



**PLAYFUL BEAR** - Snow puts this bear at the Oklahoma City zoo in a playful mood. There was plenty of it for snowballs - six to eight inches in many parts of the state. (UPI Telephoto)

**SYMINGTON SETS TALK**  
Montgomery, Ala. - (UPI) - Sen. Stuart Symington (D-Mo.), a potential candidate for the Democratic presidential

nomination, will speak here Jan. 25, the day before Alabama's delegates to the Democratic national convention are selected.

## Construction of Paper Houses in America May Be Delayed Because Codes, Unions

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New York - (UPI) - Here's something new and reasonably priced in housing - a paper house.

But it may be a long way off for U.S. citizens because of building codes and unions, says Hal B. Hayes, a California builder and inventor.

Hayes who heads his own \$32 million company, Hal B. Hayes Contractors, Inc., of Los Angeles, described the house of paper which he has designed and engineered as strong, fire resistant, flood-proof, and impervious to all elements.

Paper houses, if they are permitted, could be constructed to cost \$5,000 for a two-bedroom home. They would be made of pulp specially treated with a chemical plastic. They would be held together in tension, the same principle that is engineered into the George Washington

Bridge in New York. The houses would be molded together and sealed by giant stapling machines, resembling large sewing machines, and they could be constructed in a week.

**Foreign Lands**  
Since his idea is being held up here, Hayes may turn to foreign lands to erect these paper houses. He is looking to Europe, South America and Asia as possible fields. He indicated Florida might be a state where he could operate in paper housing, but isn't sure.

Hayes is no dreamer in construction. He is one of the nation's largest home builders. His company currently has contracts for \$114,500,000.

These contracts are for projects in Grand Forks, and Le Jeune, N.C.; Fort Bliss Missile Base, Texas, near El Paso; Mather Air Force Base in Sacramento, Calif., and Beale Air Force Base, north of Sacramento. He has two other large California private projects and several others at classified bases.

He plans to expand his operations and make his com-

pany a public one listed on one of the exchanges.

Hayes believes there will be almost as much housing this year as last with builders now placing heavy orders for materials for use later on. He says much of the home financing will come from savings and loan associations which appear to be attracting more deposits than banks because of their high interest rates.

**Genius in Concrete**  
This 47-year-old contractor is regarded as a genius in concrete. Many of his 60 patents cover construction machinery and methods.

Hayes has built a prefabricated concrete house in 34 minutes as a demonstration, and a poured concrete one in a day. However, he uses the material available on the spot in his construction.

His concrete masterpiece is a concrete boat which he says can be the basis for a fleet of concrete submarines. With a machine large enough he says he could produce ten concrete submarines an hour. The principle of his submarine is the round pipe which he says

is the strongest method of construction.

Under the Hayes' system of concrete home construction, hollow outside walls are poured around cores. The forms for the interior are built around a collapsible mold.

Electrical and plumbing installations are attached to the forms and cemented in place so that very little work remains for the mechanics once the walls are in place and the roof on.

In this operation his company uses Hayes' patented concrete crane which incorporates a derrick and cement mixer. He has perfected methods of hardening concrete quickly by vibrating.

**From Start To Finish**  
The Hayes company employs 9,000 workers and handles a project from start to finish, including engineering, construction, water works, sewage, roads, shopping center, postoffice, and all other facilities.

This agile young builder crosses the nation 10 times a month and his day generally runs to 15 hours. He'll have a lot more territory if his plans mature to add foreign nations to his operations.

His operations now include supervisory aides with wide spheres of autonomy. When his company goes public Hayes anticipates giving wider latitude to his supervisors under an incentive plan.

Under this incentive plan he hopes to bring costs down in his various projects, and he hopes eventually to convince the various states that paper houses are very worthwhile means of keeping building costs down.

His next problem will be the unions which resent the new methods must as they fought for years against prefabricated homes, he says.

### Foul Play Seen In Disappearance

Goldendale, Wash. - (UPI) - Sheriff Ed Kaiser said Wednesday he feared that a 32-year-old Trout Lake cafe operator, missing since New Year's day, may have met with foul play.

Keith Langfield, a bachelor and Navy veteran, was last reported seen about 4 p.m. Jan. 1 driving his 1959 green two-door car away from the cafe.

A search of back roads for three days has failed to produce a trace of Langfield or the automobile.

Langfield's father, K. C. Langfield, said his son left about 2:30 p.m. New Year's day to take inventory at the cafe. The sheriff said a three-page list of everything in the restaurant was found indicating that the job had been completed.

Kaiser said two small boys told officers they spoke to Langfield as he was leaving the shop about 4 p.m. They had asked for a milkshake but said they were told they would have to wait until the next day.

### Farmer Doesn't Worry About Speed

Almond, N.Y. - (UPI) - A 79-year-old retired farmer who lives near here doesn't have to worry about getting tickets for speeding.

"She'll only go about 35 miles per hour," he said, as he pushed his 1924 model T Ford out of the garage. D. V. Gatlin said he believes his car is the oldest useable auto in Steuben county.

Gas mileage isn't one of Gatlin's worries.

### Participation in Contests Ruled

Salem - (UPI) - Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton said Wednesday that an insurance agent may participate in the so-called "community club awards" promotion program, provided certain legal safeguards are observed.

He said such participation in CCA must not result in a real discrimination among policy-holders and there must be no valuable benefit for the insured within the intent of state anti-rebate insurance laws.

Community Club awards is an advertising plan by which a radio station awards cash prizes to certain community organizations which have accumulated the greatest number of "credits." These may be in the form of labels, receipts, bottle caps, or other proof of purchase.

The CCA cash awards that go to a club or organization as a result of members' purchase of various advertisers' wares would not "amount to a valuable consideration benefiting the insured," Thornton said.

British Columbia larch trees, growing to 180 feet, are used for railway ties and mine timbers among other construction work.

### Fire Inspector Turns In False Alarm

Provincetown, Mass. - (UPI) - When officials of Provincetown High school set out to learn who turned in a false alarm that emptied the entire school, they found a red-faced fire inspector.

It was like this, mumbled the inspector. He was checking a fire box in the gymnasium, when all of a sudden...

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