WHO'S NEWS THIS WEEK

By LEMUEL F. PARTON

NEW YORK.—The WPA barrel isn't like the widow's cruse of oil in the Bible. They expect to be scraping the bottom by next June.

WPA Trouble Shooter Finds Relief in Clouds

Who gets fired and when is a naturally distressing problem, falling mainly on Dean Brimhall, trouble-shooter and handyman for the WPA, who looks and talks like Sinclair Lewis and who used to hunt bears in Utah. Officially, he is director of the section on employment problems of the WPA, and just now these problems loom up like the peak range of his native Rocky mountains.

Ax-grinders, angry congressmen, union disputants, kickers, fixers, utopians, and what not see Mr. Brimhall, and, when he isn't taking this rap, he is experting and editing administration outputs on labor relations and employment, making surveys on relief technique, or flying in his own plane to some spot where employment is ebbing. A trap-drummer is just snoozing along compared to Mr. Brimhall. Merely getting a bear by the tail was never like this. For relief or nerve tension, he hops into his plane now and then and makes a getaway in the clouds, which seems like a nice idea.

Reared in the Church of the Latter Day Saints—his grandfather trekked west with Brigham Young—he was one of a group of twelve Utah business men, Marriner Eccles among them, who craved New Deal action for some of their ideas. Six of them are still active. On the side, he still maintains a live interest in four different concerns—an airplane company, a railroad company, a lumber business and extensive real estate interests. Ogden is his home town.

He hauled coal to pay for his education at Brigham Young university, and one winter he maintained his family nicely with a shotgun, hunting large and small game. Under McKeen Cattell at Columbia university, he studied experimental psychology and later taught that subject at Columbia and Brigham Young. He saw the Wrights make their first European flight and he has been interested in flying ever since—flying and hunting. On every week-end and holiday he's high in the sky, his plane poised and pointed toward his beloved Rockies. But there seems to be no likelihood of his doing a "wrong-way Corrigan."

He says he still could get a living with a shotgun, but instead of his gun he has to shoulder the troubles of citizens less versatile.

THE United States senate, possibly "standin' in the need of prayer," does away with piece-work supplication and puts praying on the regular daily schedule.

Senate, in Need, Puts Daily Task On Its Chaplain

Last year, the occasional prayers by the official chaplain, the Rev. Ze Barney Thorne Phillips cost the government $420 a prayer. Now the rate for each will be about $16, as Mr. Phillips gets $1,680 a year.

The change was brought about by a resolution by Senator Neely, by which the senate will be opened by prayer on every calendar day, instead of only on "legislative" days as in the past. The latter are a fiction by which the senate may free itself from things diurnal, as effectively as did Joshua. But, since the senate is entitled to a good prayer on every real, not figurative, working day, it is going to get it. Possibly as a tribute to Chaplain Phillips' prayers, the vote on Senator Neely's resolution was unanimous.

While both parties in the senate have on many occasions claimed divine guidance and inspiration for their side, Mr. Phillips, although a Republican, appointed by Calvin Coolidge in 1927, has been strictly non-partisan. He is a distinguished Episcopalian clergyman, rector of the Church of the Epiphany of Washington, and has discharged his office with simple eloquence and dignity.

Chaplain Phillips, 63 years old, is a native of Springfield, Ohio, educated at Wittenberg college and the General Theological seminary. He engaged in special studies at Oxford in 1910 and 1911 and has served pastorates in Cincinnati, Chicago, St. Louis and Philadelphia. His children are named Faith, Deacon and Sallie Hews.

© Consolidated News Features.
WNU Service.

ADVENTUROUS AMERICANS

By

Elmo Scott Watson

Historic Footrace

WHEN Capt. John Whistler arrived on the shores of Lake Michigan in 1803 to build a military post—Fort Dearborn of tragic memory—one of the subalterns in his command was his son, Lieut. William Whistler. Young Whistler was more than six feet tall and famous for his strength and endurance.

A frequent visitor at Fort Dearborn was a young Pottawatomie chief, the champion runner of the tribe. Believing that Lieutenant Whistler was just the man to spoil the Indian's record, the officers at the fort proposed a five-mile footrace between the two men to which they readily agreed.

The race was a thriller. At the start the Pottawatomie sprang into the lead and held it for almost the entire distance. But near the end young Whistler managed to close the gap between them and by a final burst of speed plunged across the finish line several yards ahead of his rival.

The race had an exciting sequel. During the War of 1812 the same Pottawatomie chief, who was now an ally of the British, sent a challenge for a hand-to-hand combat with Whistler or any other officer or soldier in the American army. Whistler promptly accepted. It was agreed that no firearms were to be used.

The fight began. Whistler dodged the tomahawk that was hurled at him and closed in on his opponent. The Indian stabbed at him with his long hunting knife but missed. Then the lieutenant's sword finished the duel.

• • •

An American Mandarin

IN 1859 Taiping rebels had almost overthrown the Manchu dynasty in China. Fifteen of the eighteen provinces had been captured when Frederick T. Ward, a 28-year-old sailor from Salem, Mass., quit his ship and offered to put down the revolution—if they would pay him $75,000 for each city recaptured.

The rebels were knocking at the gates of Shanghai when the Manchu leaders agreed to young Ward's price and allowed him to train his own army. He recruited his men from among the human derelicts around the wharves, but he instilled in them the discipline he had learned as a soldier in the French army during the Crimean war.

Then, at the head of 500 men, and with a pistol in each hand, he ordered an attack on Sungkiang, held by 5,000 rebels. His men fought hand to hand on the top of the city wall and held it by tossing over the bodies of Taiping soldiers. In 24 hours Manchu re-enforcements arrived. When the battle was over, Ward had only 128 men left and 100 of them were wounded. But he had earned his first $75,000 and a wide reputation as a military leader.

He continued to fight, successfully taking the city of Singpo by outmaneuvering 20,000 Taiping rebels. When they again threatened Shanghai, he drove 10,000 of them back 10 miles with a force of only 2,500. Then he took the city of Quanfuling.

Ward was made a mandarin and his fame spread throughout the empire. Soon he was able to increase his well-trained army to 6,000 men, besides piling up a huge fortune.

He had been wounded five times, but in September, 1862, in a battle at Tseki, he was hit for the sixth time and killed. The Chinese mourned him as a national hero and buried him in the Temple of Confucius at Sungkiang.

• • •

Eskimo Heroine

IN 1921, science attempted to find out whether man could live on the otherwise uninhabited islands of the Arctic. The experiment proved more. It revealed to the world the calm heroism of Ada Blackjack, who will be remembered as the most courageous woman of the Eskimo race.

Four men were landed with a year's supplies on Wrangel island, 110 miles north of Siberia in the Arctic. Ada Blackjack went along as seamstress, cook and servant. One year later a relief ship was to pick them up.

The year passed but ice floes blocked the relief ship. Lorne Knight, one of the four men, became ill with scurvy. The other three left on a trek across the ice to Siberia to send a rescue party. No one ever heard of them again.

Left alone with Knight, Ada Blackjack went through eight months more of mental torture. For two months she nursed him. Then he died.

The relief ship finally came. They found her still keeping the diary that Knight had turned over to her when he could no longer hold a pencil.

One entry in the diary read: "God is the only one who will brought me home again." God did not fail the faith and persistent courage that enabled Ada Blackjack to face a seemingly hopeless situation without breaking.

© Western Newspaper Union.

Star Dust

★ *King Tyrone Off the Air*
★ *Joan Signs for 5 Years*
★ *Fan Gets New Illusions*

By Virginia Vale

THERE'LL be no more Tyrone Power on the radio, by order of his boss, Darryl Zanuck, production head of Twentieth Century-Fox. Mr. Zanuck made this announcement as a result of protests from theater exhibitors against too many appearances of screen stars on radio programs. Mr. Zanuck stated that he had no quarrel with radio, but that the stars were endangered because it was so difficult to get adequate material for those weekly appearanges, especially since it must be new.

So Tyrone, recently elected king of the movies by some 22,000 newspaper readers, had to go off the air.

—*—

Joan Blondell has tied up her future again, so far as making movies is concerned. She's signed with Columbia to make two pictures a year for five years, and starts the ball rolling with "Good Girls Go to Paris, Too," originally scheduled for Jean Arthur. It's said that Columbia wanted to borrow her for that one some months ago, and that Warner Brothers' refusal to lend her was at least partly responsible for her winding up her contract.

Joan Blondell

—*—

"Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" will be retired from circulation the first of April, after breaking records in every important city all over the world, and will probably be re-issued again about this time next year. It cost $1,700,000 to make, and will gross about eight million. It played in 41 countries, and was the first sound picture to be translated into a "talking book" for the blind. And "Dopey" got more fan mail than all the other characters put together.

—*—

When Madeleine Carroll paused recently in New York on her way from Europe to Hollywood she shattered one movie fan's illusions. The movie-mad girl went to a smart night club, and during the course of the evening noticed a rather buxom young lady who danced every dance with great enthusiasm. She had on rather dismal looking gun-metal colored hose and very flat shoes, reported the movie fan. Decidedly not smart. But her hat was an uncopyable French bicorne, and the collar of her suit marked it as one of the latest efforts of a famous French modiste.

Madeleine Carroll

Suddenly the rather buxom young lady smiled, and the movie fan wilted. She had recognized Miss Carroll—and had learned that movie stars, when left to their own devices, aren't always as smartly dressed as they are on the screen.

Incidentally, the next Carroll picture is "Cafe Society," and the one after that is called "Air Raid," and is the story of two young people caught in a city in the war zone.

—*—

Hollywood has to be awfully careful about these war pictures. In "Idiot's Delight," for example, Esperanto was used instead of Italian, French or German, just to avoid the danger of angry protests from foreign governments. When it was done as a play no such precaution was taken.

—*—

When fame begins to come to a radio performer it certainly comes fast. Kay Kyser, the orchestra leader, wasn't particularly well known even so recently as a year ago. Now he's so well established at the top of the ladder that when he signed recently to appear with his band at a New York movie house the contract called for a salary of $12,500 a week—an all-time high.

—*—

Want to know what sort of thing is likely to trouble big executives? It seems that there were weeks of huddles over the title for Raymond Paige's new program. It was to be called "100 Men and a Girl," and Paige had 100 men in his band, and the girl was Hildegarde and everything was fine. But Universal owned the title—remember the picture by that name? Eventually somebody thought up "99 Men and a Girl," and after more indecision because that was pretty close to the original it was cleared.

—*—

ODDS AND ENDS — Phil Baker's sponsor has never seen either Baker or the cast of his radio program, so the broadcast is to be shifted to Honolulu for a time . . . Edgar Guest and Andre Kostelanetz, the orchestra leader (and husband of Lily Pons) are collaborating on a song.

© Western Newspaper Union.

HOW TO SEW

by Ruth Wyeth Spears

Tufted tassels for color accent.

"DEAR MRS. SPEARS: I am a bride of six months and your Book 1—SEWING for the Home Decorator has certainly been a life saver for me. I have turned to it for help when making things for every room in our little house. The guest room is next. I would like to use yellow to brighten it up. What color could be combined with this? My smart effects must be accomplished with spare minutes rather than expensive materials, so I would appreciate a helpful hint along this line.—M. S."

If you really want to make that yellow guest room smart, use touches of brown to add character. I have sketched an idea for you here. Mark your material with little dashes about six inches apart and then make the tassels as shown. For the bedspread, reverse the color scheme, using yellow tassels on brown material. Several rows of the tassels may make a border for spread or curtains instead of an all-over design if desired.

Now is the time for all of us to give our houses a fresh start. Crisp new curtains; a bright slipcover; new lampshades; or an ottoman will do the trick. Make these things yourself. Mrs. Spears' Book 1—SEWING, for the Home Decorator, shows you how with step-by-step, easy to follow sketches. Book 2, Gifts, Novelties and Embroidery, will give you a new interest. It contains complete directions for making many useful things. Books are 25 cents each. If you order both books, a crazypatch quilt leaflet is included FREE; it illustrates 36 authentic embroidery stitches in detail. Address Mrs. Spears, 210 S. Desplaines St., Chicago, Ill.

QUICK QUOTES

YOUTH

"LET us insist upon principles whereby youth is taught to respect the rights of others; whereby youth is educated to the knowledge that one man's property is not another man's property; that the rewards of service, of effort and of work are the only true rewards; that in the final analysis no one ever succeeded in getting something for nothing."—*J. Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation.*

How Women in Their 40's Can Attract Men

Here's good advice for a woman during her change (usually from 38 to 52), who fears she'll lose her appeal to men, who worries about hot flashes, loss of pep, dizzy spells, upset nerves and moody spells.

Get more fresh air, 8 hrs. sleep and if you need a good general system tonic take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, made *especially for women*. It helps Nature build up physical resistance, thus helps give more vivacity to enjoy life and assist calming jittery nerves and disturbing symptoms that often accompany change of life. WELL WORTH TRYING!

Safe Enough

Poet—After my death people will realize what I have done.

Friend—Don't worry. You'll be out of harm's way then.

OLD FOLKS

Here Is Amazing Relief for Conditions Due to Sluggish Bowels

Nature's Remedy NR TABLETS

If you think all laxatives act alike, just try this all vegetable laxative. So mild, thorough, refreshing, invigorating. Dependable relief from sick headaches, bilious spells, tired feeling when associated with constipation.

Without Risk get a 25c box of NR from your druggist. Make the test—then if not delighted, return the box to us. We will refund the purchase price. That's fair. Get NR Tablets today.

NR TO-NIGHT TOMORROW ALRIGHT

ALWAYS CARRY TUMS EAT LIKE CANDY FOR STOMACH DISTRESS

QUICK RELIEF FOR ACID INDIGESTION

Most Commendable

My best praise is that I am your friend.—Southerne.

IT'S A HIT! The NEW Firestone CHAMPION TIRE

Because IT'S THE ONLY TIRE MADE WITH THE NEW SAFETY-LOCK CORD BODY and GEAR-GRIP TREAD

AB JENKINS
World's Safest Driver
Ab Jenkins, holder of 87 world records for safety, speed and endurance, who has driven more than a million and a half miles on Firestone Gum-Dipped Tires without an accident, says, "On the speedway or on the highway, I insist upon the extra safety of Firestone Gum-Dipped Tires on my cars."

CAR OWNERS everywhere are acclaiming the extra blowout protection and non-skid safety of the new Firestone Champion Tire. And automobile manufacturers, knowing its outstanding performance, have adopted it for their new 1939 models. On every hand you hear, "It's the most effective tire we have ever had on wet pavement and in mud and snow!" It's the hit of 1939!

The Firestone Champion Tire is a completely new achievement in safety engineering and the result of a new and revolutionary means of *locking* greater safety into the cord body of a tire. This is accomplished first, by the use of a new type of tire cord called "Safety-Lock," in which the cotton fibers are more compactly interwoven to give greater strength. And then the fibers in each individual cord, the cords in each ply and the plies themselves are all securely *locked together* by a new and advanced Firestone process of Gum-Dipping, which provides amazingly greater strength—and greater strength means greater safety.

The new Safety-Lock cord construction gives the added strength that makes possible the use of the new thicker, tougher, deeper Firestone Gear-Grip Tread, which provides remarkably longer non-skid mileage. This sensational new tread is called "Gear-Grip" because of its unique design which has more than three thousand sharp-edged angles that grip the road with a sure-footed hold to protect against skidding and to assure a safe stop.

Have your Firestone Dealer or Firestone Auto Supply and Service Store equip your car with a set of new Firestone Champion Tires, *the only tires made that are safety-proved on the speedway for your protection on the highway.*

Firestone CHAMPION		Firestone HIGH SPEED		Firestone CONVOY	
5.25-17. $13.95	6.00-18. $16.50	5.25-17. $11.10	6.00-18. $14.85	4.50-21. $8.10	5.50-16. $10.45
5.50-16. 13.90	6.25-16. 17.55	5.50-16. 12.50	6.25-16. 15.80	4.75-19. 8.35	5.50-17. 10.50
5.50-17. 13.95	6.50-16. 19.35	5.50-17. 12.55	6.50-16. 17.40	5.00-19. 9.00	6.00-16. 11.80
6.00-16. 15.70	7.00-15. 20.40	6.00-16. 14.15	7.00-15. 18.20	5.25-17. 9.25	6.25-16. 13.15
6.00-17. 16.15	7.00-16. 21.00	6.00-17. 14.55	7.00-16. 18.90	5.25-18. 9.65	6.50-16. 14.50

TRUCK TIRES AND OTHER PASSENGER CAR SIZES PRICED PROPORTIONATELY LOW

Listen to The Voice of Firestone with Richard Crooks, Margaret Speaks and Alfred Wallenstein, Monday evenings over Nationwide N. B. C. Red Network.

Listen to The Firestone Voice of the Farm—Everett Mitchell interviews a Champion Farmer each week during noon hour. See local paper for station and time.