



HEADLINING the new vaudeville bill opening at the Pine Tree theater here Sunday afternoon are Joan Olsen and Tony Breddie (above). Joan, billed as "the bombastic blonde of comic ditties" has been widely acclaimed for her night club and theater work. Breddie is a clever foil for the fetching blonde's funnies and is a recognized star on the accordion. Three other acts complete the bill.

### Symington To Quit As RFC Chief

WASHINGTON (AP) — Stuart Symington, an ace pinch hitter for the Truman administration for six years, will bow out in a few weeks as head of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, probably taking a sizeable slice of top RFC officials with him. President Truman told his news conference Thursday he expects to accept a resignation from Symington later this month. Symington is planning to return to private business. Indications are that resignations also will be forthcoming from a number of key officials installed by Symington in the RFC to help him with a sweeping cleanup job. Symington and his housecleaning crew took over the big government lending agency last May when it was a storm center. A Senate subcommittee had charged the RFC with yielding to a political influence ring with White house contacts. Symington was out of town and not available for comment, but his close associates made it clear the abruptness of Mr. Truman's announcement took them by surprise. Mr. Truman said RFC policies were not involved in the resignation. Symington has been at odds, however, with some State Department officials over deadlocked negotiations with Bolivia on new tin prices.

### HST Says Murphy Once Turned Down Offer; Coy On Subject Of McGrath

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Truman said Thursday that Judge Thomas F. Murphy once accepted and then turned down an appointment to head up an investigation of government employees. Mr. Truman made this statement during a news conference discussion of his plans to eliminate wrongdoers from the government. In other highlights of the conference, Mr. Truman: Said he will accept W. Stuart Symington's resignation as head of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation sometime this month. Refused to answer a question as to whether Atty. Gen. Howard McGrath has signified his willingness to be relieved of duty. At the outset of the meeting with reporters, the President said so many rumors were going around about what action might be taken in connection with the government cleanup program that he was not going to answer any of them. But later, in response to questions, Mr. Truman confirmed that he had asked Judge Murphy of New York to head an inquiry into any corruption and wrongdoing in the government. The President said Murphy accepted the appointment but after he got back to New York he turned it down. A reporter asked whether Murphy submitted conditions under which he would accept appointment. No, the President said, adding that he himself gave all the conditions under which he thought Murphy could serve. Asked whether he would name a substitute for the New York justice, the President said he didn't care to talk about that.

### Oregon Car Toll ---- 440

SALEM (AP) — Traffic accidents in Oregon took 440 lives in 1951, an increase of 12 over the 1950 toll, Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry said Thursday. The all-time high was 482 killed in 1946. Newbry estimated that 13,500 persons were injured in traffic accidents, a new record. The 1950 total was 13,322. The total number of accidents was 80,000, compared with 74,106 in 1950. Oregon courts and Newbry's office cracked down on drivers to the tune of 41,444 traffic violation convictions, plus several thousand driver license suspensions. There were 2,740 licenses suspended for drunken driving, 508 for reckless driving, and 282 for speeding.

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### KPCA To Meet January 26

The 18th annual meeting of the Klamath Production Credit Association has been scheduled for Jan. 26, KPCA Secy-Treas. Lee McMullen announced today. As in past years, the farm stockholders will meet in the Klamath Falls Armory. This will be the third meeting since the KPCA has been completely taken over in ownership by farmers. Two directors' terms expire at the meeting. They are E. M. Hammond and A. R. Campbell, who have served out their term of two years. An election will be held for the posts left open. Pres. Bill Kittredge will preside over the meeting. However, the principal speaker has not yet been named.

CHEVY CHASE, Md. (AP) — Mrs. Joseph P. Tumulty, 71, wife of a former secretary to the late President Woodrow Wilson, died Thursday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Philip A. Caulfield, in this suburb of Washington.

### Mistake Slaps Arizona Ranch

LUKE AIR FORCE BASE, Ariz. (AP) — An Arizona citrus ranch was accidentally strafed with 90 rounds of 50 caliber ammunition by an F-51 fighter, Luke Air Force Base officials announced Thursday. An area 200 yards square three and a half miles north of here was peppered with the plane's entire load of bullets when a switch slipped and failed to work properly, a base spokesman said. The Public Information Office said no one was hit. The ranch is owned by Murray Finlon, who was not home at the time of the incident.

### Ransomed Flier's Father Dies

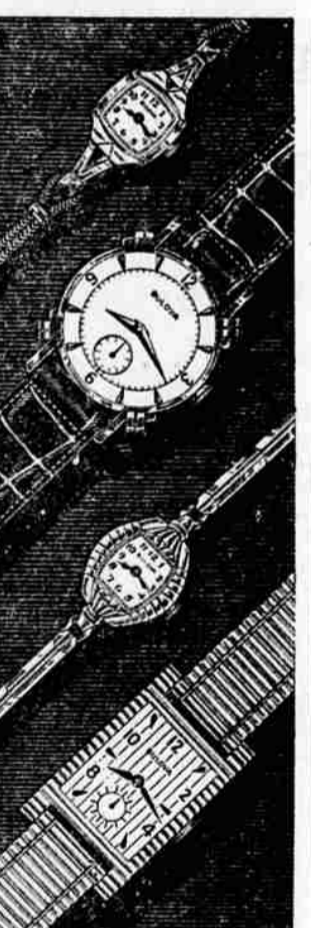
SYRACUSE, N. Y. (AP) — John J. Swift, Sr. died of cancer Thursday night, three days after his flier-son had reached his bedside from a prison in Communist Hungary. Capt. John J. Swift, Jr., 34, arrived by air from Germany Monday on emergency leave after 39 days in a Hungarian prison. He had been jailed with three other Air Force men when their C-47 transport landed in Hungary. They were "ransomed" by the U.S. last week.

### Vejar Goes 'Big Time'

NEW YORK (AP) — Chico Vejar, the 20-year old collegian from Stamford, Conn., faces his first "big name" fighter Friday night when he takes on the Veteran Enrique Bolanos at Los Angeles at Madison Square Garden. Ring time for the 10 rounder is 7 p.m. (EST) with network radio (ABC) coverage.

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