



**LIGHT BULBS INSTALLED**—Working on scaffolding at the very top of the 70-foot National Community Christmas tree on the Ellipse, behind the White House, background, Paul Barran, right, assisted by Gene Honaker, installs light bulbs in the star which tops the Douglas Fir tree from Oregon. President Eisenhower will throw a switch Friday to light the 6,000 multi-colored bulbs on the tree and officially open the annual Christmas Pageant of Peace. (UPI Telephoto)



**Small Worlds Around Us**  
By Lynn M. Watkins

**Christmas Check Presented to Aid**

A Christmas check of \$50 was awarded to Carrol E. Brown, forestry aid, this week. The award was given to Brown for his development of a "Ribes Checker Pick" used in blister rust control activities.

Brown has been employed by the bureau of land management since 1957, and presently is being trained to take over the BLM district blister rust control project.

Brown was raised in Josephine county and is a native to southern Oregon. He presently resides on Griffin Creek near Medford.

White Sands National Monument in New Mexico contains the world's largest surface deposit of gypsum. When baked, the soft white gypsum sand becomes pure plaster of paris.

**It Wasn't the Thunder That Soured the Milk**  
One of the most colorful and interesting folklore tales of early rural America, was one that has persisted in many sections of our country to this day, is the legend of the sour milk—the belief that milk always turned sour whenever there was a thunder and lightning storm.

Actually, milk did sour quicker during the storms, but the thunder and lightning didn't do it. Milk at the time was stored in what was called a spring house, a small building built over a spring or even a small creek if one was handy. Some spring houses were built around a pump. The fresh milk in tin containers was immersed in the cool water and kept there until it could be transported to what at the time was called a creamery.

Warm, Humid  
Before and, of course, during an electrical storm, the weather was warm and humid, called by the farmer, "muggy weather". This heat and high humidity actually

soured the milk and shortened its keeping time. Back then, the milk was not pasteurized before it was taken to the milk depot. This, too, added to the chances that it would sour.

At the same time, too, there was a superstition regarding the habits of a common snake that was called the milk snake. The reptile was usually found near a milk house if it could find one. Some people even claimed that this snake derived its name "milk snake" because "it milked cows in the pasture."

Actually, the snake never did such a thing, and it was only in the milkhouse because it was comfortably cool in there.

**People Didn't Care**  
At the time no one had ever taken the trouble or had the instruments to compute the number of electrical storms that occur in any region; neither did people care how many storms took place over a state or in the world. Probably it's a good thing, too; the truth would have scared those simple folks half to death.

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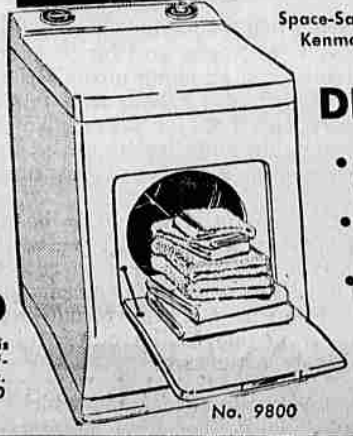
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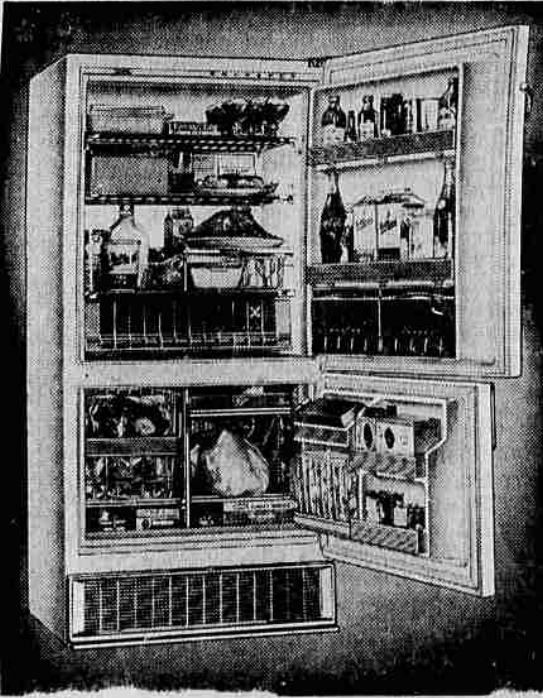
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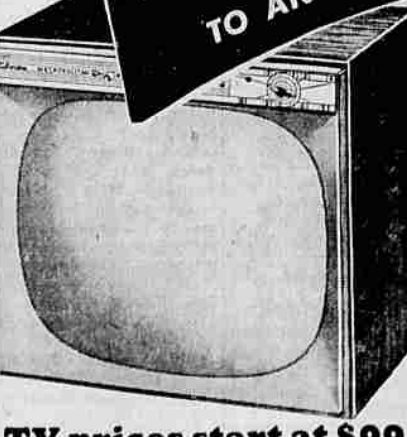
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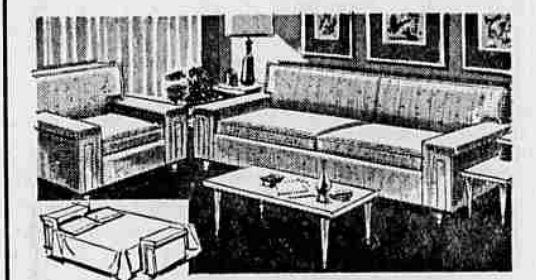
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