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## COUNCIL WELCOME DINNER

Friday evening, August 15th, at the Wagon Wheel Inn, near Ault Field, a capacity attendance of the following participated in the gala informal North Puget Sound Council-NAS, Whidbey party, honoring the Military officials of NAS, Whidbey, who are reporting in the near future to other Naval activities or Reserve, and their successors either on board or to report in the immediate future:

NAS, Whidbey: Captain and Mrs. William O. Gallery, Commanding Officer; Commander and Mrs. J. B. Dawley, Acting Executive Officer; Lt. Commander and Mrs. George Harper, Administration Officer and Public Information Officer; Chaplain and Mrs. Verner Carlson; Fr. Joseph D. O'Leary, Chaplain; Walter Bird, Director, Red Cross.

ComFair Seattle, NAS, Whidbey: Captain and Mrs. W. B. Whaley, Chief of Staff; Captain and Mrs. J. R. Van Evera, Reporting Chief of Staff; Mrs. Dale Harris, wife of Rear Admiral Dale Harris, Commanding Officer; Lt. and Mrs. E. W. Robinson, Flag Lt.; Lt. Commander L. A. Gariand, Flag Secretary.

Faw-4, NAS, Whidbey: Lt. George S. Bleifuss.

Oak Harbor: Tom Moore, Secretary-Treasurer, North Puget Sound Council; Messrs. and Mesdames Robert Farrell, C. M. Shepherd, Ray Maylor, Don Goodwin, Henry Koetje (President, Rotary Club), John Vander Pol, Leonard Everett, Jack Boyer (President, Junior Chamber of Commerce); Miss Marjorie Maylor; Fr. Anthony Palmisani.

Anacortes: Postmaster and Mrs. Gustaf Dalstead; Mrs. Marvel Iverson; Charles Truax; Messrs. and Mesdames Herb Johnson, Floyd Lunsford, Knute Fignshaw, and Andy Andrews.

Burlington: Fred Ovenell; Mayor and Mrs. Verlin Swanland; Messrs. and Mesdames H. B. Nelson and C. S. Ashley.

LaConner: Gene Dunlap, who has just returned from viewing the Olympic Games at Helsinki, Finland.

Sedro-Woolley: Mayor and Mrs. Percy Stendal; Messrs. and Mesdames George Rundquist (President, Chamber of Commerce), Percy Banks (Secretary, Chamber of Commerce), Adolph Pfannenstiel.

Everett: C. W. Thornberry, manager, Chamber of Commerce, and Mr. and Mrs. George Ward (President, North Puget Sound Council).

Seattle: R. D. Edwards.

Mount Vernon: John Wylie, Rex Wilson (President, Chamber of Commerce), Fred Grant; Mrs. Dorothy Cohn, manager, Chamber of Commerce; Messrs. and Mesdames Don Sellers, Andy Loft (Vice President, NPSC), Don Eldridge (Vice President, Chamber of Commerce).

Bellingham Ray Lee, representing, Mayor of Bellingham; Fire Chief Mike Mohl; Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Olson.

A social period with refreshments was enjoyed, preceding delicious Whidbey Island Turkey and Puget Sound King Salmon dinners, served in the specially arranged spacious Inn on decorated tables.

President, George Ward of the North Puget Sound Council was toastmaster. Past President John Vander Pol, of Oak Harbor, introduced the military officials of NAS, Whidbey, and their wives. Tom Moore, secretary-treasurer of the Council, introduced the many other guests present, from the various Committees in area, who are members of the Council.

Gustaf Dalstead, postmaster of Anacortes, arranged for the presentation of the following entertainment from Anacortes: Prof. Floyd Lunsford, outstanding pianist and song stylist, rendered a group of beautiful selections which received maximum applause; encores were demanded and given by the versatile artist. Mrs. Marvel Iverson, recognized pianist and organist, offered several selections which were truly appreciated. The quartet of Floyd Lunsford, Gustaf Dalstead, Charles Truax and Herb Johnson, with piano accompaniment by Mrs. Marvel Iverson, entertained with a group of specially arranged numbers, receiving sustained applause, calling for several encores. All present were in accord as to the merit of the program.

## Whidbey Representatives At Little League Tournament



Pictured are the Oak Harbor Little League All-Stars, who played in the tournament at Kirkland, August 2nd. Seated (left to right): Donny Myers, Bobby Buttram, Jerry Storey. Standing: Si Heller, co-manager; Dale Abrahamse, Jerry Hallberg, Ricky Budd, Dave Nienhuis, Jerry Smith, John Abrahamse, Leonard Heller, Mel Zylstra, Charles Geska, Mac Freeman, Ed Beeksma, and Doan Ely, co manager. (Photo by Miles Studio, Kirkland.) 8x10 glossy prints of this picture may be ordered for \$1.00 each, from Ralph Smith, League Secretary, Box 457, Oak Harbor.

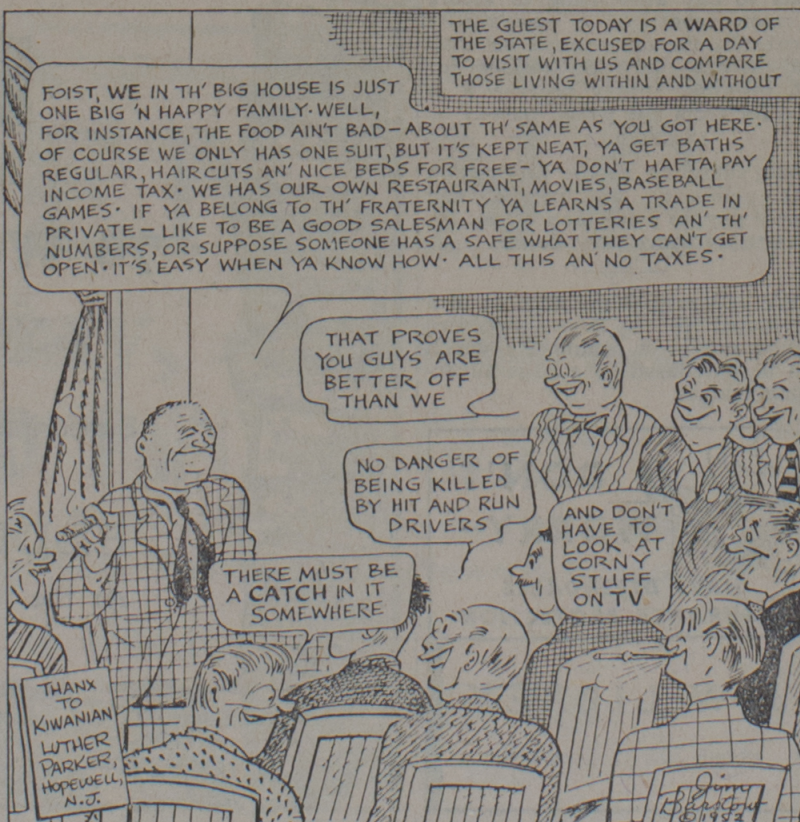
Vice President Andy Loft of the Council, in presenting gifts to Mrs. Dale Harris, for Rear Admiral Dale Harris; Captain W. B. Whaley; and Commander J. B. Dawley, remarked that all were indeed sorry that said officers would have duty at other Navy activities. Similar gifts will be presented to Captain William Harris; Lt. C. M. Noren (now in the Reserve); and Lt. Commander F. S. Truesdale.

President George Ward extended "Smooth Flying" to the departing military officials, and their wives; also "Welcome on Board" to successor officials of NAS, Whidbey; following which the toastmaster invited the honored guests and their wives for comment and remarks, which was accepted. Captain W. O. Gallery, commanding officer of the Station, stated the cooperation of the North Puget Sound Council with the Station was deeply appreciated, and that relations of the military and area excellent.

The committee of arrangements included: Chairman Andy Loft, George Lundquist, Gustaf Dalstead, John Vander Pol; Dr. George R. Heap, former Mayor of Oak Harbor; Mayor Sig Hjalalin, Bellingham; H. B. Nelson; Mayor James Hansen, East Stanwood; Percy Banks and Tom Moore.

## WEEKLY EATING CLUB

By Jim Barstow



## LOCAL NEWS

Sharon Meadors spent the past week visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Meadors.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Sorgenfrei spent a happy week end at Harrison Hot Springs, where Al participated in the Pacific Indians' Shoot.

Mrs. Lynn Thompson, and daughter, Sharon of Kennewick, are visiting Mrs. Thompson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elwell Libbey. Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Smith and two children, of Oakland, are also visiting here. Mrs. Smith is another daughter of the Libbeyes.

The George Danas have returned from their trip to the Dakotas.

A sidewalk in front of the Courthouse is in process of construction.

## RAINBOW TO VISIT LANGLEY, STANWOOD

Geraldine and Amy Terry and Mary Lou Bowers were initiated into the Rainbow Girls Order on Monday, August 18th. Nineteen girls have been initiated since January.

About fifteen girls plan to visit the Langley and Stanwood Rainbow assemblies next week.

September 1st will be election of officers for the next term.

## USO HOST TO SEATTLE

Sunday August 24th, the Oak Harbor USO Club will be host to the Seattle USO-NCCS Club. Two bus loads of visitors are anticipated.

Following a noon barbecue, there will be a softball game at 2 p.m. at Oak Harbor Memorial Stadium, between the Seattle USO-NCCS team, and the local team. There will also be track and field contests.

There will be a buffet supper at 5:00, with games and music until 8:00 p. m.

## NEW PAINT STORE

Saturday, August 23rd, has been set for the opening date of H. R. Cuthbertson's Island Paint & Glass store in Oak Harbor.

The store is located up Telephone Hill from town, and near the new motel on Midway Boulevard, before reaching the schools.

The Cuthbertsons have resided on Whidbey for about ten years, and Mr. Cuthbertson has done painting contracting.

Pittsburgh paints are featured. Glass and mirrors will soon be in stock.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

David Wells celebrated his ninth birthday anniversary August 15th with a party to which he invited his little friends Sharon Meadors, Polly and Susan Bowers, Beverly Vaughn, Jimmy and Gary Ferris, Eric Vercoe and his sister, Sandra.

## PETITION FOR FIRE DISTRICT

A sizeable group of representative taxpayers met at the courthouse Tuesday evening, with Earlin Sahli chairman of the meeting. They voted to immediately circulate petitions among the qualified registered voters, living within the proposed district, to petition the County Commissioners to place on the ballot this fall a proposal to form a Rural Fire Protection District for Central Whidbey Island.

The proposed District would start at Carl Dean's residence near Kennedy's Lagoon—the south boundary of the North Whidbey Fire District, include Greenbank, and join the South Whidbey Fire District at a point a mile or more north of Free-land.

Excluded from the proposed Fire District is the corporate limits of the Town of Coupeville, government lands, and such timber lands as are now contributing to the Forestry Fire Protection plan.

Three Fire District Commissioners will be selected, and it was the consensus of the forming group that one commissioner should be a Greenbank man, and an auxiliary piece of fire-fighting equipment should be stationed at Greenbank to augment the main fire truck to be stationed in the Coupeville area.

The law limits the millage for such a purpose at 4 mills, based on assessed valuation. An average nice home, assessed at \$500, would pay \$2 per year for this fire protection.

After the equipment is paid for, the cost of upkeep is low, and the history of most such rural fire protection districts is a 1 to 2 mills levy.

Camano Island has two such fire districts.

Many town fire departments have recently received warnings from the State Fire Marshal's office, calling attention to the law prohibiting fire equipment belonging to an incorporated town to attend fires in rural areas.

The property owners in Coupeville receive low insurance rates because approved fire-fighting equipment is always available in the town.

It has been the practice in the past for the Coupeville Fire Department to answer rural fire calls. If a Rural Fire District is formed, and another fire truck is procured, then a co-operative deal might be worked out, to aid one another in case of a bad fire in either the town or country.

The three commissioners of the North Whidbey Fire District attended the meeting and answered many questions. They were Ed Fakkema of San de Fuca, Frank Judson and Dean Anderson of Oak Harbor.

Bruce Igou, Deputy State Fire Marshal, also spoke.

Petitions will be available for your signature in stores at Greenbank and Prairie Center.

SCANNING THE WEEK'S NEWS  
of Main Street and the WorldNation Faces New Upswing in Prices;  
Korean Situation Is Tense, Dangerous

The average American family, already pinched by high prices, faces a gloomy and discouraging economic future. Administration prices officials have predicted another upward swing in many fields within the next few weeks, even though living costs already are at a record high.

The prediction was made after consideration of several factors. Among them:

1. Higher steel prices (\$5.20 a ton granted by the government as a concession to settlement of the recent steel strike) will undoubtedly mean higher prices for products in which steel is used.

2. The boost allowed in the steel industry may mean that the government will be forced to allow a price increase in aluminum and allied industries. This, too, would mean an increase in the price of items in which aluminum is used.

3. Wages have been moving up in steel and a number of other industries. There is every indication that coal miners will receive a pay boost in their next contract which is not in the negotiation stage. These higher wages mean greater purchasing power and growing pressure on prices.

4. The exemption by congress of fruits and vegetables from price controls opens the way for higher prices in those lines. An addition, due to drought and bad crop conditions in large areas of the nation, some vegetables and food staples may be in short supply. This tends to boost prices.

There has been a notable jump in prices of products decontrolled early in June. With production cut because of short crops this trend is likely to continue.

The overall cost of living as of June 15—the last date for which complete figures are available—was at an all-time high of 89.6 per cent above the levels of pre-war Korea. Food prices have since gone up further; eggs, for example, increased 18 per cent in the first two weeks of July.

## KOREA

## There Is No End in Sight

To all intents and purposes the Korean peace talks have collapsed. There has been no progress for weeks, not since the talks became deadlocked over the repatriation of prisoners.

The Communists continue to insist upon the return of 170,000 prisoners held by the United Nations regardless of whether or not they want to return. They refuse to turn over their 12,000 U.N. troops on any other conditions.

Meanwhile, fighting on the Korean



While truce talks in Korea remain deadlocked, fighting has picked up at points along the front line. Above a mortar crew of the 45th Infantry Division is shown firing on Communist positions.

front has intensified during recent weeks. The two great armies face each other and appear restless and ready to fight. Small, but bloody, contact has been made between small units at the front.

The great threat of the Korean situation is that the Communists might launch an all-out campaign to push the United Nations off the peninsula. Although the U.N. is confident it can stop any such drive, the Allies have already warned the Communist they will use any means at this disposal to stop it if necessary.

This, then, could mean the blockade of China, bombing of Manchuria, and even an attack on the China mainland. Thus the Communist have been notified that an offensive might touch off a world war.

The one hope of the United Na-



## OPERATION FLYING SAUCER

When the radar screen in Washington, D.C., spotted unknown objects over the capital recently, the jet aircraft of the U.S. Air Force's defense wing made an unsuccessful attempt to intercept them. The above scene took place in the ready room where flight operations are planned when calls from observers are received. The captain at the map instructs jet pilots on the operation.

tions, however, is the belief that the Reds are not ready for that at the moment.

## DROUGHT

## Worse in Many Years

One of the worst droughts in years has damaged crops in a large part of the southeast. The Department of Agriculture has designated the states of Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia, South Carolina, Tennessee and Kentucky—as well as Maine and Massachusetts—as "disaster loan areas." Farmers in these states have been borrowing government funds to feed their livestock.

Although the drought took a heavy toll of southern crops, hardest hit were the pasturelands used for livestock grazing in summer, and the hay and silage crops used for winter feeding. As a result, many farmers have been forced to sell their livestock.

This year, however, there was a westward shift in the wind pattern and dry air from Mexico and Texas moved over the states. Precipitation has been less than a third of norm. In addition, high temperatures dried up ponds and streams.

## MacARTHUR

## Takes \$100,000 Job

General of the Army Douglas MacArthur, one of the great controversial figures in modern times, has accepted a job with Remington Rand Inc., at a reported salary of \$100,000 a year.

When the general was fired from his Far East assignment by President Truman last year, the manufacturer of business machines and electronic equipment, renewed a job offer that has been made in 1949.

MacArthur refused, saying he felt obligated to arouse the people to their "peril" and embarked on a series of speeches attacking the Truman administration.

He supported Senator Taft for the G.O.P. presidential nomination, but allowed his name to be placed in nomination also. He has also made it plain he is against Eisenhower for President.

## DEFICIT

## \$3 Billion in July

In July, the first month of 1953 fiscal year, the U.S. government went \$3,426,000,000 in the red. That was more than 50 per cent above the deficit for the opening month of fiscal 1952.

Main cause for the big deficit was a jump in outlays to \$6,742,000,000 from \$4,739,000,000 a year ago.

Tax receipts rose also, to \$3,316,000,000 in July from \$2,571,000,000 a year ago. It was not, however, enough of an increase to fully offset the jump in spending.

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## THE CASUAL OBSERVER

By L. N. HALLBERG

If you should wish to bring a dog into this country, it would need be quarantined for a month to see if it could withstand the multitude of "shots" it must be given before it could enter this country with official favor. But Madame Chiang Kai-Shek can fly right in here from Formosa, suffering from some serious skin ailment, and get her picture in all the dailies. Wonder if she'll visit her brother, T. V. Soong, on his estate near Washington D. C.? We also wonder how their sister, Madame Sun Yat Sen, is doing in North China.

Did you get the significance of the one statement in last week's COURIER, regarding Eva Peron's demise? It had to do with her multimillion Social Aid Foundation dispensing "the voluntary and involuntary contributions of millions of Argentine workers and businessmen."

Now we won't have to read on the front page of some dailies, every time Little Eva has a runny nose.

## CREDO

One of our primary editorial policies will be to create an interest in local government. This purpose is founded on the fundamental belief that a true and working democratic federal government is based on strong small units of democratic self-government such as is found in small cities and towns. We believe that strong democracies at the very core of our life will protect us from dictatorial tendencies of government on higher levels.

We will not suppress the news of an important community event, whether sponsored by individual, organization or school, simply because that sponsor did not see fit to advertise that event.

We will have no part in forcing officials of tax supported institutions to buy advertising to secure a news report of a newsworthy event. (By the same token, we shall not penalize such institutions for job printing, simply because it is paid for from the public purse.)

We subscribe to the proposition that politicians are people, and should pay no more than others for advertising space they desire.

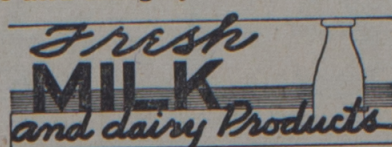
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## OLYMPIC GAMES

## U.S. Has Most Points

The fifteenth modern Olympiad came to a close in a glory of color, sounding trumpets, massed choir singing and the booming of cannon as athletes paraded before 70,000 people.

The 1952 Olympic games at Helsinki, Finland, were notable for a number of reasons. One was the participation of Russia for the first time since the days of the Czar in 1912. Also, the 1952 games saw more record broken than in Olympic history.

The United States team, with a last day sweep of 111 points, overcame the Russian lead to win the unofficial Olympic title. The U.S. amassed a total of 610 points to 553½ for the Russians.

The Americans also carried off the greatest number of gold medals, 40, to Russia's 23.

For Russia, competing after so many years, it was a notable achievement to make so close a fight for the top honors against the U.S.

## TRAFFIC

## Death Rate Climbing

The nation's traffic accident rate for the first six months of 1952—January through June—was up 3 per cent over the same period last year, the National Safety Council reports. A total of 16,820 persons died in traffic mishaps during the six month period.

Seventeen of the 45 states reporting to the council had less deaths during the first half of 1952 than in 1951. Minnesota's fatalities were down 24 per cent, New Hampshire's 23 per cent and Idaho and Connecticut's 20 per cent.

For June, 1952, traffic deaths were lower than in June, 1951. This June 3,010 died, while last year 3,070 were killed.

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## Legal Notices

## CALL FOR BIDS

The Town of Coupeville, Washington, will purchase a new or nearly new truck, ¾ ton pick up, or ½ ton with ¾ box. It offers to trade a 1934 Ford dump truck, ½ ton, which may be inspected at any time by arrangement with Street Supt. Roy C. Porter.

Sealed bids describing trucks offered, together with their full price (including all taxes) less trade-in allowance if any, will be received by the Town Clerk up to 7:00 o'clock P. M., Daylight Saving Time, Sept. 2, 1952.

Bids will be opened at that hour at the Town Library under the direction of the Town Council. The Town reserves the right to reject all bids, or to waive irregularities in the form of bidding, and to accept any bid which may appear to be for the best interest of the Town.

LYNN P. VANE, Town Clerk  
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## New F. O. E. Prexy



RAY A. ROHDE

Ray A. Rohde, Peoria, Illinois, was installed Sunday as Grand Worthy President of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. Sunday was the closing day of the Order's 54th annual convention.

Rohde has served as Illinois State Secretary of the Eagles since 1942, as a Grand Trustee, and on the Memorial Foundation and Stabilization of Employment committees.

## OAK HARBOR



Donna McKenzie, Billie Lee Sargent, and Carol Hallberg, Oak Harbor High School year leaders this year, have been practicing the last few weeks, to help bring out the school spirit and pep up the students when football and basketball begin.

Mr. and Mrs. V. F. Russell are making their new home in Oak Harbor. They were recently married in Connell, where Mrs. Russell's parents reside.

Andy Myers is getting ready for his Garden Store display at the County Fair.

Mildred and Peggy Abrahamse, Dottie Burnham, Mrs. Ed Adamson, and Carol Hallberg helped the John Wardenaar's vaccinate more than 12,000 chicks on Tuesday.

Jack Goetz is painting his industrial arts rooms left-handed, since he injured his right thumb in a jointer, while constructing new workbenches.

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OAK HARBOR

### Small Town Installs Fluorescent Lighting

OAKWOOD, Ohio.—The largest single fluorescent street-lighting installation in the country will be made in this small community's Far Hills business section.

Fifty-two, six-foot-long fluorescent fixtures will be used to provide more than ten times the illumination of the present street lights.

In addition to being the largest fluorescent installation, the Oakwood lighting will be the first application of the new six-foot luminaires. Announced publicly only last month, these units are expected to gain world leadership for the United States in the fluorescent street lighting field.

The new lights provide a nearly constant source of virtually glareless light despite temperature changes which normally decrease the efficiency of fluorescent lamps. They are expected to find widespread use in downtown areas and whiteways of American cities in the near future.

A. B. Bergman, mayor of Oakwood, said that the new fluorescent installation will cover a distance of about a mile of the town's business district. "It will be an outstanding contribution to the safety and beauty of our community," he said.

The new units will be spaced approximately 100 feet apart on 30-foot standards, with a twin mounting arrangement along the center or medial strip of the boulevard.

### Industrial Plants Are Moving to Small Towns

IRONTON, O.—The most important industrial communities of the future will be the nation's smaller towns.

This prediction was made by E. C. Carlyle, chairman of the Tile Council of America. In a report to the tile industry on potential future sales through expansion of industrial and new home construction, Carlyle said that decentralization of industry from large cities to small ones is one of the most significant trends of the times.

"The largest amount of industrial construction currently is not in major population centers or at their edges," he explained, "but in the small communities and rural areas. Factories are 'on the move,' principally because good highways and automobiles make it possible to recruit labor anywhere, not only in metropolitan centers. When the present defense effort is over, older plants in large cities probably will be abandoned, and the new ones continue in operation."

This new industrial construction also will bring millions of new homes, shopping centers, hospitals, churches and schools to the smaller communities, Carlyle added. He told manufacturers to expect a big market for their product during the next 10 years alone, during which 10 million to 15 million new homes are expected to be built in this country.

### USDA Expects 400,000 Fewer Farms in Nation In Next Twenty Years

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Department of Agriculture statisticians believe the United States may lose about 400,000 of its 5,400,000 farms by 1970.

The federal farm men based their estimate on an expected loss of more than 20,000 farms a year for the next 28 years and a national population increase by 1970 of nearly 34 million.

They hastened to say this does not mean that the U.S. will be eating less. It means a continued increase in the size of farms, in output per farm, per man, per acre, per animal. Modern machines, and new planting and harvesting techniques have pushed food and fibre output up about 65 per cent since 1910. Harvests have been running 25 per cent and more above the 1935-39 average ever since 1942. Recently the department said it was possible to boost total production by about 5 per cent in the next four or five years.

Higher production will be accomplished despite continuing farm population decreases, the department believes. The Bureau of the Census reported that only 23,577,000 people of about 6 million in the last four years.

But declines in the number of farms and the people who man them can have some long range significant impacts on many segments of the economy.

People who sell to farmers will find different markets. A dwindling number of farms and farmers indicate bigger labor-saving machinery. But with fewer farm workers there will be a steady slackening in demand for some items like overalls, work shoes, straw hats, pitchforks.

The department emphasized the decrease in farms and the rush of the ruralists to the cities and small towns by comparing the number of farms with the number of businesses. It reported that for every farm in 1970 there will be a business concern—5 million farms, 5 million firms. This year the ratio is about 5.4 million farms to 4 million businesses, or about 1.3 farms for every business. In 1860 when the U.S. was primarily an agricultural country the ratio was five farms to every firm.

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### HOMETOWN NEWSPAPER

## Weekly Papers Most Widely Read in Iowa

DES MOINES, Iowa—Iowans' interest in current events is indicated by statistics which show that the average citizen of the Hawkeye state reads, or at least buys, more newspapers than the average American.

Daily newspaper circulation in 1950, according to Audit Bureau of Circulation figures, was 53,829,000 copies per day. Iowa dailies circulates 942,000 copies each day. This represents one daily newspaper for each 2.78 Iowans against a national average of one daily newspaper for each 2.8 Americans.

But it is in the weekly newspaper field that Iowa really shines. The state's weeklies circulates 675,000 copies of each edition, one copy for each 3.88 citizens.

National circulation of weekly newspapers in 1950 was 13,797,000, or one copy for each 10.86 persons.

#### Census Figures

Federal census figures show that Iowa has 814,622 dwelling units. This means that there are 1.15 daily newspapers and .82 weekly newspapers sold for each dwelling unit in the state.

Currently there are 43 privately-owned general circulation daily newspapers and two student-operated daily newspapers in Iowa.

Iowa has 408 of the 8,300 weekly newspapers in the U. S.

The Iowa newspaper industry will celebrate its 116 birthday this year. First newspaper in the area which is now Iowa was the Dubuque Visitor, founded in 1836 when Dubuque was in the Michigan Territory and Iowa was still a gleam in an Indian's eye.

But the Visitor survived less than a year. Of 220 newspapers founded in Iowa before 1860, 118 died before the 1860 census.

Iowa's oldest present-day newspaper is the Burlington Hawk-Eye Gazette.

The Hawk-Eye Gazette is the ancestor of two early Burlington weeklies, the Patriot, founded in 1839, and the Gazette, founded in 1837.

#### First Column

Among the Burlington newspaper's triumphs was pioneering in the use of columnists. Its first column was called "Hawk-Eye-ems."

Other innovations begun by Iowa newspapers include employment of the first traveling publisher's representative by the Davenport Democrat and the establishment of the Iowa Press association in 1915 as the first state press association with a central office and field secretary.

Iowa's first newsboy was an East Waterloo 12-year-old who in 1861 contracted to sell seven copies of the Dubuque Daily Times each day before the East Waterloo mail was delivered.

The state's oldest weekly newspaper is the Tipton Advertiser, founded in 1853. Other pioneer weeklies include Maquoketa's Jackson Sentinel, founded in 1854; Knoxville Journal, 1855, and the Independence Conservative, also 1855.

Among Iowa's oldest dailies are the Muscatine Journal, 1840; Iowa City Press-Citizen, 1843 Ottumwa Courier, 1848; Keokuk Gate City, 1849, and Fairfield Ledger, also 1849.

### Town Honors Citizen For His Many Gifts

REEDSBURG, Wis. — About 500 persons attended an old settlers' picnic and celebration recently in honor of Herbert H. Webb, who has already given Reedsburg \$300,000 and isn't yet finished doing things for his home town.

Webb, 93, has also set aside an undisclosed sum in his will for a new high school. He received the official thanks of R. F. Lewis, Madison, assistant state superintendent of public instruction and a former Reedsburg high school principal. Lewis gave Webb a scroll signed by President Truman, Vice-President Barkley, Senators Wiley and McCarthy, Gov. Kohler, Lt. Gov. Smith and Secretary of State Zimmerman.

Webb was also thanked by Mayor Leo O. Schaffitzl and by Hilbert Kleeber, president of the Chamber of Commerce.

A parade was held to Webb park, which was dedicated with a rustic marker.

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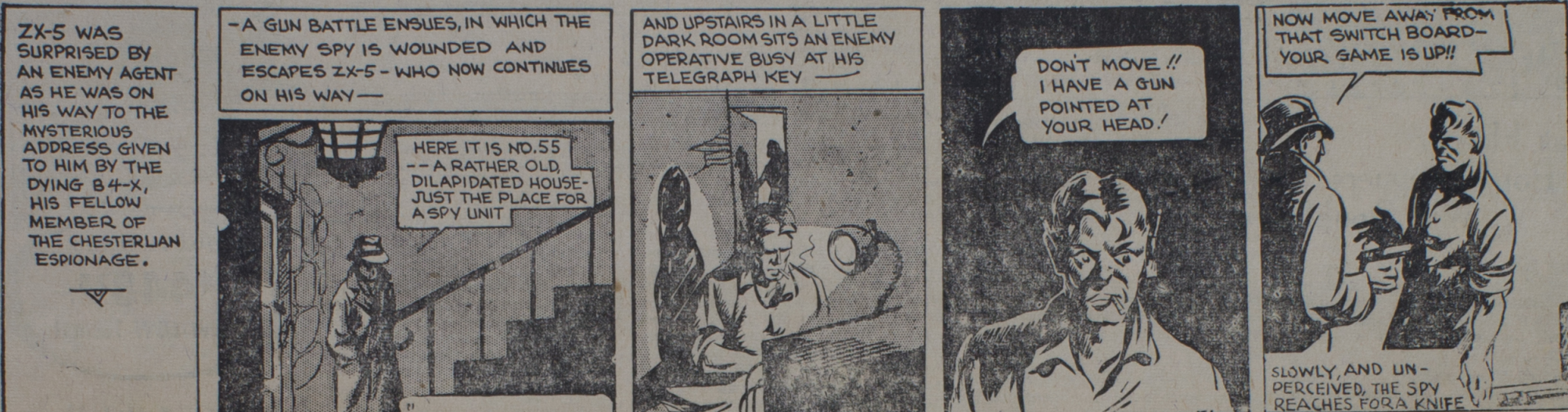
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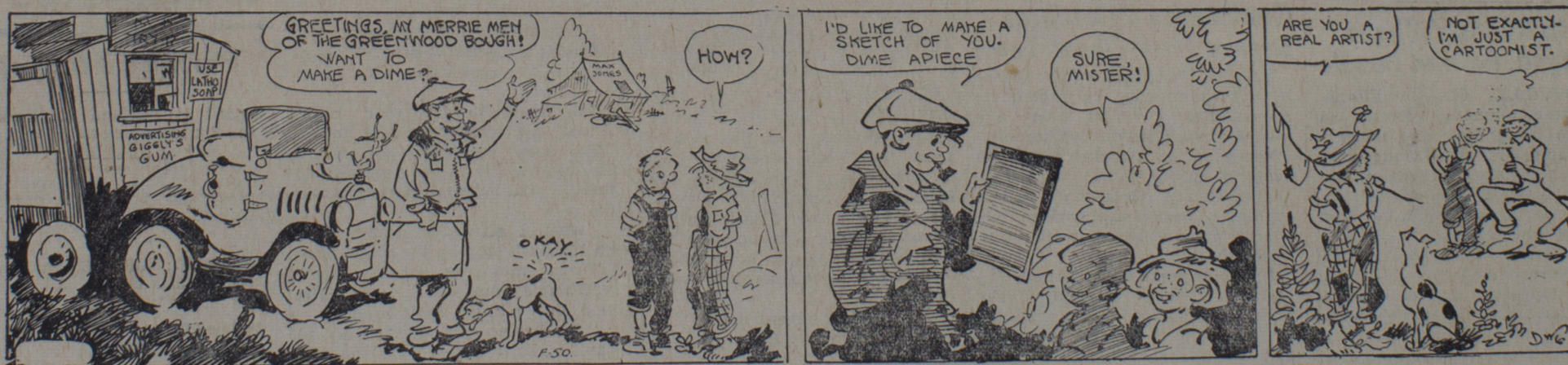
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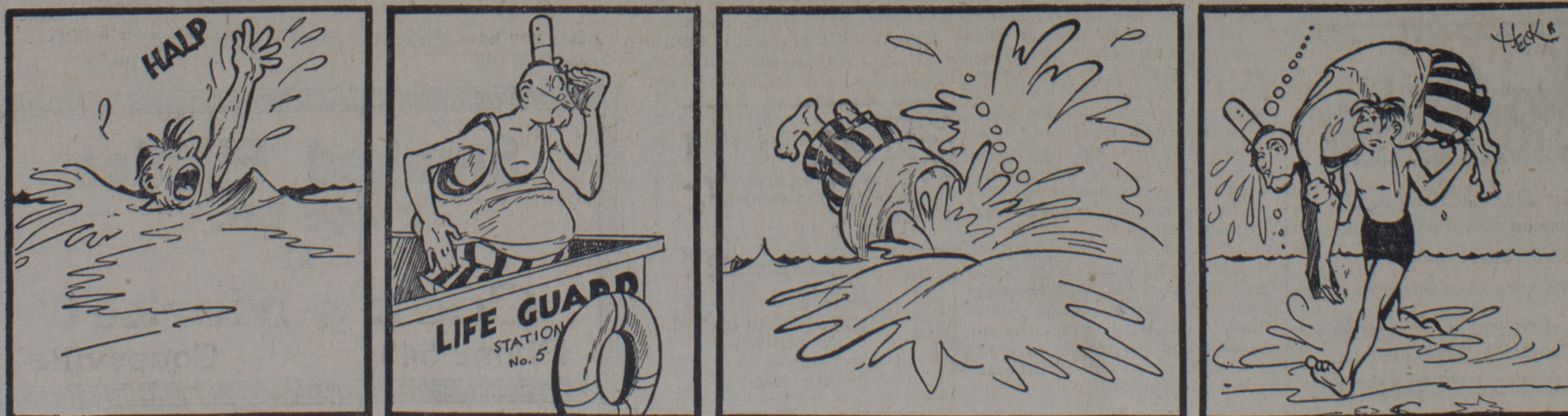


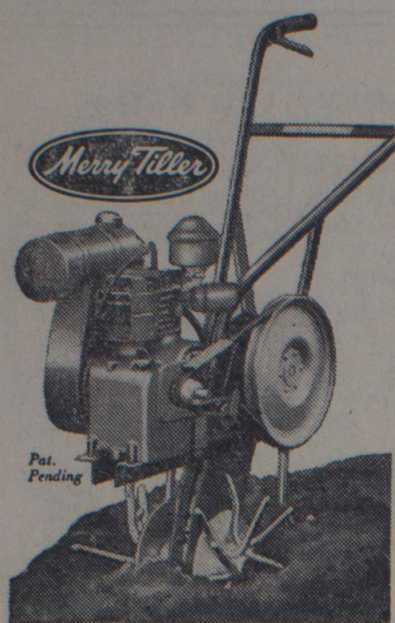
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## Oak Harbor Pony Leaguers Win Double

The Pony League baseball game, scheduled for last Saturday was played this Wednesday evening, when John Koetje's Mt. Vernon Gee-Gees visited the Oak Harbor Ponies for a double-header.

The first seven-inning game was won by Oak Harbor, 3-1. Oak Harbor scored two in the first inning, when Orson Christensen's three-bagger scored his cousin, Arliss Christensen, and Gordon Koetje's hit allowed Orson to score. Geska made this third point, in the second inning.

Mt. Vernon made their single point in the sixth frame, when Johnson was hit by a pitched ball, Sande was walked, J. Koetje got on through an error, and Dewey poled out a one-base hit.

John Zielstra, Oak Harbor's pitcher, struck out 14 men in the seven innings—and the first seven to face him. Orson Christensen was on the receiving end.

The second game was a 10-7 travesty. Bobby Fakema, Donny Meyers, and Johnny Zielstra took turns on the mound for Oak Harbor, caught by Orson Christensen.

Oak Harbor scored one in the first three in the fourth, and six in the sixth inning. Highlight of the game was Orson Christensen's home run, again scoring cousin Arliss.

Mt. Vernon scored one run in each of the second, third and fourth innings, three in the fifth, and one in the sixth.

Les Koetje pitched for Mt. Vernon, caught by his cousin, Em Koetje.

A return game at Mt. Vernon is contemplated for next Saturday.

## Florida Builds Villages For Aged, Retired People

GAINESVILLE, Fla.—In Florida, "satellite communities" for the elderly are being developed under a sponsored neighborhood village plan. This plan involves villages of from 3,000 to 10,000 retired people sponsored by large employers, labor unions and other groups.

The villages will be located near large metropolitan areas and include several types of living facilities as well as community centers incorporating all the desired recreational facilities. It is hoped this plan will meet the needs of the vast influx of retired people into the state. The communities will not be isolated nor will all the families in the villages be limited to retired people.

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## Defense

### Villages Outline Problems

MILWAUKEE, Wis. — Towns and villages outside potential bomb target areas may need civil defense more as a protection against cities than as a protection against enemy action, civil defense leaders believe.

They point out that if a big city is bombed its residents probably would pour into outlying areas, and that if facilities for emergency housing and feeding were not available the refugees "might behave like a mob."

For that reason villages near cities that are potential bomb targets should establish emergency defense organizations.

## Two Colleges Add Blacksmith Training To Their Curriculum

EAST LANSING, Mich.—Two American colleges have added the old art of blacksmithing to their curriculum. The reason, there just aren't enough of well-trained, competent horseshoers to do the work that needs to be done.

Blacksmithing is considered by many to be a dead or dying art, but those in the business, especially those mechanics who have put their shops on wheels and taken to the road, won't concede this. For they are independent businessmen, happy with their work, and making as much money as most men up and down the main Streets of America.

The village smithy no longer stands in the shade of a spreading chestnut tree. The successful blacksmith of today is the traveling smithy.

There has been such a shortage of trained horseshoers in recent years, the Horse and Mule Association instigated the establishment of special short courses at Michigan State College and California Polytechnic College in an effort to interest more young men in the work. Each course takes 12 weeks.

"Salaries and incomes vary widely, but a good craftsman can earn \$8,000 a year," John MacAllan, in charge of the blacksmith class at Michigan State College said. "Today, the demand for farriers exceeds the supply of trained, skillful blacksmiths and will for some time to come. So far, all the men taking the course are able to line up good business connections."

The traveling blacksmith shop is flourishing today because it provides the only logical answer to a two-way need. It enables the smithy to obtain more business by drawing from a large area. It saves time for the farmer and rancher by hauling the shoes, anvil and forge to the farm. Approximately 4,000 of these traveling shops are now operating throughout the United States and this number is rapidly increasing. And there is need for even more.

## Community Celebrates Rescue From Ghost Town

NAHMA, Michigan.—This former lumber community celebrated its rescue from a "ghost town" fate with a rousing celebration recently.

The program included races and contests for the youngsters, canoe and outboard motorboat racing, swimming and other aquatic events, concessions and a spectacular fireworks display.

It was 30 years since Nahma had had a full-fledged celebration. The town was founded in 1881, when the Bay de Noquet Lumber Company established a sawmill and community at the mouth of the Sturgeon River to harvest timber from its 200,000 acre tract extending from the shores of Lake Michigan to Lake Superior.

The big red sawmill sawed its last log on July 26, 1951. It was feared then that Nahma would become just another typical ghost lumbering town, but fortunately it was purchased a few months later by the American Playground Device Co., Anderson, Ind., manufacturers of park, picnic, playground and swimming pool equipment. The new owners plans to develop Nahma as a model community.

In addition to the 100 homes, general store, clubhouse, hotel, cottages and other buildings in Nahma, the company purchased 4,300 acres of forest land lying between highway US-2 and the sandy shore of Bay de Noc, a nine-hole golf course and five-mile railroad.

## Scientific Treatment Given Hot Summer; Farm Homes Can Be Cool

By IRA MILLER  
Farm Electrification Bureau

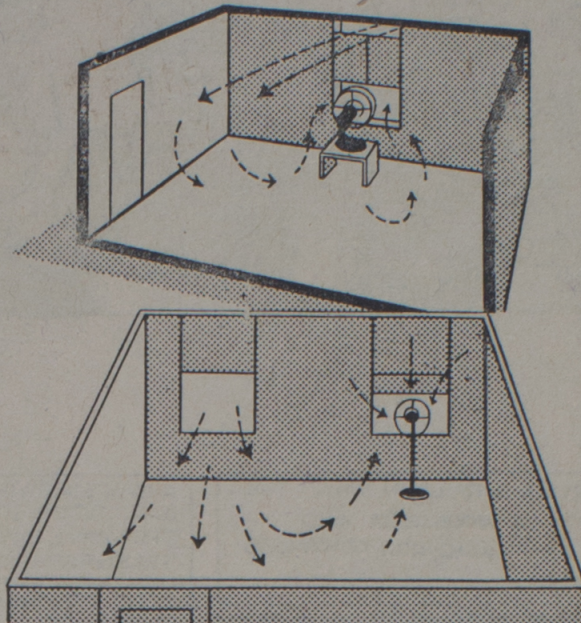
In the country there are neither tall buildings to stop the breeze, nor miles of concrete sidewalk to reflect the sun's burning rays. But it still gets hot in the wide open spaces; especially inside farm homes. In this respect farmers share summer's problems with their "city cousins."

Not many city or country people can afford to escape the heat by heading for the nearest mountains. Most have to work for a living. And, what farmer can persuade his neighbor to labor in the hot sun while he enjoys the comforts of a mountain resort? Very few—if any—would be our guess. Fact is, it's not necessary, say the electric fan manufacturers. They've been doing a lot of research lately and have come up with some satisfying hints on how to keep the house comfortable on hot days, and to cool off the bedrooms at night.

Of course, you have to start right. That means getting the number and size of fans recommended to circulate or exchange all of the air in the room or rooms to be cooled once every minute (in hot climates) and once every two or three minutes in cooler northern areas. This means that the rated air delivery (CFM) of fans must be approximately equal to the cubical size of the rooms where they are used. You get this measurement by multiplying the length, by the width by the height of the room—and comparing that figure with the CFM for the rated speed of the fan.

When you have the proper equipment, you proceed as follows: on hot,

humid days—close the windows and blinds of the house when you rise in the morning. This keeps the house cooler. Place fans so they face toward the nearest wall. The breeze will bounce off the wall and produce the necessary amount of air circulation to keep the room comfortable.



Above illustrations show position of fan as used in a one-window and a two-window room.

Remember, it's not a closed-up house that creates that stuffy feeling; it's the lack of air in motion.

To cool off the bedroom: If the room has one window, open it from the top and bottom. In a two-window room, raise both windows from the bottom. Place the fan in the bottom opening of the single-window room, or in one of the bottom openings of the two-window room. This enables the fan to exhaust the hot air from the room. The exhaust opening should be slightly larger than the diameter of the fan, including the protective cage, if any. The fresh air intake should be from two to three times that of the exhaust opening. Locate the fan from one to two diameters of the fan blades away from the window.

## COUNTRY DOCTOR

### Town Honors 82-Year-Old Rural Doctor

BROOKSVILLE, Ky.—This small community and Bracken county recently celebrated Dr. Will's Day in honor of Dr. William B. Wallin, 82, who has given 60 years of service to the community.

Scores of folks from miles around, including dozens who had been brought into this world by the little, sun-tanned physician, gathered in family reunion style to pay tribute to Bracken's No. 1 citizen.

Not one person in the throng that gathered on the lawn of Bracken county courthouse had to be told that the little doctor with the neatly trimmed mustache had delivered 5,000 babies during his 60 years' service to the community.

They also knew that it was this same man who took the lead in every civic enterprise here down through the years. It was he, they realized, who sold \$50,000 worth of interest-bearing warrants to help get the handsome Bracken county courthouse building project started in 1915.

#### Raised \$15,600 More

When the money-raising plan fell a little short, "Doc" went out and got \$15,600 more to assure completion of the structure.

Most of those in the crowd also knew that Dr. Wallin raised \$500,000 to help construct the imposing Brooksville High School building.

They knew that he had contributed what his friends said would amount to nearly \$800,000 in physician's and surgeon's fees to folks who were in bad financial straits.

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