

### Buying Telescope Launches Career

Roseville, Calif. — In 1931 Carl Wells bought a six-inch telescope for his teenage son, never dreaming that it would someday bring Wells wide recognition.

The gift launched the 17-year-old Wells on a spare-time career as an astronomer and telescope maker that since has grown to major proportions.

The retired railroad conductor presently is experimenting with metal mirrors for the National Astronomical Observatory of Phoenix, Ariz., for possible use in photographing the sun.

Glass mirrors in this area tend to become heat-warped. The federally sponsored observatory hopes to find a heat-resistant metal that can be ground like glass. Wells has sent the observatory a disk of nickel-coated copper and another of titanium. He's working on one made of beryllium — a poisonous metal that requires careful handling.

Wells, working at his home-made grinding and polishing machine, recalls various incidents in connection with his hobby. He was technical advisor when the University of Nevada built its observatory. He made the telescope used there. Recently he finished a 10-inch Maksutov correcting lens which he intends to donate to the University of California.

Wells also worked for the U. S. Bureau of Standards, took part in secret projects for the Office of Naval Research and made optical equipment for the armed services.

In 1916, there were 791,000 people employed by automobile makers.

### Longest Single Line Mine Tunnel Starts

Bingham, Utah — One of the longest single-line mine tunnels in the nation is being constructed here at a cost of \$12,000,000.

The 3½-mile ore-haulage tunnel being built by Kennecott Copper company was started last November, 1956, and is expected to be completed by 1960.

Construction crews have completed drilling 2,790 feet of the project and are pushing forward at an average rate of 28 feet a day.

### Monument Due Face Lifting

San Diego, Calif. — The nation's most popular national monument is scheduled for a face-lifting.

Officials at Cabrillo National Monument atop Point Loma say they plan a \$400,000 improvement program that will transform the famous tourist attraction into an 81-acre scenic park.

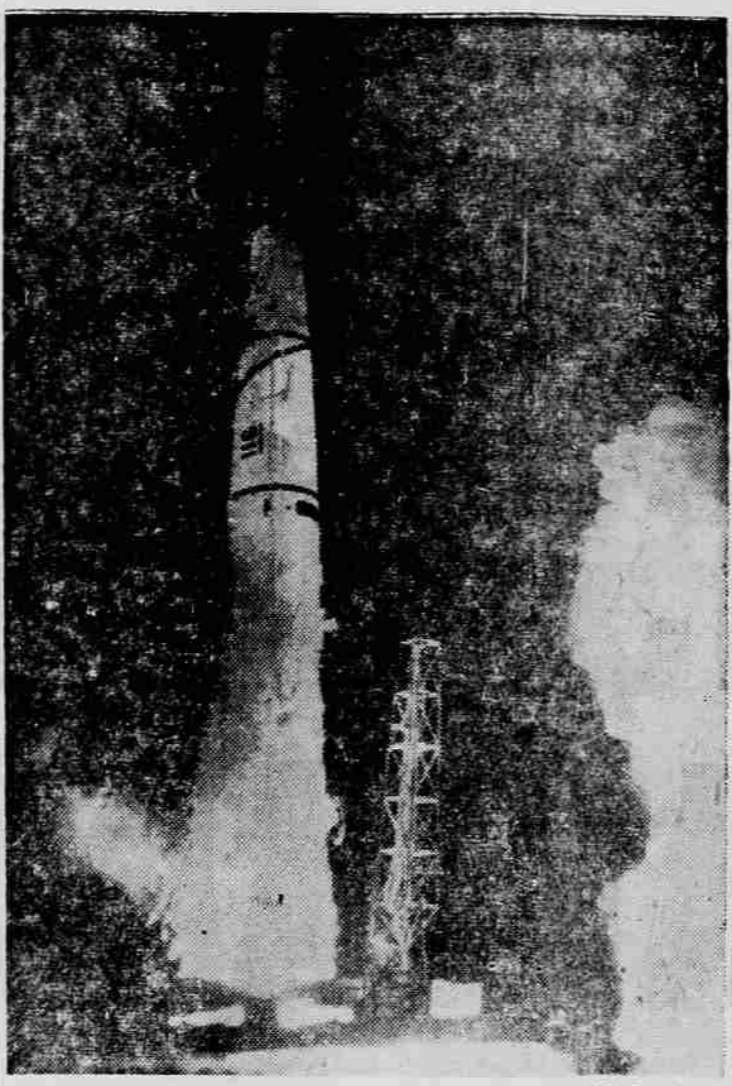
The monument, located on the most southwesterly point in the United States, now covers less than half an acre. In spite of its small size, it has attracted the highest annual visitor attendance of the 83 national monuments in the nation, surpassing even the Statue of Liberty in New York, which ranks second.

Included in the improvement plans are a new visit center and museum overlooking picturesque San Diego harbor and a change in location for a historic statue of Portuguese explorer Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo. Cabrillo's landing on the point in 1542 marked the first contact by Europeans with this part of the New World.

The statue, which was presented to the United States by Portugal in 1940, will be moved a quarter of a mile away from its present location near an old Spanish lighthouse to make way for the other improvements.

There are 69.3 per cent of the world's passenger cars in the United States.

Nialite, an alloy, is being used to make the propellers for the steamship President Adams. A propeller made of it weighs 12,000 pounds less than one made of manganese bronze and is expected to cut the ship's fuel bill by \$13,700 per year.



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**'MOON ROCKET'**—A combined Thor-Vanguard rocket, forerunner of the Air Force's moon rocket, blasts off from launching pad at Cape Canaveral, Fla., during test of a new intercontinental ballistic missile nose cone. The Air Force has abandoned efforts to recover the nose cone, a small hemisphere designed to prevent missile from burning up on reentry into the atmosphere.

### Money Necessary To Land Right Job

Chicago — You've got to spend money in order to land the right job, says a placement executive in Chicago.

"Paradoxical as it might sound, it's the failure to spend money which often means the difference between landing a job and missing out on an opportunity," says Lon D. Barton, president of Cadillac Associates, Inc. Advised Barton: Use the mail and phones freely. Canvas the opportunities of every firm in your field. Make certain your appearance is correct. If you plan to use a resume, have it done professionally. And use taxicabs to make certain that you're on time for appointments.

A good photograph of yourself is important, too, Barton added. He pointed out that it is often the first advance impression a prospective employer has of you.

Most of the escapees who have been permitted to escape from Communist China into Hong Kong have been older people, physically handicapped and others considered useless as laborers, report Republic of China sources.

### Matilda Carries Family on Tour

Cleveland — A 1940-vintage school bus named Matilda has carried a school-teaching couple and their two children more than 20,000 miles without a flat tire.

"People will think we are gypsies," Marguerite White protested five years ago when her husband, George, bought the bus for \$175 and renovated it for family living.

The Whites have written a book about their travels in the machine which has carried them to Wisconsin, New England, Quebec, Gaspe, Nova Scotia and Cape Breton Island.

Mrs. White, a librarian and former English teacher, typed and read proof on "Take Us North, Matilda," last summer while her husband drove the family through Maine.

White is an artist who teaches at the Hawkin School and serves as president of the Chagrin Falls, (Ohio), Artists Association.

"Matilda gives us a chance to spend a month away from

### Traffic Violation Spotters Organized

Grand Rapids, Mich. — A "vigilante" force of traffic violation spotters has been organized by the Greater Grand Rapids Safety Council.

Twenty-five council members are on the alert for traffic violators in the course of their day-to-day driving.

When a member spots a violation, he notes the car's license number, time, place and type of offense on a postcard which is mailed to a council screening committee.

The cards are sifted and those citing flagrant violations are sent to police.

home, and I get time to really get down and paint," White said.

"It's the only way a school teacher and his family can travel."

"I just hope Matilda lives long enough to take us through Mexico and the Southwest," he added.

### Advertising Name Brands Holds Price

Oxford, Ohio — Dr. A. J. Alton, associate professor of marketing at Miami university, says advertising's insistence on "name brands" may have helped to hold down retail prices by controlling wholesale markups.

Alton said this situation has left the wholesaler in the middle because his freedom to price and to average his markup "has been curtailed to a considerable degree with the advent of advertising lines and pre-selling of merchandise."

He said wholesalers' selling prices often are determined by following the manufacturer's suggested resale price. He found this practice in 33 per cent of the hardware stores, 69 per cent of the drug stores and 20 per cent of the dry-goods stores studied in a survey in this area.

Alton reported that in some cases manufacturers' threat-

### HILTS Party Honors Youngster

By MRS. M. F. CAVIN  
 Hills — A party was given April 18 at 7 p.m. honoring the second birthday of David Frye, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Frye.

Baskets of candy and balloons were given as favors, and ice cream, cake, and punch were served.

Guests were Jackie Sandiford, Stevie De Avilla, Frankie Marin, Stevie Cecato, Gloria Chase, Lynn Davenport and Cella and Donna White.

Parents present were Johnny De Avilla, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Cecato, Mrs. Sue Davenport, and Davy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Frye.

Mario Michelen was a recent weekend visitor in Chico, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Hall visited recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Williams in Corning. The Williams are former residents of this community.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Sletten and girls of Empire, were weekend guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ayris. Mrs. Sletten is their daughter.

The Rev. and Mrs. Harold Courts and son Ronald of Riverside, visited recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vern Burns and family.

Mrs. Charles Sprague, and family; Mrs. R. Smith and Miss Joan Smith were business visitors in Ashland Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Spannaus and children of Oroville, visited last weekend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Spannaus.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Gibson and children, who live on the Dead Indian road, were weekend guests at the Robert Ferguson home.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jorgenson and children of Willows, visited last weekend at the home of Mrs. Jorgenson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Graves.

Mrs. Bessie Dunaway of Sacramento, visited Wednesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Vieira. Mrs. Dunaway and her late husband operated the Club hotel here for many years.

Miss Dorethea De Clerck of Yreka, visited Wednesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Audomar De Clerck.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Jackson of Prineville were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ozzie Bernheisel for several days last week.

The regular meeting of the Hills PTA was held Thursday evening, April 24, in the school cafeteria.

Fifth and sixth grade girls presented the Maypole dance and the boys sang and played various instruments. The first and second grade girls wore fancy hats and sang "Easter Parade," then the boys dressed as rabbits joined the girls and the entire group sang, "Here Comes Peter Cottontail." The numbers were announced by Pat Fox.

A playlet entitled "A Very Late Spring," presented by part of the third and fourth grades, was announced by

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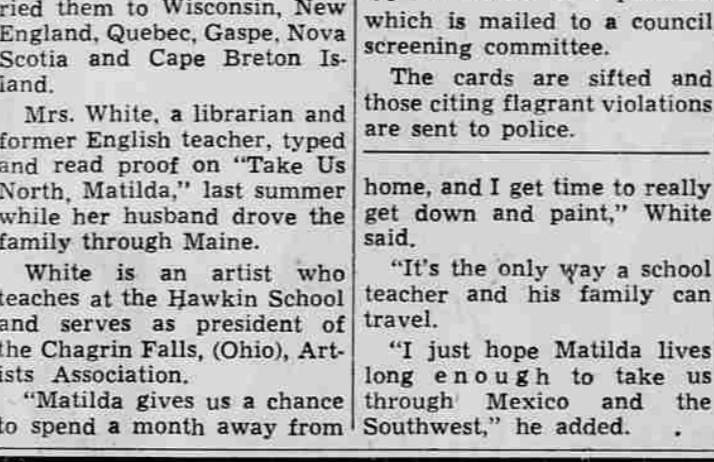
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