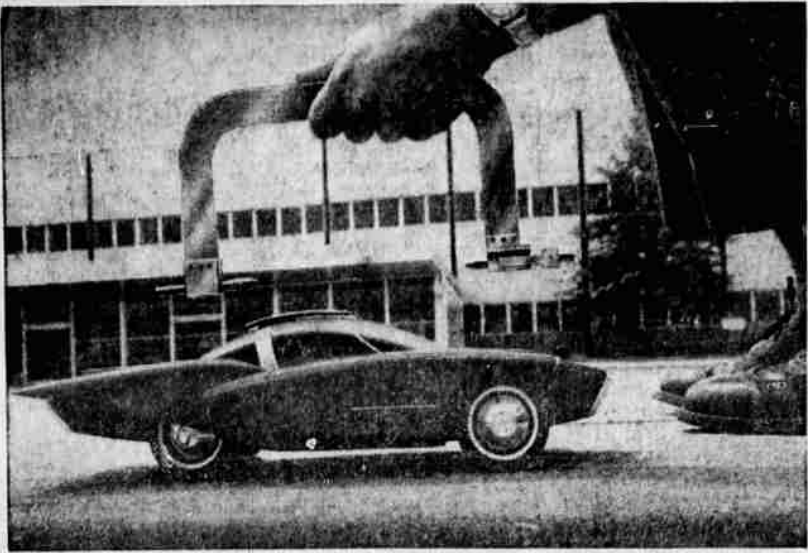




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Estate Left To Felons

HOUSTON, Tex. (AP)—A Cove, Ore., farmer and an anonymous benefactor in Dallas have left estates totaling \$70,000 to inmates of the Texas prison system.

But the "heirs" of the Oregon estate—the trustees of Ferguson Honor Farm—aren't likely to drive away from the institution in big cars.

For the wife and the sister-in-law of Edward E. Van Vlack, who died last April, will benefit from his \$20,000 estate before the prisoners—whoever they might be at the time—will "share alike" in what's left.

Van Vlack's will, said his attorney, Rose Hearing of La Grande, Ore., provides that his widow, Mrs. Maude Ethel Van Vlack, and sister-in-law, Mrs. Eva White, shall receive yearly payments from the trust fund set up from the proceeds of his estate.

"I don't know what will be left for the prisoners," said Hearing. "Both women are in their middle years and in good health."

Mrs. White told the Houston Chronicle that Van Vlack read a magazine article about the farm, and decided to include the inmates in his will.

Ferguson has up to 30 prisoners at times. The Dallas benefactor, whose will provided that he should not be named, left \$50,000 to be used as a "revolving loan fund" for inmates.

O. B. Ellis, general manager of the Texas Prison System, said the money will be loaned prisoners for emergency purposes, such as transportation to their homes during furloughs, or for other purposes.

MAYS DAY IN ALABAMA MONTGOMERY, Ala. (UPI)—The television fans who watched Alabama-born Willie Mays win the All-Star baseball game for the National League Tuesday included members of the Alabama House of Representatives, who adjourned a session after 25 minutes to watch the game.

HOW ABOUT THAT? CHICAGO (UPI)—Ted Restke and Philip E. Ryan paced the maternity waiting room together at Mercy Hospital. Restke got the news first, turned to Ryan, and said: "Twins! How do you like that?" Ryan dazedly received his news a few minutes later. "Triplets!" he told Restke. "How do you like that?"

Aging, Battered Intrepid Still 'Best Ship In Navy'

By VERN HAUGLAND
AP Aviation Reporter
ABOARD THE USS INTREPID (AP)—This old tub, now in the Mediterranean, pushed to its limits—and so are most of the aging ships in the U.S. Navy.

That sums up the opinion of many of the officers aboard this 17-year-old work horse of the world's waterways. But these same officers insist that the Intrepid, with all her aches and wrinkles of age, is the best ship in the Navy, and the happiest ship. She is an aircraft carrier part of the U.S. 6th Fleet.

The high morale aboard the Intrepid reflects the caliber of her key officers—the skipper, Capt. Paul Masterton of Paterson, N.J., the executive officer, Cmdr. Malcolm W. (Chris) Cagle, Knoxville, Tenn., and on down the line.

They are proud of the Intrepid's record of launching and recovering planes. In June the ship set a new mark for itself of more than 1,500 airplane landings. By the end of July the Intrepid will have had more than 37,000 landings since her deck was angled and fitted with steam catapults in a modernization and conversion program, 1954-1957.

"I have a superb group of young men aboard, and they do a remarkable job," says Masterton. "The ship is old and tiring in spots, but they get a lot out of her."

To which Cmdr. William W. Kelly, New Castle, Pa., the ship's air officer, adds: "We are convinced that the Intrepid is the best ship in the Navy. We mount more sorties, steam more miles than

anyone else. That can-do spirit in the carriers makes up for the shortcomings associated with the age of the equipment."

Even so Navy officers and some congressmen recognize that many World War II ships are approaching the period in which they can no longer meet requirements of modern aircraft and weapons.

Cmdr. Andrew B. Connor of Hampton, Va., the Intrepid's air group commander, says most World War II carriers are nearing the limit of their ability to handle new types of fast and heavy jet aircraft. He and other officers point to the Forrestal class and atomic powered carriers as forerunners of a modern fleet.

Meanwhile, says Connor, "We have the best weapons system available, meet any emergency situation that ends up in limited conflict."

"We can and do serve effectively as a deterrent, to contain the enemy at any spot where he wants to start trouble. At the same time our aircraft have the bonus, in retaliatory terms, of nuclear capability."

Sea Lions Join Fair

PORTLAND — Three young sea lions, captured off the coast of southern California recently, arrived at the Oregon Centennial Exposition recently and joined their brothers and sisters in one of the most interesting exhibits now being displayed at the exposition.

The show, which formerly consisted of seven trained sea lions, is being sponsored by the Oregon Coast Association. It is under the command of Homer F. Snow, the only seal trapper-trainer in the world.

The newly arrived sea lions—better known to the public as just plain seals—were shipped here in special ice-packed and water-cooled cages.

Mom, Daughter, Reunited; Fill Gaps In Last 29 Years

LOS ANGELES (UPI)—A daughter, Mildred Debonis, at the time, Mrs. Todd told Mildred her mother was in Las Vegas.

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