

AROUND THE U. S.—

Horse Climbs Stairs, but Can't Get Down From Mow

CODCHESTER, Conn., Feb. 11 (U. P.)—Maestro is an educated horse. He knows more tricks than any other horse in Vincent Savalle's stable.

But he went so far in his latest. He climbed a narrow stairway into the hay mow, although all the rules of mathematics said it couldn't be done.

This happened last Friday. Maestro is still in the hay mow. The mow has no other opening than the flight of eleven steps, two feet wide, with a right-angle turn at the bottom.

Mr. Savalle has spent three days worrying how to get him down. He has to run up and down stairs with Maestro's meals—because there's no hay in the hay mow.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11 (U. P.)—Mrs. Lafell Dickinson, president of the General Federation of Women's clubs, declared today that any unwillingness of Americans to share food with the world's hungry "is due to the sluggish thinking of overfed people."

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 11 (U. P.)—A 13-foot 6½ inch geranium was en route to Geneva, Ill., today to defend California's honor. The plant was dispatched by members of the All-Year club.

Mrs. Lillian P. Budd, a southern Californian now in Geneva with her navy husband, told Illinois college professors that geraniums grow root-toe tall in California.

When they scoffed, Mrs. Budd appealed to the All-Year club to send confirming evidence. They found the giant geranium, cut it down with a hatchet and expressed it to Mrs. Budd in a special crate.

Goat 'Hero' Finally Gets Home (?)

GOSHEN, Ind., Feb. 11 (U. P.)—This is a story about a goat—alias Billy the Kid—alias "B. O. Plenty."

About 10 days ago Billy was put up for sale at a relief auction along with hundreds of other animals and articles.

Money from the sale—more than \$10,000—was spent for carloads of rolled oats for hungry Poland.

Billy was sold at least two dozen times. But in each instance the buyer turned him back for resale. Bill brought a total of \$135 for charity. But he remained alone in the sale barn over the weekend.

Finally Ray Messick—the auctioneer—took the animal to his slaughter house.

Apparently Messick didn't care for Billy's—ah—personality either. Last Saturday Bill was found tied to the basement door of the Goshen News-Democrat office. The editors couldn't take Billy either.

Today Billy was led away to Noah Frauhiger's farm. He finally has a home—however temporary.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11 (U. P.)—The shortage of nylon stockings in suburban Hyattsville, Md., was not quite so acute today. A train last night demolished a truck which had stalled on the crossing. Dozens of persons grabbed stockings and socks from the snow before police arrived. The cargo included stockings, men's socks and 2500 pound bolts of nylon yarn. The truck driver escaped injury.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 11 (U. P.)—300 war veterans were thanking Joe Podajewski today for the party he gave them.

Joe made the promise back in the war years. He told his wife: "When all the kids in the neighborhood come back, I'm going to give them a party—a big one."

They held the party yesterday. They hired a hall and got a band for dancing and had the whole neighborhood pitch in with fixing up the chicken dinners.

They had fun—and they thanked Joe, even though he wasn't there. He died a year ago. His widow kept faith with the "kids."

Veteran May Be 'Substitute Son'

CATTARAUGUS, N. Y., Feb. 11 (U. P.)—A crippled, partially blinded war veteran may spend the remainder of his life on a quiet western New York farm.

He may be a "substitute son" of a farm couple's two boys who died as Japanese prisoners.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur G. Milks have invited the veteran to share their home, it was disclosed today. They declined to reveal his identity until "he's sure he wants to come."

The 22-year-old soldier—a victim of German shellfire at Saarhausen—is still in an arm hospital. He lost his left eye and left leg, Mrs. Milks said. Mrs. Milks has sent him innumerable packages of home-prepared foods and books.

The Milks had two sons, Robert and Stanley. Robert died of dysentery after his capture at Bataan. Stanley, also taken prisoner at Bataan, lost his life when American bombers sank the enemy ship which was taking him to Japan.

21 HORSES DIE IN FIRE

NEW YORK, Feb. 11 (U. P.)—through a Long Island riding academy. Roxspring Rip, a well-known steeplechaser, was one of the victims when a \$100,000 fire swept

REOPEN PARKING METER BIDDING**Works Board Starts Third Move to Purchase.**

The works board today reopened the city's proposal to purchase 1440 parking meters.

Two previous bid-takings ended in confusion when the city council rejected recommendations of both the mayor's parking meter committee and the works board. The council last week refused to approve a contract awarded by the works board.

When the works board today voted to again accept bids, Dr. Walter E. Hemphill, board vice president, said:

"I'd like to have the city council finance committee appear before the board to tell us why the other contracts were rejected."

"You know why they were rejected," interposed Purchasing Agent Edward G. Hereth.

"No, I don't know," replied Dr.

Hemphill. "Why?" "I think you know why," Mr. Hereth reiterated. Dr. Hemphill suggested withholding the bid-taking motion until the city council itself okayed specifications, but the board, by a 3-to-1 vote, agreed to reopen bidding Feb. 25.

Samples of bidders' products must be in City hall by Feb. 20.

Board Member Gideon Blain declared: "The people of Indianapolis want parking meters."

Tossed back and forth between various city departments and city council for more than a year, the parking meter issue has grown warm with friction. Last summer, Mayor Tyndall's citizens committee recommended purchase of Karpark meters, manufactured in Cincinnati.

The final date of the Victory Clothing Collection for Overseas Relief was extended from Jan. 31 to Feb. 16 because of the destitute condition of populations of both Europe and Asia.

The Rt. Rev. R. A. Kirchhoffer, bishop of the Episcopal diocese of Indianapolis, appealed for gifts to the clothing drive saying the destitute peoples overseas need clothing and bedding just as much as food.

"We must not have mass starvation."

FIREHOUSES ARE DRIVE CENTERS**Clothing for Europe Should Be Delivered Now.**

Bundles of clothing and bedding for the suffering peoples of Europe should be taken to local firehouses.

Since many of the churches and other organizations, which have been serving as collection centers, have ceased to do so, officials announced that the fire houses should be used. Gifts of wearing apparel, bedding and materials will be accepted until the end of this week.

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tion and freezing of those who helped us to win the battle for the preservation of civilization," he urged. Bishop Kirchhoffer is county chairman of the drive.

More bedding and materials are especially needed, George A. Smith, director of the collection for the city and county, reported. Clothing already given is of an unusually high quality, according to Mr. Smith. And it is expected that a record total of 85 to 100 tons of used materials will go from Indianapolis.

Mr. Smith has requested that churches which have closed their collection centers call headquarters so that Saturday trucks may pick up offerings still on hand.

DONALD E. BOWEN IS COMMISSIONED

Donald E. Bowen, 1440 N. Delaware st., has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the Finance Department following completion of the O. C. S. course at Ft. Harrison.

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an alleged backlog of 16,000 unprocessed cases of all types at the Indianapolis veterans' hospital. A total of 300 cases have been approved and are awaiting hospitalization, Legion figures show.

William E. Sayer, department adjutant, protested abandonment of Billings general hospital "at a time when 7000 approved hospital cases are awaiting admission throughout the country." The figures are the result of a recent Legion survey.

The adjutant pointed out that the hospital was established to accommodate 4000 patients.

Waiting Patient Died

"There's still a squabble where to locate the new hospital here," declared John Samulowitz, department general hospital chairman.

Meanwhile, 50,000 veterans of Lake county are without any place to go when hospitalization is needed, charged Raymond Pyatt, Gary. He said cases sent to Hines veterans hospital at Chicago are being returned, although Lake county is serviced through this institution.

Oscar R. Brown, Peru, Indiana department service officer, asserted the "basic issue is whether the veterans' administration is bringing . . . adequate care that congress and the people intend."

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