



CONFESSING SHOTGUN SLAYING of Guy F. Roberts (right), 45, meat packing executive, Charles Guy (left), 22, says he is unable to explain Santa Monica, Calif., motel shooting. Roberts occupied motel with Mrs. Nina James Angus (center), 37. They planned to marry next week. Mrs. Angus formerly practiced law in Dunn, N. C. (International)

Sailors in Operation Deepfreeze Tunnel Ice to Get Fresh Water

By DICK GROWALD
United Press Correspondent
Syracuse, N.Y.—Ice, ice, everywhere, but it might as well be parched land as far as drinking water is concerned for 18 Americans making scientific studies at the bottom of the world.

The sailors of Operation Deepfreeze have to tunnel through the ice to reach fresh clean snow which they melt for drinking water, a ham radio operator here in contact with the expedition said today.

The warmest outside work is in the snow. It's usually a relatively warm 60 degrees below zero. The average South Polar temperature last month was 80

below. "An hour is about the longest period we can stay outside," Lt. Jack Tuck of Auburn, Mass., commanding the Navy's antarctic international geophysical year station, reported by radio.

Disdains Sleep
The story of the frigid life at the South Pole filtered 9,000 miles to the \$10,000 amateur radio station of ham Paul M. Blum, a man who disdains sleep is "mere habit." Blum's radio is the only link the polar crew has to the warmer world other than official Navy communication.

Through Blum's radio came Tuck's baritone describing the warmest day of the past month

as a "balmy 41 degrees below zero." The weathered-in crew takes a Texan's pride in a recent 98-below zero reading.

Blum, a senior buyer for the General Electric company, during the day, uses the night to funnel messages to and from the pole and six other Antarctic naval stations. Blum and four friends handled their 10,000th message this week.

After three hours' sleep Blum rises at midnight, steps into his cellar radio room and sits down.

Is That So?

A pocketful of wry: In space all objects, big and little, float at the same speed side by side around the earth. Without fuel to shoot them out of this path, they will go right on floating around the earth.

Nothing on earth ever stays the same. Everything changes slowly in shape, size or consistency.

A steel ball will bounce higher than a rubber ball. It dents just like a rubber ball when it

By EUGENE BURNS
Ranger-Naturalist
Y.). And now, one to close on: About one-tenth of the surface of the earth is covered with melting ice. Scientists say that in about 18,000 years the oceans will rise 100 feet. This of course would place most seaports, such as New York, London, and Cape Town, completely under water.

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hits a hard surface, but it snaps back into shape faster than a rubber ball. It is the snapping back into shape that makes a ball bounce.

Smoke is not a necessary part of fire. It just means that the fire is not burning properly. Bits of unburned material are escaping into the air.

The mixture of all colors from the sun makes white. The absence of all colors makes black. It is just the opposite with paint pigments. A mixture of the three primary colors makes black, whereas absence of all three makes white.

The reason men's hats have a little bow inside them is that at one time hats were made to fit by loosening or tightening a drawstring.

We taste sweet and salty things with the tips of our tongues, sour and salty things with the middle parts of our tongues, and bitter things with the back parts. To swallow a bitter pill, therefore, place it on the tip of the tongue and "chase" it with a gulp of water.

A leopard may not be able to change his spots but some fish can. When flounders swim over sand their spots become small but when they swim over rocks or pebbles their spots grow larger. This, of course, makes it more difficult for their enemies to find them.

Fat Fledgling Back
If you find a fledgling out of its nest, the best way to save its life is to put it back into the nest if you can. There is no truth in the belief that if you do this the parents will not go near the nest again through fear of human smell. Most birds, you know, have no sense of smell and a very rudimentary sense of taste. But birds do see in color—something most mammals cannot do.

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Painting Season . . .
The painters were overdue. The last two summers the old boompond shack had lured us away too often to date the brush men up ahead, so we had shut our eyes to blisters and cracks on the bevel siding and around kitchen and laundry window frames. Three metal downspouts were falling apart.

So we called up Ed Wyman at last, he came down and climbed around the six-room house, and then gave us the bad news. But first he said, pretty grimly: "It's plain to be seen that you ought to stop drying clothes in the basement. Get a dryer that will pipe out the dew. Or you might even save money in the long run by sending your wash to the laundry on a rough-dry deal. Other things you can do, like putting keyhole ventilators in your siding. Just don't play around with vapor in the house—anyhow, not when it's raining all summer."

Then he said he could give our walls a new start for \$520, including replacements for the corroded and crumbling downspouts. We took him up. Hope in Sight . . .
Meanwhile, I had the opportunity to put paint questions to forest products men who have been working on the problem for many years. They had no new answers but hoped that the nation's paint manufacturers had them coming, in improved formulas for house paints to meet modern requirements—paints that would allow the housewife to go her way rejoicing with automatic washers of all descriptions and even to hang the washing up to dry indoors.

"And these will be real, true, beautiful, durable paints," I was assured. "The new house paints will be tough in texture yet able to conduct moisture through from the interior wall and dissipate it in the atmosphere."

When I told veteran painting contractor Ed Wyman about these prophecies, he said that this might be so. A scientific age that could work the wonders it has with electronics and atom splitting should easily lick all house paint problems, Ed said.

Most of us like the wood wall best, even with paint troubles of yesterday and today. On our own old house blisters came first with wartime paints. The last job, done in 1950, has held up well, despite the old coats of paint—accumulated since 1925. Now Ed Wyman has the little old house looking just as we want it to look—gleaming ivory-white with forest-green trim.

We expect to keep it that way. A first move is to write Lenore Kent, 1500 Rhode Island ave., N.W., Washington, D. C., for two free booklets on how to protect house walls—wood, brick, cement, masonry or metal—against sweating. They are the work of the National Paint, Varnish and Lacquer Association. In simple terms, they will tell you what to do on a paint protection program of your own.

RED TIPSTER? — Mrs. Martha Dodd Stern, daughter of the late William E. Dodd, one-time U. S. Ambassador to Germany, has reportedly flown behind the Iron Curtain with her husband, Alfred Stern, and son, Robert, 11. U. S. officials want the Sterns for questioning in connection with Soviet espionage. Senate investigators in Washington are expected to quiz movie producer Boris Moros on the possibility that Mrs. Stern was the "prominent American woman" who tipped off the Russian Embassy in Washington that Moros was an FBI counter-spy.



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Quigg: A Decentralized Executive

By DOC QUIGG
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Greenwich, Conn.—Victor Muscat says you can talk all you want to about decentralizing industry, but he's the only man he knows of who's a decentralized executive. He works at home and likes it.

What's the sense of wasting a couple of hours each day commuting to a hectic office in a jammed place called New York when you can sit with a seven-line phone and secretary beside your swimming pool and work serenely while your wife and three kids splash happily in the foreground and birds tattle tenderly in the background?

That's a good question. It's one Muscat asked himself three years ago. He's been working at home ever since. Think More Clearly
"I've found you can think much more clearly, work out your problems much better, away from the center of activity," he said. "And I can get on the phone and give orders just

as well here in Greenwich as I can from any central office." One of the things he's been thinking about is where tubes are going. He's in toothpaste tubes. He has 11 factories dotted around the United States, Canada, and Venezuela, and is president of the Victor Metal Products Corp. He's in tubes up to his—well, to the tune of 200,000,000 a year made for toothpaste, shaving, and cosmetics outfits.

As I say, he's been thinking, and I'm afraid I got him going on the subject of whither tubes are drifting by asking what was intended to be a nonsense question. Why couldn't the ketchup problem—how to get it out of the bottle—be solved by putting it in tubes?

Biggest Future
"Certainly!" he said. "We expect that to be the biggest future use of tubes—not only ketchup but all the condiments, peanut butter, jams and jellies, mustard, soft cheeses . . . why, it's all done in Europe right now. In

Switzerland, for instance, that's the biggest use of tubes. You can get butter in tubes there. "You have to keep it the right temperature in the refrigerator. It comes out in a long string like toothpaste."
"And peanut butter is a natural. A mother can let the child make a sandwich all by himself, without leaving a knife around, by just leaving a tube and some bread on the table. Why, I can envision a mother sending the child to school without ever having to make lunch—just carrying three little tubes, of cream cheese, meat spread, and jelly, and a piece of bread.

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Kuykendall Named Power Chairman

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The Senate approved Kuykendall's reappointment to the commission Thursday night after a lengthy debate. Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.), in leading the fight against Kuykendall, charged that the President's appointment of him "regged" the FPC on the side of private power interests.

Kuykendall's first five-year term expired June 22. About one-third of this country's tractor fatalities occur on highways.



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