



Doc Quigg Sorts and Classifies Year's Biggest Little News Stories

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New York — The biggest little stories of the year (sorted and classified for history's long run):

Genius
In January, in Knoxville, Tenn., the FBI had to step in and capture escaped convict Robert Husky. He had made good his escape from a state prison by pouring disinfectant on his feet. The bloodhounds turned up their noses at his trail and walked off the job.

Modernity
In February, in Los Angeles, Jerry A. Prod, 19, was arrested for shaving—while driving. The cop said Prod was hurrying to work trying to steer his car while using an electric razor.

Fortitude
In March, in Brie-Comte-Robert, France, Auguste Ibrelisle won a bet of a bottle of champagne by gulping more than four gallons of fresh clams in less than an hour. Then he drank the champagne.

Mail Gall
In April, in Memphis, Tenn., a letter to a penal farm inmate was returned to the post office stamped "escaped." The post-

office returned it to the sender stamped: "Moved. Left no forwarding address."

Domesticity
In May, in Los Angeles, Mrs. Robert Biggs got a divorce on the ground that she was lonely. Her husband owned a burlesque theater.

Invention
In June, in Brawley, Calif., farmer W. I. Fifield reported that a helicopter landed in his watermelon patch, the pilot jumped out, grabbed three melons, jumped back in, took off.

Medicine
In July, in Tokyo, doctors pondered the case of the woman who was allergic to her husband. A top dermatologist flown from the U.S. to investigate the case reported only: "Whenever her husband would come near her she would break out in a rash similar to poison ivy."

Outrageous Fortune
In September, in Pacolma, Calif., Mrs. Virginia Schoen, 34, who six months earlier had been rescued by the fire department when her hands got caught in a non-functioning garbage machine — did it again. Barefoot, she tried to kick shut the refrigerator door, got her big toe

caught in the hole left by a removed broken handle, got rescued by the same F. D.

Philosophy
In October, in San Diego, bartender Pat Freeman unveiled a "Sputnik Cocktail" designed for engineers working at nearby missile plants. Ingredients: Vodka and the juice of sour grapes.

The Military
Again October, in London, it was disclosed in Parliament that Britain has an enormous military stockpile—of "pants, woolen, long" for the Women's Royal Army Corps — enough surplus women's long underwear to last the corps 800 years.

Identification
In November, in St. Paul, Minn., a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Watkins and named Sputnik Eisenhower Watkins.

Sputnik I Records 1,248th Revolution

London — Moscow Radio said that Sputnik I made its 1,248th revolution Christmas Day. At the same time Sputnik II had completed its 737th trip around the world.



GRIEF STRICKEN BRIDE—Arriving in New York aboard the liner Liberté, Mrs. Nicole Wilson, a French bride of two months, is comforted by unidentified priest after learning that her husband, George M. Wilson, 24, of Yonkers, N. Y., was killed in an auto accident. Wilson was headed home to an apartment he had rented for his bride and himself when the crash occurred.

Passenger Train Jumps Tracks at Cocoa, Fla.

Cocoa, Fla. — Eight cars of a south-bound Florida East Coast passenger train derailed on the northern outskirts of this bustling missile town Thursday. First reports said at least three persons were injured.

Of the famed Seven Wonders of the world, only one survives—the Pyramids of Egypt. The others were the Pharos (night-house) of Alexandria; the Hanging Gardens of Babylon; the Temple of Artemis; the Statue of the Olympian Zeus; the Tomb of King Mausolus, and the Colossus of Rhodes.

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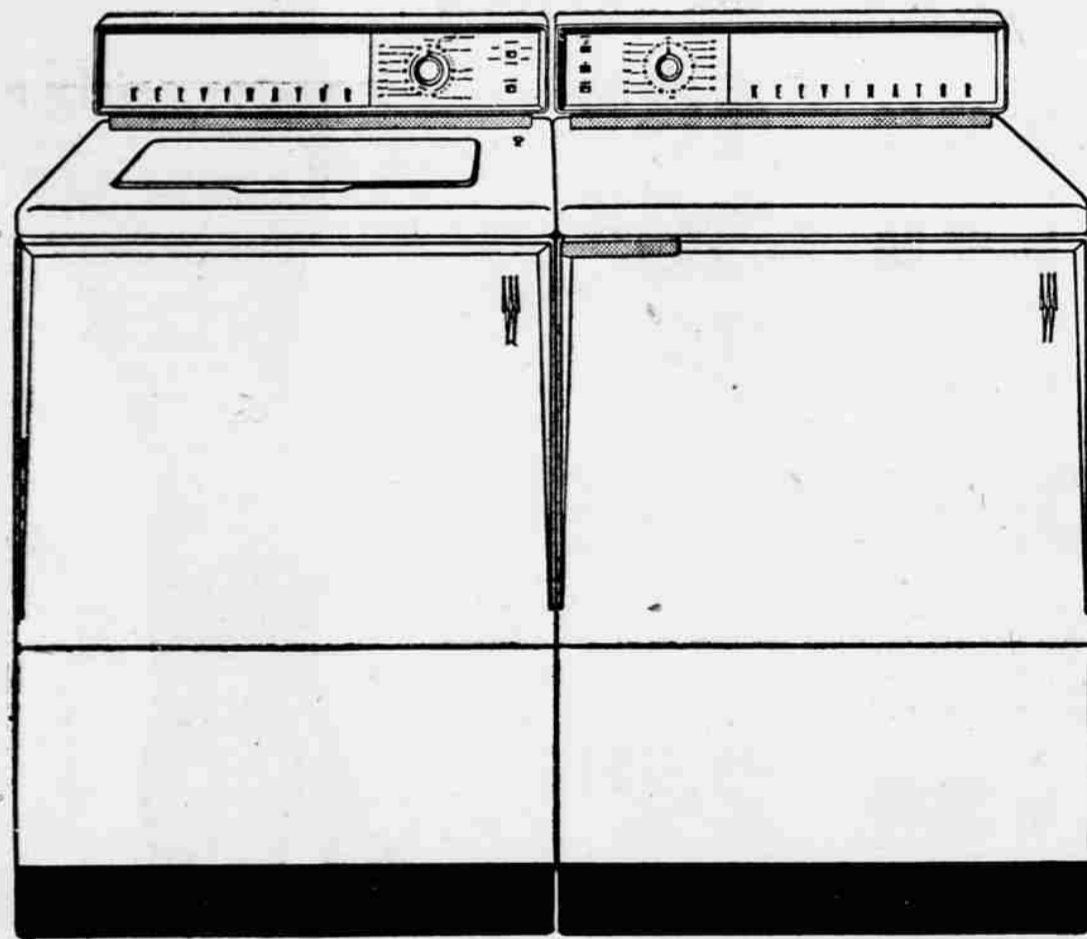
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