

Man, 106, Starts Bank Account To Save for Old Age

Anahim, Calif. — (AP) — Peter V. Ortiz has opened a bank account to start saving for my old age. He is 106 years old.

Ortiz, who was born in Lampazos, Mexico, April 2, 1850, does his own cooking and in spite of the fact that he is losing his eyesight due to cataracts, his house and yard are neat as a pin.

He crossed over into Texas as a toddler at a time when the Texas-Mexico border shifted so often it was difficult to know in which country you were living.

At the time of his birth, Zachary Taylor was president, the Civil War was brewing and the Mexican War had just ended. The Republican Party was born when he was six.

Ortiz taught himself to read and write English and Spanish while he held a job as a sheepherder in Texas. He worked in a roundhouse for the Santa Fe Railway in New Mexico, played piano and accordion with a dance orchestra and worked as a cook's helper in Bisbee, Ariz., restaurant. He even was adopted into an Indian tribe in Wagon Mound, N.M.

Lied To Bride
Ortiz came to California in 1907 and opened a restaurant at Pomona and later owned a lunch wagon at Newport Beach. He took a job at an Anaheim orange packing plant and retired from his position as picking foreman at the age of 92.

Ortiz bought his small vine-covered frame house after the depression of the 1920's that swept away most of his life savings which he had invested in an orange grove.

He married Josephine in 1902 at Bisbee. Though she was crippled in a fall, she continues to do needle work in her wheelchair.

The first presidential ballot cast by Ortiz was for William McKinley after he took out his citizenship papers.

He has no comment to make on his long life except that he always has tried to be honest—except when he married Josephine.

"I gave my eye as 10 years younger. I didn't want her to know how old I was," he said.

Last Collier's, Companion on Sale
New York — (AP) — Collier's and Woman's Home Companion, fixtures on the American magazine scene for more than a half century, went on the newsstands for the last time today, containing serial stories that never will be finished.

Neither mentioned that the two magazines had suspended publication.

Suspension of both magazines with the January issue was announced last week by the Crowell-Collier Publishing Co. The firm, a successful book publisher, said suspension of its last two magazines was dictated by increasing losses resulting from rising costs and decreasing advertising revenue.



TIME TO REFLECT—Mrs. Irene Pierce, 23 (right), sits behind a Christmas tree at the Missing Persons Bureau in Jacksonville, Fla., as she talks with Sgt. Alma Taylor, a police matron. Mrs. Pierce is accused of abandoning her three small children in New York's Grand Central Station Dec. 14. A native of Waterbury, Conn., Mrs. Pierce was picked up through the alertness of employees of the Traveler's Aid Bureau.

Confessed Arsonist Breaks Into Tears

Trenton, N.J. — (AP) — Elber C. Lucas who pleaded guilty to arson for setting four church fires here, broke into tears when he was charged with murder in another church blaze in which three people died.

Judge Albert Cooper entered a plea of innocent to three murder counts for the 40-year-old handyman, who confessed tossing homemade "Molotov cocktails" into four churches last Sunday and then going to worship in his own church.

Lucas was held without bail for mental examinations and action by the Grand Jury.

The murder charges grew out of a \$3.5 million blaze which gutted St. Mary's Roman Catholic Cathedral and rectory here last March. The Very Rev. Msgr. Richard Crean and two housekeepers died in the fire.

Lucas' confession climaxed an investigation begun Sunday when almost simultaneous fires in four churches, including the historic First Methodist Church, were linked to the St. Mary's fire.

Lucas was picked up while loitering near the flame-damaged church and confessed setting the fires.

Argentina Expropriates Radioactive Minerals
Buenos Aires — (AP) — The Argentine government has expropriated all privately-owned deposits of radioactive minerals.

An executive decree issued Wednesday by the provisional government placed sole ownership and control of Argentina's nuclear resources in the hands of the National Atomic Energy Commission. Owners of the deposits may enter into exploitation contracts with the commission, the sole buyer of atomic ores in Argentina.

Hebrew University Admits First Non-Jew
Jerusalem, Israel — (AP) — The Hebrew University here has admitted the first non-Jewish student in its 31-year history—a German—it was announced today.

The student is blond Eva Beling, 25, of Hamburg, who is preparing a thesis on the integration of German Jews in Israel for her doctorate in sociology. Miss Beling previously studied at Frankfurt's Goethe University and the Sorbonne in Paris.

Influenza Epidemic Continues in Japan
Tokyo — (AP) — An influenza epidemic, described as the worst in post-war Japan, continued to spread through the thickly-populated areas of the country today with no signs of letting up.

In the Tokyo area alone, 47 of the 241 schools have suspended classes. A welfare ministry spokesman estimated that 150,000 children were sick with the flu throughout the country.

Mussolini's Son Flees To Italy

Buenos Aires — (AP) — Vittorio Mussolini, eldest son of the late Italian dictator, was reported today to have fled to Italy to escape arrest on charges stemming from financial manipulations of the Juan D. Peron dictatorship.

Mussolini disappeared from Buenos Aires four days before Judge Arturo Camp ordered his arrest. Mussolini and several other persons were charged with receiving sums of money illegally from the Buenos Aires Province Jockey Club.

Family friends denied Mussolini had left the country. But a dispatch from Milan reported his arrival there Tuesday night.

New Matson Liner Leaves for Trials

Portland — (AP) — The new Matson passenger liner Monterey, a sister ship of the Mariposa, left here today for a two-day sea trial.

The sleek white vessel, like its sister ship, was converted at the Willamette Iron & Steel company yards here. The Mariposa was launched earlier and already has made trips to the South Pacific.

About 250 men were aboard the ship when it started its trials today. Capt. M. C. Stone, 55, will be in command when the Monterey leaves Portland Dec. 31 to go into regular service between San Francisco, Los Angeles, Hawaii, South Pacific islands, New Zealand and Australia.

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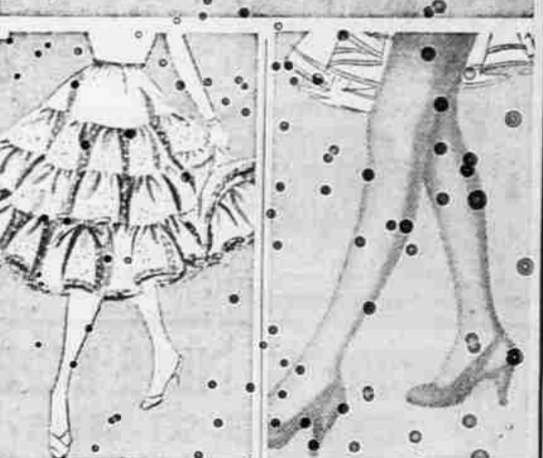
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