



Mitzu, 6-year-old Angora-Persian cat owned by Mrs. Rose Lloyd of Hollywood, doesn't believe in class distinction as she nurses the seven baby skunks she adopted after the skunk kittens were abandoned by their mother—the stinker!

### Predicts Synthetic Rubber Industry Here to Stay

AKRON, May 6 (UP) — The war-born synthetic rubber industry is here to stay. It doubtless will have its periods of recession, but it will never collapse or fade out. In fact, many rubber scientists, including R. P. Dinsmore, vice-president and research chief of the Goodyear Tire & Rubber company, believe that under certain conditions synthetic may flourish even when the supply of crude rubber again becomes adequate. According to Dinsmore, "in a year or so" the quality of synthetic tires may be as good as prewar tires built exclusively from crude rubber. Furthermore, he is confident that researchers eventually will make synthetic rubber competitive in price with crude.

going to be a job to keep the trucks going." Dinsmore said the demand for civilian tires after the war will be "very high" here and abroad and there will be need for large amounts of synthetic rubber during the immediate post-war period. He also is confident the industry can keep pace with automobile manufacturers' plans for boosting passenger car production from 4,000,000 to 6,000,000 units annually. "We can keep abreast with the automobile industry provided conversion doesn't hit us too suddenly," Dinsmore said. "We assume there will be some program for orderly reversion to peacetime manufacture."

### Fly Far for Shepherders Nevada Needs

There is such a serious shortage of shepherders in Nevada that two Elko county shepherds have gone to Mexico by plane in an effort to recruit 100 Basque refugees there and in other Latin American republics for ranges in this state. These Basques escaped from Spain during the revolution. These in the rather remarkable quest are D. A. Hughes, secretary-treasurer of the Eastern Nevada Sheep Growers' association, and Pete Alio. There is much government red tape involved. The Basques are to be brought into the country under \$500 bond each as a guaranty of their departure one year after the war — they are admitted for the duration and a year thereafter only. Senator Pat McCarran has been working closely with the shepherds and through him various obstacles were cleared away. In Mexico City they must work through the U. S. Embassy, as all Basque herders must have American consular approval to enter this country. Hughes reports requests from Idaho, Wyoming, Montana and Utah for cooperation with shepherds there in locating similar help. Four Basque shepherders were brought into White Pine county last fall under the Hughes plan and proved efficient and dependable, and eleven others are shortly to be admitted to the United States.

Results "Very Pleasing" "Instead of one, two or three kinds of synthetic rubber," he said, "we should have several of them — like plastics — and adapt them to specific purposes." The scholarly research chief asserted the industry was "extremely pleased" with the quality of passenger car tires made from synthetic rubber. He said they performed excellently "except perhaps in the hottest summer temperatures in combination with high speeds." "In fact," he said, "our passenger car tires have been so good—even under the most severe type of handling — that we've shifted our emphasis to the truck tire." Dinsmore said now it is possible to build a satisfactory tire for high-speed trucks from 50 per cent synthetic rubber with a rayon fabric carcass. Eventually, however, manufacturers must shift to 70 per cent synthetic, a development which doubtless will plague commercial fleet operators unless high speeds and excessive loading are reduced. 1944 Goals Seen Short The Goodyear executive doesn't expect the rubber industry to achieve its goals of 30,000,000 passenger car tires and 22,000,000 truck and bus tires because the bulk of equipment for synthetic tire plants "will be coming in during the latter half of the year." He said manufacturers probably would build only 20,000,000 automobile tires and about 18,000,000 truck and bus tires. "The bulk of passenger car tire carcasses are in good shape," he said, "and re-capping has proved fairly adequate. There is no cause for concern here. However, it's

### Old Man Says He Murdered Teacher Many Years Ago

ST. HELENS, Ore., May 6 (UP)—A. J. Pritchard, 73, who said he beat his small son's school teacher to death nearly 39 years ago in West Virginia, today offered a confession of the crime at the Columbia county sheriff's office. The elderly Pritchard, resident of Rainier, Oregon, for 36 years, said that on November 16, 1905, he murdered Walter O. Smith, 28, at Houlit, West Virginia. He said he was charged with the murder under his name then, Benjamin Franklin Mayle, and was 34 years old. He never was apprehended. His estranged wife had told persons at St. Helens and at Rainier that her husband was wanted for murder in the east, but her account was vague and given little credence. Pritchard has given the Columbia county sheriff, M. R. Calhoun, his address and agreed to extradition to West Virginia if required. Calhoun quoted Pritchard as saying the crime preyed on his mind and that he wanted to ease his conscience. The sheriff said communications with officials of Marion county, West Virginia, verified Pritchard's statement as to the death of Smith. It returned to West Virginia Pritchard may stand trial at the court house in Fairmont, where he was employed as a construction employe at the time of the slaying. He indicated that he might plead self-defense.

### Rotarians Show Fighting Marines

At Thursday's meeting of Las Vegas Rotary club, two reels of motion pictures, one entitled, "Yanks Invade Marshalls" and the other "Marines Capture Tarawa," both taken by army photographers during the actions, were shown by Mr. Sibert, through the courtesy of Mr. J. B. Erickson, district manager of General Petroleum. The pictures were extremely realistic and gave one an idea of what it is like to be in battle. The Tarawa campaign of three days, it will be recalled, resulted in over 5,000 casualties for the United States forces, of which something like 1,100 were killed. Max Kelch gave an interesting resume of the weeks war news. Jim Cashman spoke on the coming Helldorado celebration and recalled a picture of the members of the Rotary club taken some years ago in which all were dressed in Helldorado costumes. He hinted that heavy fines await all who do not appear at next meeting properly garbed. Ernie Cragin, chairman of the Rodeo feature of Helldorado, declared that the coming event would be "the best show ever held in Las Vegas." Bennie Cashman of the Merchant Marine forces, nephew of Jim Cashman, was introduced and spoke briefly. He was received with hearty applause.

### Farmers Seek To Beat Last Year Product

SAN FRANCISCO, May 6 (UP) — A survey of Farm Security Administration borrowers in four western states showed "farmers' morale never was higher" and small farmers, proud of their 1943 production records, are convinced they can do better this year, according to R. W. Hollenberg, regional FSA director. Hollenberg said hundreds of farmers in California, Arizona, Utah and Nevada, "who a few years ago were down and out, on relief, or hardly able to make ends meet," had written his office that they planned to double, if not triple, production in 1944. Shortages of land, machinery and lack of marketing facilities were the most common difficulties faced by small farmers, Hollenberg said, but many letters expressed pride that increased production had enabled the writer to pay off FSA loans ahead of schedule, buy bonds and pay up taxes. Few complained about labor shortages.



Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower pins a flag on his home town of Abilene, Kas., on map at American Red Cross Rainbow Corner in London. On his flag he inscribed the word, "Ike." Red Cross photo.

### Child Cripple Service Free

As a part of the program of the state and county health departments a free clinic for crippled children will be conducted Tuesday of this week from 9 a.m. until noon at Stewart and Second streets. These clinics are held twice a year with the object of giving every child with a crippling condition the opportunity for maximum physical restoration, and parents of youngsters needing such attention are invited. Appointments can be made at the health department in person or by phone.

Conducting the clinic will be Dr. Don King, an orthopedic surgeon from Stanford University, and Dr. L. R. Brigham, pediatrician, from Reno. Practicing physicians of the community may have the specialist consultation service at their request, and health department personnel will gladly arrange for such service in the interest of child physical welfare.

### Underhills Return From Mexico Tour

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Underhill observed their 26th wedding anniversary by a two weeks trip by air to Mexico City. They left Los Angeles on the evening of April 17, arriving in Mexico City next morning. They rented a car and drove to various points of interest including the city of Vera Cruz on the Gulf of Mexico coast; Pueblo and other cities in eastern Mexico. Then they spent two days in Acapulco on the Pacific coast, and a day at Tasco. They left the City of Mexico Saturday afternoon, arriving in Los Angeles Sunday forenoon and in Las Vegas by Western Airlines last Sunday evening. Mr. Underhill declares that it was a most interesting trip.

### GOVERNOR CANNOT COME FOR TENTH HELLDORADO

The condition of Governor E. P. Carville's health precludes his presence at the forthcoming Helldorado, his office has notified Show Director Lou Gammill. Nevada's chief executive has been sick for several weeks and is not in condition to undergo any exertion. The message from his office stated: "Although the governor is not seriously ill, his doctors have demanded that he have a complete rest and have particularly stressed the necessity for him to plan to get more rest in the future." If his health improves as anticipated the governor will go to the governors' conference in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, May 28-31 inclusive. He has been accorded the honor of delivering an address before the important conference.

### SENATOR WANTS HARBORS PROVIDED FOR OREGON

PORTLAND, Ore., May 6 (UP) — An amendment to the rivers and harbors bill which will provide for a survey of bays, inlets and rivers along the Oregon coast from Astoria to the California state line is sought by U. S. Senator Guy Cordon, according to word from Washington. Cordon, new member of the senate committee passing on river and harbor legislation, said that "enactment to this legislation would place Oregon in the forefront in obtaining adequate harbor facilities."

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### Battling Crickets And Grasshoppers By Use of Planes

Insect pests that menace Nevada crops, especially mormon crickets and grasshoppers, will be fought again with planes this year. Because of manpower shortage the aerial method will be used more than ever before. Protecting and furthering maximum wartime food production is the object. George G. Schweis, director of the state division of plant industry has announced that final arrangements have been concluded with the U. S. Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine for carrying on the work, the federal and state governments and counties assuming definite responsibilities. Territory where fall surveys indicated that crickets will be present this summer in outbreak numbers includes portions of Elko, Humboldt, Eureka and Lander counties. Light infestation of crop-damaging grasshoppers in several counties was also indicated, especially in Douglas county, and control is planned.

### April Travel to Dam Area Grows

In spite of war and the shortage of gasoline and rubber, travel into the Boulder Dam National Recreation Area showed an increase of 891 vehicles with 3,758 persons over the preceding month of March. Figures for April travel as checked into the area by rangers stationed at the various gateways, show that there were 7,023 vehicles carrying 23,484 persons. Net travel over the dam after allowing for "overlap" was 3,781 vehicles and 12,658 persons. Travel to the various areas is segregated as follows: Boulder Beach, 968 cars, 3188 passengers; Las Vegas Wash, 1507 cars, 5186 passengers; Pierce Ferry, 47 cars, 161 passengers; Eldorado, 162 cars, 559 passengers; Willow Beach, 219 cars, 604 passengers; Temple Bar, 19 cars, 52 passengers; Overton, 322 cars, 1076 passengers. Total travel for the season to date (October 1 to April 31) 43,242 vehicles and 128,620 passengers. For the corresponding period a year ago, the report shows 43,834 vehicles and 136,700 passengers. Forty-six states and the District of Columbia were represented by travel into this area last month.

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### D-DAY AND D-HOUR REFER TO TIME OF INVASION

Persons who have been puzzled as to what the "D" in "D-Day" stands for are advised that it stands for the "date"—for invasion. Even the highest authorities never mention the date needlessly among themselves when discussing plans for the tremendous military move. Another designation appearing now in the news is "H-Hour" which to those in the know stands for the very minute of the concerted movement. This also is never talked about save by this device. Use of these terms prevents the risk of information leaks when the important events are discussed.

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