



BETTER THAN ALIMONY—Fred Block whittles away his ninth year in the Yolo county jail at Woodland, Calif., for refusing to pay alimony to his wife. Every once in a while, the judge asks him if he has changed his mind. Block says "No, and I'm never going to." Although he can afford to pay, he says "I just don't think she deserves it."

(UPI Telephoto)

Man Spends Most of Eight Years in Jail In Alimony Dispute

Woodland, Calif. — (UPI) — 1925, when Fred and Fern were married. The place was Kansas, where Fred and his brother operated a 240-acre farm. The groom was 32 years old.

"I waited so long all the good ones got by," he said.

According to his side of the story, "She never helped me with the farm work. She was always on a diet so I never got enough to eat. And she was always wanting to go dancing."

Fred said that he began drinking because of these alleged hardships. But no matter the reason, his wife was ready for a divorce shortly after they came to California in 1948.

What kept them together so long? Fred said that it was their two daughters, both of whom are married and have homes of their own.

The courts agreed that his wife should have a divorce, and awarded her alimony and child support in an order of August 1951. Fred went to jail in July 1952 because of his refusal to pay.

Bummed Around
When a confinement began wearing on Fred last June, he escaped by walking from an outside work party.

"I bummed around and drank a little and went to visit my wife," he said, "but she wouldn't even open the door when she saw who it was."

But his wife didn't turn him in. Officers picked him up several weeks later when he tried to get money from his \$1,000 savings account in a local post office. Fred has an additional \$1,100 in the sheriff's office, an amount built mostly from his \$82-a-month social security checks.

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They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo

DINHOOEY THE BANK CASHIER CAN OPEN THE COMPLICATED VAULT WITH HIS EYES CLOSED—

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Quotes From the News

By UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL
Washington — Jacqueline Kennedy, discussing John F. Kennedy Jr. with her husband:

"Isn't he sweet, Jack? Look at those pretty eyes."

New York — The father of Kenneth Feinberg after Feinberg was killed when a bomb exploded in his car:

"They killed him! They killed him!"

London — British health authority Al Murray, blaming the poor showing of American children in fitness tests on the practice of sitting down to watch someone else play:

"The constant sitting-down is producing a race of heavy-

hipped men with natural built-in cushioning for long periods spent in concrete stadiums."

Washington — Sen. Prescott Bush, (R-Conn.), reporting Cuba is skirting the U.S. economic boycott:

"Apparently they are buying anything they want in Canada."

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MISSING AUTO
Ogdensburg, N.Y. — (UPI) — The Ogdensburg Police department Thursday night sent out the following description of a missing automobile: White with flashing red light on the top and the words "Highway Safety Patrol" on the doors.

Fish and Game Merger on Agenda

Portland — (UPI) — The touchy subject of merging the state fish and game commission was one of the topics on the agenda today at a meeting of the Legislature Interim Committee on Natural Resources.

The committee made this recommendation along with others to express its views.

Other recommendations include creation of a Department of Outdoor Recreation, merger of State Hydroelectric Commission with the Water Resources Board and transfer of duties of the Marine Board to the new recreation department.

Luck Runs Out
At Gas Station

Los Angeles — (UPI) — For Tony G. Guisto, 43, luck had run out.

Guisto pulled into a service station Thursday, ordered the attendant to "fill it up" and then handed him a credit card.

The attendant took one look at the card and called the police officer at the corner directing traffic.

The officer, Robert R. Smith, quickly arrested Guisto on a charge of theft.

The reason: The credit card belonged to Smith. It had been stolen from his auto a week before along with \$115 worth of batteries and tires.

Eisenhowers Plan Palm Springs Rest

Palm Springs, Calif. — (UPI) — President Eisenhower and his wife will spend a leisurely two-month vacation at this winter desert resort after he leaves office in January.

William Daugherty, manager of the Eldorado Country Club, said Thursday the Eisenhowers would arrive in February and stay in a house on the grounds of the club which boasts an excellent golf course.

It will be the fifth visit here for Eisenhower since 1954.

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