



**MIXED EMOTIONS**—Bill Russell, 6-foot 10-inch center of the victorious U. S. Olympic cage team and All-American former member of the two-time NCAA basketball champion USF Dons, beams as his bride of a few minutes, Rose Swisher, weeps following ceremony at Memorial Methodist Church in Oakland, Calif. The entire Olympic basketball team, except for one man, was on hand for the wedding.

**A Nichol's Worth of . . . Comment On This and That**

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Washington—(UP)—Bill Trotman started his acting career as a brown potato in a super production called "Your Garden Friends." At the time our Bill was in grade one in Winston-Salem, N. C. He was plump and round, like a spud should be. But he recalls at the late date that he stood next to a skinny little kid called "skinny" who played the part of a stalk of celery.

So what happens? Bill went a considerable distance in the theatre. And now all of a sudden, he finds himself nailed down as a private in the Army in Alaska, with a chance to play a lieutenant (J.G.) in the Navy in Workhouse Theatre's Production of "Mr. Roberts." A service man with two hats, you might say. Up there in Alaska, the show will go on.

In landing the part, 26-year-old Bill Trotman could hardly miss. His background is extensive, from brown potato to good-bye on the stage at the University of North Carolina and up.

His first major part was of an 85-year-old senator in "Strange Bedfellows." Then he toured the South with stock companies in things like "Arsenic and Old Lace."

After college, Bill took his acting in New York, and later went to Michigan for more schooling in stock.

Army Calls . . . At length, he came back to New York where he auditioned for the lead in "No Time for Sergeants." He came out of that deal with flying colors, but a short time later his Uncle Samuel called.

Private Trotman was asked whether under the circumstances he had any comments about having no time for acting. Bill pulled the string on that one. Said he:

"No comment." It didn't take the Army long to discover the talents of the young man. First thing young

Bill knew he was a radio and television announcer. Between working on other chores he did MC-ing around his base.

Although he now wears the badge of the Army working in Navy parts—the experience is nothing new to the versatile young soldier.

He acted in five different companies of the "Caine Mutiny." Frank Brink is directing the "Mr. Roberts" Navy production in Alaska.

A lot of the time Brink "chews" Bill out for changing the script. Even though he has been in other Navy productions, he sticks to the Army lingo.

Bill says that his director keeps giving him a hard time—for calling a "line" a "rope" and talking about "downstairs" when proper Navy is "below."

Brink was a lieutenant commander in the Navy and this stirs him up more than a little bit.

Bill defends himself. "I just can't help it. I guess the Army did a thorough job of indoctrinating me in the language."

Worst thing though, in "Mr. Roberts" is phony perspiration. Bill has played it before, down South where sweat comes naturally. In Alaska you have to use mineral oil. The play takes place in the tropics. But in right cold Alaska, Bill says: "We stand there shivering with synthetic sweat. Doesn't sound right, does it?"

**First Satellite Due In Air Jan. 1, 1958**

Athens, Ohio—(UP)—The first artificial earth satellite will probably be launched "about Jan. 1, 1958," the chairman of the U. S. National Committee for the International Geophysical Year said Tuesday night.

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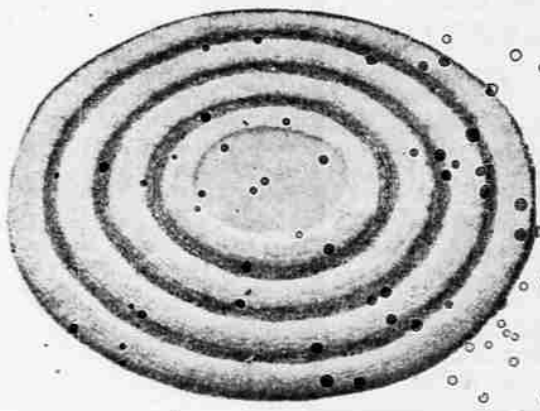


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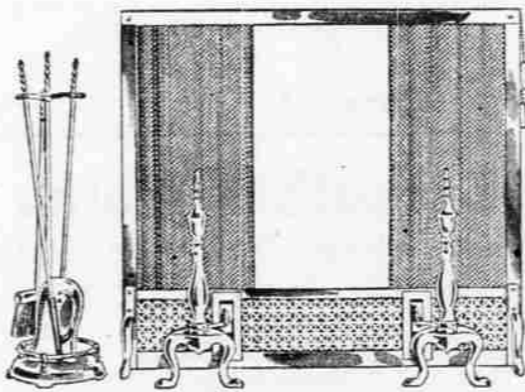
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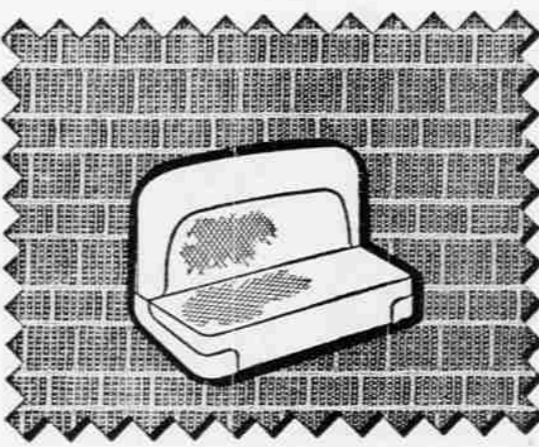
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