

Fireworks Cost Boy Both Of His Hands

BELOIT, Wis. (AP) — A 15-year-old boy stared at the bandaged stumps today and said quietly "I was a chump."

Robert Petroff lost both hands when his homemade Fourth of July fireworks exploded prematurely in the family garage Saturday.

"I'm going to have to figure out some way to make a living without hands," he said. "Maybe I'll try to get authorities to make people stop buying and selling fireworks and stuff that can make explosives."

Robert decided to make some sparklers and flares when he and his sister, Mary, 14, were unable to buy fireworks to set off themselves.

He had been given an elaborate chemistry set some time ago, but his parents had talked him out of a plan then to make gunpowder. He began mixing potassium chlorate, sulphur and saltpeter Saturday while his father worked beneath the car nearby and his sister played in the yard outside.

EXPLOSION SHAKES GARAGE
Suddenly there was an explosion that shook the garage, shattered the windows and wrecked his working table.

Robert staggered backward, with his right hand blown away and the left badly mangled.

His father, Charles, was momentarily deafened by the blast and

was treated at a hospital for shock. A neighbor applied tourniquets and called an ambulance. Doctors had to amputate the left hand.

The boy asked his grief-stricken mother to take the chemistry set to the police station so officers could use it to impress other children with the danger.

His mother said she realized that "I shouldn't have let him try," to make the gunpowder.

But Robert took all the blame himself.

"I was a chump," he said.

American People To Eat More Beef

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Agriculture Department predicted today Americans will eat more beef this year than ever before due to record-high cattle slaughter in South-west drought areas.

It said beef consumption might top the 1949 rate of 73 pounds per person which was the highest of this century. Last year's per capita beef consumption was 61 pounds.

Because demand for beef is so great, retail prices are not expected to drop much regardless of the heavy supply.

Unless demand for beef weakens or pork prices fall, the department said, prices should remain about where they are now through the summer and fall.



HENRY'S NEW USED CAR LOT — Pictured here is the new used car lot of Henry's Body Shop, which has just opened at corner of East Cumberland Street and South Magnolia Avenue, across from Creel's Stables. The firm carries a large selection of good used cars. (Daily Record Photo.)

Eisenhower Keeps News Shorts His Desk Spotless

By MERRIMAN SMITH
White House Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Backstairs at the White House: No president in years has kept his desk as meticulously uncluttered as Mr. Eisenhower. Not a single ornament. Only one ash tray for visitors — the President doesn't smoke — and three fountain pens, plus a desk blotter and the papers he may be working with at the moment.

Messrs. Roosevelt and Truman kept only elbow room on their desks which were covered with souvenirs and political gagwags. If Mr. Eisenhower decides to keep a souvenir, it is placed in a wall.

He recently added to his office decorations a mantle set of flags of 15 NATO countries, each on its own tiny brass standard.

Prominent Louisiana Republicans want Mr. Eisenhower to visit their state this fall to help celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Louisiana Purchase.

As inviting bait to the former West Point football player, they are offering the Army-Tulane game at New Orleans on Oct. 31 as an

added inducement. The President is a great football fan and the game may influence his decision as much as the historical considerations.

If Congress is tardy about winding up its affairs at the end of this month, the President may not be able to keep his date to speak in Seattle Aug. 3 at the National Governors Conference.

Frank Bane, secretary of the conference, has sent this notice to members:

"We are expecting the President to give the state dinner address on Monday evening Aug. 3, but this is subject to confirmation."

The President could make a flying trip to Seattle and hurry back to Washington to complete his work on last-minute legislation, but the visit to the governor's conference was originally planned as a side trip from his summer vacation headquarters in Denver.

The Monterey Country Club golf course at Blue Ridge Summit, Pa., is a far cry from Burning Tree, but the President played there, anyway. The nine hole, par 31 in-

News Shorts

CHICAGO (AP) — Three persons including the former secretary of Rep. William Dawson (D-Ill.), today were found innocent of attempting to sell Post Office jobs.

The three acquitted were Frederick Wall, Dawson's former secretary, and two women, Mrs. Mary Campbell and Mrs. Danella Allen.

A federal court jury deliberated five hours Friday before returning a sealed verdict which was opened this morning in the courtroom of Judge Julius J. Hoffman.

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — The American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organizations called on the United States government today "to take the initiative in aiding the workers of Soviet-occupied Germany in their struggle against Soviet totalitarianism."

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate today approved by voice vote a one-year extension of the program under which Mexican farm workers are admitted to this country to help harvest U. S. crops.

The Senate amended a House program which would extend the program for three years beyond the present Dec. 31 expiration date.

BIRMINGHAM, Mich. (AP) — Former Masters champion Claude Harmon of Mamaroneck, N. Y., was 2 up on Wally Burkemo of Franklin, Mich., today when they reached the halfway mark in their 36-hole semi-final match in the PGA golf championship.

Little Felice Torza of St. Charles, Ill., finished the morning round 2-up.

TURN 'EM OFF
BUFFALO, N. Y. (AP) — Mrs. Ida Gieszc has two light bulbs that have been burning for 17 years.

CORONATION WONDERFUL
Word has been received from Mrs. J. W. Thornton, who is touring Europe, that "the coronation was wonderful—I had a seat under cover with perfect view, free lunch and drinks, corsage and pictures—the latter from our hotel." Since then Mrs. Thornton has toured Holland, Belgium, Germany, Switzerland and Italy. Her next stop will be France and then back to the United States.

Tim Flock Has A Close Call

SPARTANBURG, S. C. (AP) — Nationally famous stock car driver Tim Flock of Atlanta said today the next time he is sleepy, he will go to a hotel.

Flock was sleeping on the grass in the infield of the Spartanburg stock car track Saturday afternoon when an unidentified person backed an automobile into the sleeping driver's head.

Screams from bystanders prevented the car from being driven completely over Flock's head, but when the man stopped the car, the back wheel had Flock's head pinned to the ground.

The group of bystanders lifted the car from Flock's head and he was taken to a hospital.

Flock, one of the famous racing brothers from Georgia, was wearing his crash helmet at the time and X-rays showed no frac-

Tabernacle

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Christian Church put in a unit last year.

During the dedication services at the Tabernacle, the corner stone will be unveiled. The building is being named in honor of the Rev. J. Luther Davis, former pastor of the church.

Present plans are to begin using the new Sunday school addition in two weeks.

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