



MR. AND MRS. CALVIN HUTCHINSON of Bly are shown with one of the evergreen shrubs which they planted around the church building of the Assembly of God Church in Bly. Church shrubs, which will grow to a height of about six feet, have been planted around the church by the Hutchinsons. They also plan to do some more landscaping around the parsonage in the near future. Helping their parents with the work are Leon, Donna, Gary and Katherine. —Photo by Roberta McGee

Dental Award Given Youth

Robert J. Hilton of 435 Hillside Street, was awarded a diploma and a doctor of dental surgery degree at Northwestern University's commencement exercises Monday. He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. James M. Hilton. Dr. Hilton is a radiologist with headquarters in the Klamath Falls Medical - Dental Building. Hilton, 27, was graduated with honors. He received The Key, an award signifying that he has been admitted to Omicron Kappa Upsilon, a national dental honor society whose members are dentists who were graduated among the top ten in their classes. Hilton will remain on campus for a year as a junior instructor. His wife, Elizabeth, and their daughter, Betty, 5, will remain with him. Then he plans to practice in the Bay Area. Hilton was graduated in 1948 from Klamath Union High School. He spent a subsequent three years in the University of Oregon's pre-dental school, three years in the Army's Dental Corps and four years at Northwestern. He is a member of Sigma Phi Upsilon Fraternity.

Castro May Lack Time To Become Professional

By LEON DENNEN
HAVANA (AP)—Cuba moves headlong toward crucial economic and political disorder, and no one knows whether Fidel Castro, the revolutionary amateur, can become a professional in time to avert disaster. In the economic field, the big sore thumb is a backlog of 700,000 unemployed which threatens to swell to one million (one out of six Cubans) as the sugar harvest tapers off and other industries slow or stall. The sugar industry, Cuba's chief prop, is in chaos as a result of Castro's hasty, ill-considered land reform and an excess of production. American mill owners are losing their cane plantations. And Cuba doesn't know where to unload more than a million tons of sugar produced but not to be absorbed by the United States this year. The construction industry is standing stock still — victim of new rent laws which slash rents 30 to 50 per cent and discourage builders. Landlords have no way of enforcing tenant payments at all. Tourism, second only to sugar in sweetening the Cuban economy, is languishing badly. Luxury hotels and gambling casinos are on the ropes. Private investors are frightened. U.S. economists think Cuba's foreign reserves will dwindle to nothing by October. Castro men deny it, saying gold and foreign exchange reserves actually have risen 35 million dollars since he took power. They look to back tax payments to help. Labor's demands, souped up by key-placed Communists, are harassing every industrial firm in Cuba. They call for steep pay boosts, fringe benefits and a host of other concessions. As for Castro's newly established agrarian reform, it strips U.S.-owned sugar mills of their cane plantations and cuts them into 67-acre plots for landless farmers. Says a top U.S. mill representative on the island: "Rural reform has long been overdue in Cuba, but what Castro is doing is sheer madness." He suggested the reform law itself is not necessarily unjust, but that basic agrarian changes must be prepared for on a long range footing with sound credit financing, planned investments in farm machinery, and intensive education for crop controls. Castro's speed is seen widely as only harming the vital sugar industry and lifting unemployment to new peaks. A Cuban businessman said: "The agrarian reform will cause such chaos that democracy could not possibly survive in Cuba." The visionary Castro's sweeping answer to all his economic ills is to ask the United States to pluck them out. He stood before a committee of the organization of American States in Buenos Aires and urged that America hand Cuba and other Latin nations 30 billion dollars in the next decade. No proof exists today that Castro is any less the amateur in the realm of down-to-earth politics than he is in economics.

Asked a Cuban lawyer: "In two years' time Fidel Castro might become president of Cuba, but what assurance is there that he will not then be as short of political judgment as he is today?" Even his staunchest friends are tiring of his dramatics, his postures, and his empty gestures. They look askance on legal changes aimed at promoting greater civil justice, such as the restoration of habeas corpus and an end to "war criminal" trials in military rather than civil courts. They say the judiciary already is packed with Communists. Two examples: the state prosecutor and the men in charge of penal reforms. Cuba's jails remain jammed with thousands denounced by the Reds. Their trials will cut up years. During a visit to President Manuel Urrutia, I saw scores of terrorized mothers, wives and sisters, waiting in the presidential ante-chamber for word of their imprisoned kin. Castro loudly promised no limits on press freedom. In America, he deplored reports of censorship at home. He assured Dr. Alberto Gaitza Paz, distinguished liberal publisher of Argentina, that there is "absolute freedom of expression in Cuba." But examine with me the case of Juan Luis Martin, talented political columnist for Havana's El Mundo, whose sole crime is his convinced opposition to communism. He was arrested months ago, held incommunicado 30 days, never subjected to formal charge, and then released as casually as he had been seized. I met the paper's manager at a U.S. ambassador's reception, and inquired of Martin. The reply: "Oh, he is working for our paper again. But he is no longer writing about politics. He writes about cows and pigs." The major political test for Cas-

tro, however, is what he will do about free elections for Cuba. He is said to favor them, but some in his entourage, chiefly Reds, are violently opposed. These include his U.S.-hating brother, Raul, and David Salvador, Communist leader of the Cuban Confederation of Labor. Even Urrutia seems sold on the idea Cubans don't want elections soon. Said he: "There will be time enough for elections when the unemployment problem has been solved." Yet the call for elections is strongly heard. Warned a student who fought with Castro in the Sierra Maestra hills: "The mandate we gave Fidel is not to embark on infantile so-

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Attorneys For Columnist Offer Closing Arguments

LONDON (UPI)—Attorneys for Daily Mirror columnist Cassandra, William Connor, planned to make a final assault today on Liberace's contention that Connor libelled him by implying he was homosexual. In a closing argument to the jury of 10 men and two women, the defense intended to show that an article Connor wrote about Liberace in 1956 was "fair comment" and within the bounds of freedom of the press. The American entertainer, citing phrases such as "fruit-flavored" and "the pinnacle of masculine, feminine, and neuter," says he was personally damaged by the Cassandra column. The Daily Mirror is being sued along with Connor.

Ad Executive Offers Plan

DALLAS (AP)—Let the bank pay the family's monthly bills and everybody will benefit, a Dallas advertising executive, E. B. Andrews, said. Writing in The American Banker, a trade publication, Andrews proposed having the customer send all his charge account bills to the bank. The bank would handle the accounts in one of two ways: Under the first plan, the customer would authorize the bank to pay bills as they come in, up to a pre-set limit. Under the second plan, the bank would send the customer a list of all bills at the end of the month. The customer would return the list with a notation of how much he wanted paid on each account. Andrews said the plans would cut the number of checks written by the average family from 25 to 5 or 6 per month. Businesses, he said, would benefit through elimination of thousands of bills, envelopes, payment notations and individual deposits. He termed the plan the first fundamental change in banking "in about 100 years."

Dangerous Con Escapes Guard

DENVER (AP)—An inmate of the state penitentiary, returned here to attend his father's funeral, strolled to freedom Monday when his guard left to fix a tire on a prison car. The guard, Andrew Kimmich, left Louis Vallejos, 26, at the home of the latter's parents. When he returned, Vallejos was gone. The prisoner is serving concurrent sentences of 10 to 20 years for aggravated robbery and 6 to 8 years for manslaughter. Police consider him dangerous.

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Ballet Slated For Festival

Ballet Celeste, San Francisco's young classical ballet company, will be a featured daytime attraction of the 1959 Oregon Shakespearean Festival, Ashland. There will be two completely different programs to rotate throughout the eight-day appearance Saturday, August 8 through Saturday, August 15. They will present such classic ballets as "Swan Lake," "Coppelia," "The Nutcracker" and "Les Sylphides," plus their own newly choreographed "Lincoln's Ladies" and "Espanita." The company of 30, which has toured the United States, was formed in 1950 and has been trained and directed by Merrem Lanova, former soloist with Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo. Auditions will be held during their Ashland stay for eligible young dancers from this area. Tickets for any of the performances will be available at the festival box office. This year the festival will open in the new \$275,000 theater, July 28. Over the season "Twelfth Night," "Masque of the New World," "Measure for Measure," "Antony and Cleopatra" and "King John" will be presented in rotation.

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