Hidden Batteries Used To Draw Out Jackpot

TOLEDO, O. (U.P.)—Fred Schultz and Harold Rust, of Erie, Pa., arrested here, admitted using concealed batteries to "milk" pin-ball machines.

While one played the machine, the other would turn on the battery to bring the combination to pay out the jackpot, police said.

Giant Beaver Trapped

CONCORD, N. H. (U.P.)—Clyde Garland believes he caught the king of beavers. He trapped one weighing more than 100 pounds and measuring 51 inches long.

Bottle Note in Ocean Delivered With Dispatch

HOT SPRINGS, Ark. (U.P.)—A letter, mailed in a bottle and thrown overboard from a ship at sea, reached its destination here, 10 days after it was tossed into the water.

The bottle containing the letter was thrown from a ship off the coast of Florida by Clyde Gray, former resident of Hot Springs. It was delivered to his mother, Mrs. S. E. Gray, 10 days later.

Wildflowers Make Rich Color Show

Presenting one of the finest wildflower spectacles seen in the vicinity for many years, the West Antelope valley is now a solid mass of bloom and vies with the Grapevine lupine fields as the center of attraction.

Ten miles west of Lancaster on the State Highway 138, the first large field of poppies will be seen. This field as well as those extending through Fairmont and on to Gorman on U. S. Highway 99 are interspersed with birds eye gilia, cream cups, lupine, buckwheat, desert sunshine, four o'clocks and other varieties. The joshua forest west of Fairmont is now in bloom.

The Grapevine area is still a panorama of color with the blue blanket of lupine broken up by small patches of golden poppies, evening snow, sun cups, owls clover and other varieties.

Much of the Mojave Desert is covered with millions of coreopsis, and the route from Mojave is dotted with Indian paintbrush, lupine, joshua blooms, desert verbena and coreopsis. In Death Valley a good display is reported.

Riverside county's chief attraction is the colorful cherry orchards which are now in full bloom.

Farther south in Imperial Valley a gorgeous display of verbena, primrose and desert lilies is spread along U. S. Highway 99 between Holtville and the Yuma sand dunes. The ocotillos are blooming along the highway in the Borego and Vallecito valleys and will be at their height in about a week.

Federer Predicts Big Chick Season

Louis A. Federer, owner and originator of Fedco, "original one feed for all ages," and a poultryman for more than 20 years, says:

"Considering the amount of chicks put in by poultrymen, 1939 promises to be a banner year. We have a good pulse on the situation as Fedco is sold by more hatcheries in Southern California as a chick starter than any other feed," he says.

Bad weather is calculated to be responsible for 73 percent of all wheat crop losses.

Western Giants Offer Maximum Tire Safety

With the rapid approach of the summer touring season, tire safety assumes greater importance than ever, E. E. Murchison, local manager of the Western Auto Supply company, urges all motorists to investigate both the extreme safety and the economy offered in the DeLuxe Western Giant Grip tire.

Any touring destination is always a temptation to step a little harder on the accelerator, and as at such times the car is probably carrying a heavier load than usual, there is a greater than normal strain on the tires, Murchison says. In scientific design and deluxe quality construction, the Western Giant Silent Grip Tire is built to give the added strength you need to assure security.

The most important feature of this popular tire is its specifically designed continuous rib tread. This tread, according to Murchison, provides much quicker than normal stopping, scientifically applied resistance against side skids, and quicker get-away.

It applies newest principles of design in such a manner that silent running is achieved on modern cars with their deep over-hanging fenders, and because of its extra thickness and the high quality tough yet resilient rubber used, it gives longer mileage and smooth, easy riding as well.

Petrified Man Puzzles

SAN FRANCISCO (U.P.)—It took U. S. Customs officials here two weeks to decide whether a purported "petrified man" should be admitted free of duty from Australia for exhibition purpose.

Both sculptors and geologists were called in to establish whether it was a marble statue of a fossilized human being. No one could agree, so customs officials marked it "of no commercial value."

The Herald—3 months, 50 cents.

CHEERFUL LITTLE EYEFUL . . . Pulchritude galore. This bevy of beauties comprises but a few of the many girls who will compete in the "Queen of the Moose" beauty contest next Saturday on Venice Pier. The occasion will be the big first annual Moose Frolic. Moose lodges throughout Southern California will be represented in the contest.

Representing the Torrance Moose lodge will be beauteous Lelia Mae Combs, 24, of 1349 West 221st street. According to local authorities on feminine pulchritude, her chances of winning the crown at Venice are excellent. Three other place winners in the recent local contest will also participate in the Southern California beauty final as representatives of other Moose lodges in this district.

They are Jeanne Louise Hutchens, 18, of South Gate; Jean Arlen, 17, of Redondo Beach, and Ethel Schimmiek, 17, of 1402 West 220th street.

Several of Hollywood's famed stage and screen celebrities and Los Angeles city officials will act as judges in the beauty contest. They will all attend the ball for the crowning of the queen and presentation of awards to the winner and runners-up. The ball also will feature presentation of 15 acts of high class vaudeville.

"Trailer Vagabond" Visits Kingman, Ariz.

By WARREN BAYLEY

After leaving Boulder Dam, a drive of 70 miles south brings you to Highway 66, also known as "The Main Street of America" and "Will Rogers Memorial Highway." Here at the Junction is located the city of Kingman, now in the spotlight as the site of the Clark Gable-Carole Lombard wedding. However, don't think for a moment that that is its only claim to glory. A short conversation with any of its residents will convince you otherwise.

The county seat of Mojave county, which produces more than $4,000,000 yearly through its mining activities, this little city is enjoying a very satisfactory life. Thousands of people pass this way on their journey to the many points of interest for which Arizona is famous. The most popular, of course, are the Grand Canyon and Boulder Dam.

Naturally this increased tourist trade is doing its part for all Arizona cities and places of interest. However, the cheap power made possible by the dam is a great factor and should do much for the entire state. I was informed that Mojave county alone would have a saving of $43,000 annually on its power costs. This saving is expected to be increased from year to year with the increased use of electrical utilities, made possible by the reduced rate. Inasmuch as the dam is a self-liquidating project, it would appear that it will be a definite factor in the recovery of the entire southwest.

Mining Towns Survive

Two typical mining towns lie close to Kingman. One of these is Oatman, the other Chloride. These towns have had their booms and slumps, but neither has suffered the fate of so many western mining towns, that of becoming a "ghost town." Both are active in mining today.

The drive to Oatman is over a paved road all the way, Highway 66 passing through the center of the town. Don't go scooting right through town in your high-powered car, but stop and look about. Visit some of the mines, see how they work. It will be an education to those unfamiliar with the mining game. Over $60,000,000 in gold has been mined in this one locality.

Chloride is surrounded by producing mines. Some of these have taken fortunes from the hills—others have put fortunes back into the hills. It's a great game, a gamble, with high stakes—if you win. The old saying "a mine is a hole in the ground to sell to a fool," isn't always true.

Maybe you would like to take a whirl at prospecting . . . Maybe you would like to invest in a mine. There is plenty of prospecting being done and Kingman is in town to fit you out with all you need for the job. Most everyone in town has a mine or two. Stop and visit with them. You will get a thrill out of the history of their mines, and who knows—maybe you'll find your bonanza?

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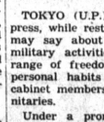

Ask for these at the Library

"WAR IN HEAVEN" by Philip Barry: Every once in a while there comes a book that reads like a play. This gripping narrative is really a modern "Everyman" done in a speakeasy for vaudevillians by a master playwright who has deviated only slightly from his playwriting style. The story of Claney, chief protagonist in a minuscule world of brilliantly-typed characters, is fantasy daubed with realism. Within the confines of a narrow room with a tiny stage at one end is played an episode which will certainly intrigue any reader, repulse some and give others disturbing thought or two. Put it on your "must" list.

Big Tokyo News: Cabinet Minister Goes on Wagon

TOKYO (U.P.)—The Japanese press, while restricted in what it may say about the politics or military activities, has a wide range of freedom in discussing personal habits and affairs of cabinet members and other dignitaries.

Under a prominent headline, "Shiono gives up drinking," the newspaper Asahi related that Justice Minister Suehiko Shiono had developed an acid stomach condition from "excessive drinking."

"As he was mildly scolded by his daughter, the Justice Minister has given up the sake cup," the article stated. Sake is the native rice wine.

"Slang Slinging" Success

WATKINS, N. Y. (U.P.)—When it comes to "dishing out slang," Edwin Barkman knows his stuff. In a slang contest conducted at the University of Kentucky, he took first prize.

Law Protects the Unlawful

SANTA CLARA (U.P.)—Pin ball machines are illegal in themselves but nevertheless seem to have legal rights if abused. A player was fined $50 for dropping slugs into them.