



SHORTCHANGED—This unusual Hereford bull calf was born with only three legs on the farm of Lawrence Aelker, east of New Bavaria, Ohio. Holding the six-week old freak is Thelma Aelker. Veterinarians say that such births as this one are very rare and cannot be traced to heredity. The calf is perfectly normal in all other respects.

Communists Claimed Considering System of Installment Buying

New York — The Communists may use a cornerstone of the capitalistic system to help cure their economic ills.

The Russians are reported considering the introduction of a limited form of installment buying, which is about as American as Indians, ice cream cones and hot dogs.

The unique buy now-pay later plan, which roared in with the 1920s, has become an accepted part of American economic life and has spread to Western Europe.

This system of borrowing for the future to buy things today is why Americans own more automobiles, washing machines, television sets and homes than anyone else in the world.

Americans are even sending their children through college and going on round-the-world vacations on the installment plan, paying the debt in equal monthly amounts.

We're in Hock
Latest figures showed that Americans were "in hock" to the tune of \$40 billion. Nobody was overly concerned about the debt because Americans have established an excellent repayment record.

Reports from Russia indicated that the Communists are looking into the advantages of making installment buying available for the Russian consumer, whose standard of living is below that of his American counterpart. Installment buying, if adopted by the Communists, would represent a major concession. They long have denounced this form of retailing as "decadent" capitalism.

A. W. Zelomek, head of the International Statistical Bureau, told the United Press the Russian change of heart apparently would be based on the realization that installment buying has been one of the things shoring up the American economy.

"The Russians apparently have changed their mind that installment buying breeds depression," Zelomek said.

Zelomek, a visiting professor at the University of Virginia Graduate School of Business Administration, said installment buying raises living standards by making it possible for people to acquire things they otherwise would have to forego if they had to pay cash on the barrel.

"In addition," he said, "experience has shown that a man will work harder to pay off his debts. As a result, installment buying stimulates both consumption and production."

Soviets Waiting
Arthur O. Dietz, president of C. I. T. Financial Corp., said for several years the Soviets have been waiting for the U.S. economy to crash and pull down the economies of the free world with it.

"Soviet writers have since emphasized that such a depression has not occurred because of the continued growth of consumer credit in the United States," he said.

Dietz, who heads the world's second biggest finance company, said "the continued rise of sound installment financing in this country apparently has convinced the Russians that installment credit is a vital force contributing significantly to this nation's economic health and high standard of living."

Zelomek said in his opinion the Russians have decided, "if you can't lick 'em, join 'em."

Small Tudor-Type Structure Ready

Ashland — Recent additions to the Oregon Shakespearean Festival plant here include a small Tudor-type structure, located against the rear wall of the audience area, and designed to serve as office headquarters for Angus L. Bowmer, Festival producing director.

William Patton, general manager of the event, paid special tribute to the voluntary efforts of Dexter Woodworth, Ashland builder and businessman, who headed the building project.

When Richard Hay, Festival technical and art director, designed the structure, he did so with an eye toward future versatility. Present use of the Tudor cottage as an office is temporary. When the new building is completed it will see other uses such as an information booth.

Assisting in the project were George Thorpe, Don Miller, the Rev. John L. Thompson, and Rudolph Vest, all of Ashland, and Bob Billingsley of Medford. Advance crews and staff members are preparing the theatre for its 17th company of players, forming Thursday, June 13, with actor's registration slated for 3 p.m. This year's Festival group numbers more than 60 people, representing 16 states and England.

Angry Poles Riot; Lynch Plot Foiled

Warsaw — Angry Poles rioted Monday in the town of Braniewo, 150 miles north of Warsaw, and tried to lynch a man accused of murdering a peasant on a state farm, it was reported today.

The newspaper Sztandar Mlodych said the crowd got out of hand when the court adjourned the trial of Edward Cisak until October to give psychiatrists time to check his sanity.

The newspaper said the rioters tried to lynch Cisak but were stopped by police.

Is That So?

By EUGENE BURNS
Ranger-Naturalist

If the stars should appear one night in a thousand years, how men would believe and adore, and preserve for many generations the remembrance of the City of God which has been shown!—Ralph Waldo Emerson.

And if in addition to this we add the facts which are now known about the heavens, certainly no skeptic could exist who could believe that there is



not a tremendous knowing power behind all this.

Consider the infinite size of the heavens! The intensity of its heat, its density.

So far we know that there are heavenly bodies some 1,000 million light years away or nearly 6,000,000,000,000,000,000 miles. There is good reason to believe that even remoter extra-galactic nebulae exist. And it is quite possible that they are receding at a speed that is faster than light itself (670,455,000 miles per hour). Catch on?

For our mutual amazement, let's look into Superlatives (Superlatives, 170 Madison Ave., N. Y.) and pull together a few

more astonishing.

The largest nebulae range up to 200,000 light years in diameter and have a luminosity up to 6,000 million times that of our sun!

Outside of our own disk-shaped galaxy, the nearest heavy body is the Greater Magellanic cloud which is some 86,000 light years away (505,000,000,000,000 miles).

Sirius Brightest Star
The brightest star in the heavens is Sirius which is more than 50 billion miles away. It is about 26 times as bright as our sun. Not exactly small: it's about 1,500,000 miles across. Its mass weighs roughly 45,000,000 billion tons.

But if all the stars could be viewed at the same distance, then the brightest would be Sigma Dodarus which looks very faint to us on earth... but it is about 300,000 times brighter than our sun.

With the exception of our own sun, the nearest star is 4.3 light years away. That means 25,757 billion miles away. A rocket loafing along at 5,000 miles an hour would take 375,600 years to get there—roughly about 23,000 generations of earthlings.

Of stars measured, the one with the greatest diameter is Epsilon Aurigae. It is 2½ billion miles across. This one star is so vast that our own solar system of the sun and the six planets out as far as Saturn could be accommodated inside.

Hottest Stars
Regarding the heat of these stars — the hottest stars meas-

James Cagney To Play Bull Halsey in Picture

New York — Actors James Cagney and Robert Montgomery have announced they will make a full-length movie on the life of retired Fleet Admiral William F. (Bull) Halsey.

Cagney will play the role of the wartime Pacific Third Fleet commander.

ured in the firmament to date have an estimated surface temperature of 70,000 degrees Centigrade. Comparatively speaking, that's cool. Their interiors, it is believed, may reach 20,000,000 degrees.

The densest stars — including a companion star to Sirius, the brightest star in the firmament to our eye — has a density about 70,000 times that of water. A tiny BB shot of it could not be rested on a heavy plank: its enormous weight would go right through.

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Missile To Attack Low-Flying Craft

Washington — The Army has announced that it has successfully developed a missile capable of defending against low flying aircraft.

The missile, known as the Hawk, will fill a gap in present defense systems. Existing missiles guard against high-flying attackers but have failed against planes flying at low altitudes. The failure resulted from interference to standard radar operations.

The Army disclosed it already has started action in the New York and Washington-Baltimore areas to get sites needed for the new Hawk system. It said each battery will require about 40 acres for emplacement.

To cut down on land-holding requirements and in the interest of safety, the Army said, the missiles will be stored under ground.

The Army said security prevents it from explaining what it called the Hawk's "low-altitude capability" as contrasted with the "high-altitude capability" of defense systems like Nike-Ajax and Nike-Hercules.

Salem — Gov. Robert D. Holmes has signed bills appropriating \$100,000 for planning a new armory at Portland and \$250,000 for a new armory at Salem.

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