# EDITORIALS

#### Aore Women in Office

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The four states which do npt have women wmakers are Alabama, Nebraska, Oklaho and Virginia.

The trend toward more women in electrofices will, of course, continus. We have figures on the number of women in munical office, although that figure has no doubt creased substantially is recent years. The le of women in public office is particulty valuable in cases where they have head a clean-up campaign and ousted corrupt littical machines from office. The influx of omen into elective offices in the United ates, since 1920, has been a healthy intence on the American scene and will and ould continue.

## **Buying Radio Stations**

The Federal Communications Commission recently restated its rules on multiple owner-ship of broadcasting and television stations. The FCC ordered one broadcasting system and one individual to show cause why they should not dispose of some of their stations within three years, as required by law.

The limit on ownership of standard broadcasting stations is seven as it is with FM stations. The limit for television stations is five. That is, no person, or corporation, can own a majority of stock in more than this number of stations.

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Although at first glance this arbitrary rule may seem to interfere with private enterprise, there is very good reason for it. In fact, there is not much question but that a similar rule, as affecting newspapers, might be desirable, although it is highly improbable at this

date.

Radio stations, like television stations, disseminate news to the public and have a semipublic responsibility. Because the American
citizen depends upon the newspaper and the
airways for his news, to be informed about
the events of the day, it is vital that no one
corporation or individual gains a disproportionate influence in these semi-public news
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It seems to us that this is an example of government regulation of a free enterprise which is desirable from the public's standpoint. In passing, we will also comment that if the trend toward newspaper chains and centralization of ownership of newspapers continues, the Government may eventually (although it may be decades in the future) step in to decentralize newspaper ownership.

#### Juvenile Delinquents

### The Piltdown Man

The Women's Division of the Republican rational Committee recently reported that are women are now serving in public office are very before. Division Director Berthal dins says results of a recent survey conted by the committee shows that there is an ever-increasing recognition of women and helr qualifications for important places in overnment."

The study showed that there will be 12 tongresswomen in the second session of the left Congress, six Republicans and five Demirats in the House and one Republican in the Senate. The study also showed that a tere are 289 women in the State Legislaures today, whereas the figure was only 20 momen in the legislatures in 1920—the first earl of women's suffrage in the United lates.

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ing the bones and, finally, they were put in the British Natural History Museum.

In later years, however, there have been skeptics and the latest issue of the Museum's. builetin contained a bombshell for all those who had assumed the skull to be 500,000 years old. The jawbone of the skull is revealed to be that of a modern ape, which had been altered with chemicals to change its appearance. The cap of the skull is genuine, though only 50,000 years old.

The bulletin report was signed by three experts, who claimed that the "faking" of the jawbone was an extraordinarily skillful hoax. This revelation is particularly interesting in view of the fact that Sir Arthur spent five years studying the amazing discovery and in view of the speculation over Charles Dawson, who first reported the discovery. Since forty-two years have 'elapsed since the discovery was announced, it all adds up to a very teasing story, and we suspect that one of the principals concerned should have been a writter of fiction, rather than an amateur geologist. Meanwhile, the dyed-in-the-wool paleontologists of Europe are having themselves a quite a tizzy.

#### The Income Tax Bite

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The Department of Commerce issued a statement recently showing that about eight and a half per cent of the total family income of 1950 was paid to the Federal Government in income taxes. This figure may seem surprisingly small to some, especially those who thought that many families paid more than fifty per cent of their income to the Government in income taxes.

While there are families who pay income taxes in these high brackets, the number is so small that the national average income tax payment is eight and a half per cent of the total family income for the nation.

The latest Commerce Department figures show Federal income taxes, in 1950, took eight per cent of the income in the \$7,500,000-\$10,000 class family. Families and non-dependent individuals with incomes over \$10,000 paid nine-teen per cent of their income to the Federal Government as income tax.

An interesting part of the report is that which shows the national family income, before taxes, to have been about \$4,460 in 1980. The report shows that family income is up considerably but the average Federal income tax is not as high as many assume.

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#### Wider Use of Appliances

The electrical industry's publication "Blectrical Merchandising" recently compared the number of electrical appliances in use immediately after World War II and those in use at the present time. The comparison makes interesting reading.

The National Educational Association said recently that broken homes, unworthy parents, poverty and other cause factors, were costing the country more than is generally real ted, Pointing out that it was ten times cheaper to pay for a child's education than to let him become a delinquent, the NEA called tipon parents to see to it that children of school age are sent to school.

The Association reported that school at tendance records for 1953 showed that fifteen per cent of the children in the 14to-17year age bracket were not enrolled in any school. This is a surprisingly high percentage in view of the fact that all of the states now have compulsory attendance laws.

Stressing the fact that schools prevent delinquency, the NEA calls upon parents to invest in their children's education, as the moral thing to do and as the economical thing also. The juvenile delinquent, the Association said, sosts society about \$2,500 a year. However, it costs only about \$228 to keep that same juvenile in school, according to the NEA report.

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#### EDWARD H. SIMS

### Churchill's Latest Book Details Red Dishonesty

The biggest question concerning the possible Big Fourforeign ministers smeeting (which may or may not be axed by-the time you read this) is whether the Russians are willing to make at least some concessions in an effort to insure peace for a number of years.

Prime Minister Winston Churchill'a latest book details the dishonesty of the Kremlin and the beginning of the break-down between Moscow and London and Washington in the many chapters dealing with the dispute over Poland. Tragically, this disruptive issue came about as Rooseyelt was dying, and FDR actually died just as the Russians were breaking their solemn Yalia agreement to insure free elections in Poland.

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In his sixth war-record volume Churchill shows how painful it was to see the Reds getting away with this at a time when a new President was coming. into office in Washington Churchill proded Roosevelt in his last days to get tough with Uncle Joe, and at last Roosevelt got mad, but it was too late, for Roosevelt died only days after he had sent Stailn his stiffest note.

Churchill gives a clear picture of Soviet treachery in Poland during the spring months of 1945, just as victory showed its head. Unfortunately of the two leaders who got assurances from Stailn at Yalta, one was dead and the other turned out of office just a month or so after the war ended. This gave Stailn an easier task in eastern Europe.

Ever since that time the Reds have used foreign min

isters' conferences to get con-cessions or berate the west-ern powers. The United States finally got tired of this pro-cess and broke off such meet-ings. Now the first such meet-ings. Now the first such meet-ing in years has been proposed. The only reason for any lope-are the changes in resem-months: Stalls is dead; the U.

are the changes in recent months: Stalin is dead; the U. S. is rearmed; atom warfare poses a new kind of threat.

Maybe in these circumstances, the Soviet attitude will be different. But just maybe. The majority opinion is that the Soviet attitude will be just about the same and that the meeting—if there is one—will be used mainly for propaganda purposes. If that is the case, it may be a long time before there is another one.

#### Capital Notes

EGGS
The price of eggs during 1953 may set a record high but should decline slightly in 1954, according to the Agriculture Department. Feed, the largest single-cost item in egg or poutry production, is expected to be plentiful in 1954.

#### TRANSATLANTIC CABLE

Plans to construct the first telephone cable system across the Atlantic Ocean, at a cost of \$35,00,000 have been announced by American Telephone and Telegraph Company. The cable will be by 'far the longest underseas voice cable in the world and the first to be laid at depths found in mid-ocean. The project will take three years to complete.

#### It'll Take More 'Wham' in '54



## THE SOUIRREL CAGE

BY REID BUNDY

We have just finished up with 1953, halled as the "Golden Year of Powered Flight." The year has gone but a glint of the gold remains. It has just been announced that 1954 is another golden year, It is the 50th anniversary of the tea

Some very scientific chaps claim that the inside of the earth isn't as hot as it has been claimed. In our unscien-tific opinion, the outside could be described the same way.

An "uptown" paper which circulates through here now and then recently carried a small story about a country editor's death. The headline said, "Editor, Former Lt. Governor, Ltes." Just their way of proving he was a politician to the very end, no doubt.

Here's one with some kind of a sermon in it. Two "side-walk superintendents" who stood watching a big bulldozer at work lifting great chunks of earth at each scoop. "Just think," one complained. "If it weren't 10r that scoop, a hundred men might be working with shoyels."

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"Yes," agreed the other, "or
n thousand men with

Sunny Gale has decided that about the only thing in a mod-ern house that doesn't have a button on it is father's shirt.

Heard another PTA-type story the other day, I'm not collecting them, understand. It just seems there are quite a few around right now. In this one, a mother with a son 21, a daughter 18, and another daughter 16 had just been told by her doctor that she could get things organized for another child. "On no, doctor," she moaned. "I couldn't go through that again." The doctor reassured her that she would have pe trouble and that averything would be just fine. "But doctor," is cried, "I don't want to go through that PTA business again."

Milton Swensk, Herald photographer and darkroom technician, probably never heard that old saw about the steam that goes into blowing the whistle is never going to turn any wheels in the plant. He thinks he's a talented kid and will tell you so at the drop, of a hat. Recently, someone tacked a neatly lettered sign on the darkroom door which read, "Modesty restrains me but honesty compels me to say I AM GREAT!" Instead of being insulted because of the brashness of the move, he felt that his talents were still being underestimated. Until he finds a better sign, he's leaving that one on the door.

### STANLEY JAMES

# **Three Filibusters** Greet Congressmen

"This is the first session of Congress that ever opened with three fillbusters." So wise-cracked a newspaperman-interviewing Senate Minority Leader Lyndon Johnson of Toxas about the prospective legislative program for the first few weeks of this new sessions of Congress. He referred, of course, to three highly controversial matters on the slate for early votes:

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ments. However the leaders could arrive at only a general agreement on the timing of legislation. They can control individual members of their own parties who feel the urge to protect local interests on the three explosive issues.

In fact, a member of President Elsenhower's own party, Senator Butler of Maryland, opened fire on the St. Levrence See way immediately before the second of the second second in the seaway went to be seen to b

#### WASHINGTON NOTES

WORLD'S POPULATION

In 1953, the world's popula-tion grew at a rate of 70,000 a day, to a total of more than 2,500,000,000. Of these, more than one-half was underfed or otherwise impoverished. World production of food did not keep pace with the population increase, it is reported.

#### TAX REDUCTIONS

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If Federal spending can be reduced by at least \$5,000,000,000 in the next fiscal year, the automatic tax reductions, as scheduled to go into effect on April 1st, should be allowed to become effective, according to the Committee for Economic Development.

RED TRADE

The Government's foreign aid chief, Harold Stassen, recently disclosed an Administration decision to permit wider trade with Communist couries in nonstrategic items. However, he declares that the Government has put an even tighter clamp on trade in strategic materials and goods. Such products as cotton, rubber, drugs and pharmaceuticals no longer are banned for shipment to Communist customers.

COTTON

In an effort to ease the impact of the drastic cutbactordered in cotton acreage for this crop year, Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson has asked the Congress to permit an increase of about 3,000,000 acres.

PATRONAGE

The patronage machine of the Republican Party is expected to get into high gear within the next few months. The Farty has approximately 5,000 names in its files, with attorneys making up the largest professional bloc. Republican officials say there is a good-chance for many of these to get on the Government non-Civil Service payroll, as Democratic attorneys are being weeded out.

LOAN TOTALS

Individual Americans give evidence that they plan to borrow less money this year than they did in 1953, when consumer loans went up \$2,000, consumer loans went up \$2,000,.000 to a record total of \$28,000,000,000. While home mortgages increased \$7,000,.000 to a total of \$85,000,.000,000 many observers believe that fewer homes will be built in 1954, thus reducing the total of home mortgage indebtedness.

"PROBLEM DRINKERS"

Washington, D. C., has the greatest percentage of "problem drinkers"—in—the—nation, according to R. M. Henderson, Industrial consultant to the Yale Center of Alcohol Studies. California ranks first among the states in the number of problem drinkers, he asserted. Problem drinkers, according to Henderson, lose an average of 22 days work a year, have an accident rate tude that of nonalcoholics and have a life apan 12 years shorter.

UNEMPLOYMENT
There were 425,000 more unemployed persons in the United States at the end of 1955 than a year ago, according to the Department of Commerce. An increase of 400,000 jobless in December brought the year-end total to 1,850,000, somewhat better than economists had expected.

CREDIT BUYING

For the fifth month in succession, the public cut down sharply on credit buying in November, according to a Federal Reserve Board report, which said total consumer credit in November increased only \$85,000,000, bringing the total of consumer credit to \$22,500,000, for an increase of \$3,641,000,000 from the said of November 1992. The largest part of the decrease was credited to the unusual decline in automobile purchases, where credit increased only \$21,000,000 compared with \$225,000,000 the year before, CREDIT BUYING

