



SNOW SCULPTURE - One of the most artistic pieces of snow sculpture hereabouts was observed at the Drexel Gault home in Lebanon, Ind., Wednesday, where daughter Leslie joined her parents in creating a life-like statue of a woman. Gault said the production took about an hour's time and six cold hands. Neighbors said the snow lady was a welcome addition to the area while Gault remarked he hoped he hadn't caused too much of a sensation for passersby. (UPI)

Justices Enter Into Exchanges On Prayer Case

Washington - (UPI) - Eight of the nine Supreme Court justices entered into vigorous questioning and exchanges Wednesday on the issue of whether prayer is constitutional in public schools.

Justices Potter Stewart and Hugo Black engaged in almost a personal exchange on three occasions as the court heard arguments on the question of whether recitation of the Lord's Prayer and passages from the Bible in public schools violated the First Amendment.

Frequently Interrupted
Attorneys for the Baltimore

School Board and for Mrs. Madalyn Murray, an avowed atheist of Baltimore who objected to the rites in behalf of her school-age son, were frequently interrupted by the justices during their arguments.

Chief Justice Earl Warren was among the active participants - at one time suggesting that if use of Christian religious matter was all right in Maryland, then Buddhist rites presumably would be similarly acceptable in some of the Hawaiian Islands.

Attorneys for Baltimore school officials contended that

reading the Lord's Prayer or passages from the Bible was not unconstitutional because these were not composed by any officials but taken from "ancient documents."

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Local Man Returns to Open Business Here

Max H. Wimmer, II, son of Mr. and Mrs. Max H. Wimmer, 1115 West Second st., has returned to Medford and opened a business on South Riverside ave. under the assumed business name "Wimmer's Industrial Repair," according to the Jackson county recorder's office.

Wimmer has been engaged in a similar business in Eugene. He repairs large and heavy equipment such as lumber carriers, lift trucks and Hysters. He also has a preventive maintenance plan under which he visits firms and checks equipment.

Rate Variances Cited by Redden

Salem - Rep. James A. Redden (D-Medford) cited variances in electric rates between northern and southern Oregon as evidence of the need for an interim committee investigation in testimony before the House Commerce and Utilities committee.

Redden is co-sponsor of House Joint Resolution 11, which would set up a joint Senate - House committee to look into power rates.

Redden cited differences in the price of electricity at Monmouth and Grants Pass

as evidence and submitted correspondence from constituents tending to show discrimination in power rates to different customers.

Other witnesses testified that the public utilities commissioner initiated a study of the situation in 1957 when Howard Morgan, now a member of the Federal Power commission, was PUC chief. The study was dropped by the Hatfield administration when the present governor assumed office in 1959, witnesses said.

Rep. Carl Back (D-Port Or-

ford), committee chairman, said the committee will attempt to obtain copies of the suspended PUC study.

No witnesses appeared in opposition to the resolution at the committee hearing.

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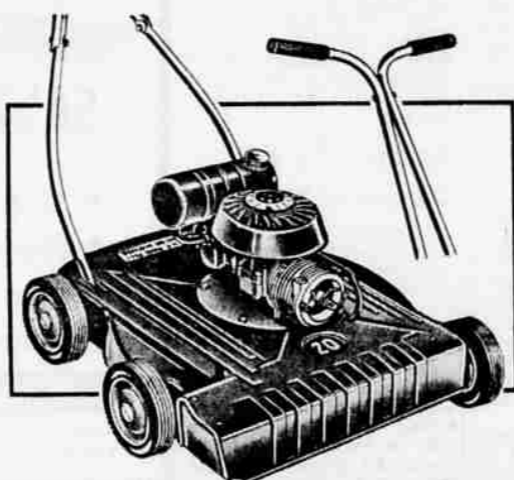
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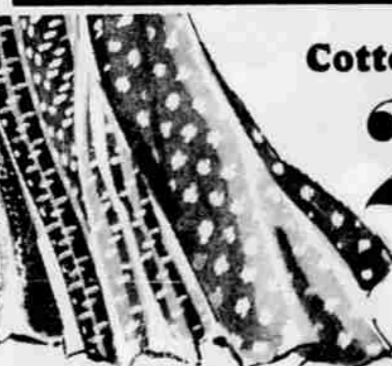
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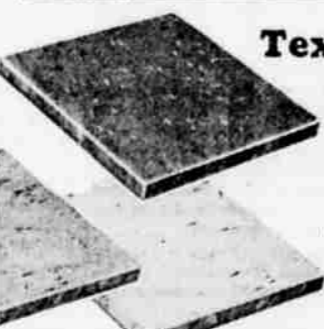
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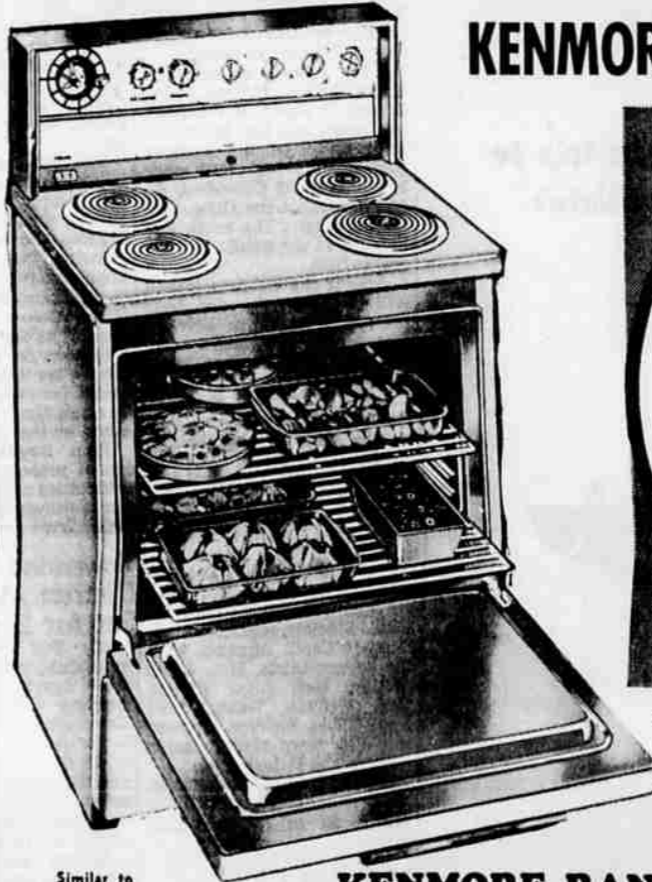
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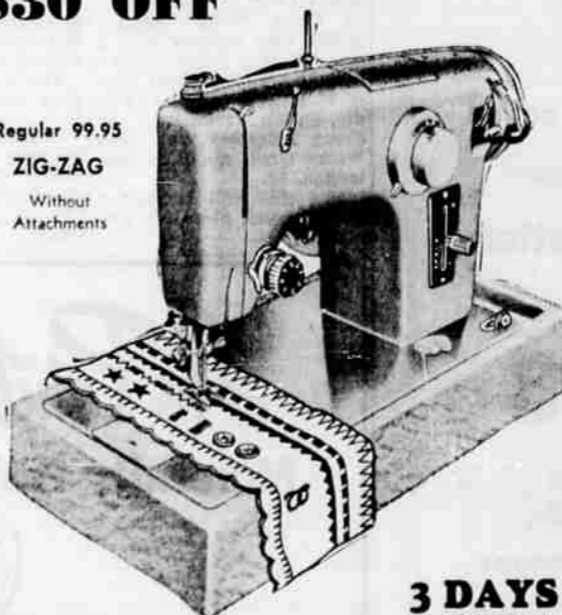
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Your Money's Worth

By SYLVIA PORTER
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Editor's note: Sylvia Porter is on vacation. During her absence a column by Ralph McGill is being substituted. McGill is currently on a tour of African nations, about which he is writing.

WE BEGIN WITH LINCOLN

Accra, Ghana—At a luncheon reception for Cozy Cole and his famed American dance band, then midway on a tour of 20 African cities, Krobo Edusei, Minister of Education for Ghana, stood to greet the able and affable band leader. He began by reciting Lincoln's Gettysburg address. "I learned that as a boy, Mr. Cole," he said, "and I have never forgot it. I am always thrilled by it."

Through February windows of American Information Offices featured pictures of Lincoln and books about him. Photostats of his proclamation ending slavery also were posted. Each day men and women, young and old, gathered before the windows to look at the photographs and engravings of the gaunt, sad-faced man whose name is emotionally and eternally linked with human freedom.

In the new African nations there is a powerful pride in freedom, paradoxically, fierce defense of any measure which restrict it if such enactments are made in behalf of what is called the unitary state. The newcomer to West Africa can only listen, ask, and learn. Yet, it seems reasonable to believe that leaders of these new countries would like to rule a settled society with an acceptance of all the hard-won constitutional guarantees of civil rights and rule of law with its often complex maneuvers and delays. This is why one imagines, there is such fierce defense of, and some embarrassment about, the various measures which contradict their basic wishes.

The observer cannot help being sympathetic with the problems of the new countries. Every leader has at least two bears by the tail—an economic bear and a sociological one. Not one of the African states came into being with any real capital reserve. Their revenues are obtained from agricultural crops and raw materials whose prices fluctuate. Ghana's cocoa, for example, has to wage a constant battle against disease. The world price has gone lower. There is improvement in agricultural production, but it is of necessity slow. The countries are relatively small. Their societies are further burdened by illiteracy and by tribal and cultural divisions. There are advances in all these areas. The new nations are giving a gratifying percentage of their budget to education. But one may not rub an Aladdin's lamp.

There are vast reserves of metal. But since there is no capital reserve, local, private or state enterprise cannot create the means of extracting and processing them. Central planning and central control over resources are necessities. Ghana's huge Volta River project, which will produce cheap power and make possible the irrigation of vast stretches of semi-desert areas needing only water to make them richly productive, was possible only through central authority and outside financing.

The new nations proclaim themselves Socialist. Yet, what seems to be in the making is a mixed socialism. As world trade increases and Africa becomes increasingly important in it, foreign investment will come. It will not, however, be in the old colonial style. It will be required to be a part of the local economy. Such investment will not appear until there is some sort of West African currency plan establishing exchange.

The sloganeers continue to talk of neocolonialism and "the state." This is a part of growth. (There was a time in the young America when we adopted the onerous and restrictive Alien and Sedition Acts.) A concentrated power almost always moves against civil liberties when it feels itself in danger. But none of the new African leaders seem to have any personal wish to set up truly totalitarian states. Their problems of industrialization, of educating, of creating a national unity out of centuries of tribal rivalries, of devising revenues, are so vast and heavy that one shies away from quick judgments and hasty conclusions. They are, as they say, forced to run before they have learned to walk.

Africa is fluid... tomorrow may seem like today, but it will not be.

Quotes From the News

By UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL
Salt Lake City - Erwin N. Grisold, dean of the Harvard Law School, opposing the view that the constitution requires the removal of all traces of religion from public activities: "Our history is full of these traces: Chaplains in Congress and in the armed forces; chapels in prisons; 'In God We Trust' on our money; to mention only a few. God is referred to in our national anthem and in 'America' and many others of what may be called our national songs. Must all of these things be rigorously extirpated in order to satisfy a constitutional absolutism?"

London, N.J. - Peter Moran, describing the blast that leveled a neighbor's home and killed a little girl: "I was at the window pulling the shade down to go to bed when I saw a tremendous explosion. I thought a jetliner had crashed... I ran out in my pajamas. The mother was in the driveway 35 feet or so from the house. She was screaming hysterically."

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