

IN THESE UNITED STATES

# Badger Is Known as the 'Co-Op' Town of Iowa

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It's as easy to say as "Buster has the mumps." In fact "Co-operative" should be either the first or last name of the little town of Badger, Iowa, (population of less than 400 in 1940). The first co-operative program in this center of Lutheran background was the stock and grain association, started almost 40 years ago.

Although this organization met with difficulties and opposition during the first few years, it survived by realizing its advantages of co-operation as a community builder. By 1914, the association had been reorganized as a Farmers Grain Elevator company which has operated efficiently and successfully ever since.

Another venture of long standing is the Co-Operative Telephone company which has been going for more than a quarter century, and then a petroleum co-operative organization in 1930 with a capital of \$6,000. The latter firm does hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of business annually, since it deals in farm machinery as well as petroleum products.

### A Co-Operative Bank.

Another similar development is the co-op credit union started in 1939 "out of necessity, to provide the Badger community with needed banking services." Although opposed by the banking interests of Iowa at the outset, this group persisted wisely, although slowly, until the bank which it operates is one of the safest and most stable in Iowa, according to the state bank examiner.

Finally, there is the co-operative food store handling meats, groceries and electrical appliances. Its carrying ABC co-op labeled goods assures patrons of quality and safety according to government grading standards. Folks know they aren't likely to get gypped in this or other co-op trade and relations that characterize Badger.

Other co-operative possibilities are being considered by Badgerites. Entertainment for the teenagers and a playhouse for young people are being talked about. That's the way it seems to be done. A few people get the idea, throw it out to others, and all get together and discuss it as a possible development of, by and for the community. In this way, the people meet their major needs to the extent that problems and difficulties that spotlight most rural communities are seldom heard of in Badger.

When wanting a hunch on how a producer or consumer co-op can be made to work in a rural center, write or go to Badger.



EVERY WOMAN . . . Likes to paint furniture — just like Esther Williams, screen star, shown above at her Santa Monica, Calif., home. Esther also enjoys her hand at interior decorating now and then.

## Cop Is Shocked By Autoist Who Asked for Fine

GREELEY, COLO.—The telephone on the police desk rang. It was a Greeley woman who wanted to tell the police that she had just run through a red light at a downtown intersection. She explained that she had driven into the intersection before she noticed the light had changed and "had to go on through" even in violation of the law.

"I'm sorry," she explained. "I'll come right down and pay my fine."

Desk Sergeant Irl Timken got the shock of his life by such a call. He excused her from the fine and commented that "if all drivers were that conscientious we wouldn't have a traffic problem."

ATOMIC SOLONS . . . W. Stuart Symington, assistant secretary of war; Senator Millard E. Tydings, Maryland; Postmaster-General Robert E. Hannegan, and Gael E. Sullivan, assistant postmaster-general, are shown en route to Bikini.

## Man Remembers Dentist After Decade Passes

SUMNER, WASH.—Most toothaches are forgotten in 10 years, but Dr. C. L. Tolefson, a local dentist, recently received a check from a man he had treated a decade ago.

The dentist had forgotten all about it, when a letter with a money order came. A search into the office records disclosed the name of the patient and the forgotten date.

The letter explained that the man had bought a money order several years ago and was going to send it to the dentist. At that time the packing plant where he worked closed and he lost his job. He cashed the money order in order to live. But after several years, and attendant prosperity, he had the money to spare, and "hoped the doctor would forgive him for the delay."

## Boy, 15, Operates A Farm and Dairy

AUBURN, WASH.—Jimmy Marshall, age 15, operates a 60-acre farm here without help and intends to build up a good herd of purebred Jerseys. In addition, he's a good athlete and a good scholar in school.

Last January an accident brought death to B. L. Marshall, Jimmy's father. There were 12 cows to be milked night and morning and spring work had to be started. Jimmy, though just a curly-haired youngster with an engaging grin, took over the farming, the dairying and raising hogs.

Yes, he intends to keep right on farming. He likes it. And he is well on his way to success.

## Climbs 273 Steps Each Day—to Knit

ERRATA, MISS.—Mrs. Merle Lucille McDaniel has to climb 273 steps to get up on top of the world, but the quiet she gets for her knitting makes it worth the long pull.

Mrs. McDaniel is a fire watcher for the forestry department. Her office is a cabin perched atop a 120 foot tower. The tower originally was built at the start of the war as a lookout post, a lookout for enemy planes. Her husband got the job of spotter. However, it wasn't long before the war department deemed a Japanese invasion of southern Mississippi as unlikely. So Mr. McDaniel went back to railroading and Mrs. McDaniel took over the post for the forestry department.

She keeps regular office hours atop the tower, from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. daily. Most of the time she just knits and reads. But a few minutes every hour she scans her 20 mile territory with binoculars.

## Bicycling Cat Returns with Four Kittens

ROYALTON, VT.—Abbie, Royalton's bicycling cat, is back home again after a year's absence—and she brought with her four beautiful kittens.

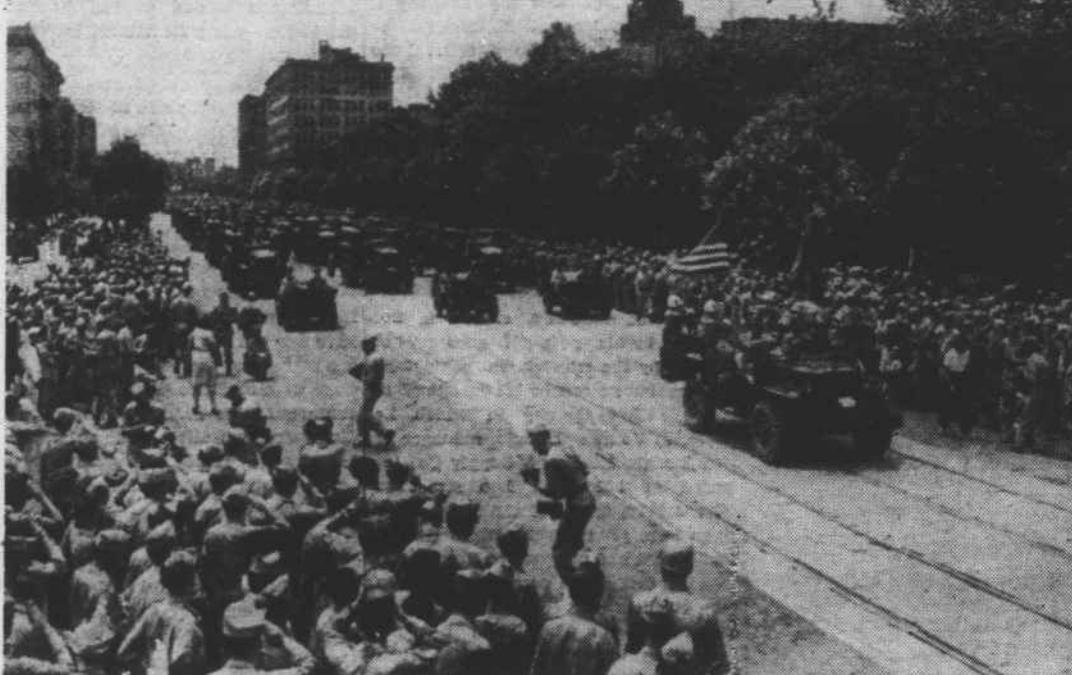
Nearly a year ago Abbie, who was accompanying Mrs. Homer Russell and children on a bicycling tour, disappeared near the Russell's summer home in Maine. Through a newspaper story Abbie was located about two miles from where she disappeared.

## No Wedding Honking

MONESSEN, PA.—No more "wedding honkings" or other excessive tooting of automobile horns will be allowed in Monessen. It's against the law, a new ordinance provides. Excessive tooting of automobile horns henceforth will draw police punishment under the new law, which also requests that newlyweds "find a quieter way to display their joy."



MEAT BEGINS TO FLOOD MARKETS . . . Interior view of meat packing plant in New York City a scant few days following expiration of the office of price administration — showing meat on the hook and plentiful. In meat centers such as Chicago, Kansas City and Los Angeles the supply was even more plentiful. Whether it was a rush by farmers to get cattle to market before enactment of new OPA or because of, at least, temporary end of black market, the reason is not entirely clear. Higher prices was a factor



U.S. CAVALRY PARADES IN TOKYO . . . The U.S. 1st cavalry division is shown parading down one of the main streets of Tokyo during celebration held in the Japanese capital. Lt. Gen. Robert Eichelberger, commanding officer of the 8th army and Maj. Gen. William Chase, commanding officer of the crack cavalry unit, reviewed the display of U.S. might from a stand in front of the Imperial hotel in Tokyo. Many GI's watched from the sidewalks.



THE WINNER AND HIS CANDIDATE . . . Former governor of Minnesota, Harold Stassen, and Mrs. Stassen are shown as they voted at St. Paul in Minnesota Republican primary election. Insert shows Edward J. Thye, Republican governor of Minnesota and political protege of Stassen, who defeated Senator Henrik Shipstead. Stassen fought Shipstead on his record of having voted against the U. N.



TOKYO GANGSTER LAID TO REST . . . Tokyo had its first gangster funeral since the occupation, when Matsuda, the "Boss of Shimbashi" district, was sent off to his ancestors in the true gangster fashion, "a-la-Chicago." The streets were banked with flowers as the two-hour memorial service began with the chanting of the priests and the beating of tom-toms by his "boys." Photo shows Matsuda's ashes being carried in the procession through streets of Shimbashi.



CLOUD OVER BIKINI . . . The atom bomb as it exploded over the "guinea pig" fleet moored in the lagoon at Bikini. The photographer was in a B-29 flying at a safe distance and altitude from the atom bomb explosion on the atolls.



VET DANCES WITH PLASTIC LEGS . . . Jerry Singer, Hollywood film dancer, who lost a leg at Okinawa, is dancing again these days, despite artificial leg. He is shown going through a dance for film, "If I'm Lucky."



NO JOKE, SON . . . It's really Kenny Delmar, the "Senator Claghorn" of radio, who is waving \$100 in Confederate money to get more Smoky Mountain music out of Sen. Claude Pepper, Florida, with a harmonica; Rep. J. Percy Priest, Tennessee, with a ukulele, and Sen. Glen Taylor, Idaho, with a guitar.

## THE TOY BULLDOG

# Mickey Walker, 45, Sure He'll Paint 'Real Stuff'

NEW YORK CITY.—Although he is 45 years old, he thinks that in about four years he'll be "doing the kind of painting called the real stuff." That's the way Mickey Walker, former welterweight and middleweight boxing champion of the world, looks at his art career.

It was five years ago that Mickey decided to take up the easel and start mixing the paints. He saw a movie based on the life of Gauguin in which a man in middle age left fame and fortune to become a painter in the south seas. Mickey decided to become a painter in the United States where he is known as "a tough little guy."

And what about his 45 years? Well, in Mickey's opinion age is the best thing that can happen to a man. It gives him some sense. He no longer wants to sit around in a night club, or think only of blondes and champagne. Age helps a man know what he can do — and ought to do.

Painting Not Like Writing. Mickey spends a lot of time now in the quiet atmosphere of his ram-



## AIRPORT CHATTER

Miss Mayme Smith of Monroe, age 77, was the first passenger to alight from a plane at the new Lancaster, Wis., airport which has been opened by William Brewer, a pilot.

Eight Omaha men, Lyle DeMoss, Leonard J. Bussey, Don Musgrove, Henry E. and Walter W. Wendt, Bennett Davis, Leonard Fletcher and Bert Robinson, have organized a hunting lodge some 400 miles from home, on Lake McConaughy, near Ogallala, Neb. . . .

The Denver Chamber of Commerce, with an eye on the younger generation, plans to construct a 40-acre airfield for model planes only, with hard-surfaced runways and a control tower. . . . Republic Aviation has leased for five years, with option to buy, the government-owned plant facilities and airport at Framingham, L. I. . . . Robert and Mildred Entriken, husband and wife, are students of George Smith and Paul Shirmer at the Mount Holly, N. J., airfield and will soon be licensed pilots. . . . Harris field, Cape Girardeau, Mo., has been leased by the city and operated by an airport board. . . . Wynne, Ark., with a class two airport, expects to add further improvements costing \$770,561 under the federal aid airport act.

## AIR EXPOSITION AT DENVER

The first Denver International air show will be held at Stapleton airport August 24 and 25. Homer F. Torrey is board chairman for the show. Directors are Donald B. Robertson, Thomas P. Campbell, Robert S. McIlvane, John R. McPhee and Harry Anholt. The air show is advertised as being under the direction of Steadham Acker, who is director of annual air carnivals at Birmingham, Ala., and Omaha, Neb., and who directed air shows at Denver before the war. All late planes and helicopters will be on display and the show will feature the usual air thrills.

## Noted Kansas Airport

In a western Kansas town of only 523 residents can be found one of the best-known privately operated ports in the country. The town is Johnson, Kans., and the airport operator is Forest Walker. The Johnson flying club has 10 members, most of them farmers, who have over \$30,000 invested in parts, hangar, etc.



WINGED BOXCAR . . . Fairchild packet cargo plane, which carries nine tons of payload at 200 miles an hour. The fuselage is 38 feet long and big enough that autos and trucks can be driven inside.

## PARALYZED VET FLIES

At Brigham, Utah, Dean Larsen, a 25-year-old war vet of Wales, Utah, has successfully soloed an airplane after 5 1/2 hours of instruction, even though he is paralyzed from his hips down. The Bushnell general hospital patient made a 10-minute flight in a hand-operated two-passenger plane, John C. Weir and Bill Rowe, his instructors, said. Larsen was wounded in Germany in 1945 when a 45-caliber bullet lodged in his spine.

## Kills 820 Rats in 24 Hours

SACRAMENTO, CALIF.—Aided by a dog, two cats, a can of poison and a club, Adolph Bufe counted 820 dead rats after a hectic day and night battle. Bufe claimed the rats invaded his ranch in hordes, gray droves of them. All day and all night he fought, aided by the cats and dog, meeting wave after wave of rats. He believes the rats were attracted to his ranch by the amount of feed he had, since the current feed shortage has been acute in this area.