



NAVAL AVIATION CADET
Gordon L. Withers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vancil Withers, Summer Lake, has qualified as a carrier pilot after six successful landings aboard the carrier USS Monterey, in the Gulf of Mexico. Young Withers attended Oregon State College and entered the flight program through the U. S. Naval Air Station, Seattle.

New FHA Loan Policy Urged

WASHINGTON (U) — Chairman Capehart (R-Ind.) said today the Senate Banking Committee would vote to give banks and other private lenders "full responsibility" for policing FHA-insured home repair loans.

This, said Capehart, would be one way to seal up loopholes in the present law, loopholes that unscrupulous salesmen and contractors allegedly have used to cheat many unsuspecting home owners. The committee resumes closed-door deliberations today on President Eisenhower's housing program and on proposals to strengthen the present law against any more housing abuses such as those uncovered last month just before a shakeup in the top echelon of the Federal Housing Administration.

Referring to the home repair situation, Capehart said: "We will continue this program but not without giving lending institutions full responsibility for seeing that their loans are used for legitimate home repairs." At present, private lenders are assured of full government repayment without any obligation to try to collect on defaulted loans. Capehart told newsmen he expects the committee to adopt a new provision which would make banks and other private lenders shoulder part of the risk of making home repair loans.

Electronics To Catch Cheaters

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (U) — This gambling city is preparing to catch cheaters by electronics. One plush casino, The Sands, inaugurated last night an elaborate television circuit by which Jake Freedman, president of the hotel corporation, can watch all 10 gaming tables at once from his office on the floor above.

The closed circuit consists of 10 cameras which show, on the screen of Freedman's receiver, only the hands of the players and dealers at the 10 tables. Any untoward activity can be reported by Freedman to pit bosses or other floor officials.

The cameras, a hotel spokesman said, do not identify the players but show only their hands and the exchange of money between dealers and players.

Convict Works To Pay Off Huge Debt While In Prison

CANON CITY, Colo. (U) — A bankrupt businessman is trying to make a million and a half dollars behind the towering stone walls of the Colorado Penitentiary.

He's Fred Ward, Convict 27398, a cook at the prison farm. He's serving 7 to 15 years for fraud connected with the crash of his automobile distributorship at Denver in July 1951.

At the time the indictments were filed, creditors claimed \$2,472,610 from Ward's bankrupt domain. Several banks claimed large sums. Denver auto dealer charged Ward with obtaining \$10,000 for new cars he couldn't deliver. Gov. Dan Thornton, a wealthy cattleman, said Ward gave him a worthless \$12,500 check in a business transaction.

Rotund and affable at 46, Ward is working to fulfill a voluntary pledge made in federal bankruptcy court after he had been convicted in 1953 of fraud, confidence game and conspiracy.

"I'll pay back my creditors every cent that I owe," promised the once lavish spender. "And I'll make a comeback in business."

He is counting on several tangible assets and some new ideas to retire the staggering debt against his future.

The major asset is a transparent plastic nylon stocking washer which is being marketed nationally for \$1.09 by a Denver distributing firm.

It's shaped like a football and has a removable cap. Women's nylons and underthings are placed in the gadget with water and soap and then it's shaken like a cocktail mixer to rub the articles against smooth fins running the length of the interior.

Ward said he got the idea after reading a magazine article which suggested that women wash their nylons in a fruit jar.

He also has arranged with prison guards to manufacture children's giant-size educational building blocks in their off-duty hours.

"One of my ideas that will be on the market very soon," he said.

"is a dripless saucer that will make a big hit with restaurants." He described it as a plastic saucer raised high in the center with tiny drain channels to carry spilled coffee away from the bottom of the cup.

Additional items Ward distributes through firms outside the prison are a chemical detergent and a plastic toe guard for children's shoes.

"Fred Ward has been a model prisoner," said Warden Harry Tinsley. "He is setting a good example for other prisoners by assuming the debt when he wasn't required to do so, and actually making an effort to pay off his creditors."

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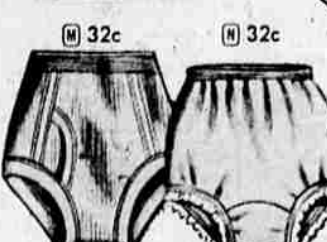
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