



**BITTER RECOLLECTION**—James Raymond (left), janitor at the Chicago parochial school where 92 persons perished in a fire early this month, tells a coroner's inquest that he had discovered the fire some 20 to 25 minutes before the first fire alarm was turned in. He said he had told the rectory housekeeper to call the fire department, but was unsure whether or not she had done so. Raymond was credited with rescuing many of the children from the fire, by dashing into the blazing building several times. At right is Coroner McCarron.



**WON'T GIVE UP**—Mrs. Ella Williams, 55-year-old widow evicted from her home in Norton, Va., stands amid her household furnishings on the lawn outside her ex-home. Since the eviction, Mrs. Williams has spent four nights and days outside in sub-freezing temperatures, refusing to go anywhere else. The house was sold by court order to settle debts against her.

### Space Soldier Puts New Face On Air Defense

Offutt AFB, Neb. —UPI—That space-age soldier, the "missile man," has been with the Strategic Air Command for nearly a year now.

His coming has put a brand new face on the air arm of America's defense.

SAC's mission is still to maintain the mighty bomber force aimed at discouraging attack on the United States, a bomber force large enough to wipe out much of Russia.

Meanwhile, a glistening and powerful complement of missiles has been added to SAC's array of potential weapons. SAC's job is to train and maintain crews to fire the intercontinental and intermediate ballistic missiles.

Construction was begun at Francis E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyo., to prepare it as the nation's first ICBM base. Other launching sites were earmarked off around Offutt, Fairchild AFB, Wash., and Forbes AFB, Kan.

Home of Snark Lowry AFB, Colo., became a Titan ICBM base and Brewster AFB, Maine, was planned as the home of a squadron of Snark ICBMs.

Vandenberg AFB, Calif., took on British Royal Air Force crews for training in operating the Atlas ICBM and the Department of Defense shipped a supply of the successful missiles to England. And defense officials flew to Offutt recently to discuss deployment of an unannounced IRBM there.

Other U. S. launching sites will be set up as the SAC missile arsenal continues to grow.

### Two Sets of Twins On School Faculty

Dwight, Ill. —UPI—The Dwight Elementary school has two sets of identical twins on its faculty.

Josephine and Catherine Wiegman both teach sixth-grade classes. They live together, dress alike and belong to the same professional and social organizations. They both graduated from Illinois State Normal university and earned masters' degrees from the University of Illinois.

Tom and Tim Hall are the other Dwight faculty twins. But they don't dress alike and they do not live together. Tom is married and has three children. Tim is a bachelor.

The brothers were graduated from Iowa Wesleyan but then each went his own way. Tom did his graduate work at Illinois Normal; Tim was awarded his master's degree from Southern Illinois University.

Tim is a coach, physical education instructor and eighth-grade social studies teacher at Dwight. Tom is principal of the school.

Of all the people of the world, an estimated 790 million have accepted Christianity as their basic religion.

One-tenth of Italy's electric power is derived from volcanic steam.



**CHALLENGING NEVADA LAW** forbidding marriages between Caucasians and Orientals, Longshore Leader Harry Bridges and Noriko Sawada, 32, San Francisco legal secretary, went to court in Reno in attempt to force marriage clerk to issue license.

An average U. S. farm worker in 1880 harvested 21 acres of land. By 1950 the average was 47 acres and it is now nearing the 56 acre mark.

Pineapple is the most popular of the canned fruits in the U.S. today but canned peaches rate second by only a slight difference.

Lake Michigan is the only Great lake wholly within American borders.

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### Back Stairs: Identification Passes

By MERRIMAN SMITH  
UPI White House Reporter  
Washington —UPI—Back stairs at the White House:

The White House is in the process of preparing new identification passes for all members of the executive staff, plus other government officials, reporters, photographers and broadcasting personnel entitled to access to the executive mansion.

One thing new about the passes is that the identification pictures are larger than usual and are made in full color. In fact, the Secret Service has dropped the requirement that White House passes carry the thumbprint on the bearer because the color photographs are regarded as quicker, more positive identification than fingerprints.

The color pictures are being made in an improvised portrait studio in the executive office building next door to the White House. The Eastman Kodak Co. technicians manning the color camera say they've noticed one traceable result of the decision to record the employees in living color.

A noticeable number of girls are putting on blue or green eye shadow just before facing the camera.

With or without eye shadow, the Secret Service likes the idea of identification by color photograph. Laminated between layers of plastic, the new pictures are expected to stand up as long as the conventional black and white which have been in use on White House credentials since the early days of World War II.

The system of identification passes for White House employees, and later the press, began as recently as 1939. Just before the British king and queen visited Washington that year, the need arose for determining who should be permitted within the building. Actually, the public had free access to the White House grounds until the time of Pearl Harbor. Until war changed the entire concept of security, government workers and department store employees used the grounds as an east-west short cut, streaming beneath the windows where the President was conducting the affairs of state.

War, however, closed the gates and led to an ironclad system of personal identification. The new color passes would seem to answer all questions with the possible exception—what happens if a girl changes the shade of her eye shadow? Will it invalidate her pass?

**Ladies Pleased**  
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### Police Patrol Construction Job

Niagara Falls, N. Y. —UPI—A police force stationed a few miles outside this city has only a small corrugated metal shack for headquarters. Yet it is larger than the law enforcement agencies of most villages around the country.

Capt. M. Alvin Johnson, a veteran of 27 years in police and fire service, heads a 64-man force on duty at the giant Niagara power project now under construction.

Johnson said his men's primary job is "to enforce safety rules, prevent uninvited guests from invading construction areas and prevent thefts and pilferage of the millions of dollars worth of equipment and material being used here."

The unusual police force has two patrol cars and also operates the project ambulance when necessary.

### Active Club Plans Party

A New Year's Eve party is planned for members of the Medford Active club, a spokesman said today.

Plans are to hold it at the Rogue Riviera. Details will be given during the next Active club meeting, it was explained.

Candidates for the coming election include Dick Nelson for president, Jim Cox for vice president, Joe Sayres for secretary, Paul Jenny for treasurer, Bob Trout for historian, Gordon Casey for activator and Jack Cummings and Dick Nelson for board members. Nominations will be received from the floor also.

California leads the states in turkey production.

### University Has 'ID' Card System

Iowa City, Iowa —UPI—Students at the State University of Iowa are putting to good use this year a new time-saving "I.O." card system which has been described as "unique" among major educational institutions.

Registrar Ted McCarrel said the idea is to expedite services to students, and to increase the accuracy and efficiency of the university's recording and filing system.

The plastic black and gold card bears the student's signature and is embossed with his name and "I.D." number. It resembles a department store charge plate and is issued in much the same manner.

Various offices and departments on campus have "hand registers" similar to those used in stores where the customer's name is transferred from his credit card to the firm's billing form.

For university purposes, this procedure is used for recording services a student might receive at the library, the dental clinic, student health center, athletic department, and so on.

There are about 5,000 milk farmers in the U.S.



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