

# Is That So?

Ever wonder how you latched on to your name? There was a time in England when people only had first



names, such as Fred, William or Mary. If Mary were married to William, she might be Mary, William's wife.

As people became more numerous and lived closer together confusion arose. And so, perhaps, William was called William the tailor because of his occupation. Or William the stout because of his heavy build. Eventually 'the' was dropped and he became William Taylor or William Stout. Then, his children would have different first names but retain the last name.

Sometimes, the names began with the children. Supposing there were two Freds — one Richard's son, the other William's son. So when they grew up they retained the name Fred Richardson and Fred Williamson.

In the days when most people could not read, signs identified shops. A locksmith might have a key for his sign and his shop called "The Sign of the Key." And so, James who owned the locksmith was called James Key.

Some people took their surnames from people or places they liked. And so, we have John King, Fred Silver, William Gold.

Because some people had distinctive personal characteristics they were called, Short, Longfellow, Stout. Or for their occupations—Baker, Sawyer (carpenter) or Coward (cowherd). Or for the physical characteristics of the place in which they lived—Green (near the village green), Ridgeway (along the ridge of a hill), Beckett (along a little brook). Or from the name of the place in which they lived—Lincoln, Barstow, Oglethorpe, Throckmorton.

Some people got their names from nicknames—Dixon (son of Richard nicknamed, Dick); Robson (son of Robert, nicknamed Rob); Thompson (son of Thomas, nicknamed Tom).

Chances Dictated Sentimental reasons dictated the choice of other names. Darwin (from the Old English word deer for dear, and wine, for friend).

The person's station in life

supplied the names of some. Child or Childs (which meant a well-bred youth, a young knight).

The most common American name, Smith, came from the one-time common occupation of smith—who shaped metal while it was hot and soft. But times change and today few Smiths are engaged in their former profession.

The most common American names are Johnson (son of John), Brown (brunet in coloring), Williams (son of William), Jones (Welsh, son of John), Miller (the occupation of miller), Davis (son of David), Anderson (son of Anders, another form of Andrew), Taylor (the occupation of tailor), and Moore (a place name, near the moor).

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## Court Records

**MUNICIPAL COURT**  
James Bernard Deisman, Ashland, driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor, \$100.  
Orville Clarence Hale, 517 Edwards st. Medford, driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor, \$100.  
Andrew Dooney, drunk in public, \$10.  
Wallace Wright Rascoe, drunk in public, \$10.  
Artie Bob Prettyman, drunk in public, \$10.  
Russell Claren Simons, drunk in public, \$10.  
Kenneth Ralph Arnold, disobeyed stop sign, \$5.  
Raymond Richard Graff, excessive noise, \$10.  
Hoyt Woodard Redwine, failure to stop at red light, \$5.  
Paul Hughes Riggs, defective equipment, \$5.  
Ronald Christian Nelson, failure to stop at red light, \$5.  
Norman Mackintosh Harwell, defective equipment, \$5.  
John Michael Bauer, inadequate muffler, \$10.  
Medford C. Pittman, disobeyed stop sign, \$5.  
Frank Dufek, defective equipment, \$25.  
Anthony Schlessa, violation of basic rule, \$10.  
Merle Marie Robertson, failure to stop at red light, \$5.  
Frederick Wesley Hawkins, improper left turn, \$5.

**DISTRICT COURT**  
Jess Cummings, failure to stop at stop sign, \$10.  
John Alden Smith, passing without sufficient clearance, \$15.  
Roger John Ferrell, violation basic rule, \$15.  
Merle Leroy Carder, overload, \$31.  
Myrtle Geneva Pankey, no operator's license, \$5.  
Eugene Patrick Cook, failure to stop at stop sign, \$10.  
Elbert Dean Kelly, unlawful possession of weapon, \$5.  
Charles Elmer Cooper, no oversize permit, \$15, bail forfeited.  
Dean Richard Chamberlain, violation basic rule, \$20, bail forfeited.  
Clyde Leroy Fouch, overload, \$42, bail forfeited.  
Robert Bennie Widler, willful and wanton waste of game fish, \$30.  
Jack Dwight McCoy, violation basic rule, \$15.  
David Champy McCollum, angling without a license, \$30.  
Henry Harold Hillier, angling closed area, \$5.  
Bernard Dale Thacker, angling closed area, \$5.  
Eyle Dillard Medford, angling prohibited methods, \$30.

**CIRCUIT COURT**  
Dorothy Lucille Yorton vs. Delbert Roy Yorton, divorce complaint.

The First Marine Aircraft Wing was commissioned on July 7, 1941 at Quantico, Va. This was the first wing in the history of Marine Corps aviation.

## Visionaires Slated to Present Program Here

The Visionaires male quartet, formerly known as The Four Flats, will appear at the Friends church at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in a program of music, including a report on their missionary trip to the Philippines in January.

The quartet has sung to more than a million people in 2,500 meetings in the past 10 years, appearing with such evangelists as Dr. Billy Graham, Bob Pierce, Jack Shuler, Merv Rosell, and Oswald Smith. Graduates of George Fox college, Newberg, they were twice winners of the Pacific Northwest barbershop ballad contest while students there.

## Russian Parliament To Hear Khrushchev

Moscow — (U.P.) — The two houses of the Supreme Soviet (Parliament) meet in joint session today to hear a report by Communist Party leader Nikita S. Khrushchev on reorganization of the management of Soviet industry.

Although it is not on the agenda, it would not be surprising if the Soviet leaders took advantage of the parliamentary session today to make a major foreign policy pronouncement. The parliamentary session was called to give final approval to the drastic changes in the overall planning and management of Soviet industry which calls for the transfer of management and planning from federal to local control.

The shifts are based chiefly on the decentralization plans announced by Khrushchev on March 30. Today's was the second meeting of this year of the Supreme Soviet.

## Explosions Rock Fireworks Plant

Dayton, Ohio — (U.P.) — Two spectacular explosions rocked the United Fireworks Co. Monday night only hours after a visiting Japanese fireworks manufacturer praised the plant for its safety features.

Officials estimated the loss of two buildings destroyed in the blasts at \$40,000. One fireman was injured slightly and was treated at the scene. The last shift had left the plant more than four hours before.

Arthur Hinkle, the night watchman, said he was in a car several hundred yards from the explosions. "Flames shot way up into the sky with flowers and clusters of fireworks all over the place," he said. "It was beautiful in a way. The explosion was tremendous and shook the ground."

Walter Beachler, owner of the plant, could offer no explanation of the explosions, which occurred about 8:30 p.m.

**MACHINE AGE**  
Hamilton, N. Y. — (U.P.) — Charles R. Kirkley, a pre-engineering student at Colgate University, has mechanized the ancient game of tic-tac-toe so it can be played by a simple system of switches. "It really works," said Kirkley—and just think no partner, no paper, no pencils. And no fun either, Kirkley admitted—the machine always wins.



**SHE'S ALL CHARGED UP**—Jane Powell really turns on the heat during a performance at the Desert Inn in Las Vegas, Nev. Static electricity appears to be leaping from the stage as the once demure singing star switches character and turns on the heat. We'll let you camera wizards figure it out but photographer Jack Meehan, who took the picture, thinks he got it by changing film

## Quotes From the News

**Dallas, Tex.**—Suspended Jockey Willie Shoemaker, on what he thought when he realized he misjudged the Kentucky Derby finish line Saturday to possibly cost Gallant Man a victory over winner Iron Liege: "I called myself a batch of names the newspapers couldn't print. I thought, 'Oh hell, how stupid can I be.'"

**Washington**—The Rev. William J. Awalt, the priest who married the late Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy, to the senator's former colleagues: "The Senate was his wife."

**Boston**—Sen. Harry F. Byrd (D-Va.) on President Eisenhower's record \$71,800,000,000 budget: "I say with all sincerity that from a fiscal standpoint, it is the most irresponsible budget submitted in my day."

**New York**—Sen. John F. Kennedy (D-Mass.) calling for a new American policy toward Russian satellites which would include loans to Communist Poland: "Other satellites, we may be sure, are watching, and if we fail to help the Poles, who else will dare stand up to the Russians and look westward?"

**Chicago**—Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson, on government control of some farm commodities: "After 25 years of controlling agriculture, we have failed."



**MANACLED AS HE LEAVES COURT** in Detroit is Leonard Ewing Scott, accused slayer of his 65-year-old wife in Los Angeles in 1955. (International Soundphoto)

**RANDY STUART** co-starring in "THE INCREDIBLE SHRINKING MAN" a Universal-International Picture



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## The Family Council

Editor's note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, a newspaper editor, a women's editor and two writers. Each article is a summary of an actual report. The Family Council does not give advice; it merely reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors.

**Mr. G. H.**—Is this woman a chronic liar and deceiver?  
**Mrs. T. M.**—I'm not that sort!

**Mr. G. H.**—I am a widower in my 50s very much in love with a widow of about my own age. We have been going around together for nearly two years and I want very much to marry her, but she says she is just not sure about me.

What concerns me about this woman is that she constantly lies to me—both in trivial and important things. I have caught her in such silly lies. She'll tell me she is going to be at her sister's home one evening and then I meet her on the street and she has been out shopping. Or she'll tell me she has sold certain business interests and then six months later I'll discover she still owns them.

I care for this woman very deeply, but I wonder whether she is a chronic liar and deceiver, whether she is seeing other men, or something. I just can't seem to find out where I stand with her, but I feel I cannot give her up.

**Mrs. T. M.**—I was not very happy in my first marriage and I want to be cautious about any step I take in the future. This man has been very kind and helpful to me and I value his companionship, but I just don't see myself taking the plunge into marriage with him.

I am not a deceiver and I am not seeing any other man. These suspicions get on my nerves because I am just not that sort of woman. Why should he accuse me and bother me in this way? I don't want to lie to anyone, but my friend keeps asking me so many questions, sometimes I tell him anything just to give him an answer. The fact is that I have become so mixed up in all these silly lies, I don't even remember the truth myself any more. I am not trying to string this man along. He doesn't have to see me if he doesn't like me as I am.

**The Council**—Mr. G. H., a rather possessive man, has apparently chosen just the woman most likely to frustrate him—one who values her independence above all else at this particular time.

He refuses to accept the fact that she has told him where he stands with her. She is "not sure." He is so determined in his own mind to marry her that he feels he already has some rights over her. Because she is grateful for his help and friendship, Mrs. T. M. evidently is intimidated by his attitude. The fact is, that Mrs. T. M.

## Louisiana Residents Building Up Levees

Shreveport, La.—(U.P.)—Emergency workers labored throughout the night to build up levees protecting four Louisiana communities from the surging flood waters of the Red river.

The threat of the towns of East Point, Powhatan, Campi and Clarence—all south of Shreveport—constituted the final destructive efforts of a series of floods that have pounded the Southwest since April 19, causing an estimated \$57,500,000 damage.

The Red River's crest was expected this afternoon. The river was spread three miles across lowlands in places. Around Powhatan, Campi and Clarence, 60,000 acres are under water. An estimated 100,000 acres are covered by floodwater in Louisiana now.

About 200 persons have left their homes in the Powhatan-Campi-Clarence area, and most of the 200 persons in East Point moved out their belongings over the week end.

On Dec. 5, 1929, a Marine aviator, Capt. Alton N. Parker, became the first pilot to fly over the Antarctic continent.

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