



HUSKY, HAPPY Alan Christian Walker, was the first baby of the year back in 1953 when station KFLW and the Herald and News sponsored the first annual "stork derby." He squalled his way into the hearts of his Pop and Mom at exactly 16 minutes past midnight at Klamath Valley Hospital. Today, he is "just a normal boy," with plenty of pep and mischief in his eyes. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Walker, 608 North Sixth Street.

Expectant Mothers Prepare For Annual 'Stork Derby'

By RUTH KING
Hopes of several sets of prospective parents in the Klamath area expecting a "Bundle From Heaven," about the turn of the year, are set on winning the fourth annual "stork derby" in 1956.
The winner, whether born at one minute past midnight in the new year or in the last second of the first 24 hours, and his or her parents, will receive a host of gifts from Klamath Falls merchants, and the sponsors of the race, radio station KFLW and the Herald and News.
The first New Year arrival will also be greeted by Charlie McParlan who will make a tape recording for a rebroadcast of the baby's first cries. The tape is made with the cooperation of Mrs. Alva E. Griffin, business manager of Klamath Valley Hospital, and



DR. L. T. EDWARDS

Nazarenes Slate Lecture Series

Dr. L. T. Edwards, lecturer, minister and prophetic teacher of Lowell, Oregon, will speak at the First Church of the Nazarene, Garden and Martin streets, Friday evening, Saturday evening, Sunday morning and Sunday evening, January 6, 7, 8.
Friday, January 6, at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Edwards will show the Martin Luther film, Saturday evening, his subject will be "Daniel's Last Sign." Sunday morning he will speak on "The Two Branches." Sunday night his subject will be "Why did God Allow Hitler to Slaughter the Jews?"
Rev. Edwards uses colored slides and films to illustrate his inspiring messages. His unique presentation of Bible truth will command your attention. Come to the first service and you will not want to miss the others.

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NATIONAL BIRD COUNT
COCOA, Fla. (AP)—A new national record was claimed today by the Cocoa Audubon Society, which counted 184 species of birds in a 24-hour period. Allen Cruickshank, head of the Cocoa bird-watching team, said it was the highest count ever made in this country and exceeded the 175 species counted last year by a San Diego, Calif., group which claimed the record.



LT. W. R. STONECYPHER

W. Stonecypher Takes Training

Lt. William R. Stonecypher, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester G. Stonecypher of Route 1, Malin, is presently enrolled in the Primary Basic Observer Course at Harlingen Air Force Base, Harlingen, Texas.
The 12-month course, conducted by Air Force bases under the jurisdiction of the Flying Training Air Force, is designed to qualify aviation cadets and non-rated officers in the fundamentals of electronics, dead reckoning, and radar navigation, as pertains to today's rapidly advancing field of aviation.
Upon completion of this training, Lt. Stonecypher will be awarded his silver wings and take his place in America's main line of defense — the new all-jet Air Force.

House Plans More Hearings

WASHINGTON (AP)—A House committee probing governmental information policies announced today plans for further hearings on a reported attitude in some agencies that the public "has little or no right to know" what is going on.
Chairman Moss (D-Calif.) disclosed at the same time that four agencies have been asked to explain why they use the term "confidential" to restrict circulation of nondefense information. An executive order of Dec. 15, 1953, limited use of the "confidential" classification generally to defense material.
Despite the order, Moss said, the Interior Department, the Federal Reserve Board, the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Department of Health, Education and Welfare "misuse" the term or variations of it to keep wraps on nondefense information.
Moss' group, a subcommittee of the House Government Operations Committee, conducted hearings last fall.
Moss said information gathered by his committee indicates "many federal agencies have little interest in opening up the avenues of access to public information."
Current plans are to hold the new hearings shortly after Congress reconvenes next week.

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Algeria Tops Election Fight

PARIS (AP)—A government admission that a gendarme shot down a rebel suspect in Algeria to make a picture for a photographer made strife in the North Africa territory the undisputed top issue today in the French election campaign.

Ex-Premier Pierre Mendes-France's chief organ, the newspaper L'Express, first made the atrocity charge. Premier Edgar Faure's at first denied it, but an Interior Ministry statement finally said a representative of the American newswire firm Fox Movietone bribed the gendarme to shoot the suspected rebel in front of his camera.

Faure accused L'Express of acting "for electoral ends" and of "losing sight of the elementary sense of national interest."
Fox Movietone's Paris office issued a statement protesting the bribery charge. It said, "Our representatives receive orders for scrupulous and impartial information only. We have no knowledge of their ever having failed in this duty."
The photographer was not identified but he was understood to be French.
The government admission further inflamed the bitter political rivalry between Faure and Mendes-France, chief political rivals in the Jan. 2 elections of a new National Assembly.
The government accused L'Express of damming army morale.
L'Express had republished five pictures of the shooting from the newswire film which first appeared last summer.
The Interior Ministry said the photographer had been charged with corrupting a civil servant and that the gendarme would be tried by a military court.

ECONOMY BOOSTED

SEOUL (AP)—The United States Friday agreed to give South Korea an additional 25 million dollars for this fiscal year to boost its sagging economy. C. Tyler Wood, U. N. economic coordinator for Korea, said the money would supplement the 277 million dollars granted South Korea for economic assistance in fiscal 1956.

Labor Strikes Guess Made

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Labor Department estimated today that 4,200 strikes caused 28 million man-days of idleness in 1955.
The number of work stoppages was 21 per cent greater than the 3,468 reported in 1954. Lost time in 1955 was nearly 24 per cent more than last year.
The review noted that while strike idleness this year exceeded 1954, it was the third best year since the end of World War II. The number of strikes in 1955 was about 20 per cent less than the postwar peak of 5,117 stoppages recorded in 1952.
Approximately 2 1/2 million workers were involved in the 1955 stoppages, nearly 80 per cent more than the 1,530,000 in 1954. The department said a substantial part of the increase resulted from one or two-day work stoppages in the steel and automobile industries at the time of contract negotiations.
The 1955 estimates were given in a preliminary review of labor-management disputes by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.
Partly as a result of long-term agreements expiring during this year, the number of work stoppages involving 10,000 or more workers rose to 26 compared with 18 in 1954. The average worker involved in these stoppages was idle about 11 working days in 1955 compared with 17 in 1954.
Disputes over wages and related issues were a major cause in 19 of the 26 largest strikes in 1955.

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