

## Woman Builds Business On New 'Hep Cap' Beanies

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Locust Valley, N.Y.—UPI—The beanie, "old hat" in the world of fashion, is building a successful new business for Mrs. Robert B. Smith.

All because the young matron thought up amusing ways to re-do the small, brimless felts which are classics of headcovers.

Now, children in all parts of the country are wearing beanies decorated with small, felt skunks and proclaiming "Hi Stinky"; beanies with a red-nosed penguin and the words "Cool, Man, Cool"; beanies with an alligator and "See You Later".

Mrs. Smith, whose husband is with a New York bank, got into the beanie business as a result of a doll shop she opened in this plush Long Island suburb.

"And I got into the doll business because I have three small girls," said the tall, brown-haired Mrs. Smith. "I always have sewed, and I sewed, and I started designing doll clothes for the kids. Pretty soon, I was also sewing for the neighbors children."

Opens Shop  
Three years ago she opened the "Little Women" shop. "This summer," she said, "I decided I needed some gimmick to perk up sales. My husband said, 'Why not do something with hats; everybody loves a hat.'"

Her first beanie featured a glue-on mouse and a big lettered "EEK". But she dreamed up "about 40" different styles and with Mrs. Robert Dunns, a neighbor and "my right arm" in the doll shop, they went in search of a manufacturer.

"We called on several prospects," said Mrs. Smith, "and were so scared someone would steal our idea we would hardly open our box of samples until we'd already discussed royalties."

Eventually, they made a deal with a manufacturer for the basic felts and with a "high class" distributor and "Hep Caps" were on their way.

Mrs. Smith said her eldest daughter, Sandy, 11, designed the beanie which so far has been the biggest hit. It features a face right out of a horror movie and "scare" uneven lettering of the word "MAD".

Other designs include the words "in my head" with a hole in the beanie; a daisy

with three petals on, two falling off and the words "He loves me . . ."; a red and black ladybug with the words "Go Home"; and a turtle with "Go slow."

The hats caught on before Mrs. Smith could get the production line for putting on the decorations out of her own house and into a factory. As a result, she said, just about every nook and cranny is filled with felt or glue.

"My husband takes the whole thing with good humor," she said. "Since the hats actually were his suggestions, he keeps saying 'I told you so.'"

### Nut Board Estimates 1958-59 Orchard Run

San Francisco—UPI—The Walnut Control Board has estimated the 1958-59 orchard run production in California, Oregon and Washington as 1,700,000 bags.

The board reported official estimates to the U.S. Department of Agriculture Friday. Total projected production was 85,000 tons—78,000 for California and 7,000 for Washington and Oregon.

### EXECUTIVE DIES

New York—UPI—George W. Allison, 62, engineer and business executive, died Wednesday. He was a former vice president of the Mergenthaler Linotype company.

### LAMB SHOULDER

New York—UPI—Keep economy on your dinner menu with a skillet dinner of shoulder lamb chops with vegetables.

Cook 4 shoulder lamb chops, 3/4 inch thick, over low heat until browned on both sides. Add 2 cups water and 2 beef bouillon cubes. Cook, covered, over low heat for 30 minutes. Add one 1-pound can white onions undrained, a 10 ounce package frozen french-style green beans, 1 1/2 teaspoons salt and 1/2 teaspoon rosemary. Cook, covered, 8-10 minutes, or until beans are tender.

### New Meat Loaf Recipe

New York—UPI—Mushroom meat loaf is a real treat, served hot or cold.

For a 6-serving loaf, combine 2/3 cup (1 small can) undiluted evaporated milk and 1 egg with 1 1/2 pounds ground beef, 1/2 cup cracker crumbs, 1 1/2 teaspoons salt, 1/4 teaspoon each pepper and thyme, 1/4 cup chopped onion, 1/2 cup chopped green pepper and 1 cup sliced mushrooms.

Mix well, press into a 8 1/2 x 4 1/2 x 2 1/2-inch loaf pan, lined with waxed paper. Bake in moderate (350 degree) oven about 1 hour. Let stand in pan 10 minutes, turn out on platter and slice.

Dispose of poisonous materials or their containers where children cannot find them. About every fourth person who dies from poisoning is between the ages of one and five.

### Food Expert Explains Kitchen Chemistry

Ithaca, N. Y.—UPI—A full course meal on the family dinner table may have as many as 500 chemical additives in it to build its quality or nutritive value, says a food expert.

Prof. D. B. Hand, head of the Department of Food Science and Technology at the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station at Geneva, says federal regulations make sure that these additives are in the best interests of consumers.

Hand told a meeting of the State Nutrition Institute at Cornell University that some chemical additives may be used until they can be shown harmful, but "the more advanced food companies have gone to great lengths to establish harmlessness before use."

The professor said an expanded research program is needed to develop safer and simpler testing methods.

### DIXIE PORK CHOPS

Washington—UPI—Hanker for some old-style Southern cooking? Then try "Dixie pork chops."

Brown 1-inch thick pork chops slowly. Season with equal parts salt and sage. Remove chops from pan. Add flour to drippings in pan and blend well. Add water and vinegar (1 tablespoon vinegar for each cup of water). Cook until gravy has thickened. Return chops to frying pan. Place cored apple rings on chops, and sprinkle with brown sugar. Add raisins. Cover and simmer until chops are tender.

For crisper celery stalks, float them in cold water in which a teaspoon of sugar has been dissolved.

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RECEIVE CARS—Eagle Point, Jacksonville and Crater High schools last week received training cars from Courtesy Chevrolet in Medford for use in the schools' driver training program. Each car is equipped with two sets of controls. Shown receiving the two is one car is Glenn D. Hale, superintendent of Eagle Point school district, at left. Russ Keysell, Courtesy Chevrolet manager, presents Hale the keys while John J. Crabb, superintendent of the Jacksonville schools, and H. P. Jewett, superintendent of schools of district 6C, which includes Crater High school, look on. (Brainerd's Photo)

## Traffic Test Recommended Before Buying New Home

Washington—Before deciding on a house, test the traffic between it and your office—or your husband's office.

This pointer comes from Representative Iris Blitch (D) Ga., a petite lawmaker who runs two homes, one in near-by Arlington, Va., and the other in her hometown of Homerville, Ga.

Mrs. Blitch told an interviewer that "I am a woman who likes a house—I'm not happy without one." She said she knew when she was first elected to Congress in 1954 that she would have to find a house in the Washington area.

A "for sale" sign led her to a house "that just suited me—the floor plan was just what I wanted." The first thing she did, after sensing that the house "had the right feeling for me," was to make a test drive to Capitol Hill.

"I made the test at the very busiest time of the day when traffic was the heaviest and under the worst conditions because it was raining," Mrs. Blitch recalled. "It took me 25 minutes but I knew that by leaving a little earlier or later than the rush hour, I could cut down on the time. I find now that I can get to my office in 12 minutes in normal traffic."

Redecorating Fun  
She purchased the one-story brick home because "payments were cheaper than renting in the long run and I am making a good investment." Then she had fun redecorating the home. She chose white, black, and pink tones as her basic colors.

The Congresswoman, a youthful and attractive size 12, said the living room has a huge brick fireplace which she painted white. She used a white, textured wall paper and chose white draperies for the windows. A black and white cotton print covers the sofa and accent is given by cerise pull-up chairs.

In the dining "L" she has a table, buffet, and chairs upholstered in a black and white stripe. French doors open onto a glassed-in porch with black and cerise vinyl tile and wrought iron furniture upholstered in pink and black.

Mrs. Blitch thinks the colors give an air of lightness and spaciousness to the house. They contrast pleasingly with her Georgia home, which is done in tones of beige, brown and rose. She and her husband, who have been married 28 years, have remodeled their Georgia home three times. The last such adventure was to give her office space.

### Runs Two Homes

As a result of running two homes, the Congresswoman said she will welcome the day when all equipment is standardized. She said this would make it easier to fix appliances if something goes wrong with them. As it is, she said, the equipment in her two homes take different kinds of care and remedies.

But Mrs. Blitch said that "great advances have been made in house planning" such activities as the forthcoming Woman's Conference on Housing "will spur even more progress."

The conference to which she referred will be held in Washington, October 14-16, to provide homemakers with an opportunity to exchange ideas on the kind of a home they would like. It is sponsored by the National Association of Home Builders and the United Industry Committee on Housing, a group of allied housing industry organizations.

For a savory accompaniment to baked ham, top canned cling peach halves with a mixture of grated lemon rind, brown sugar and soft butter. Heat bubbling hot under broiler.

## Pair of Publishers Bound for Europe

Portland—UPI—Glen Charles, publisher of the Lakeview Examiner, and Verne McKinney, publisher of the Hillsboro Argus, were on their way to Europe yesterday for an annual International House trade and travel mission sponsored by the National Editorial Association.

The two newspaper publishers were scheduled to visit Amsterdam, Brussels, London and Paris, during the NEA study mission. They were accompanied by their wives.

## Two Medford Men in NROTC Program at OSC

Edward Cantrill, 506 South Newtown st., and Stephen Hoag, 1003 West Main st., Medford, are among 41 men

## Insecticide Fatal To Clackamas Baby

Oregon City—UPI—David Douglas Chapman, 14-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Chapman, route 1, Beaver Creek, was dead on arrival at Doctor's hospital here Friday afternoon after the child swallowed a quantity of insecticide.

Clackamas county coroner Lester R. Peake said the child accidentally got the bottle of insecticide, unscrewed the cap and drank from it.

Under the program, the Navy pays tuition fees, and purchases books, from 12 states selected to attend Oregon State college this fall under the Naval ROTC midshipmen training program.

## Glamorize Familiar Food

New York—UPI—To make creamed chipped beef into a company dish, stir a few table-spoons of sherry wine into the sauce. Serve on toasted, split English muffins and top the works with a few roasted, slivered almonds.

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