

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

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Deputy Forced To
Shoot Two Hunters

Yuma, Ariz. — (UPI) — Sheriff's Deputy Dale Wantland answered what he thought to be a routine trouble call Saturday involving two dove hunters shooting on private property.

Moments later the hunters were dead.

Wantland, a father of five and veteran of 12 years with the sheriff's department arrived at the S. A. Irvine ranch and found the two men shooting doves in the trees near the ranch house.

Wantland politely asked the hunters, John Elbert Sackett, 49, and his son Bobbi J. Sackett, 29, to move off the property because the wife of Irvine's foreman had just suffered a heart attack recently and was recuperating in the ranch house.

Youth Confesses
Killing Relatives

Chula Vista, Calif. — (UPI) — Eighteen-year-old Joe Morse admitted to detectives Sunday night that he had bludgeoned his mother and young sister to death because he "had an urge to kill."

Detectives said Morse confessed slaying Mrs. Hope Morse, 50, and his sister, Jennifer, 12, by beating them with a large rock.

The victims were discovered in the family home Sunday after Morse had gone to the home of a sister-in-law and told her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Keating, that he had found his mother and sister beaten to death.

The Keatings notified police and the boy was taken into custody for questioning. Police said he later admitted the slayings.

Escapes Captured
While Taking Nap

Danville, Ill. — (UPI) — Two men who escaped from the Vermilion County Jail Sunday were in the clear — until they decided to take a snooze.

The escapees, Fred L. Gregory 21, and Toney Gene Miller, 19, both of Hoopston, Ill., were apprehended while sleeping in the hayloft of a nearby barn.

His tax bite in 1961. For every dollar spent buying and registering a new car, Uncle Sam took in two bits. The total for all special motor vehicle taxes came to \$10.6 billion, and state and federal gasoline taxes added another \$3.4 billion to the tax kitty.

On the grimmer side, the AMA reported that Americans continued to regard the nation's highways as so many asphalt and concrete jousting fields. For every 19 million of those 733 billion miles, one person died. Total 1961 traffic casualty figures showed 38,000 killed.

—Americans spent some \$2.5 billion buying replacement parts for their cars last year, an average of about \$40 a car, exclusive of labor costs. AMA figures showed that Uncle Sam continued to take

Belgrade — (UPI) — Five persons were killed in the Montenegro mountains Sunday when a bus carrying 32 passengers plunged 500 feet down an embankment. Authorities said all the remaining passengers were injured. They said the accident occurred when the bus steering wheel broke.

Portland — (UPI) — Robert Ivan Mason, 27, of Milwaukie was electrocuted Sunday afternoon while working on a television antenna on the roof of a repair shop here.

Mason was pronounced dead on arrival at Providence hospital.

Portland — (UPI) — Portland fighter Eddie Machen was a bit roughed up here Sunday when his car and another car collided. Emanuel hospital said Machen was treated for head cuts and released.

Inglewood, Calif. — (UPI) — A sharp earthquake shook a widespread Los Angeles area extending from Inglewood to Hollywood Saturday. No injuries or damage was reported.

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

A LADY HIGH in society was very fond of flowers, and particularly favored the salvia, but was not particularly reliable in getting the names right. She was giving directions to her gardener, and told him, "On this side of the driveway I want you to plant some salivas. Now what do you suggest for the other side?"

Without cracking a smile, her Scotch gardener answered, "Spiloonias."

According to Expert Sigmund Spaeth, a tabulation of the three songs most often sung by Americans would not include "The Star Spangled Banner," "Home Sweet Home," or "Dixie." Number One, in fact—and by a wide margin—is "Happy Birthday to You." Number Two is "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow." And Number Three is "Auld Lang Syne."

Milton Berle, wowing the patrons in Las Vegas, got to talking with a girl at the Desert Inn. Berle says, "She was the nearest thing I've seen to Elizabeth Taylor. She looked just like Eddie Fisher."

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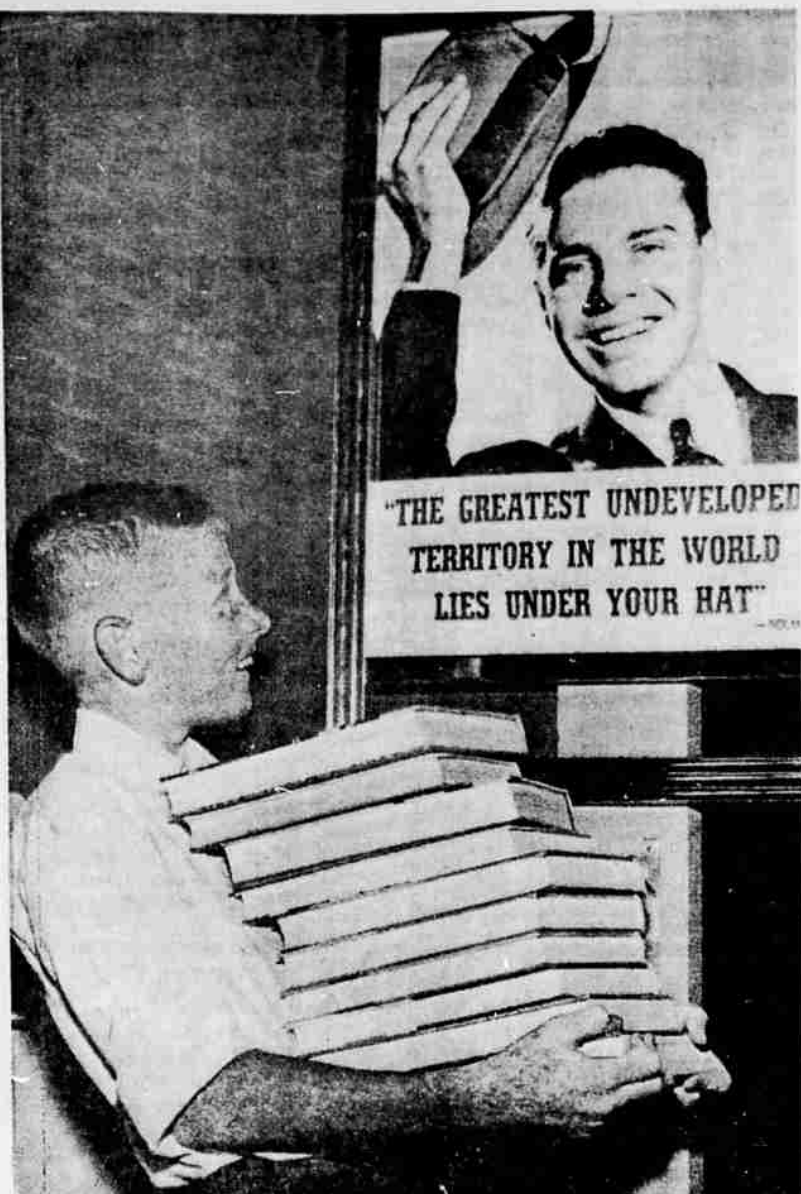
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GETS READY — Jimmy Price, 15, eleventh grader at White Station High school in Memphis, Tenn., gets ready for a nine months, under his hat, development program. (UPI)

Americans Drive, Don't Walk, For Short Distances

By COLIN BARRETT
United Press International
Washington — (UPI) — If you're an average American driver, chances are you drove your car almost 9,000 miles last year. You also spent some 210 hours, the equivalent of more than 26 working days, behind the wheel.

This figure is part of a statistical report issued by the Automobile Manufacturers Association (AMA), which reported that the nation's 87 million drivers logged a phenomenal 733 billion — that's right, billion — miles in 1961. Commenting on the reluctance of Americans to walk whenever they can ride, the AMA also noted that three out of every five times the average driver got behind the wheel, he headed for a destination less than five miles away.

Other AMA statistics showed that: —Auto salesmen in 1961 hit their lowest point since the 1958 recession, chalking up only 5.5 million sales. This was more than a million short of 1960 sales and a whopping 2.5 million below the 1955 peak of almost eight million new cars sold.

—General Motors' Chevrolet was the nation's biggest-selling car in 1961, with the Ford Galaxie and Ford Falcon running second and third respectively. Between them, General Motors and Ford grabbed off almost 80 per cent of last year's new car market.

—Despite the drop-off in new car sales, the United States still produced 52 per cent of the world's cars last year, 45 times as many as the Soviet Union. —Paradoxically, car regis-

trations increased to a record 63 million last year. Over half of these registrations were for cars five years old and older, including a surprising 690,000 real antiques — cars produced before World War II.

Car Owners

—Three out of every four U. S. families own at least one automobile. Almost a fifth of these families own two or more cars. The west and mid-west figures are highest, with over 80 per cent of all families in these areas owning cars; the figure falls to 72 per cent in the south, and to 70 per cent in the northeast and New England.

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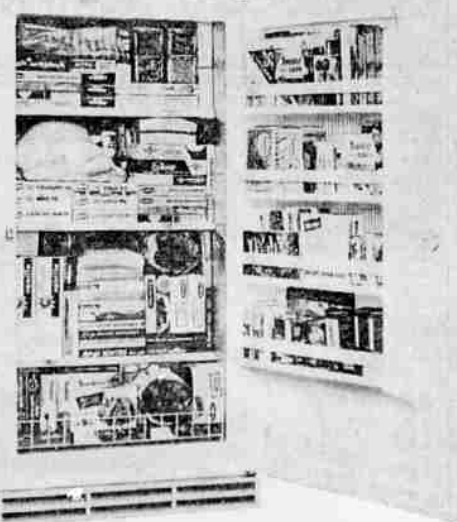
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