

Dickenson Activities Reported

WASHINGTON (AP)—Martin Christensen of Hammond, Ind., resumes today his account of Cpl. Edward S. Dickenson's activities as a prisoner of war in Korea.

Christensen, a bespectacled youth, had just begun his testimony when the court-martial of Dickenson was recessed Friday for the weekend.

Dickenson, 23, a native of Cracker's Neck, Va., is charged with collaborating with his Chinese captors while a POW and with informing on Christensen and Edward Galtier of Philadelphia.

Col. C. Robert Bard, the prosecutor, said in advance of today's session that he planned to wind up his case against Dickenson by nightfall.

Christensen told the eight-member court on Friday that he teamed up with Dickenson and two others to break out of the Red prison camp at Pyoktong, North Korea, in July 1952.

The four were recaptured the following day, Christensen said, and were interrogated by a Chinese guard named Tong.

Dickenson was the first to be questioned, Christensen said, adding that when Tong got around to interrogating him, the Chinese "knew it all" about the abortive escape attempt.

One of three specific counts against Dickenson accuses him of tipping the Reds to the fact that Christensen had in his possession a pistol with live ammunition. As a result, the charge says, Christensen was "jailed and repeatedly beaten by the enemy."

Homemakers' Plan Festival

The Rev. Daniel Walker pastor of the First Methodist Church, Corvallis, will be the principal speaker at the annual Klamath County Homemakers' Festival to be held May 4, at the fairgrounds. His subject will be "Woman in the Window."

The meeting expected to draw 500 women members of county home extension units, marks the end of a year's work in homemaking projects.

Theme of this year's festival is "The Home Is the Hub of the World."

Registration starts at 9:30 a.m. The welcome will be given by Mrs. William Drew. Group singing will be led by Mrs. E. E. Kilpatrick, Merrill with Mrs. Ruby Taber at the piano.

The Rev. D. L. Proett, Peace Memorial Presbyterian Church will give the invocation. C. A. Henderson will give the greeting from the Klamath County Agents office and greetings from Oregon State College will be brought by Mrs. Winifred Gillen, state agent of 4-H Clubs.

Mrs. Kilpatrick, state chairman, home extension council, and Miss Lee Holliday will give the triennial report.

Officers of all county units will be installed before the noon luncheon served by the Rebekah Lodge Social Club, No. 104.

The afternoon session will be opened with numbers by the KUHS Choir, under the direction of Andrew Loney Jr.

Standard unit awards will be presented by Mrs. Olive McPherson.

The Rev. Walker's address will close the meeting.

Women of the Congregational Church will provide child care from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tickets may be called for at the home extension office.

Displays of projects completed during the year by the 18 units will be arranged.

The home extension unit program in Oregon is now 22 years old. There are 536 units in 36 counties in the state and 15,617 members.



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Economy Of North States Helped By New Oil Wells

By SAM DAWSON

MINNEAPOLIS, (AP)—The northern Great Plains states see their economy sailing into the spring season on a pretty even keel—with some new oil fields for ballast but with iron mining dragging its anchor a little.

The business and industrial storms of the winter seem to be dying down. Manufacturing follows pretty closely the course set nationally. The farm and livestock outlook is perhaps more closely tied this year than usual to the twin forces of weather and government price support policies.

More men are out of work in the industrialized sections than last year. Pay checks have shrunk some with the ending of overtime.

But economists for the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis say that the number of unemployed workers in the northern Great Plains is a smaller percentage of the labor force than is the case in the nation as a whole.

And perhaps because of this, retail sales compare favorably with a year ago, although sales of appliances are down, and it's a little more work to collect on payments.

The 8th Federal Reserve District, which the bank serves, includes the states of Montana, North and South Dakota, Minnesota and the northern half of Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

Most folk you talk to in the Twin Cities of St. Paul and Minneapolis say: "Sure, things aren't quite as booming as they were awhile back. But how could they go on being like that? Business is still pretty good."

Building plans are high in most parts of the district. For the region as a whole contract awards in the first months of this year ran 60 per cent higher than a year ago, with nonresidential building showing the biggest boost. Wheat farmers report there is

enough surface moisture now for the seed to germinate, but the subsoil moisture is poor. In other words, rain will have to keep coming along at just the right times this year if the spring wheat harvest is to be a good one—and the rust that hit the valuable durum wheat crop last year will have to stay away this season if farm incomes aren't to suffer further.

Under government crop control rules, wheat farmers are cutting back on their planting. Much of the acreage lost to wheat is going into barley, another price-supported crop, and some into flax. In the southern part of the region, soybean plantings may take up the spare acreage.

Oil from the Williston Basin and

from Canada is sparking pipeline and refinery construction from Montana to St. Paul.

Growing cities in the basin—which lies in Montana and North and South Dakota—are seeing a boom in commercial, school and home building as new oil fields come in. Cities around the basin's edge that service it are sharing the boom.

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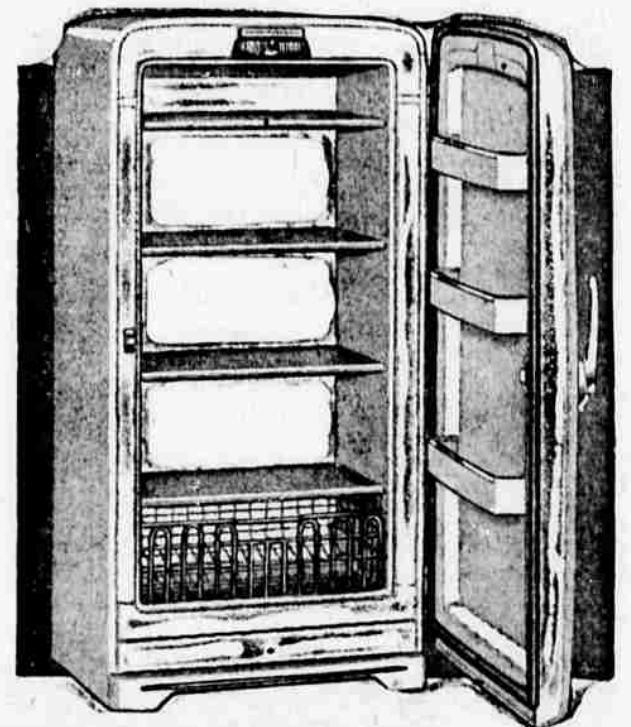
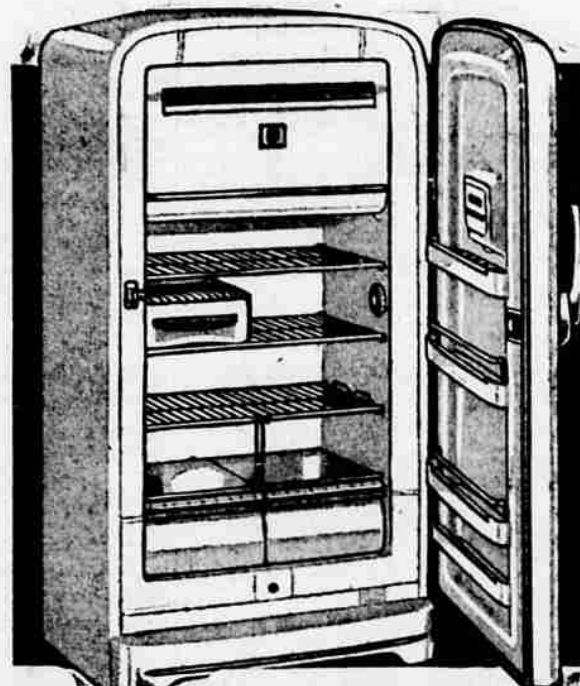
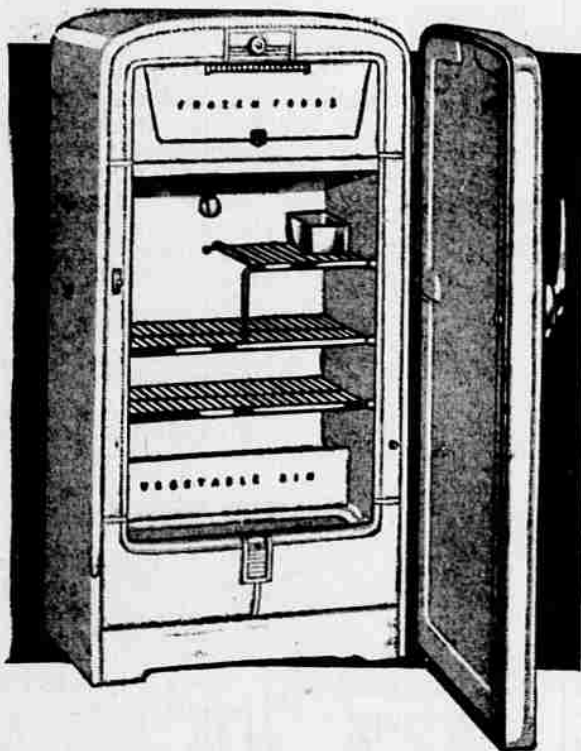
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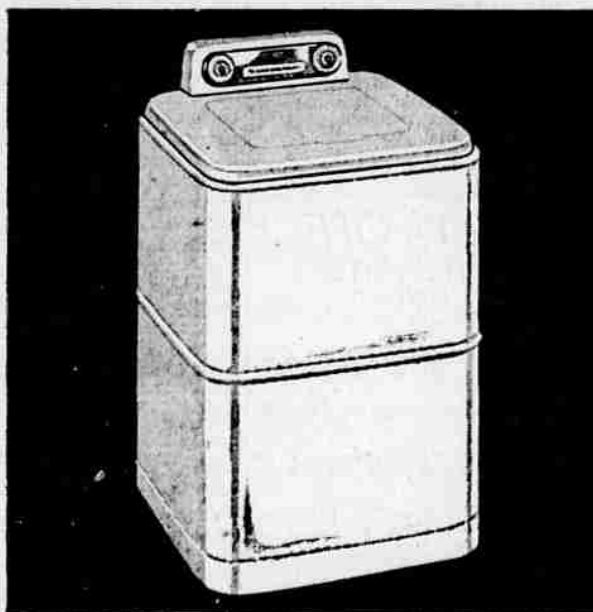
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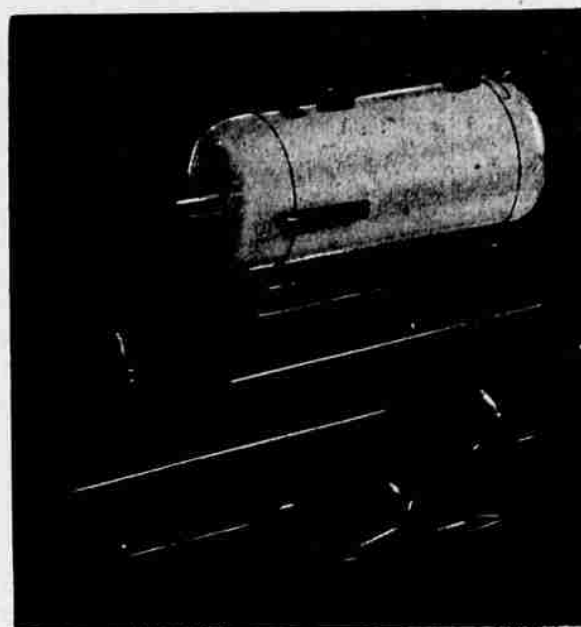
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