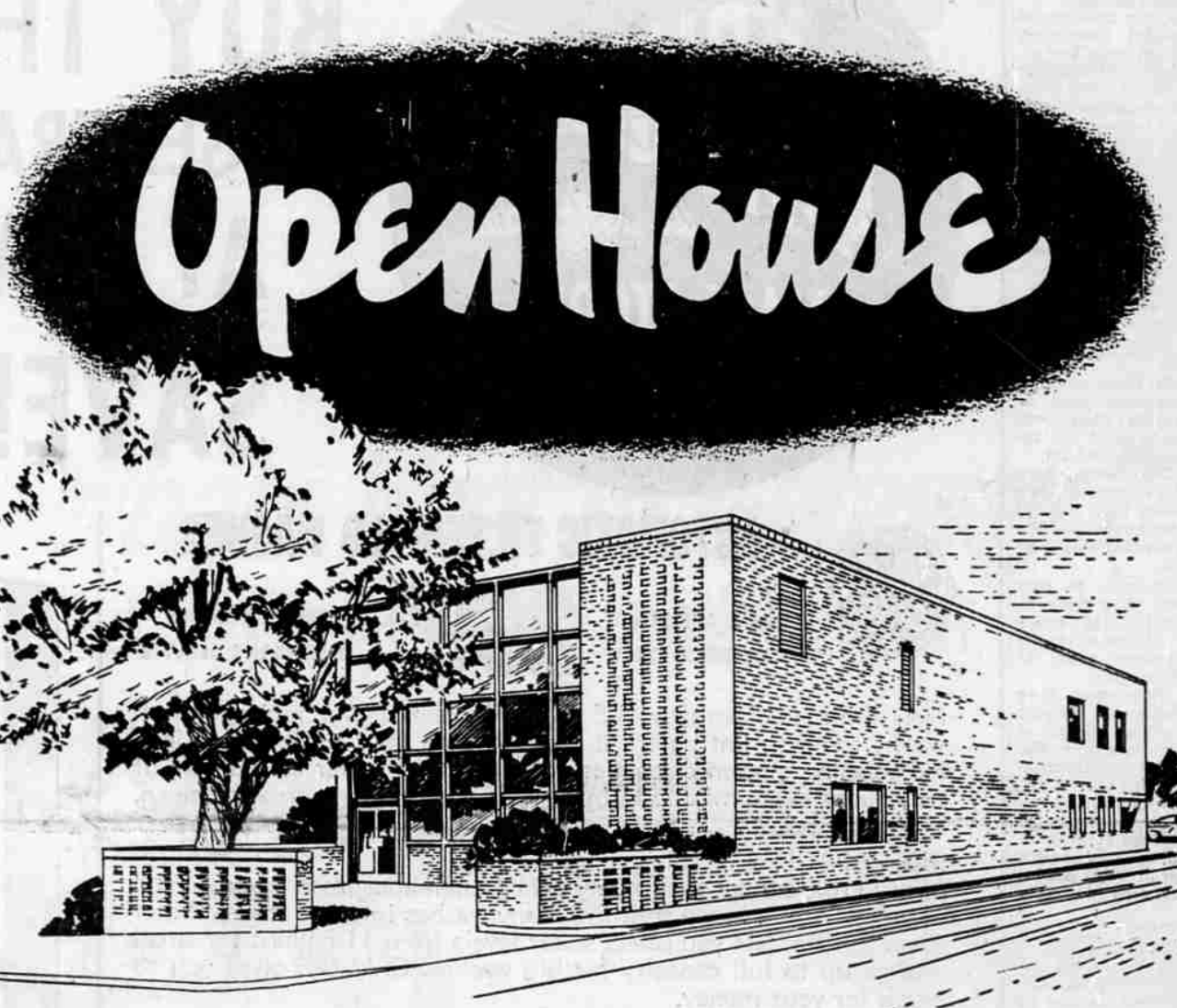
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