



BETTER THAN SPUTNIK — President Eisenhower announced during his nationwide radio-TV address from Washington that the United States had successfully launched an experimental missile into outer space and brought it back "completely intact." Ike is shown here bending over the cone of the experimental missile.

Lassie Show Great, TV Actress Remarks

Editor's note: Vernon Scott is on vacation. Jan Clayton, who recently "retired" from the "Lassie" TV shows, turns her talents to singing.

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Written for United Press
Hollywood — (U) — For me, leading a dog's life has been a wonderful experience.

So, it wasn't easy stepping out of the "Lassie" TV series for many reasons. Firstly, because of the wonderful friendships I made; also, because the public seemed to like what we were doing.

The show helped me a great deal — personally, as well as professionally. Working with children and animals helped to ease some of the heartache I experienced when a tragic accident took the life of my 16-year-old daughter, Sandra. I kept thinking that we were giving some pleasure to so many youngsters her age. Most important of all, the series kept me busy at a time I needed most desperately to be kept busy.

Professional Opportunity
Professionally, it gave me a chance to do straight dramatic acting for the first time in my life. And therein lies a funny twist of fate.

Before the "Lassie" series, I had spent considerable time on Broadway, appearing in such musical comedies as "Show-bout" and "Carousel." But because of television's great impact on the public, people soon forgot that I even sang a note. Recently, in fact, the president of a leading record company saw me on a panel show and introduced himself to me later.

"Miss Clayton," he said, "you seem to know so much about music. I think you'd be great on records. I'd like to do a session with you."

While I was still dazed at the impromptu offer, he said, "by the way, have you ever done any singing?"

Change in Career
It was then that I decided to change career plans and start

singing again. But it was far from easy.

I remember vividly the first day I worked with my accompanist. I was so nervous I could not even remember the lyrics to the songs I had sung nightly for hundreds of performances on Broadway. But it's all working out fine now.

Many grown-ups have asked me if I took my role in the "Lassie" series seriously. My answer always is yes. The series basically was a lesson in living, stressing the family unit. And who could look at that wonderful dog without a smile in his heart?

I'm sure if I do end up recording pop songs, people who may have seen me on "Lassie" will never believe it's the same Jan Clayton. But then, neither will I.

Collection Charge Results From Rally

New York — (U) — Louis Silver, 46, a former liquor salesman from Los Angeles has pleaded guilty to a charge of taking a collection of more than \$500 for himself at evangelist Billy Graham's Yankee Stadium rally.

Silver pleaded guilty to a second degree grand larceny indictment. He was released in \$2,500 bail by Bronx County Judge Eugene B. Schultz, who set Dec. 24 for sentencing. Silver could be sent to prison for five years.

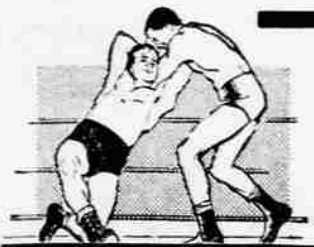
Assistant District Attorney Theodore Eppinger told the court that Silver posed as an usher at the July 20 rally and collected the money in a shopping bag. He said that when a policeman stopped Silver as he was leaving the stadium, Silver said "don't be a dope; I'll split it with you."

Nationwide Listing Available On Jobs

Salem — (U) — A nationwide list of more than 6,500 job openings for professional and managerial personnel is now available at the Portland office of the Oregon State Employment service, it was announced.

Many of the jobs are for mechanical or electrical engineers but more than 300 different occupations are on the list, employment officials said.

The United States suppressed a rebellion against tax on whisky in western Pennsylvania in September, 1794.



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Creswell, Ore. — (U) — The American GI in Korea who fathers and then abandons the children of Korean mothers can thank a soft-spoken Oregon farmer that those rejected youngsters have a chance for homes and happiness in the United States.

But Harry Holt's biggest worry today is that he can reach and rescue only a small part of those helpless products of an idle army. Holt has sacrificed his health and the bulk of his modest fortune bringing, to date, 484 mixed-blood orphans to adoptive homes in the United States.

He recently completed his seventh trans-Pacific flight to Portland to Korea with a plane load of babies and there will be many more.

No End to Job
In a voice heavy with fatigue, he confessed that he can see no immediate end to the job he created for himself. With the Far East command of the Army now moved to Korea, he foresees a mixed-blood orphan problem continuing into the indefinite future.

On a recent flight between Seoul and Portland Holt suffered a heart attack and he now pursues what he considers to be his mission in life in defiance of doctor's orders.

"The doctors get sort of fed up with me," he said, sitting in that part of his home that has been transferred into a bustling adoption agency with a staff of clerical workers.

With only the help and encouragement of a missionary organization known as World Vision, Inc., of Pasadena, Calif., Holt has shouldered the full burden of his giant rescue mission.

Alone he battles the maze of day thrown in his way by both Korean and American authorities; begs, borrows and buys

medical supplies for his fragile wards; arranges their transportation; processes adoption applications from parents in this country; operates the farm that finances the philanthropy, and is the adoptive father of eight Korean orphans who first inspired the full-scale operation.

Operates Seoul Orphanage
He even built and operates a large Seoul orphanage that acts as a staging area for little migrants waiting for transport to the United States.

But Holt said his operation functions smoothly and on a pitifully small budget compared to adoptive operations in this country. No one gets a profit; there are no attorneys' fees and no adoption fee. Parents can adopt a Korean orphan merely by paying the cost of transportation from Korea. The Korean government now provides passports at a special price to Holt.

Still preying on his mind, however, are the children of American soldiers in other parts of the world. In Germany this summer his inquiries were rebuffed by authorities who said orphans were wards of the state. Only in Korea has he found anything like official cooperation.

Jazz Leader Carried In 1929 Automobile From DuPont Family

Detroit — (U) — Jazz band leader Turk Murphy of San Francisco, with the aid of a two truck and extensive repairs, rolled on toward California Saturday in a 1929 Rolls-Royce touring car.

Murphy said he got the car from the Dupont family in September when he saw it on a Dupont estate in South Carolina, where he was playing at a private party.

The dixieland jazz artist said he spent \$1,000 in restoring the auto, which has a white top and body and blue fenders. But when Murphy and bandsman Al Conger arrived here from New York Wednesday morning, the car was gulping a quart of oil every 30 miles and the windshield wipers and heater were out of action.

The car was in the shop a full day, then had to be pushed to another garage Friday when Murphy got ready to leave. The 7,000 pound chrome-laden Rolls almost caved in a grease rack at one shop.

Murphy said his next stop was Elkhart, Ind., to pick up a tuba at the Conn musical instrument factory.

Edinburgh University Has Riotous Election

Edinburgh, Scotland — (U) — Tramp Jimmy Miller stayed away from his usual haunts Saturday to escape questioning on one of the most riotous elections ever held at Edinburgh university.

Students battled for nearly four hours Friday on the university campus while officials counted the votes that elected Actor James Robertson justice rector of the college. Three students were injured and sent to a hospital.

The dispute was over the withdrawal of Miller as a candidate in the election. He was nominated three weeks ago despite his boast he hasn't worked in 35 years. But he withdrew because "people are laughing at me."

Asia Tour Announced By Bay Area Chamber

San Francisco — (U) — The San Francisco chamber of commerce has announced plans for the second annual "business development tour" of Eastern Asia by a group of business and community leaders.

Purpose of the tour, sponsored by the San Francisco area world trade association, is to create business opportunities and promote better economic understanding between the countries of the East and the United States according to Chamber President George E. Talmage Jr.

Talmage said chambers of commerce and trade organizations throughout the western U. S. were invited to participate in the tour. The group will interview business, industry and government leaders in Japan, Hong Kong, and the Philippines with optional tours to Taiwan, Formosa, the new Republic of Malaya and Australasia.

BLAST OUT
St. Louis — (U) — Raymond Pitts really wasn't trying to make like a satellite when he launched himself from a ramp and went sailing out into space.

Pitts drove up a ramp to cross the Mississippi river, noted too late that it wasn't a bridge he was on but the uncompleted Mark Twain Express way. He was treated for minor injuries after his car dropped 18 feet to the ground.

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