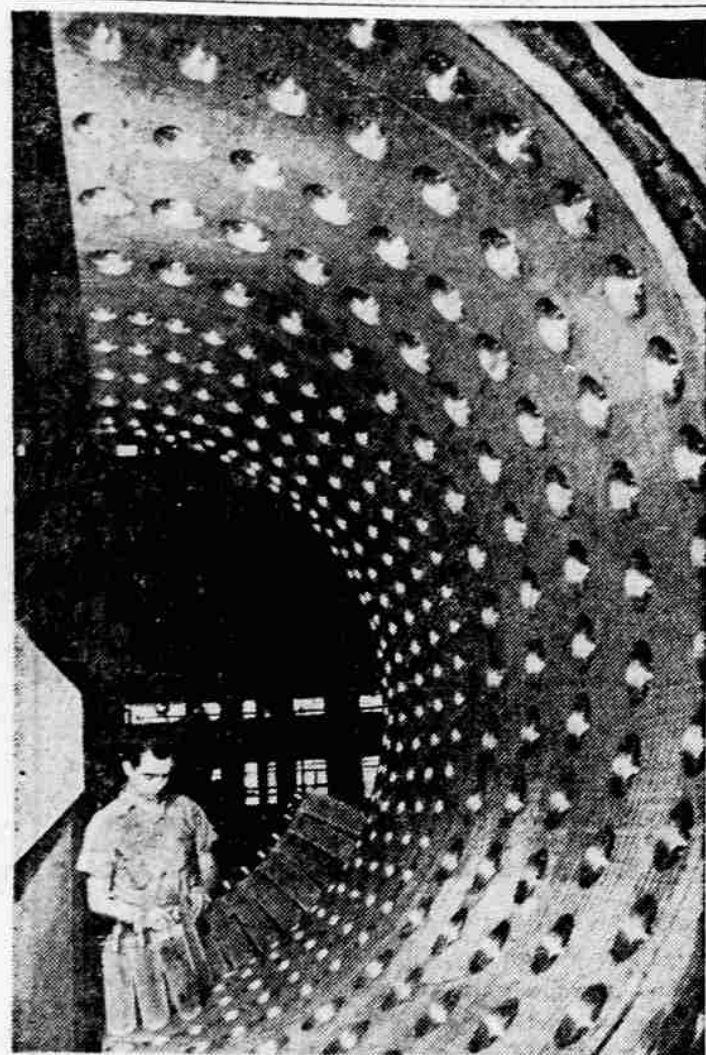




English Citizens Anxiously Watch For Hawthorn Bloom

London —UPI— Citizens of the west country are anxiously watching the sturdy little Hawthorn tree which grows near the high altar in ruined Glastonbury Abbey on Wearyall hill.

For this is the famous holy thorn of legend and if it duly

Balloon Jumper Sees Family Art As Thing of Past

Des Moines —UPI— Capt. Ed die Allen, 62, who claims to be the only government-licensed "hot-air" balloonist left in the country, figures he's the last one as well, but he's not yet ready to quit.

Allen estimates he has gone up in a balloon and has parachuted back to earth more than 3,000 times without suffering a serious injury.

WIND MACHINE—A technician installs fan blades in a huge wind-tunnel compressor being built at Sunnyvale, Calif., for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Research Center in Virginia. This compressor will draw nearly a million cubic feet of air per minute into the wind-tunnel, which will test aircraft models at equivalent of speeds from 460 to 860 mph.

Evangelist Pleads For Understanding

Clinton, Tenn. —UPI— Evangelist Billy Graham pleaded with this troubled city Sunday to become a symbol of "tolerance, love and understanding."

The evangelist, holding a one-day revival, preached close to the bombed-out Clinton High school which was integrated despite prolonged violence in 1956.

powerless in itself to change the human heart, and must be supplanted by love.

Woman 72, Ends Alaska Camp Trip

Ben Lomond, Calif. —UPI— A 72-year-old woman, who believes that "people get it in their heads they are too old to do things," has just completed an 8,000-mile camping trip to Alaska.

Mrs. Etta Konigshofer, who intends to live another 30 years, made the trip in a Volkswagen Microbus equipped with running water and electricity.

"Everywhere people were amazed that I traveled alone," she said. "But alone is a wonderful word. There was no reason for me to be afraid. Who would harm an old woman?"

During the three-month trip to Alaska Mrs. Konigshofer camped at open-air campsites along the way. She said the expedition cost her only \$142 plus gas.



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blooms on Christmas day, the first spray of blossom must be ceremoniously cut by the vicar of Glastonbury and dispatched at once to the queen.

If it fails to bloom, it is believed that a year of grief and tribulation for the royal family and for England generally lies ahead.

Staff Takes Root

Legend says that this tree dates back to Saint Joseph of Arimathea who came to the vale of Avalon to preach Christianity carrying a staff cut from the tree which provided Christ's crown of thorns. Exhausted from climbing the steep hill, he stopped to rest remarking, "We are weary all," and plunged his staff into the ground.

It immediately took root and became a tree which always blooms at Christmas, unlike normal thorn trees which bloom in the spring. It also blooms whenever royalty visits the abbey.

The tree has bloomed at Christmas for centuries past. There are historical records of its flowers being ceremonially presented to King James I and Queen Anne. The late Queen Mary always looked forward to receiving the flower at Sandringham House and the sprays were placed by her in the local church.

Continues in Perpetuity

As one tree has reached its normal span and died, cuttings from it have been planted so that the holy thorn can continue in perpetuity. The present tree has matured from the cutting, officially taken and planted with considerable pomp during the festival of Britain celebrations in 1951.

Seeds from the tree have often been cultivated but the result has always been an ordinary spring-blooming thorn. But cuttings sent to many parts of the world have occasionally rooted successfully and matured into Christmas-blooming trees. They are always required to be planted in holy ground.

One is at St. Alban's cathedral in Washington. In 1951 when Princess Elizabeth visited Washington it suddenly bloomed and a spray of the blossom was presented to her in a special silver basket.

Just over two months later her father died and the princess became the queen.

Allen hangs from a circular trapeze while the 9-foot high and 55-foot wide balloon climbs to 4,000 feet. Then he cuts himself loose and drifts down to earth with a parachute, always trying to steer it to a spot within the viewing area. The balloon also comes down on its own parachute.

"Cap," a native of Batavia, N.Y., admitted that "you get banged up a bit," but said neither he nor any member of his family ever suffered a serious injury doing the stunt.

Glaucoma Said Fairly Common

Ann Arbor, Mich. —UPI— About one person in 40 among middle aged or elderly Americans suffers from glaucoma the most common cause of blindness and there is as yet no complete cure.

But with proper care, according to Dr. Robert A. Goldsmith of the University of Michigan Medical Center, glaucoma can be controlled and blindness often prevented.

Glaucoma results from abnormal pressure in the watery fluid of the eye. When the pressure builds up, it cuts off the normal nutrition to the eye nerves and when the nerves die, incurable blindness takes place.

Even if glaucoma is caught in its early stages, it still can't be completely cured, Goldsmith said, but it can be controlled through the use of eye drops and other medication.

The overall outlook for the patient with glaucoma is now much better than it was in the past," Goldsmith said. "We are seeing more early cases and are preventing many cases of blindness but there is a long way to go."

He urged that everyone over 40 years of age have a routine examination once a year. A simple and painless test of eye pressure can determine if there is danger of glaucoma.

Twelve towns in the U. S. have the name Hamburg.

Germans Dodge 'Do-It-Yourself'

Bonn, Germany —UPI— Known as they are through-out the world for their industry and enterprise, the Germans haven't taken to "do-it-yourself" as have Americans. But there are reasons.

The absence of a "do-it-yourself" spirit in Germany was noted recently by Dr. H. Kolbenschlag, business manager of the German Craftsmen Guild, upon his return from a visit to the U. S.

Dr. Kolbenschlag said he believes there are three reasons for the "do-it-yourself" movement in the U. S.: —Many persons live far from a large city so they have to do their own repair work if it is to be done at all.

—Others live in large, mushrooming cities where there is a shortage of skilled repairmen.

—American products generally aren't made to last, but only just good enough so they will function.

He said only recently have the American people begun to demand, and get, more skilled craftsmen.

He said that in West Germany, as in the U. S., there is a shortage of skilled repairmen, but that is the only similarity.

The fact that there is this shortage in West Germany has caused many Germans to consider "doing it themselves." Dr. Kolbenschlag stated, but most fear they will smash their thumbs and anyway they "don't have a pioneering, adventurous spirit as do the Americans."

Most Germans solve the problem by hiring a technician to do what is called here "black work"—that is, work done by some craftsman on his own, without his employer's knowledge and after legal working hours.

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FLOATING THE "SMALL WORLD," these intrepid balloonists went aloft from Tenerife, Canary Islands, hoping to span 3,000 miles of the Atlantic and land between British Guiana and British Honduras. They are Colin Mudie (L) 32-year-old naval architect and pilot of "Small World," and his wife, Rosemary, chatting with Arnold Eiloart, 51, fellow explorer. Eiloart's son, Timothy, 21, made up the crew of four. Rosemary will be the cook.

EAGLE POINT Banquet Honors Players

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Eagle Point — There was a football banquet held in the grade school gym Thursday, Dec. 11, for the Eagle Point High school football team and parents.

The banquet was served by the GAA girls of the high school and the school cooks prepared the food, all but the desert, which was furnished by the Eagles' mothers of the school.

Tom Van Etten was master of ceremonies, with invocation by the Rev. Joseph Munshaw. A quartet consisting of Tom Van Etten, Victor Hay, Charles Martin and Gail Schoppert sang several selections and then a quartet of students, Tom Perdue, Steve Charter, Roger Hooper and Jim Nease, sang Three Jolly Coachmen.

The guest speaker for the evening was Brad E. Ecklund, from University of Oregon coaching staff. Van Etten introduced Mrs. John Huffman who explained the Mother Eagles.

Senior members of the football team were introduced and the letters presented to the team. The seniors honored were David Huffman, captain; Bill McClure, Dale Casey, Steve Charters, Bill Hubbard, Roger Hooper, Bill Turner, Dusty Gerbling, Jim Vanderlip, Fred Jossy and Jack Esp.

Bill Skeeters was given honorable mentions for the all state team, and Bill McClure was presented the trophy of the GAA by Miss Ellen Callaghan. Chosen for the all-star team was Steve Charters, Bill Turner, Roger Hooper, Dale Casey and Bill McClure.

Assistant coaches for the team were Vern Steward, Gail Schoppert and Bert Simmons. Dick Cavin showed pictures he had taken of the Eagles in action at the last two games of the season.

Miss Martha Anstead was hostesses recently for a show-

er in honor of Miss Edna Gray at her home.

Those attending were Miss Patty Clave, Miss Shirley Six, Miss Eda Larson, Miss Linda Hertager, Miss Adene Jensen, Miss Joey Hume, Miss Sally Rogers, Miss Jackie Hume, Miss Beverley Tresham, Miss Joyce Cearley, Mrs. Lewis Dusenberry, Mrs. Arthur Hume, Mrs. Carl Christian, Mrs. Ed Gray, Mrs. Ronald Anstead, Mrs. L. B. Anstead and the hostesses.

After opening of the gifts and games, the hostesses served refreshments to the guests.

December 18, 1958 at 10 a.m. the Womens Missionary Society of the Eagle Point Community Bible church will hold a potluck luncheon at the church. The last meeting was held on Nov. 20 with Mrs. Rupert Wilson and Mrs. Joe Andrews as hostesses.

The women spent the afternoon rolling bandages and sewing and packing the boxes to be sent to the missionary for Christmas.

The Eagle Point Community Bible church program will be held Sunday, Dec. 21, at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

Mrs. Fred Cantaberry and Mrs. Natal Youree attended the Christmas meeting of the Wimer Community church missionary group Thursday, Dec. 11.

Of the 52 species of fur-bearing animals in the Great Smoky mountains, those most frequently found are black bear, white-tailed deer, foxes, racoons and bobcats.

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School Announces Yule Program

Griffin Creek — The annual Christmas program at Griffin Creek school will be given Thursday, Dec. 18, starting at 8 p.m., in the school gymnasium.

Patrons of the district and friends are invited.

The band and seventh and eighth grade chorus will perform, and students of the school will present a Christmas tableau.

Steve Whipple is musical director, and the program

has been planned by Mrs. Lois Stabler, Mrs. Mariece Lindsay and Mrs. Harriett Eitemiller, all teachers at the school.

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