



**IKE'S ELEPHANT**—President Eisenhower feeds a carrot to Dimbo, a pale gray baby elephant presented to him at the White House Monday as a gift from French African countries. Next to the President from right to left are J. Lear Grimmer, associate director of the Washington Zoo, and Dr. Jean Rinjard, associate director of the Paris House Monday as a gift from French African countries. Next to the President from

## New Pension Law Effective July 1

Thousands of Oregon veterans, veterans' widows, and orphans may be eligible for a higher pension beginning next July 1, S. T. Brannock, contact representative, VA Domiciliary, Camp White, said today.

Under Public Law 86-211, signed by President Eisenhower on Aug. 29, existing pension legislation was modernized for the first time since 1933.

Brannock emphasized two points in connection with the new legislation. First, it does not go into effect until July 1, 1960. He urged veterans, widows and orphans not to write to the VA now about the pension since correspondence concerning the program will only result in delays in putting it into operation next summer. All 12,031 veterans now receiving pensions in Oregon have received a notification in the mail with their September checks, he added.

### Persons May Choose

Second, veterans, widows and orphans now on the pension rolls, or coming on the rolls before July 1, 1960, will be allowed to choose to remain under the existing pension system, or switch to the new system—whichever they prefer. The VA will help them make that choice by sending them a form on which to make the choice. They will receive this form automatically, writing to the VA will not speed things up.

Brannock emphasized also that the new pension plan has nothing to do with service-connected disability compensation. It concerns nonservice-connected pensions only.

### Provisions

Here are provisions of the new pension plan, in a nutshell: Service requirements have not changed. Veterans must have served for 90 consecutive days or more and such period must have ended during World War II or the Korean Conflict, and discharged other than dishonorably. They must be permanently and totally disabled for reasons not due to service and not as the result of the veteran's own misconduct.

But the amount of pension will be based on financial need. Under the new law, a payment of \$85 per month will go to a veteran without dependents if his annual income does not exceed \$600. If his income exceeds \$600 but does not exceed \$1,200 annually, the amount is \$70 per month. If it exceeds \$1,200 but does not exceed \$1,800 the amount will be \$40 monthly. No payment of pension is made if annual income exceeds \$1,800.

### One Dependent

Veterans with one dependent are similarly scaled: one dependent, \$90 per month with income not over \$1,000; \$75 with income over \$1,000 but not over \$2,000, and with a payment of \$45 per month if income is over \$2,000 but not over \$3,000.

Veterans with two dependents will receive \$95 per month and those with three or more dependents will receive \$100 per month if their incomes are not over \$1,000 a year. If income exceeds \$1,000 the payments are the same as for the veteran with one dependent.

Helpless veterans, requiring regular aid and attendance, when they are not in a VA hospital or domiciliary will receive \$70 a month in addition to their basic pension payment.

### Widows

For widows, the basic requirement for pension eligibility will be changed as of July 1, 1960. The present law required that widows of World War II and Korean Conflict

veterans must submit evidence that the veteran had a service-connected disability. After July 1, 1960, the widows merely have to submit proof that the veteran was in active war service for 90 days or more and that he was discharged under other than dishonorable conditions. World War I widows have always had only this simple active duty requirement.

Coming on the rolls after July 1, 1960, a childless widow will receive \$60 per month if her annual income is not more than \$600; \$45 per month with an annual income over \$600 but not over \$1,200; and \$25 a month with an annual income over \$1,200 but not over \$1,800.

A widow with one child, under the new law, will receive \$75 per month if her annual income is not more than \$1,000; \$60 per month with an annual income of over \$1,000 but not over \$2,000, and \$40 a month if her annual income is over \$2,000 but not over \$3,000. An extra \$15 a month is paid in all instances for each additional child.

### Orphans

Under the new plan, orphans will be eligible for pensions if their outside income is not more than \$1,800 a year, not counting their own earnings. Pensions will be \$35 per month for one orphan and an extra \$15 per month for each additional orphan.

Veterans receiving pension under the current law or those who file prior to July 1, 1960, will be able to choose which law they wish to receive pension under, Brannock stated.

## Daughter's Diary Recalls Knifing of William Seward

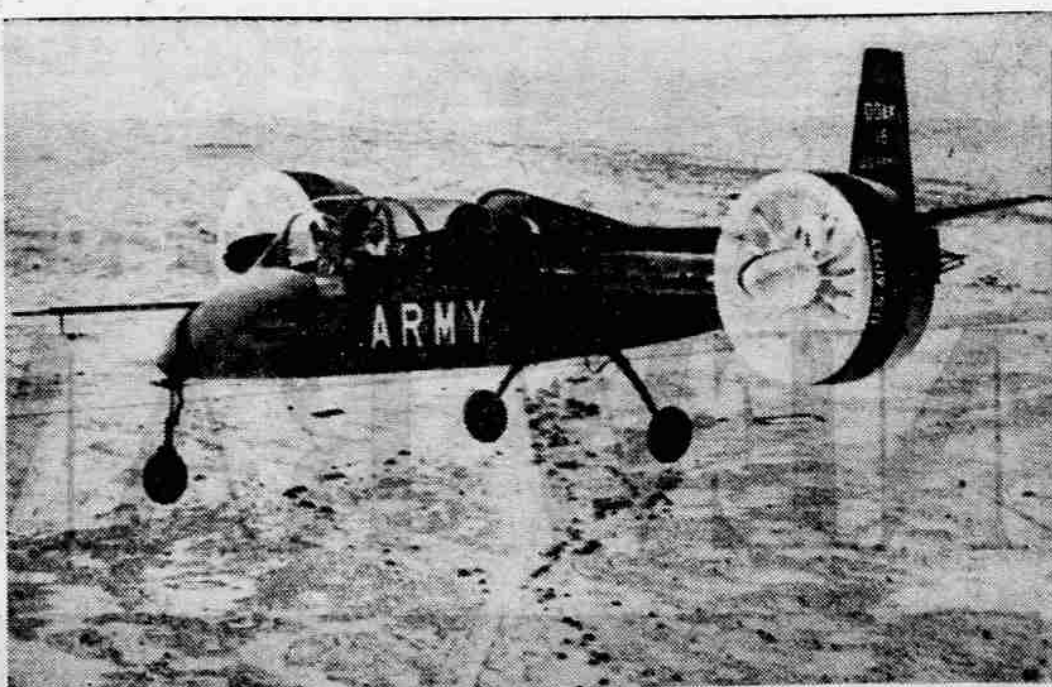
New York—UPI—A night of horror during which President Lincoln was shot and Secretary of State William Seward was knifed was recalled by publication of part of the diary of Fanny Seward, the secretary's daughter, in American Heritage's October issue.

The diary is in the collection of the Seward papers at the University of Rochester library and is reproduced in part by the magazine for the first time.

The entry for April 14, 1865, tells how the assassin, Lewis Payne, forced his way to the house where Seward was confined to bed recovering from a runaway-horse accident. Fanny writes, "I do not remember how his face looked, his arms were both stretched out, he seemed rushing toward the bed. In the hand nearest me was a pistol, in the right hand a knife. I ran beside him to the bed imploring him to stop." After attacking the secretary and slashing Fanny's brothers and others who were struggling with him, Payne ran from the house. He was later hanged.

Men Stand Around  
The diary continues, "not very long after the attack, when father's wounds had been dressed and himself removed to the right side of the bed, a number of distinguished gentlemen came in and stood about the bed. Mr. Stanton, Gen. Halleck, and Mr. Wells are all I remembered. It was then that I first heard about the President, one of the gentlemen telling mother that he was shot."

Fanny started her diary on Christmas day, 1858, at age 14. The last entry was made Oct. 7, 1866, three weeks before she died.



**TEST FLIGHT**—Undergoing one of its first cross-country flights is the DOAK-16, an experimental vertical-takeoff plane built for the U.S. Army by the Doak Aircraft Company of Torrance, Calif. The plane's large wingtip nacelles house ducted fans that provide the lift for vertical takeoffs and landings. The fans rotate through 90 degrees, pointing straight up for vertical flight and turning straight ahead, as shown here, for level flight.

—(UPI Telephoto)

## Heredity Claimed Sometimes Important Overweight Factor

Editor's note: Following is the second of five articles on the subject of overweight.

Washington (Science Service)—The most common cause of overweight is the overeating of rich foods while not getting enough exercise. Heredity is sometimes an important factor.

Dr. Jean Mayer of the Harvard School of Public Health suggests that the primary causes of obesity may be classified as environmental, genetic and traumatic.

A relationship seems to exist between overweight and obesity and the availability of food within a population group. In India, for example, where the food supply is short, this problem does not occur as it does in the United States.

### Can't Be Disregarded

The nature of the diet as a contributing cause of overweight and obesity may have been overrated in the past, but it is still a factor which cannot be disregarded. Poor food habits and attitudes about food undoubtedly are responsible for many instances of overeating. The in-

take of large quantities of high-energy foods, such as sweets, with no regard to other dietary essentials, may lead to overweight.

A main environmental factor in overweight and obesity is the lack of enough physical activity to balance the food intake.

The average rates of physical activity are less than they were 50 years ago. Fewer occupations require heavy work because of the development of labor-saving devices. Working hours are shorter. The increase in transportation facilities means many people do not walk to work or school any more.

Another cause of overeating is related to the influence of heredity. This has been observed in studies with animals.

Yellow obesity, a condition that may occur in litters of mice, has been directly related to heredity. The affected animals have a yellow coat of hair and are obese as compared with litter-mates which are normal in size and have

non-yellow hair. The dominant gene that causes the disorder carries both the characteristic for yellow hair and the one for obesity.

The traumatic factor in obesity relates to the cause to an injury to some part of the body's metabolic processes. It has been observed in mice by Dr. Mayer and his co-workers at Harvard University. The thin litter-mates of genetically obese mice were subjected to two types of lesions that interfered with the normal metabolic processes of the animals. It was found in one case that the food intake was increased by 50 per cent to 75 per cent and in the other case by 50 per cent to 100 per cent.

Can't Be Translated  
The results of these studies cannot be translated directly to man in order to explain types or causes of human obesity. However, the data are significant in that they show how heredity can be a factor in greater food intake and also that obesity can be induced in the animal organism when some phase of the

## Quotes From the News

By UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL  
L'Anse, Mich.—Sixteen-year-old Eugene Paquet, after slaying his girl friend's 10-year-old sister and her father: "I just did it. I don't know why."

Columbus, Ohio—Mrs. Virginia Cerda, 25, on the birth of her son 26 hours after her four other children perished in a fire: "I think we will call him Paul—that is the English for my husband's name, Pablo."

Ashville, N.C.—Mississippi Gov. J. P. Coleman, in refusing to disclose the secret that has provided his state with two successive Miss Americas: "I'm sorry, but we are planning on winning again next year and we don't want to give away our secret."

Cornwall, Conn.—Pulitzer prize winning poet Mark Van Doren, on the disappearance of his son Charles, sought for an appearance before a congressional subcommittee investigating rigged TV quiz shows: "The last time I saw him was Saturday. Don't know where he is."

## Battle Resigns From Civil Rights Commission

Washington—UPI—Former Gov. John S. Battle of Virginia Monday resigned from the federal Civil Rights Commission, spurning a request by President Eisenhower that he stay on.

Eisenhower accepted the resignation, effective when a successor is named. White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerty said the President intended to fill the post "as soon as possible."

Battle told the President he felt impelled to resign so that he could give his undivided attention to his private law practice.

He said it was "very difficult for me to decline any request from you, sir." But he noted he already had served the two-year term "of the original life of the commission."

### Strong Disagreement

Battle dissented strongly to a number of recommendations the commission made in its report to the President and Congress last Sept. 8, shortly before Congress adjourned.

He said he meant no reflection on any commission member but that he was forced to strongly disagree with the nature and tenor of the report.

"In my judgment," he said, "it is not an impartial factual statement, such as I believe to have been the intent of Congress, but rather, in large part, an argument in advocacy of preconceived ideas in the field of race relations."

He did not mention his disagreement with the commission in his resignation statement to the President.

### CHURCHILL UNHURT

Needham Market, England—UPI—Journalist Randolph Churchill, son of Sir Winston Churchill, escaped unhurt Monday night when the car he was driving collided head-on with a truck.

## Khrushchev's Mass Murders, Famines Told Committee

Washington—UPI—A congressional committee has aired testimony that Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev rose to power through mass murder, starvation and torture and should not be trusted.

The testimony, charging Khrushchev with the direction

of man-made famines, shootings, deportations and suppression of religion, was given by nine witnesses, all but one natives of the Ukraine.

### Americans in Camps

The other witness, Dr. Lev E. Dobriansky, professor of Soviet economics at Georgetown University here, charged that "there are several hundred Americans who are still in Khrushchev's slave labor camps."

The testimony was released by the House Committee on Un-American Activities as the second report on closed hearings it held on "the crimes of Khrushchev."

In a slap at Khrushchev's American tour, the committee quoted the premier's own words in a special preface to the testimony:

"If anyone believes that our smiles involve abandonment of the teaching of Marx, Engels and Lenin, he deceives himself poorly. Those who wait for that wait until a shrimp learns to whistle."

Paramount among the charges was testimony that Khrushchev carried out a program of mass starvation to stamp out public resistance in the Ukraine when he was boss of the Communist Central Committee there.

### Famine Kills Millions

Nicholas Prychodko, now a professional engineer for the city of Toronto, Canada, and formerly a professor at Kiev University, testified that six to seven million persons died in the "man-made" famine.

Constantin Kononenko, of Boonton, N.J., testified that while Stalin made "the basic decision" on the campaign, "Khrushchev cannot obliterate the historical fact that he was actually the perpetrator of the details."

## Girl, 12, Scalped When Caught in Potato Digger

Salt Lake City—UPI—Doctors attending a 12-year-old Blackfoot, Idaho, girl who was scalped when her pony-tail hairdo caught in a potato digging machine said today the victim would remain in critical condition for 72 hours.

Doctors attending Christine Hayes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hayes, said she would have a good chance of recovery if she survived the 72-hour post-operative period. Ears Ripped Off

The machine tore her scalp off and ripped both ears and part of her right eyebrow from her head.

A hospital spokesman said no attempt would be made to replace the flesh on her scalp because there was no bone covering left over her skull and a graft would not take.

The team of surgeons started some skin grafting on the child's face but were forced to stop after six hours in surgery when the girl went back into shock.

The accident happened when Christine was helping harvest potatoes with other children at a farm near Blackfoot, Idaho.

## Agreement Reached On Building Sale

Portland—UPI—The General Services Administration and the Lloyd Corporation have agreed on a \$5 million purchase price for the Interior building here.

The GSA, which is buying the eight-story building, said it probably will take several months to finish the transaction.

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## 4-H Club News

Edgewood Equestrians  
Jackson county now has a new 4-H club, The Edgewood Equestrians, devoted to the art of English riding.

The first meeting was called at the home of Marilyn Brewold and officers were elected. President is Susan Wright; vice president, Barbara Reed; secretary, Verna Adams; and reporter, Jonathan Rode.

The club will meet the fourth Wednesday of every month, with rides scheduled at the convenience of members. It is the hope of the members to introduce an English riding class at the various fairs held in the vicinity.

Anyone interested in becoming a member may contact the 4-H county agent, Marilyn Brewold, or Mrs. George Rode, the senior adviser, Jonathan Rode.

metabolic processes is disturbed.

Dr. Katherine H. Fisher and Dr. Raymond W. Swift collected these data for the Yearbook of Agriculture 1958 called "Food," a handbook on food and nutrition.

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