

*J. Dulco Fri. May 17, 1957*

A happy ending story -- almost incredible. A seven year old boy - buried in a well on Long Island. Engulfed under sand - ever since yesterday. But, this afternoon, they rescued him alive. Although they believed that Benny Hooper - was dead.

Rescue attempts all night long. Oxygen - pumped into the well. Rescuers - digging a latteral shaft. But the shaft caved in - the soil consisting of sand.

Hope virtually abandoned. When, today, they put into operation a huge type of vacuum cleaner pump - obtained from the Brookhaven Laboratory of the Atomic Energy Commission. The sand - drawn out. The last flicker of hope - retained until then.

A doctor examined the limp form, and said - he was alive, all right. Benny Hooper - reviving. Then taken to a hospital in an ambulance. His mother - beside him. The boy - clutching his weeping mother with weakened arms. On his way to recovery, apparently.

## FLOOD

The Cimarron<sup>2</sup> River - one of the romantic streams of the West. But - the arch villain tonight.

The Cimarron cuts across Oklahoma - and has washed out nearly every railroad and highway bridge. At the town of Waynoka, they dedicated a new steel and concrete span, only two months ago. The bridge - cut through the middle, today, by the wild surge of the ~~in~~ stream.

The result - of continued rain. Yesterday, Oklahoma had - thirteen inches. Today - another eight inches. ~~of rain~~. Streams in flood, all over the place - especially the Cimarron.

The Arkansas River - also ~~pouring~~ pouring over its banks. And the Cimarron flows into the Arkansas - just above Tulsa. So you can see the peril of that oil-rich city -- as the crest of the flood roars down the Cimarron for a junction with the Arkansas.

The flood <sup>also</sup> <sup>on</sup> peril extends into Kansas and Missouri. Weather experts predicting- that the deluge in Kansas may be

as bad as in Nineteen Fifty One. The state's "year of disaster".

A number of lives lost - and the Red Cross says it is impossible to determine how many people are homeless in the flooded sections of three states.

## BUDGET

The Senate got out the knife again, today - and ~~it~~ <sup>another</sup> slashed two-hundred and fifty-eight million ~~dollars~~ from ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> Eisenhower budget; ~~it~~ <sup>this time</sup> ~~cutting the~~ money - requested for the Commerce Department and related agencies. The House ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~Representatives~~ had already made a deep cut in ~~the~~ this appropriation - but the Senate used the knife even more vigorously. The House and Senate versions - now to be harmonized,

The Senate acted only a few hours after President Eisenhower had issued a new warning - against excessive cuts in the budget. Saying these could be, what he called - "the most costly mistake in our entire national life." If - the National Defense Program is weakened.



TEAMSTERS

Fifth Amendment - in rapid fire succession today.

The self incrimination plea - rattled off as fast as a ~~gun~~ machine gun. This might be a record.

Norman Gessert - a cousin of the wife of Dave Beck, President of the Teamsters Union. Questioned about financial affairs, he refused an ~~an~~ answer - seventy-one times in twenty-one minutes, about three and a half times a minute. Dave Beck, himself, is a mighty taker of the Fifth Amendment, but <sup>Cousin</sup> Gessert seems to be - faster.

Yesterday, Beck refused to say - if he knew his own son, Dave Beck Jr. Today, Gessert was asked - did he know Beck? Taking the Fifth Amendment - on that. Refusing to say if he knew <sup>his cousin by marriage.</sup> ~~the~~ ~~man~~ husband of his cousin.

All of which would seem to be - the height of non-recognition in a family.

## MISSILE

In Washington, a disclosure - that one of the greatest difficulties in constructing an intercontinental ballistic missile has been eliminated. By a discovery - a scientist made five years ago. Julian Allen - chief of high speed ~~xxx~~ research at a laboratory run by the National Advisory Council for aeronautics. Who found a secret - which was ignored for quite a while.

The intercontinental missile - to rise above the atmosphere. Then - to come back into the atmosphere at a tremendous velocity. How to keep it - from burning up in the friction of the air? |

Julian Allen said - give it a blunt ~~xxx~~ nose.

But the accepted theory was - that the missile would have to have a sharp nose. Now, ~~xxxx~~ however, they know - the heat around the needle point would be so great, it would evaporate. While a blunt <sup>n</sup> nose would slow down the speed - as the missile re-enters the atmosphere. Also - throw out a sort of shield, which would absorb the heat.

Today, the scientist received the highest award granted by the National advisory committee for aeronautics - the Distinguished service Medal.

JAPAN

A huge demonstration in Tokyo - protesting against the British hydrogen bomb tests in the Christmas Island area.

Fifteen thousand students, <sup>—</sup><sub>^</sub> influenced by the Communists - raising an uproar at the British Embassy. Noisy - but, in

general, not violent. *Protesting against recent Soviet atomic tests in Siberia? Oh, No!*

An Embassy official admitted four <sup>spokesman</sup><sub>^</sub> ~~representatives~~ <sub>^</sub> for the mob - listening to what they had to say. But they became abusive - and were evicted.

Meanwhile, there was a counter-demonstration - by crowds shouting protests at the students. Telling them:-  
"stop playing into the hands of Communists."



## AIRPLANE

You'll probably think I've gone slightly whacky, when I make this next report - of an airplane flight in a truck. But that's what happened, at Coxacki, New York - ~~at~~ to the Hadsell brothers, Lester and Stanley.

They were transporting a piper cub on top of a one and a half ton truck. The plane lashed firmly to the vehicle.

The truck was rolling along, when there was ~~an~~ a sudden strong blast of wind. The gust - catching the wings of the plane. Which took off - carrying the truck with it.

The plane lifted the vehicle three feet off the road - and over a guard rail beside the highway. The plane and the truck - turning around in mid-air. Then - coming down on a steep embankment. And - rolling to the bottom.

The two brothers - unhurt. The truck - damaged slightly. The Piper ~~Cub~~ Cub - completely wrecked.

## BASEBALL

That night club fracas - sure has blown up a storm in baseball. Delicatessen store <sup>owner</sup> ~~owner~~, Edwin Jones - threaten<sup>ing</sup> a huge lawsuit. Charging - that he was pun<sup>ished</sup> in the face by Yankee outfielder Hank Bauer. Which is denied - by the members of the Yankee Team, who were at the Copacabana. Yogi Berra ~~is~~ putting the denial - in all--embracing words: "Nobody hit nobody," says Yogi. However, delicatessen owner Jones was taken to the hospital - with a battered face.

But the big trouble, at the moment is the fact that six Yankee ballplayers were in the plushy night club - at two thirty A.M. When they should have been - in bed. The Yankee curfew being - midnight. Which arouses the wrath - of Manager Casey Stengel, who wasn't talking to the ~~me~~ six offending ball players today.

Casey - particularly indignant<sup>about</sup> Whitey Ford, who was to pitch the next day - and, presumably, needed his rest. So he kept Whitey out of the line-up, last night, and put in Bob Turley. Who pitched a brilliant shut-out - against the

Kansas City Athletics.

Casey also benched Yogi Berra - who was in a slump, anyway. Growling - that Yogi had ~~make~~ better start hitting, instead of night-clubbing.

Hank Bauer, accused of the <sup>nc</sup>pushing, was in the game and so was Micky Mantle. Both - getting hits that helped the victory. Especially Mantle - who blasted a home-run.

The other two at the party - were not expected to play. Pitcher Johnny Kucks, and infielder Billy Martin - whose birthday was being celebrated.

Today, the rumor was - that Billy Martin might be traded to the Washington Senators, tail-enders in the League. Martin - who ~~was~~ used to be rated as Stengel's pet. But they say that Casey now considers Martin - the ringleader among the more fro~~l~~<sup>i</sup>cksome players.

There might be other trades too, and the punch swung in the night club may be - the blow heard round the American League.



## BOYS

This program, <sup>now and then</sup> ~~ever so often~~, has the mournful duty of reporting on the misbehavior of bad boys. Time was, when Peck's Bad Boy was a sort of American classic. But he was a little angel - compared with thirteen lads at Quincy, Illinois, who embarked on a campaign to raise the dickens all over the place. Using a "master plan" <sup>—</sup> A typewritten page - listing the tricks to be played.

One - an automobile accident. Taking two old wrecked cars, ~~and~~ and pushing them together on the highway - so it looked like a disastrous two-car collision. Which brought the ~~in~~ cops in a hurry.

That bit of mischief went so well - that they staged an automobile plunge into the river. Pushing an old car into the water - and then giving the police an exciting report of the accident.

For the benefit of the Fire Department, they lit a huge bonfire in ~~in~~ a vacant lot - using cardboard boxes and gasoline.



Another idea was to turn a chicken loose in a theater. Which caused an uproar. Same thing in a couple of restaurants. In each of which they let a chicken go flapping around.

Still more hilarious, the master plan ~~was~~ called for the release of <sup>blind</sup> six bats, two pigs and three chickens in the City Hall. But the bats got away. And the boys were so busy chasing them, the pigs and chickens also got away.

Their downfall came when they repeated the two-car collision. Pushing two old wrecks together - on the Quincy Memorial bridge, where they were spotted by the cops.

~~Talk about~~ Peck's Bad Boy!" Quincy, Illinois,

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had thirteen of him.  
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## DICE

At the town of Basingstoke, England, one of the most remarkable dice games on record - will not be played. There's a mandate for it. But - no dice.

Several months ago, Captain Norman John Mead was killed in an automobile accident - in the Persian Gulf area. The captain, a former British Army officer - always known as a happy-go-lucky character. His will giving the following instructions to his heirs:

"They will throw a set of dice, new and unused - on a green cloth." The winner - to get the estate.

But, alas, the dice game will not be played. The captain's estate coming to <sup>only</sup> ~~three-hundred-and-sixty-four~~ dollars. Not enough - to pay the lawyer's fees.

Nothing to shoot for! and so - no dice.

WOMAN - ATOMIC

In London, the residence of the Prime Minister -  
bombed with a wine bottle. The door of Number Ten Downing  
Street - scratched with broken glass, and doused with wine.  
As a protest - against the British explosion of the hydrogen  
bomb in the remote Pacific.

At a London court, today, Mrs. Alicia Sayer -  
pleaded guilty. Telling the Judge, "if Prime Minister MacMillan  
can throw million pound atom bombs - I protest, by throwing  
a wine bottle."

The Judge fined her - two pounds <sup>- sterling -</sup> ~~in~~ damages. Placing  
her - on probation.

But Mrs. Alicia Sayer retorted with defiance.  
"I would do it again - and probably will," said she.

Well, <sup>- Henry -</sup> ~~some~~ you would say - that an indignant woman  
is the next thing to a hydrogen bomb?



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And now Lowell Thomas recalls.

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I have a letter here, asking about the comet.

Nicholas Vinner of Averill Park, New York, writes: "What time of night can it be seen, and in what quarter of the sky?"

The answer is -- too late. And I can't recall it - for after paying us a quick visit it has departed into outer space. No longer visible to the naked eye. Tonight it can only be seen through large telescopes, although it was clearly visible last week. Night after night, here in the Berkshire Hills, CBS engineer Gene Nicks and I marveled at its long shimmering tail - just over the hill to the North of Quaker Lake.

Astronomers at the Hayden Planetarium tell me - the tail was a hundred thousand miles long. Some tail! Made of what? Why, frozen gas. This, our latest celestial visitor ~~is~~ is now several hundred million miles away. Speeding farther and farther into the depths of outer space, as I say Solong until Monday.