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Picnic A Success

The third annual K. of C. picnic, held at the Oak Harbor city beach this Sunday, was a splendid example of how successful such an event can be with proper planning, co-operation, and willingness to work on the part of the membership.

There were 246 picnickers, with representatives from Denver, Los Angeles, Blaine, Seattle, Olympia, Everett, Anacortes, Langley, Coupeville, Oak Harbor, and the Naval Air Station. There were 24 attendance awards.

Fr. Anthony Palmasani, pastor of St. Augustine's church, and Fr. Joseph O'Leary, NAS chaplain, were also present.

The program was closely followed, with something doing all the time. Following the potluck dinner, there were races for the youngsters, and a tug-of-war. Later there was a ladies' nail driving contest, won by Mrs. Simon Butim; a two-inning fastball game between the men and women, the men winning the rolling pin trophy; and a ball game for the young people.

Picnic chairman Virgil V. Zubrod's committees are to be commended for their effort. Robert Easterling enlivened the affair over the P-A system. Tom Moore and Joseph Maher cared for registration of guests.

Donald Goodwin, Joe Malson; Al Brown, Bill Davis, Leo Luck, Bud Luck, Simon Butrim, Ralph Yanes, George Bleifuss, Art Roetzler, and C. I. Wana-maker Jr. were among those active in keeping the crowd entertained.

Ice cream, pop, candy and peanuts were provided, and the USO distributed pocket chess and checker boards, for a generous day of enjoyment.

Local Happenings

Nancy Banta is home, after spending part of the summer in Sulan with her married sister.

Mrs. Bill Williams and her mother, Mrs. Alberta Stoddard were in Everett early this week to attend the funeral of Ray Matheny, who was killed in an auto accident near Monroe.

Leonard Brown is building a new home on the main highway, near the courthouse.

Charles Conard, who is now working in Bremerton, was home over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Williams and Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Williams were in Everett over the week end visiting Bill's grandfather who was ill. While there they also visited Mr. and Mrs. Tex Bagley.

Wayne Libbey and Jim Sahli, of the Army reserves, are in Fort Lewis for two weeks of maneuvers.

Cliff Gowler of Anacortes is the new State Highway Patrolman, assisting Patrolman C. T. Peterson.

COURT HOUSE

DIST. 1 JOB IS POPULAR

Last minute filings included Donald H. DeBruyn, Republican, for Commissioner, District No. 1. Jack Meeter, Democrat, is unopposed in District No. 2.

Filings for Precinct Committees and women include:

REPUBLICAN: Dorothy Hockenberry, Coupeville; Nellie B. Grimes, Glendale; Nettie M. Brokow, Utsalady; John A. Wardenaar, Crescent; John C. Cox, Swantown; and Lillian B. Williams, Livingston Bay.

DEMOCRAT: Richard M. Hastie, Coupeville; Glenn B. Ducken, Clover Valley; Austin Marshall, Austin; Max Patzwalt, Sandy Point; and Annie L. Grubb, Skagit Head.

"COULD THIS BE YOU?"

Russell L. Horn, of the NAS, driving a 1950 coach, hit a power pole above Good Beach, last Saturday evening.

Rex Claussen, a passenger in the car, was injured about the head. He was taken to the Naval Dispensary, and released the next day.

The pole was shattered at its base, an insulator broken, and the top of the pole caught afire.

Milford Vernon Wallace was arrested by the Sheriff's office Sunday for drunken driving. He wrecked his car in front of Hank Hilberdink's place, near Oak Harbor.

At one o'clock Monday morning there was a wreck at the intersection of Torpedo Road and Highway 1-D, near Ault Field.

State Patrolman Gowler investigated.

Two sailors, Richard Ferrell and Carl U. Magee were injured in the crash, Ferrell critically.

The driver of the car had disappeared from the scene.

After you have read this paper... pass it on.

WEEKLY EATING CLUB

By Jim Barstow



FISHING MISHAP

Jess Wynn and Glen Martin of the Public Works Department, joined forces in a little fishing trip around the south fork of the Nooksack River recently.

While walking through some heavy brush Jess Wynn tripped on a log and fell, sustaining a gash in his right arm. Glen Martin promptly proceeded to apply first aid, and in pulling out a handkerchief from his pocket he inadvertently pulled out his wallet which fell to the ground.

He didn't discover his loss until after he got home and it was pretty much of a shock since the wallet contained valuable material. However, we are glad to report that he went back and found the wallet all safe and sound, even though it involved a trip of seven miles each way.

Incidentally, they didn't get any fish. —PROP WASH.

ANNUAL COUPEVILLE PICNIC AUGUST 10

The annual Coupeville picnic will be held August 10th in lower Woodland Park, North 59th and Aurora in Seattle, at Stove No. 6.

Come and meet your old friends and neighbors of Coupeville and vicinity.

Recognition will be given the oldest person, and the person from the farthest distance.

Coffee will be served.

THEATRE

"QUO VADIS" AT OAK

The civil government of the Roman Empire martyred nearly 50,000,000 early Christians, who were declared "heretics" by the Pagan church.

That is the theme of the widely heralded Technicolor production of "Quo Vadis", currently showing at the Oak Theatre in Oak Harbor, and ending Tuesday night.

The first burning of Rome is shown in spectacle scenes never before equalled on the screen.

A total of 63 lions, seven bulls, five yoke of oxen, 10 hogs, 450 horses, 85 white doves, and two cheetahs were used in filming.

WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES

Bridal Shower Given By Rainbow

Sunday afternoon, a bridal shower was given for Joyce Hallberg by Coupeville Rainbow Assembly No. 67 at the Masonic Temple.

The table on which the gifts were placed was decorated with a large umbrella with ruffles of green, pink, and yellow. After opening her many useful gifts, Joyce cut the first piece of cake from two cakes; one decorated to represent an open book, and the other to represent a wedding. Punch was also served.

Those attending were:

Sharon Pierce, Janis Maylor, Nancy Christie, Duane DeVries, Nona Bos, Kathy Willey, Jackie Coble, Joann Judson, Barbara Ward, Carol Hallberg, Joanne Engle, Mrs. Alma Hanby and her granddaughter, Marcia, and the honored guest, Joyce.

Especially mention should be given to those who made the shower a success—Barbara Ward, chairman of Coupeville, and Kathy Willey, chairman of Oak Harbor. Others also due credit are Alma Hanby, Joann Judson, Joanne Engle, and Sharon Pierce.

Joyce and her fiancé, George Cronn of Seattle, will be married August 10th at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Mills in Seattle.

Historic Harpers Ferry Now Attracts Tourists

HARPERS FERRY, W. Va.—After nearly a century of comparative quiet little Harpers Ferry is beginning to attract the nation's tourists. The community which counts about 700 people as residents occupies the tip of West Virginia's eastern panhandle, a wedge of rocky land thrust between Maryland and Virginia.

Although it was the scene of a number of Civil War battles, most famous of which occurred in 1862 when the town and some 12,500 Union soldiers were captured by "Stonewall" Jackson, it is most widely associated with the controversial figure of that fierce old patriarch, John Brown.

Brown's famous raid on the federal arsenal at Harpers Ferry is probably the most colorful incident in the town's adventurous history.

Now its scenic beauty is becoming famous. Jefferson visited the vicinity many times and captured an eagle there which he sent to the King of Spain. He wrote, "This scene is worth a voyage across the Atlantic". Poet Carl Sandburg later described it as "meeting place of winds and waters, rocks and ranges."

After the war Harpers Ferry never regained its former importance, even though located on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad and the old Chesapeake and Ohio canal. The arsenal was never rebuilt.

But today its picturesque beauty is attracting tourists.

NOTICE

A Civil Defense Ground Corps meeting will be held at the Recreation Hall at Coupeville, 8 p. m., Monday, July 28th (DST). There will be moving pictures. Be sure to attend.

In music it's tune; in business, it's advertising.

Dean Wins Fish Derby

Orlan Dean of Coupeville placed first in the Central Whidbey Sportsmen's Association Salmon Derby, Sunday, with a fish tipping the beam at 26½ pounds.

Bob Cushen, Coupeville, was second, with a 19 pound, 6½ ounce entry. Third was Harry Becker, Coupeville, with a fish weighing 15 pounds, 5 ounces.

John Bruce of Coupeville took fourth place with a salmon weighing 12 pounds and an ounce. Fifth was C. W. Qualls of Oak Harbor with a 11 pound 13 ounce catch, and sixth was J. R. Spencer of Oak Harbor, with a 7½ pound fish.

The special prize for the largest bottom fish caught was taken by Chuck Ruthford, now of Everett, with a 31 pound skate.

Others who received awards were: David Vaughan, Cal Libbey, Les Morris, Bill Williams, Paul Bishop Jr., Ken Wilson, Charles Lester, and Art Kineth, all of Coupeville; Russell Johnson and Dr. Gabrielson of Oak Harbor; and Art Monson of Everett.

The committee in charge of the Derby was Joe Libbey, the chairman; Al Hedstrom and Martin Elzinga.

Jim Pratt of Greenbank acted as judge at the fish weighing.

One hundred eleven fishermen participated in the Derby. Other than salmon, there were many ling and rock cod hooked. The morning was foggy, and fishing not too good.

This was the first public fishing derby the Association has sponsored. They were gratified by the response and the turnout of fishermen, and expect to make this a yearly event, as everyone seemed to enjoy it.

Show the town you're alive—Advertise!

Town Believes Everyone Should Enforce Laws

CLARKSDALE, Miss.—Ask a citizen of Clarksdale and he will tell you it's everyone's job to enforce the laws. To prove it they point to the community's auxiliary police force, the only civilian standby police unit known in Mississippi.

The idea of an auxiliary police force originated in 1949 when the police chief suggested it to the city council. The council first authorized use of the National Guard unit and 15 members were assigned to duty at football games and similar events, serving without pay.

However, when the National Guard unit was called to active duty last year, a salesman, A. P. Terry, organized the new group.

The unit now contains 20 men and is called upon for special duty at athletic events, parades and ceremonies which create heavy traffic. The men undergo weekly training periods in police work.

Recently it was decided by the police department that the training made them eligible for active police work. Now one man is assigned each night to police department and four for duty on week ends.

All pay is turned back into the auxiliary unit treasury to buy training aids.

The chief of police reports their help has been invaluable and that his department now has a trained man for every job, from chief to radio operator.

SCANNING THE WEEK'S NEWS of Main Street and the World

USDA Predicts Near Record Crops; Economists Talk of Higher Prices

The year 1952 may go on record as one of the great crop producing years in the nation's history. Unless crop conditions change drastically there will be an abundance of many farm goods, namely wheat, cotton, fruit — particularly oranges — eggs, meats, turkeys and chickens.

The Department of Agriculture expects the nation's second largest wheat crop — 1,326,157,000 bushels, just 33 million bushels less than the record production years of 1947.

The cotton crop, still in the fields, is expected to add up to between 15 million and 16 million bales. Only twice in the last 14 years has the country produced as much as 15 million bales of cotton.

This year's corn crop, with good weather from here on, could reach 3.5 billion bushels, the second largest on record. Recent private estimates have placed the crop around 3.2 billion bushels — but since these estimates were made, crop conditions have improved.

As a result of these surpluses, the government may launch upon vast new price-support operations. The price support program for wheat was announced last week.

With this view in mind, Agriculture department officials are telling the nation these surpluses are desirable in "these emergency times," noting that in case of war the surpluses would vanish quickly. They insist that surpluses now protect the country against the danger of deficits later.

Further, they are pointing out that to keep up with the population increase, farm production will have to be expanded 20 per cent by 1975. That means any decrease in current production would cut into the rate of long-range expansions needed.

Meanwhile, the Department of Agriculture has reported that the nation's farmers could increase food and fibre output by about 18 per cent over 1951's near-record production within the next four or five years.

The projected increase is based on estimates that farmers could increase hog output 12 per cent over that of 1951, cattle and calves 14 per cent, milk 12 per cent and chickens 30 per cent.

PRICES

New High Predicted

The Senate-House Economic Committee, which keeps an eye on economic trends for congress, has passed out a memorandum for its members that, if true, will be a shock to the average American. The memorandum states that the outlook today is for prices to rise in the next six to 12 months to a new all-time peak.

The increase, the memorandum predicted, might be something like 1 to 3 per cent, resulting from a continuing rise in rents and services, a recover in clothing prices, and a slight upturn in consumer durable goods.

As far as the family food budget, the memorandum said, food prices during the period are expected to be generally stable on the average "unless there are substantial changes in present crop prospects."

The staff review said "most economists confirm our expectations of continued stability or a moderate rise in production, employment, income, and prices for the remainder of 1952 and the first half of 1953."

CONGRESS

82nd Session Is History

The 82nd congress, which will not go down in history as the nation's greatest legislative body, finally adjourned and the small band of

senators and congressmen who had stayed around until the final hour took off for the political wars.

Adjournment came after the senate and house reached an agreement on two big money bills, one providing \$11,739,776,339 for atomic-energy expansion, foreign aid, and military construction, the other providing \$584,061,600 for river, harbor and flood-control projects.

The foreign aid figure was slightly below what the administration had requested to shore up the free world's defense, but the atomic energy appropriation hit his request just about on the nose.

Here is the record of the 82nd congress:

Approved a \$7.3 billion mutual security program last year, \$1.2 billion less than the administration had asked, and another \$6 billion this year, \$1.9 billion less than asked; expanded the armed forces and gave them \$46.6 billion this year whereas the administration had asked for \$51.4 billion; raised taxes \$5.7 billion; extended economic controls with weakening provisions opposed by the administration; overrode the President's veto to enact the McCarran immigration bill; increased social security old-age benefits and armed forces pay. The senate ratified the peace treaties with Japan and West Germany.

The congress refused to launch a universal military training program; approve the St. Lawrence seaway or statehood for Alaska and Hawaii. It did not even discuss fair deal programs such as civil rights, the Brannan farm plan, national health insurance, and repeal of the Taft-Hartley act.

Although the congress was nominally controlled by the Democrats, it was actually run by a strong anti-Truman coalition of Republicans and southern Democrats.

Thus ended the nation's lawmaking until the 83rd congress convenes in January unless President Truman calls a special session.

KOREA

Face Saving Device

Maj. Gen. William K. Harrison, senior U. N. representative at the Korean peace talks, presented a face saving device on the prisoner exchange question to the Red representatives that holds a little promise of success.

General Harrison's proposal was that the U. N. and the Communists should exchange new prisoner lists. This, in effect, would enable the U. N. to reclassify additional captives who do not want to be repatriated so that technically they no longer would be "prisoners in custody."

The Communists would consider it a great loss of face if the U. N. did not return the 100,000 of the 170,000 prisoners now held who say they do not want to return to Communist territory. It would make them look bad in the eyes of the world and, therefore, have insisted that all prisoners be returned regardless of their wishes.

Under this plan, the U. N. would classify about 70,000 prisoners as in "custody" and would return them for the 12,000 U. N. prisoners which

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the Reds hold. Presumably, the remaining 100,000 would be retained by the U. N. since they do not want to be repatriated. These prisoners, however, will eventually become a big problem to the U. N. because it must finally make some disposition of them.

However, the question still remains as to whether or not the Communists really want peace. If they do, they might accept the face saving device. It is the first encouraging news from the peace talks since they became deadlocked over the prisoner exchange issue last April.

Meanwhile, the Allies continue their air war against Communist targets in North Korea in an effort to prevent further buildup of Red military strength. This strength is reported to be the greatest since the Korean conflict began. The Reds are reported to have approximately a million men under arms in Korea today.

DRAFT

30,000 Quota Set

The Army has announced a draft call for 30,000 men in September and estimated that 54,000 men will be needed for each of the last three months of this year.

The action was seen as a move to replace about 700,000 soldiers who will complete their service terms in the coming 12 months.

The Army entered the fiscal year with an overall strength of 1,558,000 and plans to finish the year a reduction of 8,000. Twenty active combat are now maintained, including eight National Guard divisions. Six of these divisions, including two National Guard divisions, are serving in Korea. Two regular Army divisions are in Japan.

In Europe there are five divisions, two of them originally supplied by the National Guard, and smaller combat units whose combined strength equals an additional division. Seven Army divisions, four of them from the National Guard, are stationed in the United States.

The buildup of U.S. armed strength will be concentrated on planes, guns, and ships during the next few months rather than on manpower.

QUEEN

U.S. Holds Sea Record

For the first time since 1851 when the S. S. Pacific steamed from New York to Liverpool in nine days, 19 hours, and 25 minutes, an American merchant vessel has captured the Atlantic speed record. The new luxury liner S. S. United States captured the record by crossing the Atlantic in three days, 10 hours, and 40 minutes. This cut 10 hours and 2 minutes off the record set in August, 1938, by Britain's Queen Mary.

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OAK HARBOR

A lily, with 24 blooms on one stalk, is on display in Dr. Heap's window. It was grown by William Aart Lam of Oak Harbor.

Florence Christensen is working in a local drug store, while Donna McKenzie is on a week's vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Maylor's new home is being built on the lot just west of their present home.

Public restrooms have been constructed at Oak Park. More playground equipment and water fountains are contemplated.

Two carved images in the window of Whidbey Men's Shop have attracted much attention. They are from the South Seas, and one has cowrie shells for eyes.

Gerben Balda and Mr. and Mrs. Girard Eelkema recently returned from a trip to Michigan, traversing 14 states on their trip. Mr. Balda visited a half brother in Muskegon he had not seen for 32 years. The Eelkemas visited relatives in Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Williams have returned from their vacation in the Southland.

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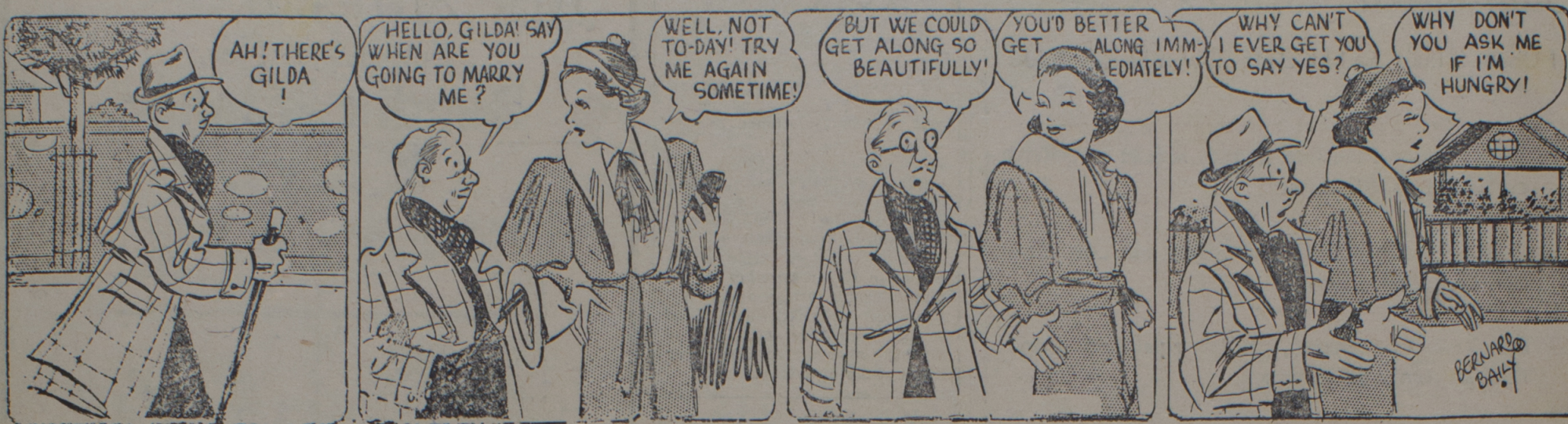
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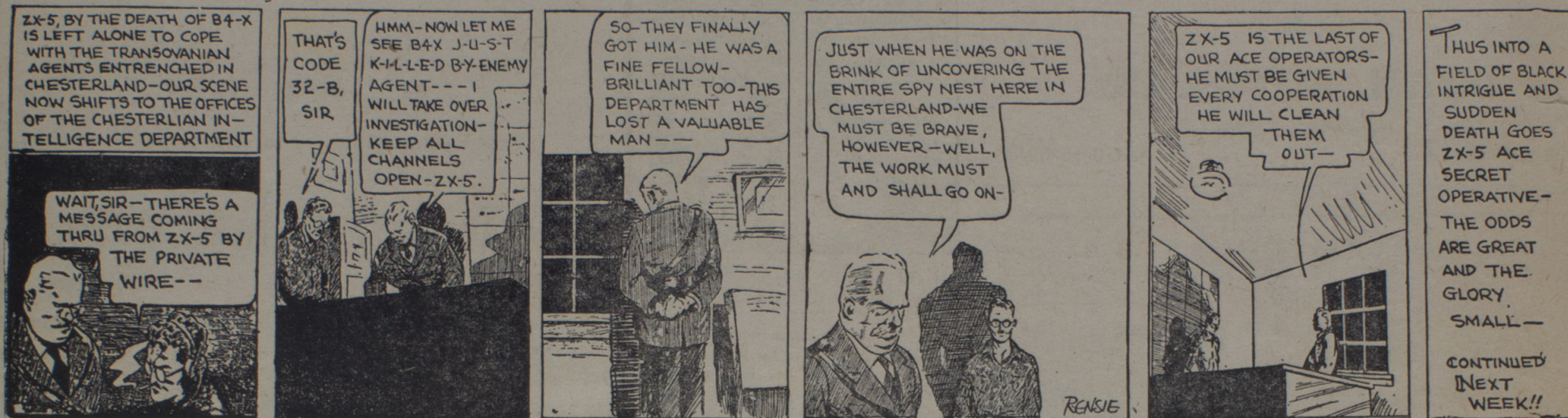
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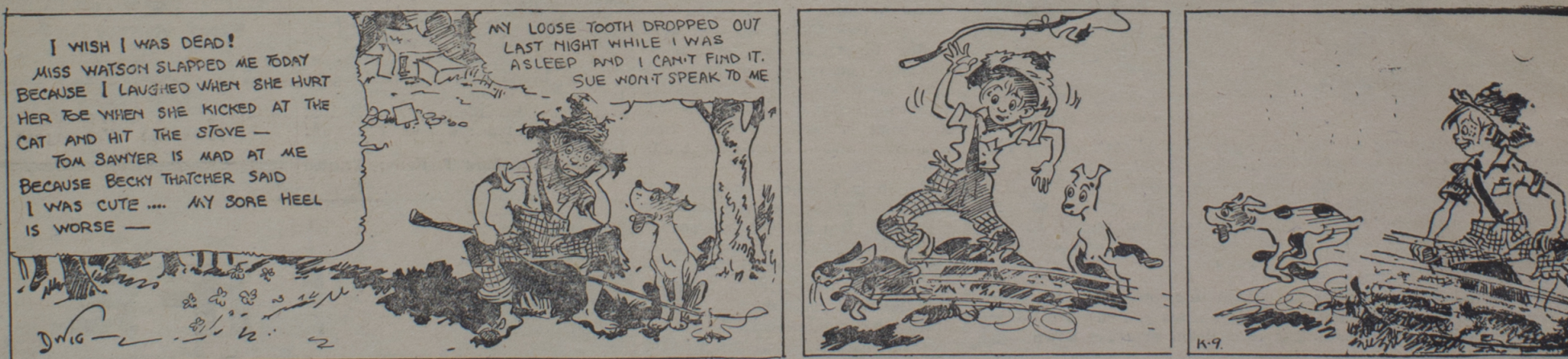


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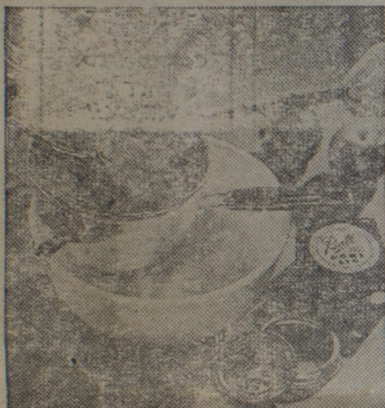
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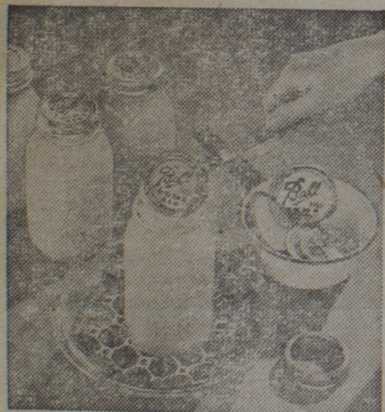
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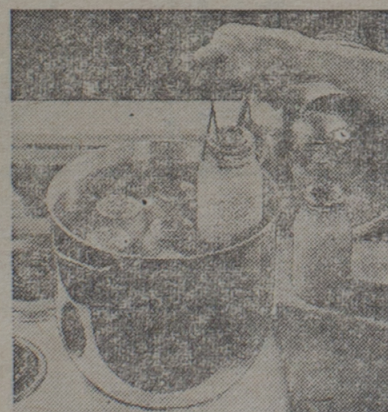
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BRANDON, Wis. — Fourteen foreign students were recently guests of this little community of 800 persons. The visit was arranged to give the students an idea of how Americans live on the small town level.

The students, attending the graduate school at the University of Wisconsin, were from India, Parkistan, Belgium, Holland, Thailand, Haiti and Nigeria.

They spend two nights in the homes of Kiwanis members and toured local industries and farms. They also attended church and other community activities in their lesson of how America lives on the home town level.

STORK CLUB



A son, Michael Thomas, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Reinstra, of LaConner, Thursday, July 10th.

A boy, named David Dwight, was born July 12 to Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Niederstadt of Coupeville. Mrs. Niederstadt is the former Alma Jo Sullivan.

A girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bogel of Coupeville July 11th, and was named Marilyn Ann.

A daughter, named Christy Jo, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Chris Ernst, Jr. of Oak Harbor, July 17th.

A son was born July 23 to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Crull of Oak Harbor, named Richard Allen.

Survey Classifies Egyptian Villages Dirtiest in World

CAIRO, Egypt—After an exhaustive three-year study in many parts of the world, including India, China, and the West Indies, the Rockefeller Foundation reports the average Egyptian village is the most unsanitary place to live in the world.

The Rockefeller study was concerned with health and sanitation, but covered economic status, income, land tenure, and educational status as well.

It held that the health conditions of the disease-ridden and undernourished peasantry of 4,000 villages of Egypt that contain the great majority of the population, could not be divorced from their economic and educational conditions.

The study started with a general survey of Egyptian village life, then a group of five villages was chosen in the delta about 30 miles from Cairo. Using a scale in which a community with proper sanitary facilities and conditions has 106.5 points, the foundation study showed that the Egyptian villages investigated scored only 28.8 points.

In India, China and the West Indies, where the same system had been applied, the villages had scored about 53.25 points.

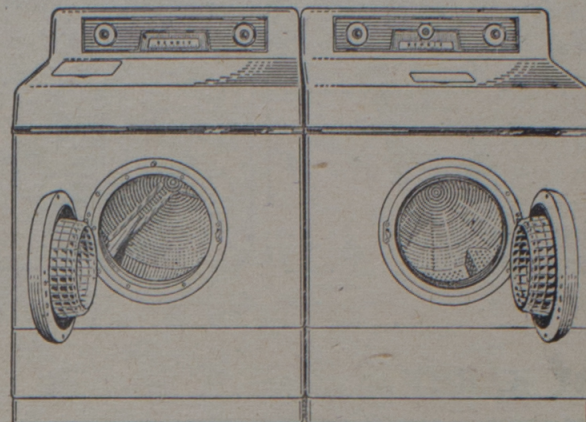
All Egyptian villagers studied had amoebic dysentery, and 90 per cent had bilharzia, a parasitic disease that undermines health and energy. Sixty-four per cent had intestinal worms. Five per cent had pellagra, a disease that is a result of vitamin deficiency, and 10 per cent of those between 10 and 20 had it.

A diet study showed that 12 families out of every 100 lived on a diet of unleavened bread and defatted skim milk and cheese. Fifty-six per cent lived on a diet of unleavened bread, skim milk and cheese, plus fresh vegetables once a week. Only 6 per cent got fresh vegetables and meat regularly.

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A pre-school clinic was held July 23 and 24 in Oak Harbor. Thirty-two were examined Wednesday and 14 on Thursday.

Barney Beeksmas met with a car accident in Seattle last week which put him in the hospital for several days. He is now back to work but with a sore arm.

The Evening Circle of the WSCS of the Methodist church held their regular monthly meeting Tuesday evening, at the home of Mrs. Ethel Cook.

(1 year) Florent J. Duchene; Trustee (2 years) Edward J. Cronin; Trustee (3 years) Simon Butrim; Lecturer, Ralph P. Yanes.

District Deputy Weckert was assisted in the ceremony by Acting Warden, Dick Herber, member of Boulet Council, Mount Vernon.

Following the installation, a social period was enjoyed by all present.

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