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in Superior, Wis., ops after he charged a for a haircut and the ked off with the clip- he comment that the high enough to include od . . .

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After 15 stuck-in-the mud he mighty U. S. battleship was hauled off as the "Nobody Knows de Seen" . . .

Kenneth Lyons of Fort J., was released after serv- ail sentence for pumping six into his sweetheart, she m at the gate. They were d . . .

theater in Tea- N. J., banned teen-agers un- companied by adults . . .

Astoria, N. Y., woman was d from jury duty because business": She had to New York City to collect won on a radio quiz show . . .

housewife cut open purchased chicken, and led 20 eggs . . .

er in Yonkers, N. Y., plung- the roof of a one-story jumped from it to a parked its top, then stag- across the street and died injuries . . .

our year old New York boy of a tenth story window, uninjured . . .

Johnstown, Pa., the city jail to be perfumed by a device after the odor of "new mown down the cell corridors . . .

the crocodile in the natl zoo, was operated on to e pop bottles from her ab- . . .

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TH Sevierville, Tenn., pass- ity ordinance requiring Com- ts to post a bond to keep the The bond: One million dol- . . .

t, Louis, Mo., motorist finish- oking his cigar, threw it out indow, then discovered his teeth went out with it . . .

er taking a job as a janitor school in Bristol, Va., a man e so fascinated with the in- on that he enrolled in the grade . . .

Jacksonville, Fla., bus com- began giving free rides to nts on Sunday—only if they going to church . . .

eight-year old Atlanta boy d an chewing gum and a bor shoved him into a car him to the hospital. En the driver crashed into er car and the collision dis- d the gum from the boy's t . . .

baseball fan in Greenwood, became so angry at an um- decision that he pulled a and fired at a coach. He miss- then the coach drew his own fired, and killed the fan . . .

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EST: A Chicago mason bought e measure, built a garage, dis- ed the garage violated a city ance because it was too large, vered the tape measure con- d two 12-inch notches, sued tors . . .

shunes, the Chicago zoo's 550- d gorilla escaped from his raced around for two hours, was chased back. The chaser: y garter snake . . .

man in Cleveland was charged passing a bad check he wrote a check-writing machine he ht with a bad check . . .

Leavenworth, Kas., nightclub, cream business, promised free waiter service for its pat-

'Veep' Barkley Oldest Man To Hold His Office

by JANE EADS

WASHINGTON—Alben W. Barkley, boasting 73 years, starts 1951 with a clear title to honors as the oldest citizen ever to hold the office of vice-president, or President, of the United States. During 1950 the "Veep" passed two of the only three U. S. vice-presidents who had held the office at a riper age than his when he was inducted on Jan. 20, 1949.

Last Jan. 22, the former Kentucky senator matched the age of John Nance Garner on the day Mr. Garner retired from the vice-presidency at the close of Franklin D. Roosevelt's second term. He was then 72 years, one month 29 days old. On Aug. 16, Mr. Barkley attained 72 years, eight months, 25 days, which was the age at which vice-president George Clinton died in the office in 1812 during James Madison's first term as President.

The third is the late Charles Curtis, Herbert Hoover's running mate. Mr. Curtis was born January 25, 1860 and left the office March 4, 1933. He was then 73 years, one month, seven days . . . Mr. Barkley's age on New Year's eve.

The nation has never had a 70-year-old President. However, two have come very close. Andrew Jackson's second and final term ended March 4, 1837, with his 70th birthday only 11 days off. James Buchanan, the only bachelor to hold the office, stepped down in 1861, less than two months before reaching three score and ten.

President Truman, on completing his present term early in 1953, will be 68 years, eight months, 12 days—out-vintaged only by Jackson and Buchanan among the 32 men who have been Presidents of the United States.

Early presidents lived longer than presidents today. John Adams, for instance, lived well into his 91st year. Six others, after retirement as chief executives, lived beyond the present age of former President Herbert Hoover—76.

The first 10 Presidents averaged 77 years of life, while the 10 most recent Presidents who are now living, averaged only 63 years.

Levi P. Morton, Benjamin Harrison's vice-president, spanned the years from 1824 to 1920, to set a record of 96 years to the very day. Morton and John Adams alone, among 35 who have been vice-president, lived beyond 85, the present age of Charles Gates Dawes, Calvin Coolidge's teammate, now living in Evanston, Ill.

Thomas Jefferson, who reached 83, and who, like John Adams, was one of 10 vice-presidents who became President, stands between Dawes and John Garner. The latter was 82 on the day before last Thanksgiving at his Uvalde, Texas home.

rons . . .

Although the man jilted her at the altar 49 years before, a 71-year old Kansas City woman finally forgave and married him . . .

A Detroit woman won a divorce because her husband, when leaving the house in the morning, regularly kissed the dog, then patted her on the head . . .

When she learned her marriage was not legal, a woman in Burbank, Calif., promptly sued her "husband" for $25,000 for eight years service as a housekeeper . . .

Searchers for a deserter from the Air Force finally found him at Muscatine, Ia.—at the policemen's ball . . .

A Los Angeles woman, mother of ten, demanded a divorce on grounds that her husband insisted on having more children when he failed to pay the doctor for the last three . . .

In Long Beach, Calif., a motorist was cited for reckless driving. His name: "Safety First" . . .

Two neighbors in Hutchinson, Kas., discovered they had been living in the wrong houses for six years and immediately switched residences . . .

A Los Angeles woman won a divorce from her wealthy husband when she testified he ran his adding machine, counting up profits, at night and kept her awake . . .

A Ponca City, Okla., robin continually attacked his own image in the shiny hubcap of an automobile, finally forced the car's owner to rent a garage to save his car and the bird . . .

LAFF-A-DAY

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"For my money there's nothin' like a little appetizer before dinner!"

Refrigerator "Takes It"

The finish on a refrigerator is subjected to a great variety of severe conditions. Its outer surface is in contact with a hot, steamy kitchen, while the inner one is many degrees lower. The finish must also resist the inevitable hazards of bumps from milk bottles, smears of grease, spills of soup or fruit juices, or energetic scrubbing with alkaline cleaners. The excellent finishes produced for refrigerator surfaces these days takes such treatment without chipping or showing the slightest variation from gleaming whiteness.

Waxes Supplement Finishes

Waxes are used to supplement various types of finishes by providing a temporary coating which can be renewed at low cost. The biggest use is on floors and automobiles. One of the main sources of wax is the carnauba palm tree which grows in Brazil. Nature applies it to the leaves of the palm to prevent the hot sun of the dry season from drawing out the moisture supply stored up in the tree during the time of the torrential rains. A year's harvest from five trees usually approximates one pound of wax—provided 20 leaves are harvested from each tree.

Asbestos Roof Coating

Asbestos or fibrous roof coating is used as a preservative and a preventive. It is especially suitable for patch work and for stopping leaks on roofs. Inasmuch as asbestos roof coating is a waterproofing material, it is sometimes used for waterproofing the walls of a basement or any foundation. This material will prevent the rusting of gutters, spoutings and flashings when they have been properly primed with rust inhibitive paint.

The climate of the Gran Chaco of Paraguay is like that of southern Florida.

Poultry Flocks Healthier

Improved methods of fighting disease are paying off in higher profits for poultrymen. Twenty-five years ago—before concerted efforts were made to reduce flock losses—poultrymen thought they were doing all right when they were able to raise 60 to 75 per cent of a brood of baby chicks. Today, however, efficient poultrymen are saving 90 per cent of practically every brood and realizing better profits as the result.

The Gran Chaco of Paraguay is still in the Wild West stage.

Venezuela's Wading Birds

During Venezuela's rainy season, species of egret, heron, ibis, stork, and other wading birds escape land enemies by nesting above protective floods. In exchange, they accept the hazard of the razor-toothed piranha, or cannibal fish. When wind or rain dislodges an egg or young of the nesting birds, a vicious horde of piranhas rushes to the spot where the victim falls into the water, and in seconds it is devoured.

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