



QUEEN AND COUNCIL—Queen Elizabeth II meets with her privy council for Canada at Ottawa's Government House. Left to right seated: D. Harkness; David Fulton; George Peckares; George Hees; Donald Fleming; Prime Minister John Diefenbaker; The Queen; Prince Philip; Gov. Gen. Vincent Massey; Howard Green; A. J. Brooks; Leon Balcher; Gordon Churchill; George Nowlan and Ellen Fairclough.

Interior Department Want People to Stop Suggesting Wild Horse Refuges

By A. ROBERT SMITH
Mail Tribune Correspondent
Washington — The department of the interior wishes so many good hearted Americans would



quit horsing around with the idea of the government setting up wild horse refuges throughout the western states.

Assistant Secretary Ross Leffler has been getting countless letters from anguished animal lovers, whose pleas for the prairie roaming mustangs would make a cowboy cry. Typical was a letter from an Oregon lady who declared:

"The cruel and inhuman treatment these horses receive at the hands of truck-riding cowboys who hunt them to sell to canneries, should not be tolerated by a civilized country like ours."

Suggests Refuge
Mrs. Bettie L. Cary of Eugene went on to suggest a wild horse refuge "to shelter the remnants

of herds of these horses in various western states." She made her plea to her congressman, Rep. Charles O. Porter, who passed it on to Leffler.

"Horse feathers," replied the assistant secretary in so many well chosen words. He figured the whole issue was stirred up by a "misleading editorial" in the magazine "Dumb Animals," entitled "wild horses doomed," which he said was full of distortions and misstatements and capable of stirring horror in any animal lover who reads it.

Admitting there are bands of horses running wild in Oregon, Montana, Colorado, Utah, Arizona, Nevada and Wyoming, Leffler maintained that they are not wild descendants of the Spanish horses brought by early explorers. They are mostly saddle or work horses which roamed away or were turned out to fend for themselves. Even the wildest are second-generation domestic horses, he claimed.

Death Toll Saddening
Although the death toll from winter starvation is enormous, and saddening," Leffler said, the horses are generally elusive to

fall prey to horse-hunting truck-riders. "They are extremely difficult to trap even on level ground. They prefer rocky slopes where tortuous terrain foils the hunter on horseback. A hunter using a truck has even less a chance."

"At one time there were so many wild horses on the public ranges that they were destroying a great deal of forage," recalled Leffler. "Forage-eating animals necessarily had to be limited to some degree, lest the ranges be laid waste. The horse bands could not be restricted by range licensing as are domestic animals, nor could they be controlled by hunting as are game animals. The horses had to be gathered to preserve the range and guarantee a continued food supply for all forms of animal life. Incidentally, the gathering of horses has been largely controlled by local, county and state laws, not subject to federal regulation of any sort."

Responsibility
Taking responsibility for wild horse refuges is a gift nag Leffler looked square in the teeth. It would have to cover thousands upon thousands of square miles, he observed, because migratory horses are so far-roaming. They might be here today, 50 miles away tomorrow and 50 miles further on the next day.

On the vast wildlife refuge system of the West, a few horses are found from time to time. "If the day ever comes when extinction threatens them, measures will have to be taken to preserve the species," he declared. "We are unable to see any such need. As long as there is open range left, the horses will be with us. They are too wary to be wiped out with ease."

Leffler agrees that the present situation isn't what it should be, but he sizes it up like this: "The real cruelty is not the gathering of horses, but the abandoning of them, leaving them to starve in winter."

FLU VACCINE REPORT
Washington — Producers are distributing Asian Flu vaccine almost as fast as it is tested and released, the U.S. Public Health Service reports. The agency said yesterday 13,502,947 shots were released during August and September and 11,245,055 doses had been packaged and shipped out by Oct. 4. The Armed Services received 4,371,300 shots of the total and 6,873,755 went for civilian use.

ILLINOIS VALLEY Club Elects New Officers

By HELEN BOTTEL

Cave Junction — The Illinois Valley High school hospital-ity club, an honorary organization, has elected 1957-58 officers. They are Gary Meredith, president; Donna Frost, vice president; and Patricia George, secretary.

Names of new members will be announced after they are voted through the student council.

Job's Daughters of Bethel 36 have asked for deer hides which they plan to collect as one of their money making projects.

Hunters who have no use for the hides are asked to leave them at the home of Linda Deaton, or to call either 6901 or 2011 for pick-up. Skins should be rolled in half, insides together, rolled tightly and tied.

Polio Booster immunization shots will be given at the Illinois Valley High school Monday, Oct. 21.

Children who had their first and second shots in January and February will automatically be given the booster unless parents specifically request otherwise. Pre-schoolers must be accompanied by a parent.

Name chosen for the new son to the Ora Kessler family is Daniel Owen. The baby was born at Josephine General hospital Sept. 21.

Otto Tryon of Selma, who has been in the Portland Veterans' hospital since July, said he hopes to be home this month. He has had two operations during his three-months stay at the hospital.

E. T. Grubbs entered the Portland Veterans hospital Saturday for treatment. He was taken to the hospital by his wife and his parents-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Foster, who returned Monday evening.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Al Weber at Elk Creek ranch this week is Mrs. Weber's son, Robert Jarvis, of Edmonton, Canada, who is on his way south for a vacation in California.

Frank Gant, county road foreman, was ill last week with the flu.

"Honolulu Jim" and Dot Boyd, who for many years ran the restaurant at Siskiyou Mountain Camp, stopped briefly in O'Brien Wednesday. They have been in southern California but are moving back to Gasquet for the winter.

Mrs. Theodore Duffy of O'Brien is visiting her daughter and family, the Cecil Cosners

at Geyserville, Calif. She plans to remain there until after the birth of the Cosner's fourth child.

Bob Pope, son of Mrs. Ted Duffy, spent last week end at the Duffy home in O'Brien. He is employed as a guide at Oregon Caves.

Eagles and Auxiliary members who have October birthdays will be honored Oct. 17 at the regular Eagles meetings to be held at Kerby. It was announced this week that Lorene Yeargan has been named chaplain of the auxiliary.

Buck Bryant was uninjured recently when the jeep he was driving was hit by a Crescent City car, as he was turning into Gibbons Market.

Bill Madden is the new leader for a Cub Webelos den. First meeting is planned for October 16 at the Madden home in Kerby.

At the home of Mrs. Jack Adams recently were his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Franklin, from Cheney, Wash.

McLEOD Hillman Visits From Korea

By CAROLINE L. HARDING

McLeod — Walter Hillman flew in Korea Thursday, Oct. 10, here on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Goodwin came down from Portland recently to look over their house on Big Butte creek.

Wilford Allen of San Bernardino, Calif., and John Barth of Torrance, Calif., have been staying on the Barth place on Butte creek.

House guests at the Carl Richardson home are Mrs. Nanett Coates of Phoenix, Ore., Lt. and Mrs. Don Smith and son of Fairfield, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson

and sons of San Diego have rented the Burl Goodman place on Crowfoot road.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Harding were luncheon guests Friday, Oct. 11, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ellis in Medford.

Mr. and Mrs. Nate Edwards of Van Nuys, Calif., are spending several weeks at their cottage on Big Butte creek.

THE GOLDEN DIP

San Francisco — George Riekman's golden wedding anniversary definitely was all wet. Reikman, 71, marked the occasion by swimming a rough mile and a half stretch from Alcatraz to San Francisco in a rainstorm.

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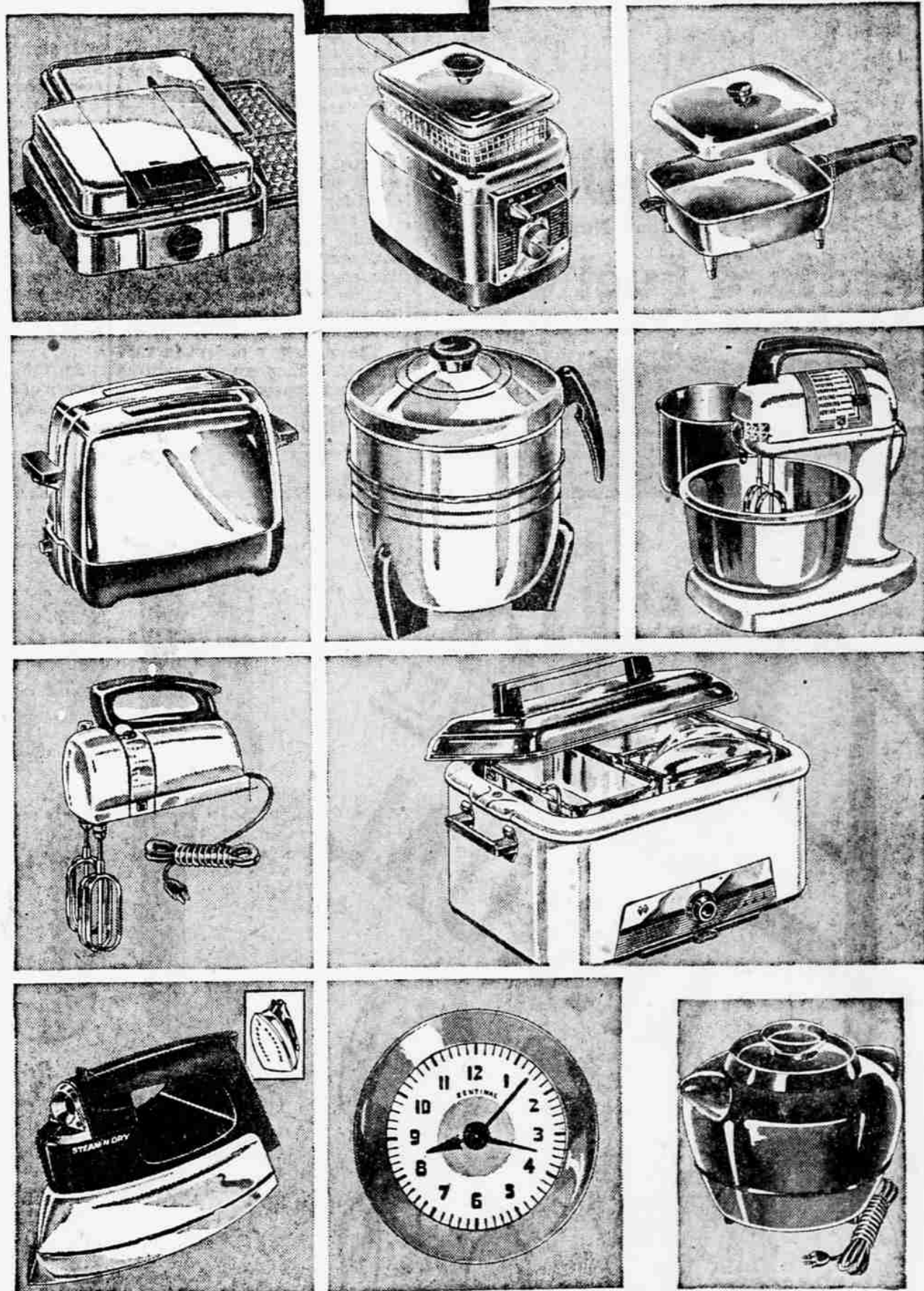
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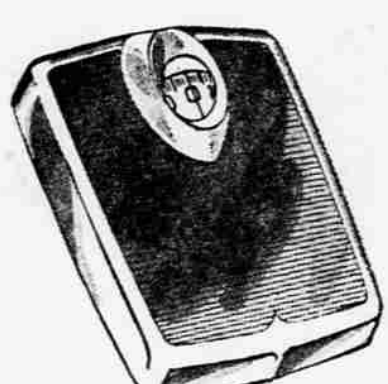
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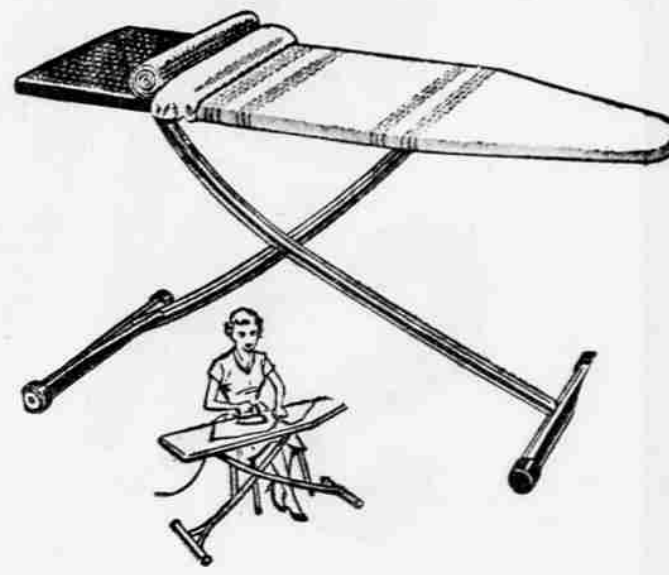
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