

Comment On This and That

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Washington—(U.P.)—A kid in the South went to visit a buddy on a neighboring farm and asked "Where's Johnny?"



Johnny's mommy said her lad was "down in the hog house cooling off."

It was no joke. A lot of hog houses are air conditioned these days. And so are a lot of cow barns, and even sidewalks, according to the Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Institute.

The University of Missouri made some notes not long back and found that air-conditioned cows give about two gallons more milk a day than their sisters suffering from the heat. A cartoon in one paper "quoted" one cow as saying to another: "What we need is bigger buckets."

Meaning "Where, will we put all the extra milk?"

Dugouts Will Be Cooled

According to the air coolers, baseball players soon will have air-conditioned dugouts. That could cool off a few hot-headed managers, also.

In some places in the South, sidewalks are air-conditioned, but that sort of thing has not yet come to humid Washington. When July and August hit this town the coolest place to hit for is the White House—open five morning a week for us hot tourists.

The Forrestal, the new aircraft carrier, has an air-conditioning unit "big enough for two big buildings." That statement would take a lot of proving, but suffice it to say that the vessel is well cooled.

Gold mines in South Africa couldn't operate down deep a mile or more without air cooling. Neither could the copper mines in Montana.

Air conditioning also has something to do with the fast development of the polio vaccine. Without cooling, some of

the important tests might have been delayed.

Church Attendance Up

The rest of the country is looking with envy to New York where a whole fleet of taxi cabs are air conditioned.

A lot of churches are cooled, too. Air conditioned clergymen around the country say attendance is up as much as 44 per cent, and that collections are considerably, too.

Even Abraham Lincoln's tomb in Springfield, Ill., is air-conditioned.

Air conditioning is fine while you are sitting in front of a gadget that chills. I don't worry too much about small boys who run to the pig house to share the pleasure with the boars and the sows.

All I know is, when the little boys get back out under the boiling sun they will be as hot, or hotter than they were in the sty.

Me, I'd rather sweat than freeze to death in the summer. Sometimes these cooler people get it too cool. A man can stand just so many summer colds.

Ike, Nixon Photos Posted at Convention

San Francisco — (U.P.) — Although nominations aren't in yet, there are two immense pictures of President Eisenhower and Vice President Nixon at one end of the Cow Palace where the Republican National Convention is being held.

At the other end a large sign bearing the slogan "peace and prosperity" from 1856 to 1956 commemorates 100 years of the Republican party. Also on the sign is a painting of a gold coin bearing the likenesses of President Eisenhower and Abraham Lincoln.

Family of Five Dies In Auto Collision

Camden, S. C. — (U.P.) — A family of five from North Olmstead, Ohio, died when their automobile smashed into a bridge abutment Sunday and burst into flames.

Police identified the dead as Robert Gray, his wife Betty, and their three children, Sue, 6; Gary 8; and Douglas 13; all of North Olmstead.

The state highway patrol said Mrs. Gray, driving at the time, apparently fell asleep. She was thrown clear of the car, patrolmen said, but the others died in the wreckage. A passing motorist found them after the fire had burned itself out.

Patrolmen learned after tracing the license plates that the family was traveling to Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., to visit Mrs. Gray's mother.

Pilot Bails Out Of Damaged Plane

Salem — (U.P.) — A Naval reserve pilot bailed out of his flaming Navy AD-5 attack bomber just south of Salem Saturday night, minutes before the crippled craft crashed about a mile from the city.

State Police identified the pilot as Lt. Jg. Donald John Playans, 34, Portland.

Playans bailed out of the plane and landed in the back yard of a nursing home about one mile south of here. He was given first aid at the home and transferred to Salem General hospital. His injuries were reported to be not serious.

Officers said the plane crashed into an open field south of the city but tore down power lines and damaged a shed when it plunged to earth.

Dead line Sunday Classified to at noon Saturday; 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; other days 5:30 previous day

Oregon Accidents Claim Two Lives

By UNITED PRESS

Traffic accidents claimed at least two lives in Oregon over the week end and three other persons were presumed drowned in a boating accident.

A 21-year-old Woodburn truck driver, Charles Bilyeu, was killed Saturday when a fuel truck he was driving plunged off the Woodburn-Molalla highway and rolled over. He was pinned in the cab of the vehicle.

Mrs. Helen Frasch, 79, of Spirit Lake, Ida., died in a Pendleton hospital Saturday as a result of injuries received in a two-car crash 31 miles west of Pendleton Friday. Six other persons were injured.

One person was known drowned and two others presumed drowned at Taft Saturday afternoon when two fishing boats capsized while trying to cross the Siletz bar on an ebb tide.

Roy Smith, about 45, of Cutler City, was drowned. His teen-age son, Ron Smith, and Wendell Kuhlman, about 40, of DeLake were still missing and presumed to have drowned in the sea.

Two other members of the fishing party were saved by the quick action of Russ Bailey, the owner of a boat moorage at Taft.

DO NOT DISTURB

Beccles, England—(U.P.)—The start of the annual regatta here was delayed by a small cabin cruiser moored in the middle of the river. An official went out to the cruiser to ask it to move but returned redfaced. "It's a honeymoon couple," he said. "They don't want to be disturbed."

Death Certificate Expected for Hitler

Munich, Germany — (U.P.) — A Berchtesgarden court will issue a certificate the end of this month officially declaring Adolf Hitler died 11 years ago, authoritative sources said here Saturday.

Once the death certificate is issued the Berlin denazification court can proceed with its attempt to confiscate Hitler's property for the West German Republic.

Father Saves Tot From Lake Drowning

Oswego—(U.P.)—A two-year-old girl was saved from drowning in Lake Oswego yesterday. Little Karen Louise Roskoski, Portland, was pulled from the water by her father, alerted by shouts from the child's uncle who was in a second-floor room of his lake front home.

Clem Roskoski told police he saw from the room that his niece was floundering in the water and called to his brother, Clarence, father of the child, who was near the lake but had not seen his daughter's difficulty.

The little girl's father dived in and pulled the child ashore, according to Clackamas County Deputy Ray Bevans.

Californian Swims Strait of Juan de Fuca

Victoria, B. C. — (U.P.) — Amy Hiland, Long Beach, Calif., Saturday became the first woman to swim the frigid strait of Juan de Fuca.

She swam the 18.3 miles in the 50 degree saltwater in 10 hours, 51 minutes and three seconds, the fastest time the feat was ever accomplished.

Government Costs Decline Reported

Washington—(U.P.)—The Census Bureau reported today that the cost of running federal, state and local governments in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1955, was down almost \$1 billion from the year before.

The drop was due primarily to a \$6 billion cut in defense spending by the federal government, which more than offset a 10 per cent rise in outlays by state and local governments, the report said.

Total spending in the period ran to \$109.7 billion, of which

\$20.4 billion was spent by states. Local governments paid out \$26.2 billion. The federal government's outlays for non-defense purposes totaled \$22.4 billion. Defense spending in the period amounted to some \$40.7

billion. On a per capita basis, government cost \$664 for each of the 165,271,000 persons in the country on July 1 last year, the bureau said. National defense spending was \$246 for each per-

son; and spending for all other functions was \$418. Revenue collected by all levels of government in fiscal 1955 amounted to \$107.6 billion, about \$1.6 billion less than the previous 12 months.

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Stevenson Plans Labor Day Speech To Open Campaign

Chicago—(U.P.)—Adlai E. Stevenson will open his campaign for the presidency with an address at a Labor Day rally in Detroit's Cadillac square, it was reported today.

Sources close to Stevenson said the Democratic candidate would follow his Detroit appearance with a speech before the American Legion in Los Angeles some time later in the week.

Other talks by Stevenson were scheduled Sept. 11 at the Liberal party convention in New York and Sept. 12 at a \$50 a plate fund raising dinner in Harrisburg, Pa.

His campaign manager, James A. Finnegan, said Stevenson would conduct a campaign using whistle stop train trips and airplane hops for key addresses around the nation.

TV Address Slated

He said Stevenson will deliver the first of six scheduled half hour television addresses Sept. 13. The Democrats also have purchased 89 brief television spot announcements plugging the Stevenson-Kefauver ticket at the end of popular television programs, he said.

Former President Harry S. Truman will be used "to full capacity" in the coming campaign, Finnegan said.

Finnegan also made it clear that President Eisenhower's health would be soft-pedaled as a major campaign issue.

He said the "average American rebels at the thought of a man's illness becoming the focal point of a campaign."

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