

## Body of Woman Found in Freezer

Donna, Tex. — (UPI) — Harry Earl found the body of his wife doubled up in their deep freezer Wednesday. She had been missing for 36 hours.

Justice of the Peace Jack Verser said he would have to wait for the body to thaw before an autopsy could be performed.

Verser said there was no evidence of violence, but he added Mrs. Earl could not have got into the chest-type freezer by accident.

Her body, clad in a house coat and pajamas, was doubled up in one of the smaller freezer compartments.

## Wall Street Chatter

New York — (UPI) — Stock price swings next year probably will be much wider than in 1959 when they were just about the mildest on record for any calendar year, says Prentice-Hall.

It looks for a zigzag upward pattern toward 67 in the 500 Standard & Poor's average and roughly 750 on the Dow-Jones industrials.

"The subsequent second-half reaction could trigger a chain reaction of profit-taking that would carry the S&P 500 all the way down to 53-55 and about 600-625 on the DJI," Prentice-Hall points out.

For the present, at least, Gerald M. Loeb of E. F. Hutton & Co. feels the market is based on the supposition that a solution will be found to the steel situation before any further interruption occurs. "If this belief remains unshaken and barring some unforeseen news, further new highs in the market are likely."

The Fitch survey sees solid footing for further gains in leading textiles. It recommends Beaulieu, Burlington, Celanese, Cone, Lowenstein and J. P. Stevens.

## Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

SUSAN COULD read faster and better than any other kid in her class, but she was a chronic dawdler and couldn't seem to get to school on time in the morning. To punish her, her mother decreed that Susan could not borrow another single book from the school library. The 8-year-old chafed under this restriction for a week, then happily presented this note to the librarian: "Susan has been on time to school now five mornings straight so you can let her have all the books she wants. Love, My Mother."



Cleveland Amory observes, "The Very Proper Bostonian reserves his highest regard for something which is not located in Boston at all, but is a few miles up the Charles river in Cambridge, and which he calls Harvard. Since all First Family sons repair there he wishes it to be recognized as the only college there is. 'If a man's in there,' one Bostonian used to say, tapping the catalogue of Harvard graduates, 'that's who he is. If he isn't, who is he?'"

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## Head-Scratching Method of Birds Puzzles Experts

Berkeley, Calif. (Science Service) — The different ways birds scratch themselves have the bird experts scratching their own heads in confusion.

There now appear to be three ways — not two — that birds will scratch their heads, Jack P. Hailman of Bethesda, Md., reports here in the current issue of The Condor.

Scientists had just about decided that the two methods were behavior traits which could be used to help classify birds in families. If an unidentified bird were seen to use the "direct" method, in which the leg is brought directly to the head, he could not be placed in the same family as the bird that used the "indirect" method of bringing the leg over its drooping wing in order to scratch its head.

Exceptions to the head scratching rule have been noted, Hailman says, and now there is a third method: perching.

Scratching the head against the perch is widespread enough among the Emberizinae — the bunting family — to justify considering it as a third method, Hailman suggests. The method seems to be directed to the side of the head and does not seem to be a response to any apparent outside stimuli. The perching motions observed by Hailman are "variable in form, and possibly are primarily the result of individual experience in contrast to the more rigid direct and indirect scratching motions," he reports.

He concludes that more information on the biological function and motivation of head-scratching in birds is needed before researchers can hope to classify birds on this basis.

Canada has five species of Grebes, smaller relatives of the loons familiar on Canadian lakes.



**TOP PRO**—Veteran New York Giants quarterback Charley Conerly poses proudly with the Jim Thorpe Memorial Trophy after he was named "Pro Footballer of the Year" in a poll taken among fellow players in the NFL. The survey was conducted by the Newspaper Enterprise Assn.

## Canadians Rated Gabbiest People

Montreal — (UPI) — For the seventh consecutive year, Canadians have been ranked the gabbiest people in the world.

According to the 1959 issue of the World's Telephones, released today by the Bell Telephone Co., of Canada, the average Canadian uses the telephone 511 times a year. Iceland was second with 486 telephone conversations per person and the United States third with 472.

The United States has the highest number of telephones per 100 population with 38, followed by Sweden with 34 and Canada with 30.

The United States, with 66,645,000 telephones, had the highest number in the world and the United Kingdom was next with 7,525,000. Canada had 5,123,000 phones as of Jan. 1, 1959, 82 per cent of them dial system.

## Polk County Group Eyes Home Rule Act

Dallas, Ore. — (UPI) — A West Salem farmer announced Wednesday the intention of a group he heads to take advantage of the 1959 Legislature's county home rule act.

Emmett Rogers, a farmer and a subdivider, said his citizens' group will circulate petitions soon with an eye to requiring the court of Polk county to set up a county charter committee.

Benton county already has formed such a charter commission. The home rule study there was initiated by the Benton county court at Corvallis.

Rogers advocates an entirely new form of county government, including representatives of districts and a professional county manager.

## Pay Increases for State Employees Less Than Hoped

Salem — (UPI) — Salary increases for the state's 21,000 employees was a yes and no proposition in 1959, Oregon Civil Service Director Melvin Cleveland said today.

"Yes, there were some increases," he said. "No, it wasn't as much as we had hoped."

The request for state employee pay hikes sent to the 1959 Legislature was about \$10 million. But due to a lack of funds, the Legislature provided only about half that much.

The Commission's 1959 salary and wage report said that pay in nearly all unskilled institutional jobs showed little increase, although the state remains ahead of private industry.

Cleveland said salaries of specialized technical and professional positions in industry continued their upward trend during the year, "causing difficulties in recruitment and retention of similarly trained state employees."

The report states that industry continues to pay recent graduates more than state government, especially in technical and professional fields.

Faculty salaries were boosted by the 1959 Legislature but at the same time other universities also granted pay raises. In a ranking of 15 universities which compete with Oregon for academic staff, the report said, the state is ninth. Previously Oregon ranked 10th among 20 institutions.

Among states surveyed, Oregon legislative pay was lowest. The report commented that "it is obvious that Oregon is far from parity in this important field of compensation."

## Washington Man Hurt in Accident

Henry Bogler, 59, of Sequim, Wash., was treated for a cut lower lip Wednesday noon following a two-car mishap on Highway 99 near Birdseye creek, state police reported.

Bogler was notified that he will be charged with violation of the basic rule in connection with the accident in which his car struck one driven by Vernon Leonard Lanham, 60, route 1, box 388E, Gold Hill. Police said Lanham's car was hit from the rear as he made a left turn off the highway.

A car operated by Donna Mae Mauck, 18, of 3528 Delta Waters rd., was badly damaged about 9:30 a.m. Wednesday when it left North Phoenix rd., slid 110 feet and rolled over, according to state police.

A fire which was started in the car from a wiring short was extinguished by the investigating officer.

**Cowboy Actor Acquitted as Drunk**

Van Nuys, Calif. — (UPI) — Cowboy actor Rex Allen was acquitted Wednesday of misdemeanor drunk driving charges by a jury of seven men and five women.

Allen, 34, was arrested Sept. 8 when police charged he failed a sobriety test after they stopped his car.

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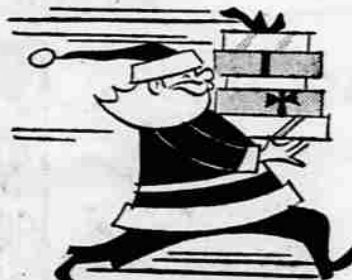
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