



LOSING GROUND—An area known as Portuguese Bend, which faces the Pacific Ocean at Palos Verdes, Calif., has slowly been slipping away for the past two years. Here, the driveway to the home of A. W. Phillips is completely cracked up and the garage and home have started to shift. In spots the movement is as much as an inch a day. The area in the photo came in on a driveway from the right. The homes in the area are in the \$25,000 to \$75,000 price range.

Expert Attention Given Mental Inmates Brings About Release

By DELOS SMITH
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New York — When the mental health experts of a state mental hospital had the opportunity to give close, extended attention to 72 long-time inmates, they discovered there was no really good reason why 55 of them shouldn't be returned to the outside world.

Twenty-six of the 72 actually were returned and 25 of the 26 became self-supporting and otherwise gave the world no trouble. The reporting scientists noted that if they hadn't the opportunity to work closely with the inmates, they might have stayed in the hospital "indefinitely."

As for the 29 others of the 55: They had been in the hospital for so long they had no "motivation" for giving up its security for the uncertainties of the outside. In other words, they were doing all right where they were, and didn't want to take chances.

Facilities are Inadequate

The report of Drs. Frederick Phillips and Sophia Belle May of Spring Grove State Hospital, Baltimore, Md., to the American Psychiatric Association dramatized the contention of all mental scientists that American public facilities for treating the mentally ill are extremely inadequate.

The 72 chronic mental patients in the study were all well enough to be employed in various jobs around the hospital. They were transferred from wards to a convalescent cottage on the grounds. The original idea was to get inmate-workers under one roof in order to study the hospital's work program.

But this was quickly broadened into a study of the patients themselves and efforts to make them more "socially active" with the view of discharging them. Of the 72 men, over

half had been in the hospital longer than 10 years and 71 percent had been in longer than five. Their ages ranged from 18 to 81 but 47 percent were over 50.

Lack of Details

One of the first developments was the lack of detailed hospital records of those chronic patients. The charts of 26 of them had not been taken from the files of the central record room in three years. "The longer the patient was in the hospital,

the less likely was the staff to know much about him," the scientists reported.

They reported that the "implications" of this were "startling." "Fifty-five of 72 patients, or 76 per cent, no longer required hospitalization," they said, and then remarked: "How much more could existing hospital facilities achieve for the 24 per cent still requiring hospitalization if time and energy were not expended on the other 76 per cent?"

Western States Top Rest of Nation in Population Growth

Washington — The western states topped the rest of the nation in the rate of their population growth by more than two to one between 1950 and July, 1956, the Census Bureau reports.

The Population Reference Bureau, in a separate study, said the steady pace of U. S. population growth was a good sign in the cold war battle for technical supremacy.

Birth Rate About Equal

It said an overrapid rise in population would put this country at a disadvantage with Russia in this respect. The birth rate of the two countries is about equal it said, and neither faces the prospect of runaway population that is plaguing many economically underdeveloped nations.

The Census Bureau report said the U. S. population jumped from 159,697,361 in April, 1950, to 168,174,000 in July 1, 1956. It estimated present population at 172,400,000.

The 11 Rocky Mountain and Pacific Coast states registered a combined growth rate of 23 per cent compared with the national average of 11 per cent.

Nevada, the smallest populated state in the union, had the largest percentage of increase of 60.1. Its residents totalled 256,000.

Next was Arizona with 44.9 per cent; Florida, 40.2 per cent; Delaware, 31.4 per cent; and California 27.2 per cent.

Largest Numerical Growth
California showed the largest numerical growth, its population jumping by 2,885,000 to 13,471,000, to consolidate its stand-

ing as the second largest state in the union.

It still trails New York, whose population rose by 996,000 to a total of 15,826,000, a gain of 6.7 per cent from its 1950 total.

Besides California, other states to show gains of more than a million in the six-year period were Texas, 1,233,000; Michigan, 1,208,000; Ohio, 1,125,000 and Florida, 1,114,000.

Hoffa Injunction Upheld by Court

Washington — The U. S. Court of Appeals today upheld a lower court injunction barring James R. Hoffa from taking office as Teamsters Union president preceding trial of charges that his election was rigged.

The appellate court slightly changed the order issued Oct. 23 by U. S. District Judge F. Dickinson Letts. But it said Letts' ban on Hoffa and other newly elected officers was a "proper exercise of judicial authority."

Letts had ordered the union to take no action or spend any money in violation of the 1952 teamsters' constitution.

The appeals court ordered the union to overturn its affairs by the 1952 constitution and said no amendments made at the union's recent Miami Beach convention should be put into effect pending the trial.

Water flows over Niagara Falls at an average rate of 212,000 cubic feet per second, varying slightly.

Local Man Selected To Train Ethiopia Troops

James L. Graham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Graham, 175 Jeanette ave., Medford, was one of five men serving with the Army in Germany selected to train Ethiopian troops.

Graham, a master sergeant, was sent to Ethiopia in September and is stationed at Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. He has spent 11½ years in the Army.

Mrs. Graham will return to Medford Tuesday from San Francisco where she met another son, Capt. Danny Graham, who returned to the United States Saturday after spending 16 months with the U. S. Army in Korea.

Capt. Graham will report to Fort Leavenworth, Kan., where he will train for Strategic Air command duty. His wife and five children will join him there.

Salem Motor Scooter Rider, 78, Dies in Crash

Salem — Peter Grazen, a 78-year-old Salem motor scooter rider, was killed here Monday when his scooter collided with a truck.

State police said Grazen collided with a Portland General Electric Company truck driven by Robert Ellsworth Speaker, Salem.

Speaker told officer he swerved his truck but was unable to avoid Grazen who died at a hospital of head injuries.

Indian Committee Sets Public Hearing

Salem — The Interim Committee on Indian problems will hold a public hearing here at 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

The committee is investigating the termination of federal trusteeship over the Klamath Indian tribe and other problems.

HST Says Scientists Being Discouraged

San Diego — Former President Harry S. Truman and his wife, Bess, were to leave here today for Palm Desert, Calif., where they will be guests of Mon Wallgren, former governor of Washington.

Truman on a brief visit to southern California, told reporters here Monday that the United States was behind on satellite development because "we are discouraging our scientists."

"We are behind the times on the subject," the former President said. "We just haven't worked hard enough at it. We are discouraging our scientists. We try to make Communists out of them and this is what we get."

Organization of the Salvation Army dates back to 1878.

Call Warns of Bomb On Plane; Tamed Hoax

Portland — A man phoned the Western Air Lines office at Portland International airport Monday afternoon and said a bomb was aboard an airliner then loading passengers bound non-stop to Los Angeles, among them Portland Mayor Terry D. Schrunk.

Airlines' officials and sheriff's officers cleared the aircraft and made a careful search of the plane before terminating the call a hoax. The airliner left for Los Angeles at 6:25 p.m.

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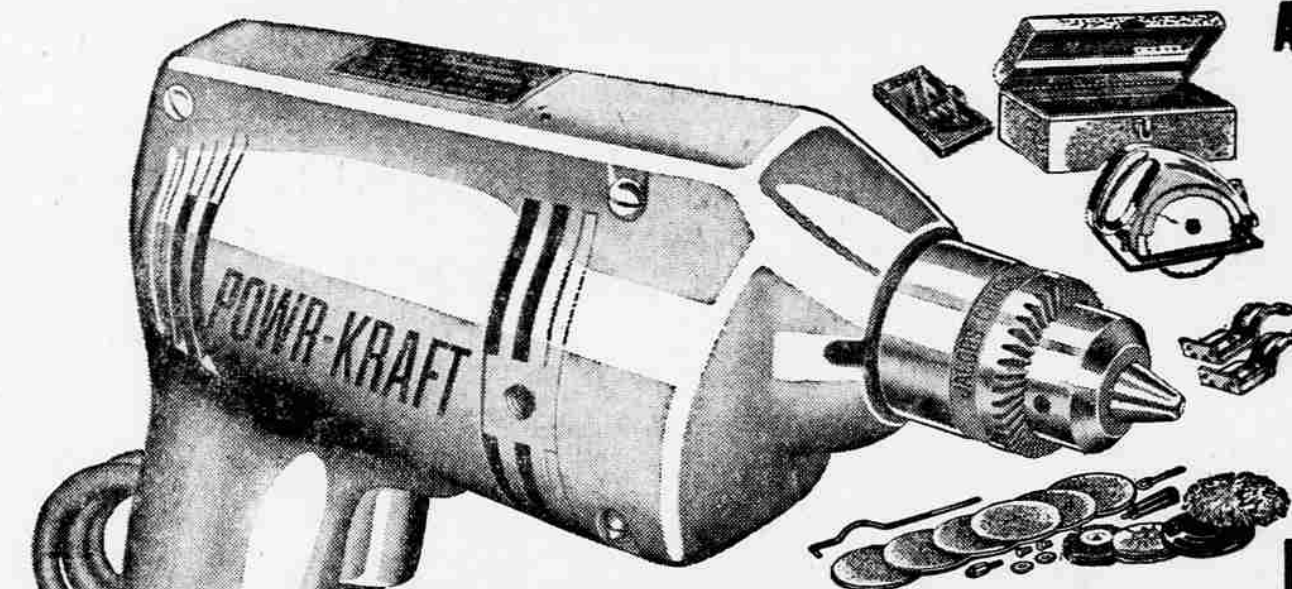
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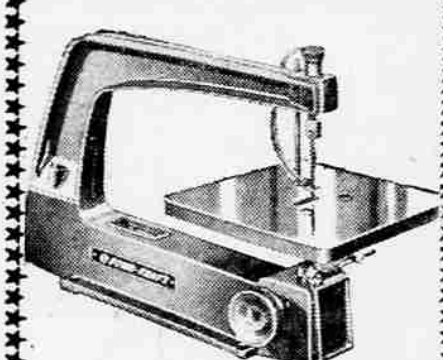
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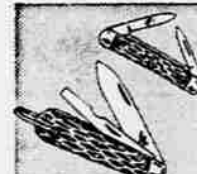
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SPEAKER — The Rev. Edwin S. Clemens, missionary from Portuguese East Africa, will be one of the principal speakers at the district missionary convention Wednesday and Thursday at Free Methodist church, 1204 South Peach st. Mr. Clemens will show slides at 7 p.m. Wednesday and speak at the Thursday morning service at 10:35 a.m. Other speakers scheduled include Mrs. Clemens and Miss Evelyn Rupert, missionary from Belgian Congo.

INVENTOR DIES

Stamford, Conn. — Thomas Robins, 89, inventor of the heavy-duty belt conveyor and founder of the Hewitt-Robins Co., of Stamford, died Monday in Nestledown Convalescent Home after an illness of several months. Robins invented the belt after visiting Thomas A. Edison at his iron mine in northern New Jersey in 1891.