

L. A. Woman Scientist Is Space Pioneer

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West Los Angeles — Dr. Hildegard Kallmann, a German-born scientist at the University of California at Los Angeles, makes the movie version of space travel a little more believable.

In the movie world of the future, there's almost always one brainy woman scientist among the crewcut adventurers who "blast off" to outer space in search of little green men.

Dr. Kallmann — "Hilde" to her associates — could play that role with ease. She's a "space pioneer" with her head figuratively in the ionosphere, some 60-200 miles up.

As a theoretical geophysicist, her concern is with the characteristics of the upper atmosphere. She is a member of the rocket panel of the National Committee of the International Geophysical year and a consultant to the Rand Corporation, a non-profit organization which does research for the Air Force.

Head in Clouds
"My head is in the clouds, but my feet are on the ground," said the red-haired scientist. "I'm content to let instruments in the rockets gather first-hand data. This serves my purposes just as well."

Dr. Kallmann attended the University of Berlin and the Technische Hochschule, where she studied philosophy and developed an interest in mathematics and physics.

She and her husband, Curt Kallmann, a retired corporation lawyer, came to the United States from Sweden in 1940 and moved to the West Coast where she earned her bachelor, master, and doctor's degrees in physics at UCLA.

Dr. Kallmann was the first woman to get a doctorate in physics at UCLA. She is associated with Dr. Joseph Kaplan in her research at the university. In her work, she has met some of the world's greatest scientific brains and counted the late Albert Einstein as one of her friends.

"He was a very sweet man," she said. "He often said that America treated foreign scientists better than they might have been treated at home — in giving them an opportunity to work and study."

While Dr. Kallmann may have her head in the clouds at work, she's strictly down to earth at home.

"Talking shop at home is taboo," she said. "I know little about law and my husband knows little about geophysics. We share a common interest in music."

Parents Can Spot The Talented Child
Chicago — Parents can play a big part in "discovering" the talented child, says a Northwestern University education professor.

The parents are in a position to recognize gifts in their children at an early age, Dr. Paul Witte says in the magazine National Parent-Teacher.

If the child accurately uses a large vocabulary, is interested in books, can concentrate longer than most children, learns early to read or is adept at drawing, music or other art forms, then the child has unusual talent, Dr. Witte said.

"Although genius usually will assert itself," Dr. Witte said, "many talents may be undetected and go to waste because of a complacent viewpoint which allows latent talent to be overlooked."

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Art Collection All on Stamps

By BOB HAUGHT
United Press Correspondent

Muskogee, Okla. — A Muskogee doctor's wife has a collection of art ranging from drawings of the ice age to works of such contemporaries as Picasso.

The collection is unique in that it is all on stamps.

Mrs. Lawrence S. McAllister started collecting stamps in 1949 at the suggestion of her husband. In slightly more than eight years, she has established herself as an authority in the field. She is editor of the Fine Arts Philatelist, a world-wide bulletin dealing with the visual arts on stamps.

Mrs. McAllister said she found general stamp collecting impractical since stamps were hard to file and the collection would of necessity, be incomplete in specific categories.

Stamp Specialization
"I decided to collect by subjects and I chose music and medicine," she said. "My husband is a physician, and I had hoped to interest him in stamp collections with the medical stamps, but this proved fruitless."

Mrs. McAllister concentrated on fine arts stamps, including painting, sculpture and architecture, reproduced on stamps.

Her interest in writing about her collection led her to edit the 14-page bi-monthly publication which has subscribers in countries from Australia to the Belgian Congo.

Catalogues 25,000
Mrs. McAllister estimated she had catalogued upwards of 25,000 stamps.

Mrs. McAllister has built up a library of travel guide books, art books and magazines and a file of correspondence with other collectors.

"Getting the information on the story behind the stamp is often more interesting than getting the stamp," she said.

She advised anyone considering the hobby to start their collections "just for the fun of it." "Don't collect with the idea of making money, because you won't be able to do it," she said.

Gardening May Answer Pre-Wedding Jitters

Chicago — Gardening may be the answer to the bride's pre-wedding tensions, says Dr. Freda S. Kehm, director of the marriage counseling agency, the Association for Family Living.

"There's no doubt that gardening's a release for tension," Dr. Kehm said, "and there's no doubt that getting ready for a wedding produces a giant share of tension. Instead of taking that tension out on her husband-to-be or her family, the young lady can spade up the garden."

"Anyway," Dr. Kehm continued, "a quiet garden is a good place to get your thoughts in order, and the girl who's getting married has a lot to think about."

Retirement Home Easy Life For Elderly

By MARY PRIME
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New York — A new idea in housing — a "retirement house" — opens a door to older persons who want their own home but can't keep up their present one.

The retirement house features special devices for safety and convenience designed especially for older persons or those who have retired because of poor health. It uses many ideas which retired families said they want in a home.

The man behind the idea is a retired lawyer, N. R. Field, of Boynton Beach, Fla. Field is founder and president of the Retirement Foundation of America, a non-profit organization which promotes the best interests of the nation's more than 14 million persons over 65 years of age.

"Trouble Bells"
When Field retired from law, he became active in developing housing projects in the West and Southwest.

He said during a visit to Manhattan that he got the idea for the retirement house after meeting problems of older customers who wanted a house which they could run without help.

He talked with hundreds of families, local architects and engineers and helped the Florida Development Commission conduct a nation-wide survey on most-wanted and needed items in a home.

A two-bedroom, ranch-type model house at Boynton Beach is the result. It costs \$13,500 and includes a private swimming pool and land.

Special features include "trouble bells" in bedroom and living room to summon help from neighbors in case of emergency, bathtubs with built-in seats and grabbars, and electrical outlets under window sills to eliminate stooping.

No Stairs
Light switches are luminous, and yard and approaches are floodlighted.

The house has no stairs or thresholds. Glass is used abundantly to aid failing vision. Glass entrance halls and window walls in living and bedrooms admit three times the amount of daylight entering most houses, Field said.

Sink, stove and refrigerator are placed side by side, with the wall refrigerator and oven at chest level. Pantry and closets have eye-level shelves.

Doors are extra-wide to permit passage of wheelchairs. And the swimming pool is built with a graduated level up to five feet deep. Grab-rails are on all sides. The pool also has a low angle ramp entrance and a slip-proof floor.

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Oldest House in Washington Defended by Women's Group

By PATRICIA WIGGINS
United Press Correspondent

Washington — The oldest house in Washington, destroyed once by the British 143 years ago, faces destruction again at the hands of Congress.

And Congress is likely to encounter as much opposition within the old red brick walls as did the British. This time the fight will be led by the National Women's party, the present occupants and a group experienced on the political battlefield.

Cause of the upcoming struggle is a bill introduced by Sen. Carl Hayden (D-Ariz.) which would add one and one-half blocks of property, including historic Alva Belmont house, to the Senate side of the Capitol grounds.

The lawmakers, already waiting completion of a new Senate office building to help take care of mushrooming committees and staffs, have been eyeing the nearby Belmont House land for future needs.

Support Grows
"It's a sad thing," says Miss Alice Paul, founder and honorary chairman of the Women's party, "to see buildings which have so much history woven around them destroyed."

She has rallied a growing number of House and Senate votes each year for her proposed "women's rights" amendment to the Constitution. And she feels that "public support also has grown" for preservation of Belmont house.

The women were joined by the American Society of Architects, the Capitol Hill Restoration society and other historical preservation groups to successfully beat off three previous Congressional attempts to flatten their headquarters.

They hope sufficient support will be mustered again this time and are awaiting date of a hearing on the bill to rally their forces of opposition publicly. Last session's bill finally was reported out of committee but never reached a vote.

Belmont house is named for Mrs. Oliver H. P. Belmont who donated a previous site to the Women's party. That site was destroyed to make way for the Supreme court building, so the party, which moved into Belmont house in 1929, would be evicted for a second time if Hayden's bill passed.

The house, believed to be the oldest in Washington, was part of the original grant given Lord Baltimore by the King of England and reportedly provided the only resistance to the British when they marched into Washington in the summer of 1814.

A National Historical magazine account says "Commodore Barney and his men fired on the advancing forces from the upper stories, killing and wounding several of the enemy and killing General Ross' horse. This last indignity so enraged the general that he immediately ordered the house burned."

The house was rebuilt several years later with one center portion erected in the 17th century still intact.

The house today also holds mementos of the women's rights struggle. Among them are a desk which belonged to Susan B. Anthony and a key to the old District of Columbia jail — temporary home of some enthusiastic suffragists during a 1917 demonstration which included picketing the White House.

Researchers Change Opinions of Frozen Bread Uses in Lunches
Chicago — The American Institute of Baking says one cool lunch box idea is not so "cool" after all.

The institute made studies to determine whether freezing bread will chill it sufficiently to help refrigerate other foods in the lunch pail and to keep sandwich fillings fresh longer.

It used a variety of sandwiches, kinds usually found in lunch pails — cheese, summer sausage and chicken salad — made with frozen bread. The sandwiches were wrapped individually in heavy waxed paper and stored at temperatures ranging from 45 to 106 degrees Fahrenheit. They were checked at half-hour intervals for flavor and appearance.

At the first check period, the institute said, the bread in all the sandwiches had thawed. So its capacity to cool surrounding foods in the lunch pail to any degree "would be doubtful."

The checks also showed that sandwiches stored under conditions comparable to a hot summer day were not edible after three hours. The institute concluded that "it is best to carry sandwiches to the picnic in a portable refrigerator or keep the lunch box in a cool place."

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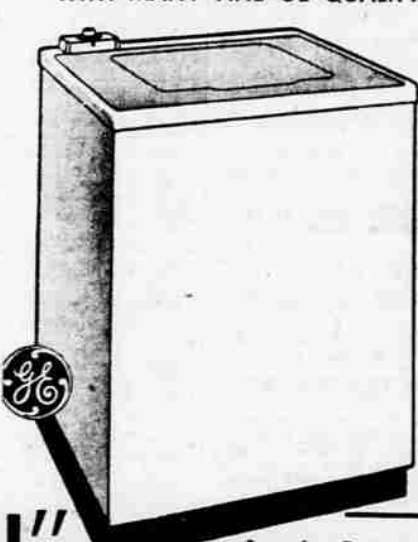
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