

Unconcerned Registered Over Scientific Report

By CONRAD OLIVEN

GRANVILLE, N.Y. (AP) — "If there's anything to this thing of radioactive rocks and malformed babies, there's nothing we can do about it."

That's the reaction of mountain folk to a report that the radioactive rock that surrounds them may account for a higher-than-average rate of deformities in babies.

The New York State Health Department announced last week a researcher had found that, in areas of the state having surface radioactive rock, the malformation rate among infants was higher than elsewhere.

In this northern New York area near the Vermont line, Hebron and Argyle are on the list with a high rate.

"What's got to be has got to be — nothing we can do about it," Martin Warner, 21-year-old farm-

er who has had a bad hip since childhood, commented to this reporter. He farms 400 acres in North Hebron, where heavy slate and shale deposits bother his tractor more than they do him, although the rock is naturally radioactive.

Many people discount the study — "They didn't prove anything definite, did they?"

Others just shrug. "It's a lot of bunk," asserted John Knowlton, puffing on a cigar in his colonial restaurant at Argyle. "It's women taking too much medicine."

With him was William Coates, Argyle trashhauler. Said he: "It's these women who work in factories who are having trouble. Women belong in the home..."

"But maybe it's something in the air," almost as an afterthought.

More of an authority on the subject, Dr. V. K. Irvine of Granville, who has delivered babies in these parts for 24 years, said: "Frankly, I don't think the incidence of malformed babies is any higher here than anywhere else. I personally have had very few malformed babies."

"Of course, it's possible. While I couldn't attach any significance to it, this is a new survey. Radioactivity in rocks may have some bearing on malformations."

Chaos Seen; DST Sunday

CHICAGO (UPI)—The annual confusion that marks the start of daylight savings time descends on nearly half of the nation at 2 a.m. Sunday.

In daylight time homes, clocks will be set ahead one hour so that the family can enjoy an extra hour of early evening daylight throughout the summer and into the fall.

Confusion in daylight time states and cities is usually confined to the first day when people who forgot to set their clocks ahead find themselves late for church. But transportation creates a deeper, summer-long problem because of time differentials between states and even between cities only a few miles apart.

Generally, eastern states and midwestern states east of the Mississippi River will be in the fast time belt. California and Nevada will be on daylight time in the Far West. The Deep South will remain on "slow" time.

The "fast" time starts on the last Sunday in April and ends either on the last Sunday in September or the last Sunday in October, depending on the area.

Minnesota, where some metropolitan areas will be on daylight time, is an example of how things can get complicated. Minneapolis, St. Paul and Duluth will go on "fast" time which means that motorists driving to outlying points can get to their destination before they started from home, at least by the clock.

GRAD SCHOOL BILL

SALEM (AP)—A resolution directing the state Board of Higher Education to establish a graduate school of social work by the fall of 1961 was approved by the House Wednesday. It already had been passed by the Senate.

Rep. Shirley Field (R-Portland) said the school is needed badly because Oregon has a severe shortage of social workers.



BILL DOGGETT

Rhythm And Blues Artist Schedules Basin Showing

Bill Doggett, whose recording of "Honky Tonk" sold more than two million records recently, will appear at the Klamath Falls Auditorium Thursday, April 24, from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m.

The jazz, rhythm and blues star has been named the man most responsible for making the organ a jazz instrument.

Doggett, unlike many of today's popular musicians, hit the top only after careful study and a long struggle. He began studying trumpet when he was 9, but moved eventually to piano and played nightclub dates at starvation rates around Philadelphia in 1930.

By 1934 he had formed his own band, but sold it to devote more time to arranging and composing. From 1942 until 1947, Doggett arranged and played piano for the Ink Spots, and the Illinois Jacquet, Count Basie, Lionel Hampton and Louis Jordan bands.

"Wild Bill" Davis, a growling trumpet man, invited Doggett to play swing organ in his place during a recording session with Ella Fitzgerald in 1951. That was Doggett's first professional date with the organ. The Fitzgerald-Doggett recording, "Smooth Sailing," "Air Mail Special," and "Rough Ridin'," were successful.

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NAMED ALLIED COMMANDER

PARIS (UPI)—Lt. Gen. James E. Moore has been appointed to replace Gen. Cortland Van Rensselaer Schuyler as chief of staff at Supreme Allied Headquarters, Europe, it was announced Wednesday.

Strikes Against Papers Could Topple Old Mark

NEW YORK (AP) — Strikes against American newspapers last year, a special industry committee said today, reached the second highest total since World War II.

and "if the record of 10 strikes in the first quarter of 1959 continues, this year will match the worst in the present century."

The report was made during final-day sessions of the 73rd annual convention of the American Newspapers Publishers Assn. by George N. Dale, chairman of the ANPA's Special Standing Committee on Labor Relations.

The four-day convention ends tonight with the annual dinner of the ANPA's Bureau of Advertising. Defense Secretary Neil H. McElroy will be the principal speaker.

McElroy's speech, described in advance as a major talk likely to include information on new developments in the missile program, will be heard by about 1,800 newspaper publishers, other newspaper executives and their guests.

Formal sessions of the convention will end earlier in the day with the election of new officers and directors.

Dale said the near record number of 1958 strikes against newspapers—38 strikes against 62 daily papers—came at a time when strikes generally throughout the United States reached the second lowest number since the end of World War II.

Dale also told the convention there was an unusual number of "short-duration strikes and unauthorized stoppages" in the newspaper industry last year, and added that "these stoppages reflected an attempt to substitute pressure for the orderly grievance and negotiating procedures."

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