

AROUND THE U.S.—
**'Finders Keepers' Lawful—
So Woman Can Keep Bond**

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 30 (U. P.).—The children's axiom, "finders keepers," was a topic for legal debate today.

Circuit Judge Lawrence E. Stone ruled that Mrs. Grace Pyle was the rightful owner of a \$1000 bond which she found on the floor of the Springfield Marine bank safety deposit vault on Oct. 21, 1941. All efforts to find the bond's owner had failed.

VERONIA, Ore., Jan. 30 (U. P.).—Veronia's only theater was closed today as teen-agers movie-goers marched under the marquee to protest against paying the full adult admission price of 50 cents. Adults and kids in the 10-cent bracket respected the "picket line."

Two-Pound Baby to Live

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 30 (U. P.).—West Side general hospital physicians said today that one-month-old Constance Mattson—who weighs only one pound 13 1/2 ounces—is out of danger and probably will live. Doctors held little hope for Constance when she was born prematurely Dec. 31—weighing two pounds six ounces.

DETROIT, Jan. 30 (U. P.).—Patrolman William Jacobs opened the package, heaved a sigh of relief. His only pair of uniform pants—stolen from his patrol wagon the night before—had been returned by mail.

Lucky He Didn't Miss Cable

CHICAGO, Jan. 30 (U. P.).—Francis A. Bienenstein, 40, Detroit, ran from his room on the sixth floor of the Congress hotel to catch an elevator—but was only half successful.

The elevator went up. The doors of the shaft were slow closing. Mr. Bienenstein found himself hanging to a cable just beneath it. The elevator operator maneuvered the car to the third floor. There hotel employees rescued Mr. Bienenstein with the aid of a ladder.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Jan. 30 (U. P.).—Alexander Wiggin, 72, was being treated today for shock suffered from the "kick" of a shotgun he fired out of his window. He shot the gun to attract neighbors when he thought he was about to have a heart attack.

Erring Hubby Can't Win

SALEM, Mass., Jan. 30 (U. P.).—Mrs. Rita Joyce said today her husband thought he was safe in carrying on a love affair with a deaf mute neighbor—who couldn't tell anybody.

She charged in a divorce petition that her sailor-husband exchanged ardent sweet nothings with the neighbor on a school slate. The woman finally called on Mrs. Joyce, bringing her slate. "He makes love to me every day," she wrote.

CHICAGO, Jan. 30 (U. P.).—John Frita promised the judge he'd give up drinking. Furthermore, he said he'd put his feet back on solid ground as soon as his wife returned them. Judge Mason Sullivan dismissed the disorderly conduct charge. Frita's wife, Edna, said she would never again hide her husband's artificial feet.

Here Was a Thoughtful Man

DENVER, Jan. 30 (U. P.).—Ernest Knox, 67, in jail serving out a \$10 fine, admitted today that his preventive foresight hadn't worked any cure.

Knox, a railroad car cleaner, was found with 79 boxes of cough drops on his person. He said his girl friend from Des Moines, Iowa, was coming to visit him and was "allergic to colds." He said stole the cough drops in order to have a good supply on hand for her when she arrived.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 30 (U. P.).—Police today sought a "tall, tan and terrific" thief. He threw the staid Wurlitzer School of Music into an uproar and stole \$18 from a cash drawer. Then he attempted to kiss an elevator operator before making his escape.

Virginia Brown, 25, the elevator operator, gave police the "tall, tan and terrific" description.

Rattlers Worry Statler's Chef

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30 (U. P.).—The chef at the Statler hotel was worried today and all because of the state of Texas and its rattlesnakes.

Texans hold their famed "brag" dinner at the Statler tonight. They brought along by air a big supply of food including beefsteaks, rattlesnake steaks, a live rattler and what they called "other delicacies."

Austin Anson of Harlingen, Tex., manager of the Texas Fruit and Vegetable Growers and Shippers association, which sponsors the dinner, said the live rattler was just in case the already prepared rattlesnake steaks weren't enough.

The Statler's chef hoped it wouldn't come to that.

**PLAN HYDROPONIC
FARMING IN JAPAN**

TOKYO, Jan. 30 (U. P.).—A plan to introduce the hydroponic method of raising vegetables in Japan in order to augment the limited food supply was announced today by supreme allied headquarters.

American officials estimated hydroponic "farming" will provide fresh vegetables for occupation forces at least eight times a week.

Hydroponics—the method of growing vegetables in ground coral or gravel with fresh water and artificial nutrients—was practiced successfully in isolated areas throughout the world during the war.

The plan calls for construction of huge, shallow concrete tanks in bomb-devastated areas which otherwise could not be used for agricultural purposes. The tanks will be filled with gravel through which water containing artificial plant food will be circulated.

The seedlings, started in cold frames, will be transplanted to these gravel beds.

A 40-acre plot between Tokyo and Yokohama has been selected as the site for the first vegetable bed. Later another 40-acre tank will be constructed in southern Japan.

**Declared Dead
TECHNICIAN 8TH GRADE**

CLAYTON C. PLUM, missing in action since Jan. 14, 1945, has been officially declared dead, his mother, Mrs. M. M. Johnson, Bridgeport, has been notified.

He was lost in action near Hatton, France, when the enemy scored a direct hit on his tank.

The tankman went overseas in September of 1944 and was serving with the 14th armored division.

He is survived by his mother; his father, William Plum, Sioux City, Iowa; a sister, Mrs. Bessie Saxton, Bridgeport, and a brother, William Plum Jr., Sioux City.

URGES WORKERS' PROTECTION WASHINGTON, Jan. 30 (U. P.).—Secretary of Labor Lewis B. Schwellenbach said today that the workmen's compensation laws should be amended in 29 states to make coverage compulsory instead of optional.

**MORGAN CLEARED
OF ANTI-SEMITISM**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30 (U. P.).—British Lt. Gen. Sir Frederick Morgan has been cleared of charges of anti-semitism and will carry on as United Nations relief and rehabilitation chief in central Germany.

UNRRA Director-general Herbert H. Lehman announced last night that he had reinstated Morgan after "long and searching" talks with him.

UNRRA ordered Gen. Morgan's dismissal after he remarked at a Jan. 2 press conference that he believed there was a "well-organized, positive plan" among the Jews to get out of Europe.

His remarks drew a storm of protests from Zionist organizations. Some accused Gen. Morgan of attempting to influence the findings of the Anglo-American committee of inquiry on Palestine which was about to open its hearings.

Gen. Morgan refused to resign and asked to appeal in person to Mr. Lehman. He flew to the United States to make the appeal.

Mr. Lehman said he felt "justified in continuing to place confidence" in Gen. Morgan.

**'Victim' in Kidnaping Hoax
Is Found Sitting in Cafe**

WEYMOUTH, Mass., Jan. 30 (U. P.).—Mrs. Betty Reader, 25, mother of three children, returned home with her husband today, convinced that a kidnap hoax wasn't funny.

The attractive mother of three children was found in a Quincy, Mass., cafe last night, frightened by the wide publicity and six-state police search set off when she telephoned a neighbor's home Monday night to tell her husband she was being kidnaped.

"For God's sake call the police," Mrs. Reader had screamed into the telephone, then hung up. She got plenty of police. They questioned her for several hours after locating her last night and she left police headquarters very subdued.

Police did not reveal where she spent the night after inventing the kidnaping story for her husband. "It was just a family affair," said Police Chief Edward F. Butler, who added that no charges would be filed.

Capt. William F. McIntyre of the Quincy police, who led the questioning of Mrs. Reader, said she was "a little discouraged" with domestic routine. Police, who questioned neighbors about Mrs. Reader, a waitress, decided yesterday that the kidnaping was a hoax, but continued their search.

Mrs. Reader telephoned the same neighbor late yesterday and said she didn't know what to do. Police traced her call and found her sitting in the Quincy cafe. "I just made it up," she admitted. "Now I'm afraid to go home because of all the commotion that I seem to have caused."

**CARRIER COMMAND
QUITS STOUT FIELD**

The IX Troop Carrier Command climbed into "the wild blue yonder" once again, this time on a peaceful mission transferring headquarters.

Formal inactivation of Stout field as command headquarters will be completed tomorrow at midnight.

But its "unofficial" termination as an operating base came yesterday when Brig. Gen. William M. Gross and five members of his staff headed for Greenville, S. C., where the command's new base will be located.

This departure climaxed a mass evacuation of equipment and personnel in C-47's from the army air forces station to Greenville.

More than 300 men, including a small "housekeeping" unit, will remain to liquidate property and patrol the field. No definite date has been established for official transfer of the base to state and National Guard control.

In June, 1942, the IX Troop Carrier Command occupied the field. The IX Troop contingent when it returned from European service and made Stout field its new headquarters in June, 1945.



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