

# Is That So?

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Cairo. I left the fabulous Brass Bazaar determined to go to the Pyramids six miles or so away, but I got no farther than the island in the Nile.

its more than 22,000,000 people are crowded into the 13,500 square miles that lie along the river.

The reason was the nilometer and an ichneumon. The nilometer is the old monument of Egypt. The one at Cairo—there are more of them up the river—is an octagonal pillar standing in a square well on the island of Roda, the one where Moses was found in the bulrushes.

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Why that was important is that the Nile is the life blood of Egypt, and by comparing its depth on a given day with the data for other years the Egyptians could tell what to expect and how to regulate irrigation. In the old days, taxes were set by it, high in a good year, low in a bad.

## Business Upturn Said Due July 21

Eugene — (UPI) — A Minneapolis economist predicted today that the nation's business will enjoy an upturn at 8 a.m., Monday, July 21.

Dr. Arthur R. Uppgren told the convention of the Oregon Bankers association here that setting an end to the recession at a precise hour was not so humorous as it might appear. He said that is the moment that heavy industry would resume work after its traditional vacation period.

In recent years, I was told, the maximum rise at Cairo was 23 feet. The maximum is far higher upstream, 32 at Aswan Dam. The reason for the difference, aside from the dam, is that so much is drawn off for irrigation.

Dr. Uppgren, consulting economist for the First National Bank of Minneapolis, said that when inventory liquidation has run its course and production is lifted to match the still relatively high consumption, the first automatic force for recovery would be at work.

My guide explained that he was fishing for "bayad." I haven't yet seen one, but since it is said to be without scales, like our catfish, to reach a maximum length of three and a half feet and to be very good eating, that's what it may be.

He commended such positive economic moves as housing and highway programs for maintaining personal incomes and supporting the rate of consumption.

It was an ichneumon, the Egyptian mongoose that is known to many as "Pharaoh's rat" and that is almost twice as big as the Indian variety.

He blamed the declining rate of investment by business as the principal cause of the recession.

From the silent, efficient way in which he worked it was obvious why the ancient Egyptians memorialized him on their stone monuments as a mouser.

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But Nile crocodile eggs are the hard-shell type. Very hard. Furthermore, they are buried under a foot and a half to two feet of sand, and since the mother crocodile spends the greater part of the 12-week hatching period lying on them, it is difficult to see how even the wildest ichneumon would get near them.

Chevrolet, with 601,127 units built so far, and Cadillac, with 64,445, came closest to their output of 1957. But none of the big three car makers is ahead of last year in production.

Most certainly the reason for the crocodile's retreat up the Nile is the high-powered rifle of the exploding population of the country. The population has more than doubled in the last century. And though the area of the country—Egypt proper—is nearly 400,000 square miles.

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## Thornton To Attend Attorneys' Conference

Salem — (UPI) — Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton will leave for Chicago Friday to attend the annual conference of the National Association of Attorneys General. Thornton is scheduled to address the meeting following Tuesday on the "defense of state officers by the attorney general in civil and criminal cases."

## No New Adjectives Left To Describe Television's 'Studio One' Offering

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New York — (UPI) — One of the toughest things about being a TV critic is describing shows of medium quality in new ways.



William Ewald resting and passably interesting. I've also used up other mildies like in-between, average, so-so, respectable, admissible, 50-50, lukewarm and neutral.

So far this season I've used up mildly ingratiating, fairly pleasing, moderately compelling, tolerably arresting and passably interesting. I've also used up other mildies like in-between, average, so-so, respectable, admissible, 50-50, lukewarm and neutral.

## Grads Urged To Work for Peace

Emmitsburg, Md. — (UPI) — President Eisenhower urged the graduating class of Mount St. Mary's College here Monday to crusade for justice at home and abroad, and for world peace.

The President delivered the commencement address at the small Roman Catholic college for men after spending a quiet Memorial Day week end at his nearby Gettysburg, Pa., farm. The college, which is celebrating its 150th anniversary, gave Eisenhower an honorary law degree.

Frankly, I've run out. And so, all I can say about Monday night's CBS-TV "Studio One" medium quality offering, "Ticket to Tahiti," is that it was mildly ingratiating, fairly pleasing, moderately compelling, tolerably arresting and passably interesting. It was also in-between, average, so-so, respectable, admissible, 50-50, lukewarm and neutral.

## Morse Attacks High Dam Defeat

Washington — (UPI) — Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) today called defeat of the Hells Canyon dam bill a "tragic loss to future generations of American boys and girls."

He said "it is but another example of the predatory self-interest of the Eisenhower administration prevailing over the welfare of the people of the country."

## Cuban Army Seeking Rebels

Havana — (UPI) — The army has launched an "all-out push" against rebels entrenched in the Maestra Mountains seeking to drive them into the sea, it was reported today.

Private sources said 8,000 to 11,000 troops attacked last Sunday along an 80-mile front between Manzanillo and Santiago. They reported fierce fighting and said casualties have been heavy on both sides.

## Car Production Off 30 Per Cent

Detroit — (UPI) — General Motors increased its share of auto production of GM, Ford and Chrysler was more than 30 per cent under car-truck building in May of 1957.

GM built 215,754 cars and trucks in its U.S. plants in May, compared with 269,762 a year earlier. For the first five months of this year, GM production is 1,199,124 compared with 1,509,059 last year.

## Eddie Fisher May Undergo Surgery

Hollywood — (UPI) — Singer Eddie Fisher may undergo an appendectomy after fulfilling a month-long engagement at the Tropicana Hotel in Las Vegas, Nev., beginning June 11, according to his doctor.

The singer was hospitalized at Cedars of Lebanon Hospital last Saturday. He expects to be released today or Wednesday.

## 4-H Club News

Sam's Thumpers  
Sam's Thumpers' May meeting was a tour of all the rabbit members' hobs. We saw how well the rabbits were getting along. The June meeting was held at Dean and Linda Sommers' house. The meeting was called to order by Vice President Dean Sommer.

## Rhododendrons Start To Bloom on Mt. Hood

Timberline — (UPI) — Mt. Hood's own color spectacular, a display of rhododendron blooms, is now ready for viewing by thousands of the early summer motorists.

The blooms were reported opening on the lower slopes of the mountains Monday and should be in full glory all the way to Timberline by the end of the week. They are early this year.

## Secretary Seeks Record for Talking

Fayetteville, N. C. — (UPI) — A Fayetteville secretary, shooting for \$1,000 in prizes, was still going strong early today in her attempt to set a new national talking record.

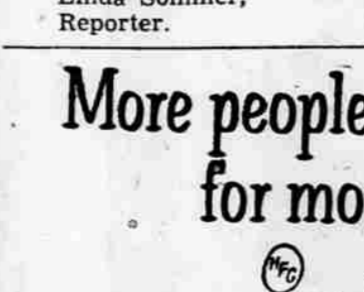
And if Mrs. Lois Grant, 27, failed in her attempt, six other local women were waiting for a crack at the jackpot of prizes.

## WANTS CITIZENSHIP

Washington — (UPI) — Rep. Francis E. Walter (D-Pa.), says actress Olivia de Havilland has requested special save her U. S. citizenship. The star, who has lived in Paris since 1955, would lose her citizenship in two years under present law. Walter has introduced a bill which would exempt Miss de Havilland from a provision of the McCarran-Walter Immigration act that revokes the citizenship of naturalized Americans who live abroad continuously for more than five years.

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## Little Rock Opens Suit To Suspend School Integration

Little Rock, Ark. — (UPI) — A hearing which could result in suspension of integration at Little Rock Central High school and other schools here until January of 1961 opened in Little Rock today with approximately 15 witnesses scheduled to be called.

The Little Rock School Board was to present its reasons for asking Federal District Court for a three-year delay in its gradual school integration plan.

The witnesses will present a "cross-section" of the persons involved, according to one school official.

Judge Harry J. Lemley, of Hope, Ark., will hear the case. He estimated it would take the board two days to present its case for asking the delay.

Negroes To 'Sit Back'  
Wiley Branton, of Pine Bluff, Ark., a Negro attorney, said attorneys for the Negro children who started the original suit to integrate Feb. 8, 1956, would not know how many witnesses they might call until the board gave its case.

"Since the burden is on them, we're going to sit back at first," Branton said. He said he "doubts seriously" whether Gov. Orval E. Faubus would take any part in the case.

He pointed out Faubus is still prevented by injunction from doing anything to prevent integration. Faubus told newsmen last week he would not take part.

## VERDICT OF MURDER

Hamilton, Ohio — (UPI) — A jury of nine women and three men found Shirley Edward Campbell, 22, guilty of first degree murder Monday night in the slaying of a Negro student nurse, Campbell was tried on charges of pushing the nurse, Sylvesta Andy, 20, of Piqua, Ohio, from the roof of a five-story hospital. He earlier had confessed he pushed her because she repudiated the confession.

## Highway 97 Wreck Takes Second Life

Klamath Falls — (UPI) — The death toll in a violent car-truck crash near Mt. Hebron in northern California rose to two late Monday with the death of Gilbert Pruet, 18, of Searcy, Ark.

Wilbert Pruet, 48, and two other Pruet boys, Roland 9, and Wayne, 5, escaped serious injury.

The youth's mother, Mrs. Beatrice Pruet, was killed outright in the crash on Highway 97, 35 miles south of here. Young Pruet died about 6 p.m. Monday in Klamath Valley Hospital here. His father, for about four hours.

## Leonard Hall Eyes N. Y. Governorship

New York — (UPI) — Former Republican National Chairman Leonard W. Hall is formally in the race for his party's nomination for governor of New York.

Hall, in announcing his candidacy Monday, said: "I am making my decision now because I believe the outcome of this election is important to all our citizens and we Republicans had better get on with the job."

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