



Roving the Valley

With Friends and Neighbors

By CHARLES CONNOR

LADIES, got washday worries? And "Skidamdo" and "Rinse-Me-Too" don't help a bit? You should hear the hap-happy song that Mrs. Ezra Templeton is singing this Monday.

A month ago Mrs. Templeton, who lives at Upper Falls on Coal river, went out to do her washing with water from the new 125-foot-deep well that had recently been dug. Her own well water, mind you—my, that was a convenience. And right outside the door, too.

SHE HAULED up one baller by hand, then another, and another, and another, in all, 20 times she let the baller down into the deep well and, by hand, wound it up again full of nice, clean water to put into her new washer.

Whew, though—she was so tired when she had pulled enough water to do her washing that she didn't have enough strength to go on. So she put it off until the next day when she had sufficiently recovered. Two days work instead of one.

Her thoughtful husband, who had provided the new well and the new washer to take away her washing day worries, was at his wit's end. It seemed that the new deep well had only increased them.

But then it was that his father, 67-year-old Uncle Jack Templeton, arrived on the scene. Uncle Jack prides himself on being the laziest man in Kanawha county.

(SEE PICTURE AT RIGHT)

"I've got it," he exclaimed. "What did you do with that old Maytag of yours?"

"Why, it's still here," Ezra answered. "Why?"

"Why?" said Uncle Jack. "Well, just because your old washer is 25 years old is no reason why it should stop working for you. Let's hitch it up and make it draw the water."

So father and son buckled down together and harnessed the power of the 25-year-old Maytag, a granddaddy of all washing machines, to the baller bucket. When the next Monday rolled around, the Templetons had a surprise in store for her.

"Here, honey, try this lazyman's helper," said Uncle Jack, who showed her how to shift the gears which lower and raise the bailing bucket.

And, without any effort at all, Mrs. Templeton found her water drawn in half the time. She had plenty of energy left to complete the job in one day, too.

LOTS OF folks along Coal river have laughed at the comical-looking contraption, a washer loaded down with rocks to keep it from jumping off the hillside and with a homemade brake that controls its speed. But it serves its purpose.

"It's the only washer with a gear arrangement that could possibly work," Mr. Templeton says. "We consigned it to the junk pile after it served us all those years, but I guess there's some life in the old girl yet."

Actually, Uncle Jack's conception of the lazyman's helper, as he calls it, began when W. H. Holton of Lincoln county was drilling the well.

Mr. Holton claimed he was the laziest man in Lincoln county and often rested from his \$3-a-foot drilling job to jaw with Uncle Jack who watched his operation from the comfort of a nearby bench.

His remarks riled Uncle Jack who thought he had no peer at the job of being lazy. With his new contraption, he's sure he's proved it, too.

And so we come to the end of this happy, washday story. No more blue Mondays for Mrs. Templeton, thanks to her thoughtful men folk who dug her a new well, bought her a new washer and hitched up the "antique" to drawing water.

France Honors Braille

PARIS (AP)—Louis Braille, who made it possible for the blind to read, was given a place among France's honored dead in the Pantheon yesterday, a century after his death.

A procession of the blind with white canes marched behind his coffin on its way to the high-domed church where many of France's famed citizens rest.

Old Washer Draws Water From Well



Wash day's a lark to Mrs. Ezra Templeton, Upper Falls housewife, since her menfolk hitched up a 25-year-old Maytag washer to draw water from her new, 125-foot-deep well. Her husband watches her operate the curious contraption.

Former 'Mac' Aide Likes Ike

Gen. Eichelberger Criticizes Old Chief

ASHEVILLE, N. C. (AP)—Lt. Gen. Robert L. Eichelberger (ret.), top aide to Gen. Douglas MacArthur in the occupation of Japan, has voiced his support for Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower for the Republican presidential nomination.

Interviewed by the Asheville Citizen at his home here yesterday, Eichelberger also criticized aspects of the role played in politics by his old chief, MacArthur.

Eichelberger, 66 years old and retired since December, 1948, said he had reached his decision to support Eisenhower after "traveling extensively for eight months and talking to thousands of people."

"When one talks personally to farmers, to electricians, and to technicians—the men who constitute the great backbone of this country—one finds an unusual sentiment for Eisenhower and for no other Republican."

There was no immediate comment from MacArthur in New York City on Eichelberger's interview.

Winners Named In Airplane Meet

Ward Spaniol of Dunbar Scout Troop 46 was winner in the "Best of All" class model airplane meet held Sunday afternoon at 25th street. He was awarded a deluxe aircraft kit.

The meet, sponsored by the Church of Christ the King, was limited to entries from Troop 46, with Mike Lawson, Scoutmaster. It was the first meet of its kind held by the troop.

William Bain and Web Collart of St. Albans were judges.

Other winners include: Scale model, Bob Halfhill; flying model, Jim Hall; glider, Jack Smith; beginners, Jack Vebbert; and beginners runner-up, Joe Duncan.

Twenty-two scouts participated in the meet.

Ridgway, Conant Get Freedom House Awards

NEW YORK (AP)—Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway and Dr. James B. Conant, president of Harvard University, are winners of the 1952 annual Freedom Awards of Freedom House.

Bears Raid Alps Herds

BRESCIA, Italy (AP)—Two shepherds complained to police last night of a brown bear invasion of mountain valleys in the Alps north of here, they said the bears—rare in Europe now—appeared in unusual numbers, attacking flocks and killing 11 sheep and two goats.

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State Flyers Land In Lake

Crash Sinks Plane; Both Men Rescued

CLEVELAND (AP)—Two West Virginians were fished out of Lake Erie yesterday by members of the Gordon Shore Yacht Club after their amphibian plane nosed over in a fog-bound landing.

Dr. Charles S. McElroy, 34, and his passenger, J. V. Balch, 68, had been on a fishing trip to Lake St. John, Ont. Both are from Follansbee.

Coming into the seaplane base at East 40th Street, Dr. McElroy was groping for a landing.

"The fog was pretty heavy and all of a sudden a boat loomed up in front of me," said the pilot. "I had to come down sooner than I expected."

The physician was unburt. Balch was shaken up, and was treated at St. Vincent Charity Hospital for exposure.

Jim Govanello and Mario Buzzelli, members of the club, made the rescue.

Attempts were being made to salvage the plane, which sank in about 25 feet of water.

Senate May Get Civil Rights Bill

WASHINGTON (AP)—A civil rights bill certain to stir up a storm may come before the Senate this week—possibly tomorrow.

A new version of an old bill which invariably locked the Senate in a bitter row, it would forbid discrimination along racial or religious lines in hiring by employers.

Sen. Humphrey (D-Minn.) said today he is going ahead with his move to force an 11th-hour fight over civil rights, despite the fact Southern Democrats in the past were—and probably are now—strong enough to block a vote.

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