

Back Stairs: Ike at Gettysburg Farm

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Washington—(UPI)—Back stairs at the Whitehouse:

President Eisenhower is spending the Fourth of July at his Gettysburg, Pa., farm. As usual, it will be a quiet, secluded, family affair.

His first three Independence Day observances as President were spent at Camp David, the presidential hideaway in the Catoctin Mountains on the Maryland-Pennsylvania border. On the next two, he relaxed at his Gettysburg, Pa., farm home on the edge of the Civil War battlefield.

He has confined his Independence Day observances to take it easy. Golf, fishing, bridge, privately-shown movies and just relaxing with his family and close personal friends.

Today is only the second time the President and the first lady have had their grandchildren with them on the Fourth. The last time was at Gettysburg in 1956. Mrs. Eisenhower's mother, Mrs.

John S. Doud of Denver, was along at Camp David in 1953.

The President now is an "honorary twirler." Marine Helicopter Squadron One issued him a card after his flight in one of its whirlybirds. It said the President, "having been duly indoctrinated in forward, backward, upward, downward and stationary flight, is hereby designated 'honorary twirler.'" Similar cards were given to White House staff aides and newsmen who rode on presidential helicopter flights.

In the future, White House newsmen will be charged for their rides when they use military helicopters to cover presidential trips. Recent trips to Annapolis, Md., were trial runs. Newsmen requested that on future flights they pay their fare, just as they do on airline planes chartered by the White House for the long-term presidential trips.

Indications are that reporters will be permitted to accompany the President by helicopter with one excep-

tion. Eisenhower is standing pat in his refusal to allow newsmen to go along when he uses a whirlybird for trips to his Gettysburg, Pa., farm. He considers the farm his personal home—a part of his private life—and there is no reason to help reporters cover his activities there.

The Washington Zoo has been besieged with questions about vicunas since Boston millionaire Bernard Goldfine's gift of a vicuna coat to presidential assistant Sherman Adams hit the headlines. The inquiries poured in by letter, telephone and in person.

Those who wanted to see a vicuna were disappointed. The zoo hasn't had one since its vicuna "stinky" died a year ago.

Nor does the zoo's director, Dr. Theodore M. Reed, plan to buy another in the near future. He explained that he is concentrating on purchase of U.S. animals for the time being. And a foot-and-mouth disease ban on importing hoofed animals from South

Williams Named Association Head

Bill Williams, a vice president of Bear Creek Orchards, was elected president of the Medford Pear Shippers association recently.

Williams succeeds Harold A. Holmes, sales manager of Rogue River Orchards, as head of the industry group.

Warren Bayliss, Myron Root and company, was elected vice president and Fred Morlan was retained as secretary-treasurer.

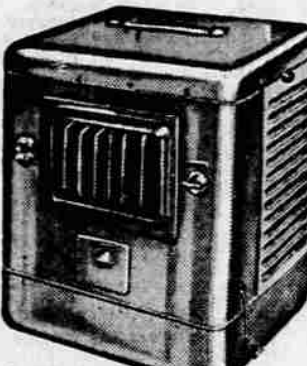
Those elected will take office at the next regular meeting of the association July 10.

America makes it difficult to bring in a vicuna.

But the zoo has some llama, alpaca and guanaco, which qualify as a poor man's version of the vicuna. Their wool is not as fine or costly but is not what one would call inexpensive. According to Reed, the guanaco compares to the vicuna about like a work horse compares to a thoroughbred.

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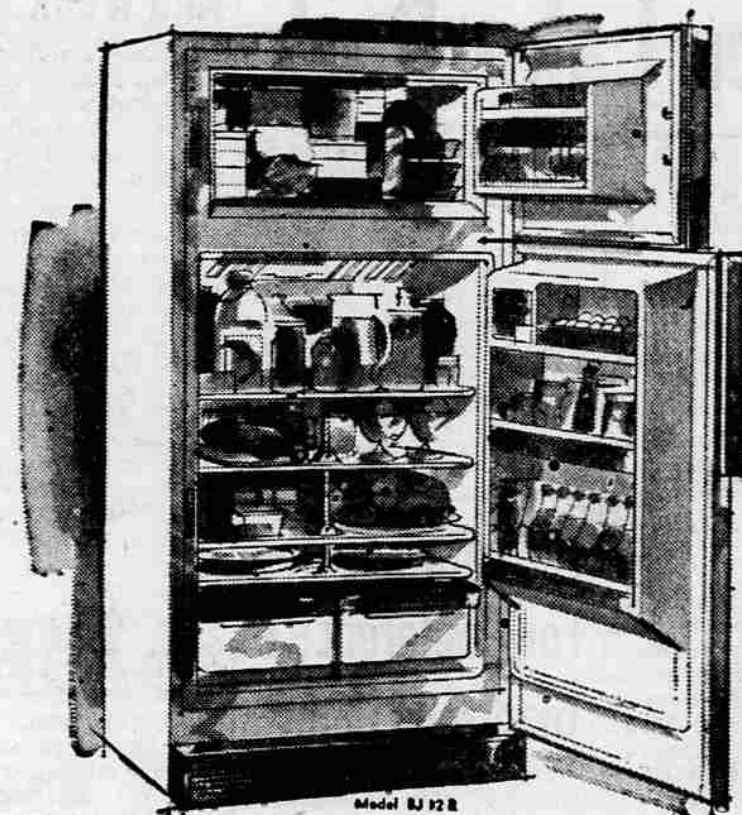
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