



TWIN BILL . . . Double vision was common to guests as four sets of twins were the participants in a wedding ceremony at the St. Phillip Neri church in St. Louis, Mo., recently. Left to right are Misses Maxine and Christine Purdie, the bridesmaids at the affair; Mrs. Marian Arens, the matron of honor; her twin, the bride, nee Miss Marie Parker; the groom, John G. Arens; his twin, Frank Arens, best man; and ushers, William and Thomas Sawhill.

OLD TIMER DECRIES MODERN TYPE HILL BILLY RENDITIONS

WASHINGTON — The American home is missing a few things that make a home a home. Like the banjo, the fiddle, a family quartet, an upright piano and, maybe, even an old gramophone.

All of this comes from an old hillbilly. One Bascom Lamar Lunsford of South Turkey Creek, N. C., a self-styled hillbilly who is more hill than billy and wears store-bought clothes and shoes.

Against Phonies
Lunsford, a fiddle player who doesn't believe in phony getup, was cornered for small talk in the office of Senator Frank P. Graham. He said:

"I don't cotton to these drug-store hill folks. I can still kick up a heel with the best of 'em and I'm pushin' seventy. Everything is show stuff now.

"I think we ought to get back to the home to have our fun. We lost something when we lost the old barn dance."

Lunsford demonstrated the heel-kicking business by walking over to a corner in the senator's office and kicking over his head.

On Way to Italy
The South Turkey Creek man dropped off here on his way to represent the United States at the International Folk Festival that was held Sept. 7-11 in Venice, Italy.

He went at the invitation of the International Folk Music Council, of which Duncan Emrich, chief of the folklore section of the Library of Congress, is president.

Lunsford is one of the best in the business. During the past year he recorded more than 300 songs for the Library of Congress collection and claims to have memorized more folk songs than anybody in the world.

Something around 1,000. **Solid Background**
Bascom is a farmer, lawyer and entertainer. On his 90-acre farm back in the hills he raises corn, tobacco and children. He is the proud father of seven and has eight grandchildren, "half of them musically inclined."

The old guy thinks taking music out of the home is a sin.

Russian Bombers Go To Hungary

VIENNA, Austria — Two hundred Russian bombers in two groups arrived in Szeged, Hungary, last Monday and will be permanently stationed there, western quarters said today. Szeged is near the Hungarian border with Hungary.

Western bombers were to Hungarian defenses.

Sentimental Old School

NATICK, Mass. — Citizens paid \$100,000 in the old Lovell school was built in 1822 soon.

The buyers of the 240 desks they found one carved their initials in.

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Depleted Dollar Reserve

By Brown Lee Yates

A FELLOW WE KNOW is afflicted with an unsound economy. His dollar reserves are depleted. He has a little silver, but he can't talk with the gold bloc, the boys who deal in wrinkled etchings of G. Washington.

His business associates have been carrying him. They can't let him fold, because he's helping keep his wishy-washy neighbors from the clutches of gangsters who menace the town's business.

The butcher down the street loaned him a fin, although the fellow told the meat vendor he would use it to buy sausage from a brother-in-law up the street. He discriminated against his benefactor's frankfurters.

Once he owned real estate and lived as the landed gentry. Now his tenants have pre-empted most of their plots, selling him vegetables cheaper of course and letting him provide police protection.

He tinkers around with a business, making trial balloons, but devising nothing somebody else can't manufacture better. All he asks is that his friends forego the better products of his competitors to buy his and ease his present pinch.

He's a good fellow, a distant cousin of his creditors, and a handy man in a scrap. The roughnecks thumb their noses and trespass mightily on his domain, but they blanch upon thoughts of striking him. He must be kept in business.

His creditors called a meeting. They slapped his back and said, "Chin up!" They promised to buy his balloons, aware that theirs were better and filled with hotter air. They wanted to polish his silver and devalue his currency.

He gently slapped the hands fingering his limp pocketbook, but finally gave in.

Truman Hopes Army, Navy Will Forget Their Differences

FORT BRAGG — President Truman said here he hopes the Army and Navy will get all their troubles settled.

When they do, he added in an informal luncheon address at the officers' club, he said he believed the Army would as usual go along.

This was the only reference he made to the buying inter-service controversy that has had military circles boiling for weeks.

The President also expressed the hope he would not have to campaign again as he did last year when he traveled 31,000 miles in his presidential campaign.

The President was here for war games by airborne infantry.

TONS OF SPINACH

One hundred fourteen thousand tons of spinach were shipped fresh to markets in the United States in 1948.

QUICK COFFEE

A newly marketed push-button coffee dispenser brews and serves a cup of java in three seconds without worries about grounds.

TO CLEAN REFRIGERATOR

To clean the inside of your refrigerator, sprinkle a little baking soda on a clean damp cloth, and rub over the surface.

Turtle Crawls To Beach To Die

BELMAR, N. J. — An old, dying, 100-pound turtle crept out of the ocean and died on the beach here.

The huge beast's cracked and watered shell led fishermen to believe it had been stuck by a ship at sea.

They said it is not unusual for turtles, when they feel death approaching, to try to reach shore.

PUPILS OF BLUE EYES

Pupils of blue eyes contract more in bright light than do the pupils of dark eyes.

UNBEATEN TEAM

City College of New York's cross-country team has gone through the last three seasons unbeaten in dual meets.

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Meter Records Drop Of Pin

CLEVELAND — When it's "so still you can hear a pin drop," the audience in the last row of the Chagrin Valley Little Theater should be able to hear it.

To prove it, Prof. Leonard O. Olsen of the physics department of the Case Institute of Technology brought a sound meter to the stage of the theater. When all was still, a needle was dropped and the meter recorded it.

The theater was financed by popular subscription and has an auditorium seating 270, with no set more than 10 rows from the stage.

Seek Money For Ingrid's Children

ROME — Ingrid Bergman, who wants a divorce, has offered to settle half her property on her husband if the remainder can be placed in a trust fund for their daughter, the movie star's personal representative said today.

Joseph Steele, Miss Bergman's spokesman, said her attorney is in Hollywood discussing divorce arrangements with her husband, Surgeon Peter Lindstrom, whom the actress married 12 years ago. They have one child, a daughter, Pia.

Miss Bergman announced nearly two months ago that she had decided to retire from the screen and seek a divorce.



TELEPHONE FOLKS are setting a New Record DOWN ON THE FARM

Southern Bell is putting in farm telephones five times as fast as before the war. Total telephone installations in Southern rural areas this year will set an all-time record!

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