

### After For 45 Years, Hancock Sniffer's "Nose That Knows"

okayed, and then at the ones he rejected," he says, "and I got to know the difference. Pretty soon I had a scent sense of my own."

Hancock likes sniffing, though on days when business is heavy—like, say, the day he passed on 4,000 hams at one sitting—he sometimes longs for fresh air.

At these times, he just wends his way out the maze-like plant and takes a walk. By the time he has walked past the neighboring stockyards, he says, he's happy to get back to the hams.

His only major bugaboo is the common cold, which plays hob with a ham-sniffer's nose. For this reason he avoids the chilly curing rooms of the Kingan plants.

He thinks old-time hams had it all over the new ones. "They got better meat than they do now," he says. "Nowadays, they rush it too much—the growers, I mean."

### Latest N. Y. 'Phone Book Weighs Four Pounds

NEW YORK—(UP)—Telephone workers have started distribution of 1,200,000 new Manhattan telephone directories, each weighing four pounds.

The new directory, delayed for five months, has 1,413 pages, 59 more than the last, and has 565,000 listings, an increase of 3,000. Although it is big, it does not exceed the Chicago directory, which has 1,736 pages.

Over-all errors, according to Lee J. Jordan, have been shaved down to 0.15 per cent—not one in each 10,000 listings.

### Just An Old Custome In South Pacific

NUKULAU ISLAND, South Pacific—(UP)—It's a merry old custom when a big party is given in the Tonga Islands, and goes like this:

The firm of W. R. Carpenter (Fiji) Ltd., honorary agents in Suva, Fiji, for the Tongan government, entertained the visiting Tongan rugby team at a picnic on Nukulau Island.

It was a good party, at the conclusion of which the massive Tongans, courteously explaining this was an old Tongan custom, graciously heaved their two principal hosts into the sea, clothes and all.

### Razors Galore

PLYMOUTH, Mass.—(UP)—Leo Borghesani, barber, has decorated his shop window with a collection of more than 500 old-fashioned straight razors, including one used in Greece 700 years ago.

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### TOMMIES PREPARE FOR REFUGEES



PRIOR TO THE ARRIVAL at Hamburg of British ships bearing Jewish refugees from the Exodus 1947, British Tommies went into training for expected trouble. Here two of them engage in a truce arm duel, while wearing classic Greek-type rubber shields on the left arm. News dispatches, describing the arrival of the transport Ocean Vigour, say truncheons were freely wielded as Jewish refugees resisted being dragged from the vessel and herded aboard trains. (International)

### Rambling 'Round

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"Backward, turn backward, oh Time, in thy flight—" and give us ole thirty-nine, just for a night!

Don't look now but isn't that Santa Claus peering around that post in the store? We've been seeing a lot of his cards in the papers, and the advertisements have been warning us of his approach. But, somehow, we never begin to get the real Christmas fever until the last moment... no matter how much urging we get. There are, of course, those fore-sighted people who boastfully tell that their gifts are all purchased and wrapped along about Halloween... but we have a sneaking feeling that they miss a heap of fun. Half the gaiety of the holiday season is being completely fagged out by rushing around.

We could all learn a lesson from the dignity of these mountains. We watched the heavy storm clouds envelop Eagles Nest, almost blotting it out from sight. But when the rains had worn themselves out and the storm had thundered itself into retirement, the mountains emerged untruffled and as commanding in their dignity as before. It is hard for humans to follow this example but we could make a better job of it if we would try hard enough.

The alerts that have been given the coastal regions during the past few days make us aware that wind in any form is the one element of Nature we cannot combat. Fire and water can be brought under control by strength and man's ingenuity if not allowed to get out of hand. But no machine-made invention has been found that can subdue a tornado, hurricane or any like wind velocity.

Sun Wrecks Display  
HAGERSTOWN, Ind.—(UP)—A drugstore display window was burned when the sun shining through a glass cooking utensil set fire to a wood panel.

### Food Is Biggest Worry For Germans

BERLIN—(AP)—The predominant worry of the German is where his next meal is coming from, an American military government information control division opinion survey shows.

Fifty-two percent of the Germans in the American zone said "food" when asked "what are your greatest cares and worries at present?" The same question last January brought a similar response from only 29 percent of the population, just before the winter food crisis set in.

Clothing and fuel appear less urgent to the German. Only one German in seven, for example, expressed anxiety over fuel during the peak of winter.

### Church Claim Is Biggest On Guam

HONOLULU—(AP)—The Navy has paid the largest claim on Guam against the United States—\$524,950.23 to the island's Catholic Church.

This was one of the 517 claims totaling \$1,321,091.10 which have been authorized for payment, said Adm. Louis E. Denfeld, commander in chief of the Pacific. All claims paid so far with the exception of the Church's were for death and injury, according to the Navy announcement.

The Church claim covered 38 properties including the cathedral at Agaña which was being completed when the Japanese invaded Guam in December, 1941.

### Maybe It Could Happen Only In Australia

SYDNEY, Australia (UP)—Australian style notes, observed in the "fantasy" hair-styling competition of a hairdressers' convention here: One shoulder, arm, and one side of the face of one model were painted bronze. Her hair was tinted gold, and one side—the bronzed side—was dressed in Grecian style, while the other side was dressed in a Louis XVI style.

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### Washington Letter

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York, Madison, Wis., Minneapolis, Kansas City, Rochester, N. Y., and Newark, N. J., as among those who have maintained and developed these programs effectively.

Most compulsory school laws set the age at which a child must enter school at seven, but most schools, she says, start the child in at the age of six.

During the war, kindergarten and nursery schools were started everywhere in the country for children aged four and five.

The after-school, Saturday and summer-time schools are attempting to provide courses in art, music, dramatics, camping, play, physical education and other things that the five-day, nine-to-three schools do not have time for.

As for the emphasis placed on understanding the other peoples of the world and what they have to contribute to the world, Miss Goodykoontz says schools are stressing as well the importance of understanding our own form of government, how it works and how it might be made to work better.

"Our way is being challenged, so that we need more than ever to understand its values and what each one of us can do to make it work more effectively," she says.

Getting to the fourth significant trend in post-war school curricula, Miss Goodykoontz points out that most children live by pushing buttons, turning on switches, hooking up machinery.

"This generation is surrounded by applications of science and we must teach them not only to use scientific things intelligently and safely, but also to understand them so that they can carry our science a step further and maybe develop new uses and devices themselves."

### Finds It Doesn't Pay To Volunteer

RICHMOND, Va.—(AP)—Robert L. Turner, sexton at Grace and Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, off duty at the time, called for his wife at a church supper she was serving. He filled the magazine of the coal furnace but slipped and sprained his leg.

The state industrial commission denied him compensation, noting that he had been granted leave for several days and that a substitute had been hired for him. This, said the commission, made him a "volunteer."

There are more than 300 million cubic miles of ocean.

### Launching Rockets At Sea Will Not Mean New Role For Plane Carriers

WASHINGTON—Navy officers agree that the firing of a German V-2 from the deck of the 45,000-ton carrier Midway was a demonstration of a sea-going launch site rather than a new role for the flattops.

They believed it extremely unlikely that carriers of the future will be expected to fire big rockets and launch airplanes too. Special missile ships will be the fleet in their opinion. In announcing the test the Navy said it will mark the beginning of a new era in naval weapons.

A carrier is not a combatant ship in itself but rather a floating base for a swarm of fighting planes. It can protect itself somewhat with anti-aircraft guns but is not designed for hammer-and-tongs battles.

Two New Missile Ships  
Two ships under construction, the 45,000-ton battleship Kentucky and the 27,500-ton large cruiser Hawaii, are being converted into guided missile ships.

The catch is that nobody knows what a guided missile ship should be, and work is proceeding very slowly while Navy planners test out theories and ideas.

Best bet at present is that they will be fast, able to take the pounding of a battleship, have provisions against atom bomb blasts and of course fire big rockets and controlled missiles.

Meanwhile, the stock of captured V-2s is dwindling and the Navy is looking forward to experimenting with its brand-new rocket, the Neptune, slated for testing next June.

Advance publicity on the American-made rocket predicts it will soar 235 miles into the air, twice as far as the V-2 has gone in New Mexico altitude tests. Experts believe the 235-mile figure may be exceeded considerably when the Neptune is finally tried out. Presumably it might be capable of 500 miles in a horizontal direction.

The Neptune's Load  
About as long as the V-2 (46 feet), the Neptune is much sturdier. One (7,000) of its fully loaded weight of 11,410 pounds is taken up by fuel. It is scheduled to carry one ton of instruments for explosive use in its nose.

The Navy regards it as the largest practical rocket for shipboard use and from it expects to learn enough to design actual war rockets for the Kentucky and Hawaii.

Years will pass, according to the best naval opinion, before perfection of the truly long-range rocket, complete with an atomic bomb for a warhead.

The Cullinan, largest diamond in the world, discovered in 1905, weighed one and three-quarters pounds.

### Honest Burglar Leaves Payment For Loot

OMAHA, Nebr.—(AP)—The proprietor of a local cafe tells of the first "honest" burglar he has ever encountered.

LeRoy Sperry said an intruder laboriously pried into the cafe through a barred window.

He drank two glasses of chocolate-milk and deposited 20 cents in the cash register. Nothing else in the store had been disturbed.

### Treasure Hunt Leads Pastor To Dinner

POLK, Nebr.—(UP)—The Rev. and Mrs. Paul Lemke returned home to find that the pressure cooker containing their dinner was missing.

Near the cooker was a note telling them to go to the H. Horstman home. The Horstmans were away, but on the door was another note directing the pastor and his wife to the home of Mrs. Ed Larson.

At Mrs. Larson's home, most of the congregation of the Baptist church had gathered. On the table was a plentiful meal to celebrate the Rev. and Mrs. Lemke's wedding anniversary.

### Pacific Coast Amused By Phony Penguins

MONTEREY, Calif. (UP)—Denzens of Fishermen's Wharf wore amused smiles when they read that "penguins" had been seen along the Oregon coast. They've been seeing penguins here for years.

The tuxedoed waddlers actually are hedddivers who have the misfortune to dive into oil slicks in the ocean. Their wings temporarily immobilized by the tarry substance, the birds creep out of the water and stagger along the beach in just about the same manner as the famed Antarctic show-offs.

Hawaii fell below peacetime volume of sugar production during the war because her land and manpower was used for military purposes.

### Capital Letters

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matter of legal distilleries might explode in the next legislature. There are more proponents of this idea than you might think.

Their feeling is that it is bad business for all this money to go out of North Carolina—and since we must have whiskey, why not have it all the way?

One state official who opposes even the suggestion says it would put liquor in politics in North Carolina. Ha!

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But with all of his incantations—spells—and abra-ca-dabra he couldn't light the castle, or flip a switch and listen to the radio, or keep food fresh as well as an electric refrigerator. He couldn't compete with the Electric Age—at least not so far as keeping castle Camelot comfortable, and convenient, and attractive was concerned. Of course he was not a MODERN magician—but if the lovely Guinevere had only known what we know, she would have wished he were.

Maybe you are not a queen and do not live in a castle, but thanks to your dependable and low cost electricity—you live better than Guinevere, however powerful and beautiful she may have been.

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