

American Sweet Tooth Found On Increase

CHICAGO (U.P.)—If you're an average American, you consumed 15 pounds of candy in 1948 by the time Christmas gorgings were over. The National Confectioners Association announced that candy manufactured this year will be valued at close to \$1,000,000,000. You, if you're average, are eating more candy now than you did two years ago—nearly a pound more. You're not eating as much as you did in 1944, but considerably more than before World War II.

Something Too True To Be Very Funny

SACRAMENTO, Cal. (U.P.)—A carload of motor vehicles gave this year's sample registration card needed by newspapers for publication a grim note. After the usual "John Doe" for a license owner, the department of motor vehicles found the space for legal owner of the car filled with "John Doe automobile" and "John Doe".

SWING YOUR PARTNER!



STRICTLY FOR SQUARES . . . These are special styles for barn dance belles, easy to make at home. Both are in old-fashioned calico prints designed by Peter Pan. Left, bustle-back dress in sprigged yellow, with ruffled eyelid embroidered petticoat (Simplicity Pattern 1983); right, pink and black striped calico with matching stole. (Simplicity Pattern 2742).

By DOROTHY ROE, Associated Press Fashion Editor. Fashion has a new down-beat—the rhythm of the hillbilly band. As the craze for square dancing sweeps the country, a new crop of barn dance styles has taken the spotlight. There's a special costume for the well-dressed square dancer, just as there is for the correct career girl or the fastidious hombody. There's no doubt that the revival of the "swing-your-partner" style of dancing is effecting a major change in the social customs of the

nation. When New York's swank Stork Club devotes every Monday night to square dancing and when some of Hollywood's more sophisticated night clubs enter into the spirit of the thing, you have evidences of a nation-wide craze. Costumes favored for this strenuous form of dancing run to old-fashioned calico and gingham gowns, with long, full skirts that swirl nicely. In communities where the young folks take their barn dances seriously, partners often dress alike—the boy's shirt matching the girl's dress. When "the world's largest square

dance" was held last fall in Dallas, 8,000 dancers were on the floor at one time, most of them in groups of eight, with the four couples dressed alike in colorful cotton frocks and home-made shirts. Smart girls are making their own square dance frocks and matching shirts for their partners—from the quality calico prints that once were widely available at fabric counters. Pattern companies are featuring special square dance styles. Grandmother's favorite fashions in dance and dress, are back with a bang.

Miss Ethel McCoy Featured In St. Petersburg Paper

Miss Ethel J. McCoy was featured in the column "We Have With Us Today" in the St. Petersburg Times, of February second. Miss McCoy plans to return to Lake Junaluska early in March to be making preparations for the opening of Camp Junaluska for the summer. The article featured Miss McCoy, was as follows:

Ethel J. McCoy, founder and director of Camp Junaluska, nationally known private camp for girls on Lake Daleton in North Carolina has been a guest since mid-December at the Mount Vernon Hotel.

A native of Waynesville, N.C., she frequently visited St. Petersburg in her early childhood. Her father, the late Walter McCoy of Jacksonville, did much to promote the section as an officer of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, in connection with the old Plant system.

Camp Junaluska was founded in 1912, and annually attracts over a dozen St. Petersburg girls, as well as girls from all over the world. Miss McCoy is a member and housewife of the club. One of the club's prized possessions is an old-time American flag, used proudly by the U. S. Army's chief chaplain during World War I. This summer she will take the girls of the camp's Travel Club on a tour of Europe.

Ship And Train Collide In Freak Accident

DRAYTON HALL, S. C. (U.P.)—A railroad passenger train and a ship collided near here. The train was on its track and the ship was on the water. The captain of the Everglades, an Atlantic Coast Line passenger train, was rattling along in an

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Farmers Urged To Use Safety In Butchering

The county agent called attention to the following additional suggestions recommended by the National Safety Council: All hoisting equipment should be checked and put in good repair. Keep all knives in a suitable rack when not in use. Observe every precaution in the handling and use of firearms. Keep them unloaded when not in use. Use a tamper to force meat into the grinder. Keep children away from all butchering operations. Use extreme care with scalding water. Do not use gasoline or kerosene to quicken a smoldering fire. Always cut or chop away from the body. Avoid strain from overlifting. Apply first aid immediately to all cuts, scratches, or burns.

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Center Richard Harris of the University of Texas football squad is the school's heavyweight boxing champion.

MILD REBUKE

BILLSDALE, Mich. (U.P.)—Police caught four 13-year-old boys feeding watermelons. They were given a stiff lecture and taken to their homes. One boy's father looked at him and said, "Why, Bill, where have you been for the last three days?"

TABS EASILY POCKETED

BINGHAMPTON, N. Y. (U.P.)—Detectives are pleading with New York auto owners to weld their 1949 re-entrance tabs to their license plates. The police already are having trouble tracing stolen tabs because they are so small.

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