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BEARDS AND BEAUTIES—A beard judging contest marks St. Patrick's Day at Texas Western College. Here two contestants get close inspection by co-eds. From left: Mary Jane Telehany of El Paso, a junior who doesn't approve of beards; George Faulkner of Fabens, sophomore, who entered contest for first time; Ed Babenco of New York City, senior, who won last year's contest, and Kristy Housen of Seattle, Wash., freshman, who has no opinion about beards. St. Patrick is patron saint of Engineers as well as the Irish and the beards are shaved off after judging on St. Patrick's Day, Monday.

Order Checkup To Prevent A-Bomb Drops

Panel to Consider Means of Avoiding Further Accidents

By United Press
WASHINGTON, March 13.—The Government launched a high-level military inquiry today into "wider implications" of the Florence, S. C., atomic bomb accident.

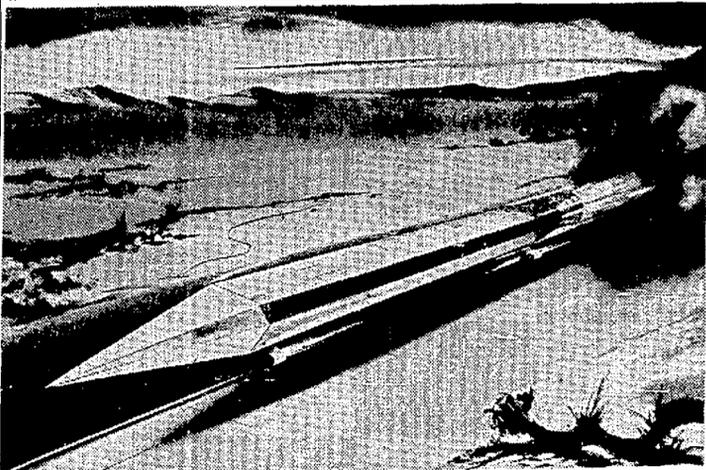
At the same time Defense Secretary Neil H. McElroy made it plain U. S. Strategic Air Command bombers will not stop carrying unarmed atomic bombs in round-the-clock training flights in these "perilous times" despite fresh "ban the bomb," demands from Russia and others.

Start Probe

McElroy announced that chiefs of three major Air Force commands—Materiel, Research and Development, and SAC—have been ordered to set up "a high level group to investigate the wider implications of this unfortunate occurrence."

McElroy said the commanders

Plumber Here Eyes Fortune Willed To Ex-Wife by Oil Man



HERE IS AN ARTIST'S conception of the new seven-ton rocket sled being built for the Air Force Missile Development Center by Rocketdyne, a division of North American Aviation Inc.

Employee At TWC Looks Into Law

Wants His Children To Get Share Of \$64 Millions

By CLIFF SHERRILL
The El Paso ex-husband of the Cleburne woman who stands to inherit millions from a millionaire's will said today he is "watching and waiting to see how much she gets" and whether he is entitled to any of it under the law.

Orland Kermit White, 48, a plumber employed at Texas Western College, was married 13 years to Mrs. Agnes Kirk of Cleburne. She is named in the will of Oilman J. W. Sexton to receive a sum variously estimated from \$2 million to \$50 million from his estate. Mr. White has lived in El Paso seven years. He remarried soon after he came here. He and his



Orland Kermit White

wife, Ruth Faye, 46, live in an apartment at 611 West Missouri street. "Agnes and I lived in Fort Worth all the time we were married, and our four children were born there," Mr. White said. The children were placed in the Masonic Home after the parents were divorced. Mr. White said, and one of the children still is in the home. Two of the children are married.

Mr. White said, "I don't know what the law provides in such a case. If I am entitled to any by law, then of course that is something, and I naturally am interested. I certainly am interested in seeing that our children receive whatever they are entitled to—but of course whether she (Agnes) gets anything is the \$64 million question."

Mr. White said the four children are Shirley, 22, Charles, 21, Myra, 18, and Orland K. Jr., 12.

Shirley is married and lives in Kansas City. Charles is in Cleburne. (Continued on Page 10, Col. 3)

Army to Disband Last Mounted Unit

By United Press
BERLIN, March 13.—The U. S. Army announced today that it will disband its last mounted unit April 1. The unit is the horse platoon of the Berlin garrison's 287th MP Company.

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Pattersons' Friends To Testify

Hearing on Couple's Disappearance Opens Tomorrow

By MARSHALL HAIL

Persons who knew Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Patterson best are scheduled to testify tomorrow in what has become a court approved nationwide search for the missing El Paso couple.

Business associates, friends, attorneys, newspaper reporters, and City, County and State investigators are expected to take the stand at a hearing before Judge William E. Ward of 34th District Court, starting at 10 a. m. today.

It was disclosed that the Federal Bureau of Investigation, though not investigating the disappearance, has placed a missing person notice in its Washington office at the request of the Sheriff's Department. Photos of the couple accompanied the notice.

Harold S. Long, court-appointed attorney for the Pattersons, is seeking nationwide circulation of photos for the couple, hoping to get a clue as to their whereabouts.

Tomorrow's hearing is on an application by attorneys for the Patterson Photo Supplies receivership to continue the temporary receivership. The hearing was made necessary, when the Pattersons, defendants in the suit, failed to appear after citation by publication.

Mr. and Mrs. Patterson, founders of the photo supply business, have been missing since March 5, 1957.

The attorneys for the receivership, D. J. Smith and E. B. Elfers, expect to prove through witnesses, including themselves, that a di-

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Sweet Talk in Senate

Two 'Great Men' Trade Dishes of Applesauce

By Associated Press
WASHINGTON, March 13.—Leftwing Democratic Senator Wayne Morse of Oregon, has been highly praised by Senator Lyndon B. Johnson, Texas Democrat, as a "great man" and "great constitutional lawyer."

The scene was the floor of the Senate at 9:20 p. m. as Morse concluded a speech calling for lower interest rates on Federal housing loans. The 13-minute colloquy in which the majority leader and the Oregon senator traded praise went like this, in part:

Johnson: "I am privileged to listen to one of the great speeches made by one of the great men with whom I serve in the Senate. . . . I am glad I happen to be present in the chamber at 9:20 tonight, to hear him give evidence that, there still is somebody in the country who believes in the people, who is willing to stand up and fight for them. . . . In terms we apply in the area from which I come. . . . We are glad he. . . (has) been sent to Washington to fight for a better America. . . ."

Morse: "A man can possess no more precious treasure than the treasure of a biased friend. . . . (Johnson) is one of my jewels so far as human possessions are concerned, in that he is a biased friend. . . ."

Johnson: "I hope my children will remember that during the course of their father's service in this body, he served with one great constitutional lawyer who had the courage and the conviction to speak his piece at any time, in any place, under any circumstances. . . ."

Morse: "Under (Johnson's) leadership in the 'preparedness' subcommittee. . . . I think. . . a great job is being done there. I should like to be a partner in that great work. . . ."

Biggs General

Has No Comment

Brig. Gen. John M. Reynolds, commanding general of Biggs Air Force Base, today declined comment on Defense Secretary Neil H. McElroy's statement that Strategic Air Command bombers will continue to carry unarmed atomic bombs in round-the-clock training flights.

"This command is not authorized to elaborate on any statement emanating from higher headquarters regarding methods or weapons, either as to use or disposition," said General Reynolds.

have been directed "to determine if there is any action which should be taken, which has not already been provided for, to insure the maximum safety of our operations."

Moscow Sees Danger
Ignoring U. S. claims that unarmed atomic bombs cannot produce nuclear explosions, Radio Moscow declared that an accident like the one at Florence could touch off World War III if America ordered its striking forces into action in the mistaken belief an enemy attack had started.

Defense officials, without issuing any formal counterstatement, indicated there is virtually no danger of starting a major atomic war by accident. They said there are two major precautions:

There is a foolproof system for recalling U. S. Atom bombers if they start a retaliatory attack that proves unwarranted.

Can't Drop Bombs

The bombers cannot by law drop nuclear bombs without the President's specific approval.

McElroy, in a statement said the accidental dropping of an unarmed nuclear bomb near Florence Tuesday "demonstrated the accuracy" of a recent Pentagon statement that no nuclear explosion would occur from detonation of an unarmed bomb.

The bomb, dropped accidentally from an Air Force B-47 jet bomber, blew up on hitting the ground but did not cause a nuclear explosion, according to the Air Force after an on-the-scene investigation. Six persons were injured, none critically, and a home was destroyed.

Did AF Drop A-Bomb Near Albuquerque?

By International News Service
WASHINGTON, March 13.—Senator Clinton P. Anderson, New Mexico Democrat, a member of the Joint Atomic Energy Committee today accused the Defense Department of using the secrecy stamp to hid the real number of A-bomb accidents.

He said "something was dropped near Albuquerque, on May 22, 1957" which made a hole 20 feet deep.

Anderson said he knew "what caused it, but there hasn't been a single word released on it by the Air Force."

Chihuahua Highway Is Cleared of Snow

By United Press
CHIHUAHUA, Mexico, March 13.—The Pan-American highway to Ciudad Juarez was reopened today after being blocked for several days by one of the heaviest snowfalls in recent years.

Highway police said the 150-mile stretch of road was closed after the big snow to prevent accidents and "because a lot of it was simply impassable."

Special crews were sent out Tuesday to rescue dozens of stranded motorists.

Two Youths Held in Holdup Hoax

Two teenage boys were in Juvenile Detention Home today ruefully considering their dreams of a holdup hoax they hoped would bring them temporary riches.

Conrad Baca, bellhop at the Knox Hotel, and Robert Duron of 420 Fox drive, both 15, were arrested yesterday after staging a fake robbery that gave them possession of \$852 for at least a few hours.

Planned Hoax
Their signed statements to city detectives related this story:

Conrad in his duties as bellhop regularly deposited the hotel's receipts in the bank. He and Robert decided it would be simple to go out and hide the money and then report back that Conrad had been set upon by bandits.

Yesterday morning, Conrad met Robert in front of the White House and gave the latter a black briefcase containing \$737 in cash and \$115 in checks.

Conrad mused himself up a little, tore off some shirt buttons and ruffled his hair. Then he returned to the hotel and told his employer he had been assaulted and robbed of the brief case in San Jacinto Plaza by two young thugs.

Quickly Arrested
Within an hour however, Detectives Paul Lopez and James Perry had found enough missing details in Baca's story to worm out a true report.

At Duron's home, they found the youth who led them to a basket where the \$737 in cash was hidden. The checks and brief case, Duron said, had been thrown into the Franklin Canal.

Confessions signed by both youths were turned over to juvenile authorities.

Both said they had no particular plans for spending the money.

"We planned to keep it in my house for two months and then divide it up," Duron said.

Out After 33 Years Released Thrill Slayer Begs for Fair Chance

By United Press
JOLIET, Ill., March 13.—Nathan Leopold was released today on parole from Stateville Penitentiary where he was sent 33½ years ago for the thrill murder of Bobby Franks, and asked for "a chance—a fair chance—to start life anew."

Leopold walked out into a swarm of reporters under a bright spring-like sky, just 33 years, 6 months and 2 days after he was committed for what was called "the crime of the century," the chisel-slaying of the 14-year-old Frank.

He was a shaking, ailing man of 53 who pleaded for compassion and seclusion as he emerged.

Remorse for the crime, Leopold told the Pardon and Parole Board which finally gave him freedom, "tinges my every thought all day, every day."

He planned to begin a new life as a hospital technician for a church hospital in the mountains of Puerto Rico.

An authoritative source told the United Press that Leopold would stop briefly in Chicago and then go almost immediately by air to the island commonwealth.

This source said that the impres-

Fast Man on the Ground

New N. M. Rocket Sled To Speed 1700 MPH

Officials at the Air Force Missile Development Center at Alamogordo announced today that a seven-ton rocket sled is being developed by Rocketdyne, a division of North American Aviation Inc., for use on the 35,000-foot captive missile test track under construction at the research base.

When completed, the new sled will be capable of reaching speeds of 1700 miles per hour—nearly two and a half times the speed of sound—under the explosive power of a liquid-propellant rocket engine developing 160,000 pounds of thrust.

The slim, pencil-shaped vehicle will be delivered sometime this fall to AFMDC's Missile Test Track Division, headed by Lieut. Col. Donald H. Vleck.

During the initial phases of its use, the sled is tentatively scheduled to test new guidance systems for missiles.

Designated the RS-2, the sleek aluminum vehicle will measure 43 feet in length and only 40 inches in height. Four steel slippers mounted beneath the vehicle will grip the rails of AFMDC's seven-mile track.

With its single-chambered engine, the sled will accelerate under a force of 15 "G's"—a stress that could rip the wings from a modern jet aircraft.

It will be capable of speeding a one-ton payload down the track at a top velocity of 2500 feet per second.

The sled will develop its power from the combustion of liquid oxygen and alcohol. The propellants will be forced into the engine's combustion chamber under pressure of 700 pounds per square inch at almost 5000 gallons per minute at a rate that would empty a swimming pool in five minutes.

Rocketdyne is building the sled at its plant in Canoga Park, California.

50,000 Owners Lack Auto Tags

The El Paso County Tax Collector's office will be open only 13 more days for the remaining 50,000 motor vehicle owners to obtain their 1958 license plates without penalty, R. R. Deason warned today.

Only 38,000 have applied for plates and new title papers on the 88,000 vehicles estimated to be owned in this County.

The Courthouse is closed all day Saturdays and Sundays and the deadline is midnight, April 1. After that a 20 per cent penalty is charged and the operator of the vehicle is subject to a fine for failing to have 1958 license tags.

All persons owning cars registered in other states must first go to the State Highway Patrol office at 723 Hawkins way to have papers checked and an identification slip issued. The out-of-state license owners must then go to the Tax Collector's office, pay a \$15 tax, pay for a 1957 Texas license for the period from which their own state's license expired, and pay for a new Texas license good for 12 months.

All others whose title papers are in order may obtain their plates and new title papers either at the Courthouse or at substations located at any new car dealer's place of business, or at the following locations:

White House Department Store, Kern Place Food Mart, Ft. Bliss Military Police headquarters, Citizens State Bank in Ysleta, Hiles Insurance Agency in Fabens, First State Bank, State National Bank, El Paso National Bank, Popular Dry Goods Co., Sears-Roebuck Co. at Five Points and at Texas Western College.

Indonesians Claim U. S. Oil Seizure

By Herald-Post Wire Services
JAKARTA, Indonesia, March 13.—Indonesia's premier claimed today that government paratroopers have captured the American-owned Caltex oil fields near Pekanbaru in Central Sumatra. Earlier, the rebel regime in Central Sumatra had disputed claims by the government that its troops had captured Pekanbaru.

Premier Djanda said capture of the oil field would permit Caltex to resume operations—as he phrased it—if the company so desires. And he told newsmen that evacuation of American personnel from the area would no longer be necessary.

Westerns Out Front

Hollywood Leads N. Y. In TV Emmy Nominees

By Associated Press
HOLLYWOOD, March 13.—The television Emmy nominations are out and the West and Westerns lead the pack.

Hollywood, seeking to replace New York as the TV capital, snagged 71 nominations to Gotham's 54.

The winners will be announced April 15 after a vote by members of the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences—TV's equivalent of the movies' academy.

Few Surprises
There were few surprises on this year's list. Competing for the best female and male personalities were old favorites Dinah Shore, Gracie Allen, Lucille Ball, Loretta Young, Sid Caesar, Steve Allen, Jack Benny and Perry Como. They had competition, however, from the star of the Tonight show, Jack Paar, and his gal Friday, Dody Goodman, newcomer to the list.

Playhouse 90 led the field for the most nominations—12—including one for the best TV series of the year. Two of its productions, "The Comedian" and "The Helen Morgan Story," were among the nominees for the best individual show of the year. Others: the Edsel Show, the General Motors Anniversary Show and Hall of Fame's "Green Pastures."

Mickey Rooney, who starred in "The Comedian," competed for the best individual acting award with Peter Ustinov, David Wayne, Lee J. Cobb and Ed Wynn.

Top actress nominees were Polly Bergen: Helen Hayes, who won in 1952; Piper Laurie; Julie Andrews; and Teresa Wright.

Arness Named
Three Westerns—Gunsmoke, Maverick and Wagon Train—were among nominees for the best dramatic series. The others: Lassie and Perry Mason.

James Arness, who plays Marshal Dillon on Gunsmoke, and his sidekick Dennis Weaver, who portrays his crippled deputy Chester, were among those nominated for best leading and supporting actor in a series. Arness' competition: Bob Cummings, Phil Silvers, Danny Thomas and Robert Young.

Best comedy series contestants are the Bob Cummings Show; Caesar's Hour—which went off the air last June and returned as Caesar Presents this January over another network; the Jack Benny

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Dallas Judge to Run

By International News Service
DALLAS, March 13.—District Judge Sarah Hughes of Dallas has confirmed reports that she will run for the Texas Supreme Court.

Cleanup Question

Question on City sanitation rules will be answered in The Herald-Post each day in co-operation with the Cleanup Campaign this month, sponsored by the Woman's Department of the Chamber of Commerce.

Question: May I use my barbecue pit for burning refuse?
Answer: No. High winds make it impossible to retain paper or other refuse in any of the outdoor cookers we have seen. Burning of refuse within the City limits is forbidden.

If you have a question, mail it to Roy H. Scotten, chief inspector of the Sanitation Department at 211 North Lee street or call KE-2-2601, extension 43, before 3 p. m. and watch for the answer in The Herald-Post.



Automobiles are getting so automatic the only thing a driver has to do is keep up the payments.