



**ASHURA OBSERVED** - Karachi's main thoroughfares are clogged with processions and onlookers observing Ashura, the commemoration of the martyrdom of Imam Husain, grandson of the Prophet Mohammed. Carts and bearers are drawing great ornate "tazias" down Bunder rd. to the bay to be cast into the sea. (UPI Telephoto)

## Crater FFA Group Honored With Gold Emblem Award

Central Point - Crater Future Farmers of America chapter representatives received a gold emblem award for the chapter at the national FFA convention in Kansas

City last week, it was reported. This is the highest national FFA award for work and activities carried out by the chapter during the past year, a spokesman explained.

The national chapter contest was established several years ago to inspire local chapters to carry out their work programs, an FFA spokesman explained. The United States has approximately 9,000 chapters. Each year 125 of these 9,000 chapters receive either a bronze, silver or gold rating.

**Older Teachers Seen as Stop-Gap**  
Akron, Ohio - (UPI) - Akron's educators have expressed delight at what they consider a trend that may help solve one of the critical problems facing public schools today - the shortage of teachers.

**Flash Unit Can Be Used in Mines**  
Cambridge, Mass. (Science Service) - The greenish writing on the screens of cathode ray tubes now can be photographed even when it flashes on and off too fast to be seen.

A fast, develop-it-in-20-seconds film has been created here with the ability to "see" the flying spot traveling over an oscilloscope screen at a speed of 98 feet per millionth of a second. The film has a daylight exposure index of 3,000, the Polaroid Corporation here reports.

Crater chapter activities and achievements last year include: 10 public programs presented, state champion parliamentary team, two successful applications for the state farmers degree, a second place team in the state and master chapter rating in Oregon for the fourth consecutive year.

**Other Activities**  
Other activities and achievements include four television programs presented, a total of \$40,000 invested in members' supervised farm projects, exhibition of livestock, crops and shop exhibits at the Jackson county fair and co-sponsors of the Southern Oregon Farm Festival.

**EX-STOCKBROKER DIES**  
Greenwich, Conn. - (UPI) - Retired stockbroker Melville D. Truesdale, 68, died at his home Tuesday.

## Men in Pakistan Flog Selves In Memory of Moslem Martyr

Karachi - (UPI) - Bank clerk Ghulam Husain Merchant died at the age of 28 by his own hand.

And although he lashed himself to death with blade-tipped chains in a crowded downtown street, he attracted very little attention.

For Husain died on the 10th day of Muharram - mourning - when it is quite common to see men of Shia sect flog themselves, slash themselves and mortify their bodies in the memory of an early Moslem martyr.

**Slaughter Recalled**  
It is during Muharram that they recall the slaughter of Imam Husain and 71 of his followers in the Kerbala desert centuries ago.

As the grandson of the Prophet Mohammed, Husain refused to recognize a usurper as caliph. Moslem history says his small band was cap-

tured by a 4,000-man army, deprived of water, tortured and slain one by one, with Husain killed last of all.

This year's Muharram was climaxed in Karachi by a parade of tens of thousands of persons carting great glittering shrines of paper and wood, beating drums, stag-

ing mock battles, lacerating themselves and crying the magic name of "Husain!" Along their route, citizens put up stalls to dispense cool water, recalling the thirst of the martyrs.

Karachi's main thoroughfare, Bunder rd., and surrounding areas were closed for vehicular traffic. People jammed the street from wall to wall.

Men and boys raced through the crowds blowing billows of burning gasoline from their mouths, while others twirled flaming baskets of charcoal at the end of long poles. In the background were the throb of drums and the chant of dull-eyed dancers, flailing the air with knives, red to their waists in blood.

**Shrines Lowered**  
The procession moved slowly out to the bay, where the shrines were slowly low-

ered into the water to drift away.

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## Square Fluorescent Lamp Being Tested

Cleveland, O. - (UPI) - Researchers are experimenting with a square fluorescent lamp which is expected to provide a new dimension of lighting for homes, business and industry.

The lamp is made by sealing two channeled plates of glass together to form a thin, nearly flat panel about one foot square and about one inch thick. It is said to give more light than the conventional 100-watt household bulb and to consume half the electricity.

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## Boy, 10, Called Atomic-Age Child

Buffalo, N.Y. - (UPI) - Andrew S. Morrison, 10, is described by his mother as just "one of these atomic-age children."

"He dreams about the moon, Mars, rockets and science," she says, "but he doesn't like to read the classics."

Andrew finds time for geology, chemistry, biology, astronomy, medicine, and his hobbies, which include history. He has stamp, fossil and rock collections, and he is probably the youngest ham radio operator in this city.

He runs two radio transmitters and receivers worth almost \$425 and has made about 250 contacts with points as far away as Wales and Puerto Rico.

Although Mrs. Morrison feels Andrew is a "gifted child," she considers him pretty normal for his age. He gets into "as much mischief" as any 10-year-old, she says.

**Draethen, Wales - (UPI) -** Master of the Tredegar Farmers Hunt Leonard Cullimore reported Tuesday that not only did the hunt lose two foxes being chased but that eight hounds chasing the foxes disappeared.

**Syracuse, N.Y. - (UPI) -** The New York Central Railroad's famed engine 999, the first man-made vehicle to travel faster than 100 miles an hour, was included in a display of vintage railroad equipment at the 1959 New York State Fair.



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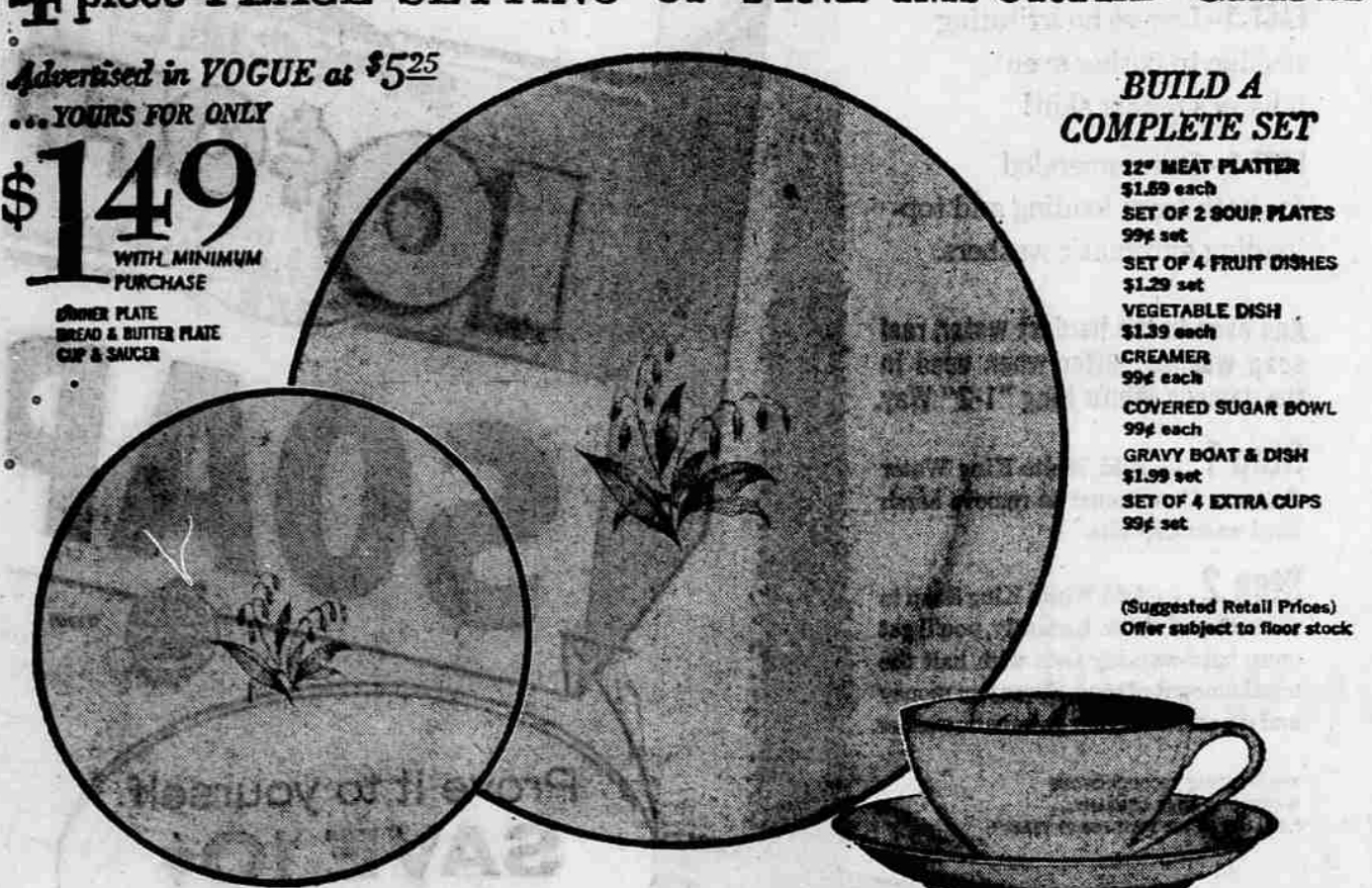
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