

Biggest Little News Stories of Year

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New York—(UPI)—The biggest little stories of the year (packed and filed for ready historical reference):

Scandal
In January, in Exning, England, the 3,000 villagers bounced awake on Sunday dawn to a noise of persistent blare. The Rev. Robert Henry Chase said he drove through every street with horns on horn, but because nobody anyone had been shown up for his 8 a.m. service.

Higher Education
In February, in Huddersfield, England, Malcolm Lee, 23, set an intercollegiate potato chip eating record—28 bags in 165 minutes.

Lower Education
Same month, Long Branch, N. J., Mrs. William Schlegler, grammar school PTA head, pulled a school by phone. "Do you know where your children are right now?" But she hit a snag. "On many of the calls, children answered who didn't know where their parents were."

Married Bliss
Again February, Santa Monica, Calif., Mrs. Ruby Burkhalter shouted, "The house is on fire!" Neighbors turned on the alarm. Fire engines screamed up. "Oh, my goodness," said Mrs. Burkhalter. "There's no fire. I was just trying to get my husband out of bed."

Innocence
In March, in Miami, Fla., Jim Ahern, in his parked car listening to a morning radio show, noticed an attractive woman pass. "Someone on the show chose the moment for a wolf whistle. The woman, Ahern said, opened the car door, slipped him soundly, slammed the door, and walked away."

Purposeful Action
In June, in Pontiers, France, Louis Yvelin found a way to rid himself of a 32-year chateau that he couldn't sell because of high repair costs and taxes. Police said he used 100 sticks of dynamite.

Modern Life
Again June, Knoxville, Tenn., Mrs. Doris Hamsher, 30, told how she broke her leg dancing. She heard the jukebox switch from a waltz to rock-and-roll. She shifted gears, and speeds, quickly. The leg couldn't stand the strain. It snapped.

Humanity
In July, in Washington, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stricker, en route to the All-Star baseball game, were hit by an auto. As they lay on the street, a passerby rushed up and asked if they had tickets. "I'll give you \$5 a ticket." Weekly, Stricker replied. "Take them, I can't use them now." The Strickers went to a hospital, the passerby to the same.

Grabbing Scene
In August, in Whittingham, Vt., lawyer Houghton N. Sawyer, fired of pleading for help to pay \$125 yearly taxes on Lake Sawadgan, opened the sluice gate and gave summer cottages a com-

manding view of a mudhole.
Love
In September, in Mineral Point, Wis., Jack Kenyon, 24, and Julie Ferneke, 20, eloped after a grand scale courtship. Last spring, Kenyon spelled out "Julie" with a fertilizer spreader on a hillside. The grass grew mightily. By late summer, "Julie" was emblazoned 100 yards uphill and a quarter-mile across country. That did it.
Wanderlust
In October, in Tampa, Fla., Terry Shaffer, 10, of nearby

Gibsonton, was halted on his "trip to Alabama." Police spotted him chugging through town at eight miles an hour on his father's power lawnmower.
Outrageous Fortune
In December, in Medford, Mass., Mrs. Raol Reeves hid \$250 in the telephone directory before going out. While she was gone, the phone people came with the 1957 directory. The baby sitter gave them the old one. At year's wane, six men were rifling through 8,000 copies of the 1,054-page Boston directory for cash.

On The Side

By E. V. Durling
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To lose and remember that is good.
To lose and forget, that is not good.
To lose from love to hatred, that is evil. —Christine Eppel

The Rockaway Indians sold the village of Flatbush, Brooklyn, to the Dutch for half a barrel of beer and three jugs of brandy. Such is the claim of the distinguished night club maestro, Charlie Morrison, who was born in Flat Rockaway. Barbara Stanwyck, a native daughter of Flatbush, bitterly resents and strongly questions this statement. I have been asked to settle it. Mr. Morrison is right.

Asking
Queries from Clients: Q. So your Horses and Women experts say Marilyn Monroe's figure would not qualify her for a position as a "high fashion" model in Paris. What are the ideal measurements for such models?
A. Height, 5 feet 6; bust, 34; waist, 22; and hips, 35. Q. Who first said, "the bigger they are, the harder they fall?" And when, where and why?
A. In Brooklyn on April 30, 1900, Bob Fitzsimmons' voice that immortal remark just before he entered the ring to battle Ed Donkhorst, "the human freight car." Fitzsimmons weighed 170 ringside. Donkhorst weighed 312. Fitzsimmons won by a knockout in two rounds. Q. Did Fritz Schiff ever sing in the Metropolitan Opera?
A. Indeed, she did. For three seasons. That was when the "Met" was really in its heyday and included in its casts such singers as Melba, Sembrich, Eames, Nordica, Calve, Jean De Reszke, and Caruso.

Passing By
Merle Oberon, Amiable and alluring cinema luminary. Last time I saw her was in Paris six or seven weeks ago. Time before that was when I saw her in the paddock at Santa Anita. She really gets around. Although Merle has lived in Hollywood, U.S.A., for 20 years, she is still a British citizen. She was born in Tasmania. Real name is Estelle Merle O'Brien Thompson.

Among The Married
Tooth decay in a husband can be caused by excessive nagging or his wife. Nagging is also a cause of premature baldness in a man. If a wife is inclined to nag, the habit is practically incurable. It becomes one of her favorite indoor sports. There has been invented a gag for naggers. It hasn't had much success. Husbands with the courage to use it are too rare. About all a man with a nagging wife can do is to use car stoppers. However a New Yorker once told me he cut down on his wife's critical remarks by singing "I Married an Angel" every time she started to nag him.

Asides
It was Bellamy Brooks, who said, "Women are wise offhand and fools on reflection. Take your wife's first advice, never her second." . . . in the United

States 46 per cent of women in their 20s are married and have at least one child. So, try to think of something, young mothers would be strongly tempted to buy and make your self a fortune.

Love Interest
The only successful novel in which the hero did not fall in love with some woman is Stevenson's "Treasure Island." So I note it said, How about "Tom Brown at Rugby" by Thomas Hughes? And did Sherlock Holmes ever fall in love?

Male And Female
Girls develop most rapidly between the ages of 11 and 14 and boys between the ages of 14 and 17. That is why the girls are always the smartest pupils at grammar school and the most dumb at high school.
Please Note
Newsdays quote a few things seem to wear out quicker than they should. This includes typewriter ribbons, razor blades and electric light bulbs. However, one product that seems to have been built to last is the television set. We have had our set for nearly five years now and never had to call in a repair man yet.

Report Japan May Buy Australia Wheat
Portland — (UPI)—Pacific Northwest wheat growers were confronted Saturday with possible loss of one of their major overseas outlets for the region's soft wheat.
Japan has been buying up to 40 million bushels of wheat a year in the Pacific Northwest. And now the Kyoto News Service, Japanese press association, says Japan has decided to quit buying U.S. wheat and buy Australian wheat.
The report was quoted in the daily bulletin of the Portland Grain Exchange. The report said that Foreign Minister Nobusuke Kishi told reporters after a meeting of the new cabinet: "It is not appropriate to continue the past policy of buying American farm surpluses. The policy needs re-examination."
Japan changed governments last week.
The report came as a surprise both to the Oregon Wheat Growers league and to the U. S. Department of Agriculture. The league and the USDA for several years have been working with the Japanese government on educational promotion programs to increase consumption of wheat in Japan.
In the national capital, Clayton Whipple, deputy director of USDA's foreign agriculture service, said he was not inclined to take Kishi's statement at face value. He said he hadn't heard anything official yet, but:
"My first reaction is that this may be a bargaining technique of the new government. They may want a better price, or some concessions on goods shipped to this country."

Quotes From the News

By UNITED PRESS
Le Havre, France.—Capt. Raoul de Bandeau on his decision to bring the French luxury liner *Liberte* back to port because of heavy seas:
"I estimated that it was dangerous to continue and after radioing the company, took a course to return to Le Havre."

Chicago—Wes H. Dearborn, president of the National Safety Council, on the New Year's week and traffic death toll:
"If the present low rate can be maintained for the remainder of the holiday period the four-day toll could be held below the three-day total of last New Year's."

London—John Gordon, editor of the *London Daily Express*, on the proposed "Eisenhower Doctrine" for the Middle East:
"As things are shaping, we may have him ordering us back into Egypt. Wouldn't that be the day?"

London—The *Independent News of the World* on the "Eisenhower Doctrine":
"It's the world's best hope."

Malibu, Calif.—Television star Doreen Renaldo after a fire which trapped him with reporters and firemen on set:
"If this doesn't make a Christian out of you, nothing will."

Is That So?

By EUGENE BURNS
Rager-Naturalist
Fancy chow hounds are promised something excitingly different in the way of mouth-watering grub this coming year. It bears the highly unlikely label of the *Mau Mau* Keet. In time—this is barely possible—this new bird may relegate such gourmet specialties as squab, pheasant and partridge to the barnyard classifications of plain old chicken.
The main introduction this new *Mau Mau* bird—a wild, white guinea hen of the Kenya Colony, East Africa—is Douglas Hertz, a so-called retired 72-year-



old soldier, horseman, and one-time owner of the New York professional football team.

Ten years ago, Hertz introduced the Cornish game hen to the world—and now it is being sold across the country by the millions.
As for the guinea fowl, Hertz would be the first to tell you that there isn't anything new about it—in ancient times, Romans considered it a great delicacy; the Greeks used it for sacrificial ceremonies; and in the Kenya Colony, it was and still is a common staple of the *Mau Maus*.

What's new about the present high-hat *Mau Mau* Keet (the keet is the designation of the fowl's young)—? For one thing, a guinea-flavored bird has never been brought to eating maturity at an age before five to six weeks; the gamey flavor is not only retained but also enhanced by a secret diet—all of which produces a *Mau Mau* bird with rich gamy succulence and dark meat of a baby-like tenderness. Many intangibles.
Although Hertz has already brought tens of thousands of *Mau Mau* birds to marketable age—there remains many intangibles. "I still do not know for sure how many eggs a year I can get from the brood hens—possibly only 60 as compared to up to 260 from the Cornish game hens. What's more, I still don't know if the eggs from this cross will prove fertile or how much their food bill will be. I'm still experimenting. And most unpredictable: Will these *Mau Mau* birds catch on with the public? It took my Cornish game hens over ten years to really capture the public fancy. Now I produce 1,250,000 a year!"
Never have chicks—or I should say, keets—had it so good. They are not overcrowded. They are kept out of drafts. No stale, dusty leftovers for these growing birds. They are given measured, complete portions every two hours, on the downstroke.
When night falls, lights are kept on until 8 in winter. Then, at midnight, the light is flicked

Backstairs: Hagerty's Father Ailing

By MERRIMAN SMITH
United Press White House Writer
Washington — (UPI)—Backstairs at the White House: President Eisenhower's press secretary, James C. Hagerty, has had something less than a jubilant holiday period. Jim's father, James A. Hagerty, has been ailing in New York and young Jim has spent much of the holiday season shuttling between his job here and his father's bedside.
The elder Hagerty is the eminent political specialist of the New York Times who retired a few years ago. He has been a tremendous influence in the development of younger Jim's vast political knowledge.

Shiniest silver eagles around the White House these days are on the shoulders of Walter Tkach, the personable assistant White House doctor recently promoted to full colonel in the Air Force.
Friends report that when Doctor Tkach was promoted from captain to major several years back, he missed his new gold leaves on his pajamas and wore them to bed the first night of his promotion.

There won't be too much celebration around the White House this New Year's Eve. The President is devoting much of today to a major conference with Republican congressional leaders. And early Tuesday morning, while many Washingtonians are still falling into bed after their New Year's Eve parties, the President will hold forth at a big and important meeting of GOP and Democratic leaders from Capitol Hill.

The north side of the White House grounds looks like a lumber yard these days as a crew of carpenters puts together the stand from which Mr. Eisenhower will view the inaugural parade.
The carpenters have an unusual work hazard. They must be particularly careful about losing or dropping nails. The stands are being built along Pennsylvania Avenue which carries some of the heaviest motor traffic of the city.
And automobiles bearing numerous distinguished persons go

in and out of the northwest gate of the White House daily, passing within inches of the inaugural construction. A tire puncture at the White House gate could produce all sorts of complications.
The President was entranced last week by a "free speech" idea put into action in California by Harry C. Butcher, Mr. Eisenhower's naval aide and close friend during World War II.
Butcher now operates radio station KIST in Santa Barbara, Calif., and has come up with a "free speech" program during which local residents call the station and state their minds on any subject, and on the air, Butcher has limited each broadcast call to five minutes and he told the President last week that the program makes a "senator" of every resident of Santa Barbara, who desires to speak up.

Support for Gill Is Reaffirmed by GOP
Salem — (UPI)—Republican state senators, meeting in caucus here Saturday to firm up their position on organizing the evenly divided Senate, reaffirmed their support of Sen. Warren Gill for Senate president and adopted a set of ground rules they think should apply to organizing the chamber.
The controversy over organization of the senate stems from the fact that both Republicans and Democrats hold 15 seats in the chamber.
The Republican legislators issued a statement saying they feel that both parties should name their own members to the various committees, that both should be represented equally in the number of committees they control and that the party holding chairmanship of the committee also should have a majority membership on the committee.
No break in the solid Republican opposition to the candidacy of Democrat Walter Pearson for Senate president appeared likely at the end of the session.
Democrats, meanwhile, were reported sticking to demands that Pearson be named Senate president.

Motions to Quash Indictments Denied
Portland — (UPI)—Defense motions seeking to quash a series of Multnomah county vice indictments were denied here Friday in court appearances before two circuit judges.
District Attorney William Langley lost a move to quash an indictment against him and Thomas E. Maloney and Joseph P. McLaughlin. They are accused of conspiring to commit a felony. The motion was denied by Circuit Judge Charles Redding.
Motions to quash were also denied in connection with indictments against James Purcell Jr., accused of malfeasance; Stanley Terry and Alvin J. Brown,

charged with altering corporate records; Joseph P. McLaughlin, Veral T. Wright, Hbrman Walter, James Elkins, Frank P. Malloy,

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