

FAMOUS LITTLE TOWN

Askov, Minnesota, Known as 'Rutabaga' Capital of U.S.

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There are numerous capitols of America, including National at Washington, "Swiss Cheese" at Monroe, Wis., and "Rutabaga" at Askov, Minn. Last named is smallest of these but its work in the field it represents is plenty heavy on per capita population basis.

Picture a town of 300 people around which is grown and through which is marketed 400 carloads of rutabagas per year. Most farmers in the community grow at least a half acre; some as many as 40 acres, depending on the prospective market. Eight tons per acre is a good yield. Price sometimes goes to \$40 a ton, but is more likely to be around \$20.

Rutabagas fit well in the community's dairy farming rotation, soil variations and family unit farming. They thrive in soil too heavy for potatoes, and farmers who are growing them say, "you can't beat 'bagas for a cash crop." So well is the crop liked that, before the war, Askov staged annual rutabaga festivals, which likely will be resumed this year.

Also a Co-Op Capitol.

In addition to rutabagas Askov makes a strong bid for U. S. "Co-Op Capitol." Among the active local groups are Co-Operative Creamery association, handling whole milk and making Land O' Lakes butter; Askov Co-Operative association, selling flour, feed and seeds; Pine Co-Op Oil association (centered in Askov with three sub-stations in neighboring villages), selling gasoline, oil, hardware and appliances; Askov Livestock Shipping association, trucking livestock to South St. Paul; Federated Co-Op Trucking association, hauling agricultural products and supplies; and Co-Operative Mercantile association, operating a grocery store.

There are still other groups, such as the Askov Buying club, organized by the high school students to purchase supplies for their own use; the Askov Co-Op guild, acting as a discussion club, and meat rangers furnishing fresh beef, direct from local farms to members, weekly.

All Community Shares.

Both farmers and townsmen are shareholders in all of the co-ops except the creamery, feed store and trucking groups which deal strictly with agricultural products and supplies. Many retired farmers in town still hold shares in several of these enterprises and take an active part in the meetings. Askov has a marked interdependency between townsmen and farmers in business, social activities, family ties, school, and the one church, Danish Lutheran.

This interdependency, as well as the habit of co-operation, dates from the start of the Askov community by families from the Danish People's society of America who just 40 years ago looked for and found a home where they might live and prosper. Together they have co-operated and prospered, making their community stand out in more ways than one as a "capitol."

"Off We Go"
AVIATION NOTES

AIRPORT CHATTER

The navy has announced that Barin field, near Foley, Ala., will be closed not later than September 1. . . . Sturgeon Bay, Wis., is proud of the fact that its airport is suitable for planes as big as the DC-3. . . . Mrs. Mary Longcor, age 85, wrote cards to her friends and took notes for her diary while she flew from her home in South Bend, Ind., to Cleveland, Ohio—her first trip by plane. . . . The Champion Wright flying service, municipal airport, Oxford, Miss., has been approved for veterans' flight training. . . . Franklin, N. C., has taken to flying in a big way, and even the local dentist and the telephone man—and a dozen others—have learned to solo. . . . At an air show at Easton, Md., recently, Norman Harrington began a series of flight lessons early one Saturday morning and was ready for solo flight at three o'clock that afternoon. It was a stunt, of course, to show how easy it is to learn to fly. Hank Orth, Maryland Airlines' pilot, was the instructor.

Plane Keeps 'em on Farm

The private airplane should help to stop the decline of our farm population, believes Harry Woodhead, president of Consolidated Vultee. He points out, for one thing, that farm boys are going to have an advantage over most city boys in reader access to the use of a plane. This fact should keep many young fellows at home. Their sisters will be able to get an order delivered by air express from a catalogue in two days—as fast as most city folks can get a delivery from a local department store. That will help farm life, too. Equally important, the plane will put the city and distant friends in easy reach of every farmer's family—it will add an entirely new social dimension to rural living.

CAA NOTES

CAA Administrator J. P. Wright has estimated that flying activities are now more than 1,000 per cent above the 1935 status. Air traffic congestion at city airports has already reached alarming proportions. . . . Registration of aircraft will be up to date by July 1, and fast service will be provided for aircraft purchasers and finance companies thereafter, says F. M. Lanter. . . . But club ownership of an airplane introduces new headaches for all concerned, particularly if the plane is mortgaged. . . . Private enterprise will construct many new airports before the federal funds get into the hands of cities.

Planes for Harvesting

"I fly ahead, spot fields of ripening wheat, land and make deals with farmers, fly back, see how the work is coming along, take repair parts to distant towns where I learn by long distance that spare parts can be had. My plane has saved a lot of bread," recently declared Gene McGill of the Avarad, Okla., president of the National Flying Farmers association.

Farms in Two States

John Hueske farms 2,200 acres in Washington county, Colo., and owns an interest in an implement business there. He lives in Adams county, Nebr., 225 miles away, where he owns 400 acres of land and operates an airport. He makes a round-trip flight each week to Colorado to look after his interests there.



THE BEE . . . Made by Funk at Coffeyville, Kans. Two-passenger, cruising speed 100 mph.

NEBRASKA LEARNS TO FLY
All over Nebraska farm folk are learning to fly. Out near the Colorado border in Chase county, population about 5,000, enrollees in flying courses number 125, and the majority are from farm families. There are few flying services in the state that do not have 25 students or more. F. G. Fugelberth, Wayne, has more than 100 logbooks out. D. W. Bair, Bradshaw, who spent three years training pilots for the army, now has 30 students who take turns at receiving instruction.



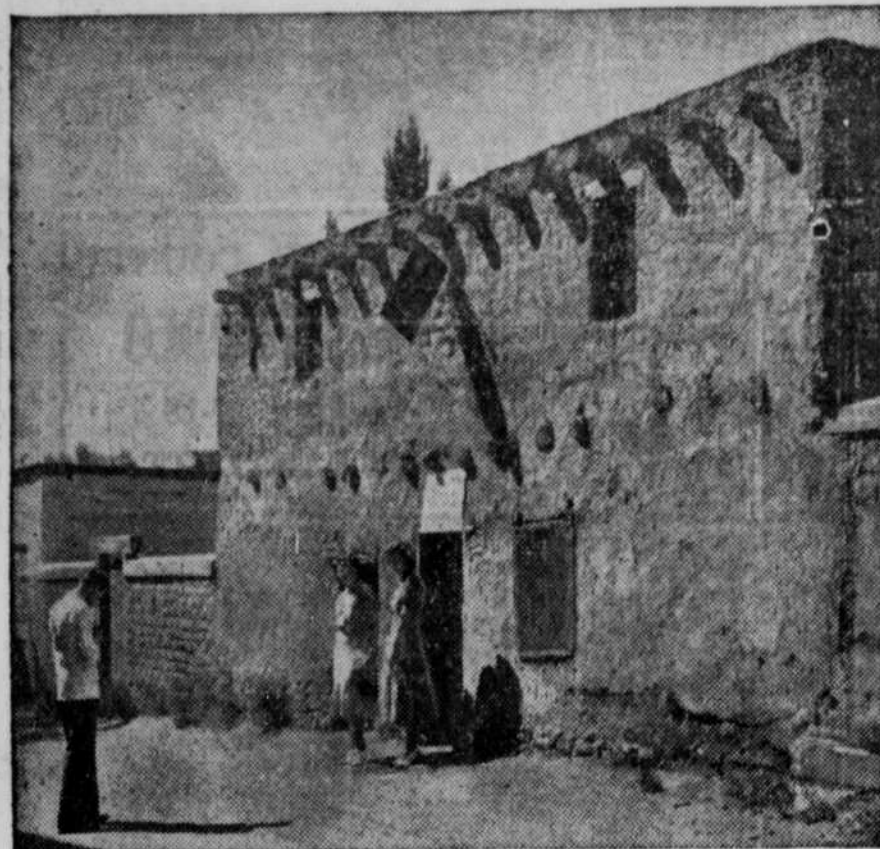
FLIGHT ENGINEER . . . WAC Cpl. Mary "Torchy" West, 23 years old, from Gary, Okla., is assigned to the west coast air transport command and claims the distinction of being the only woman checked out as a flight engineer on transoceanic trips. She has made five round trips to Hawaii.

A's Win, 162 to 11

PHILADELPHIA.—The Philadelphia Athletics defeated Williamsburg 100 to 8 in a morning game, and that afternoon beat the Danville, Pa., team 162 to 11. Al Reach scored 34 runs. The date was October 20, 1865.

Frauleins Now Complain

LOUISVILLE, KY.—American men are now being unkind to the girls they left behind them—in Europe and the South Pacific! Capt. William Kiefer, head of the bureau of missing persons here, says letters are coming from all over the world asking about overseas vets. The police department is also receiving letters, mainly from frauleins and mademoiselles who want to know why the American boys haven't written, as they promised.



OLDEST HOUSE . . . This adobe structure, said to be the oldest house in the United States, is a popular tourist attraction in Santa Fe, New Mexico. A part of the house has been restored in recent years.

In These United States
Utah Has Set 1947 as Year For Centennial Celebration

SALT LAKE CITY.—On July 24, this year, Pioneer Day will be celebrated in every community in Utah to mark the date when, 99 years ago, Brigham Young and his 142 travelers entered Great Salt Lake valley.

As on each July 24, the 1946 celebration will be one of the biggest events of the year. Since July 24 is a state holiday, all business will be suspended and covered wagons, Mormon handcarriers, and old-timers will pass in review in parades all over the intermountain territory.

But the big celebration will be held in 1947, which marks the 100th anniversary of the arrival of Brigham Young and his group. The state legislature in 1939 passed a bill setting apart the year 1947 for the centennial.

'This Is the Place.'

One of the features will be a wagon train of pioneers, starting at the site of the winter quarters of 1846 near Omaha and following the original pioneers' trail into Salt Lake valley. The train will enter at the spot where Brigham Young looked out over the desert and said: "This is the place." That was on July 24, 1847.

The centennial commission appointed by Gov. Herbert Maw include John M. Wallace, chairman of the finance committee; Ward C. Holbrook, John F. Fitzpatrick, Frederick P. Champ, Judge James A. Howell and Gus P. Backman, members. Backman was also selected as director of the centennial celebration, Albert J. Southwick, Salt Lake City



THE SENTINEL . . . Rocky pinnacle in Zion National park, Utah. There are many dude ranches in this area.

Devoted Lifetime to Making World Clean

MANKATO, MINN.—R. G. Bachertz, age 70, has devoted most of his life to making this a cleaner world. "Broom making is my hobby, vocation and recreation," he declares after 58 years in the business and for half a century the owner of the Mankato broom works. Bachertz makes five kinds of regular brooms, whisk brooms, toy brooms and "miss" or junior brooms, and estimates that he has turned out over a million of them.

Southern Girl Is Mechanical Engineer

KNOXVILLE, TENN.—Odds were pretty heavy in September, 1942, when a 17-year-old freshman, Mary Porter Fain, entered the school of mechanical engineering at the University of Tennessee, that she would change her course before completing requirements for her degree. At least that is what the professors thought. But on May 3, this year, when Mary got her bachelor of science degree and became the first girl to

musician, is chairman of the Days of '47 pageant committee.

The rich Salt Lake valley of today was the site of what is now Salt Lake City. The pioneers built dams in the mountains to store water and dug ditches to carry it to their crops.

Great Salt Lake Will Dry up in Next 300 Years

SALT LAKE CITY.—If the general downward trend in the level of the Great Salt lake for the past 96 years continues for another 300 years, the lake will be as dry as the famous Bonneville salt flats, according to Ralf R. Woolley, senior hydraulic engineer, U. S. geological survey.

Supporting this speculation is the fact that Great Salt lake is a mere remnant anyway—all that is left of a once great fresh water lake that, in ages past, covered as much area as the present Lake Michigan. Evidence of this lake are numerous in the geology of the region, noticed by practically everyone living here.

The recording of Great Salt lake elevations started in 1850, three years after the arrival of the Mormon pioneers. Since that time, although there have been ups and downs, the general trend of the lake has been a loss of one foot of depth every 15 years.

Found a Cure for Plant 'Wilt' and 'Athlete's Foot'

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The department of agriculture scientists started out to find a way to battle troublesome tomato plant "wilt." They discovered a chemical called "tomatin" which combats the wilt. But they discovered something else, although they insist it is still "in the test tube stage." Tomatin will combat fungus organisms which plague human beings, and may be the source of a new drug to fight "athlete's foot!" They have found it powerfully active against the widely prevalent ringworm fungi which often attacks the feet, hands, face and scalp.

Roosters Motored to Town for Night Life

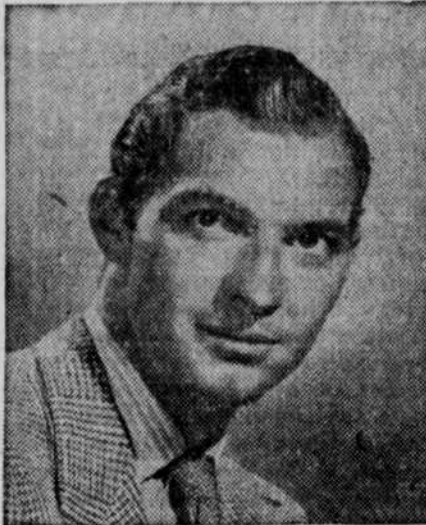
VALENTINE, NEBR.—Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Roe parked their pickup on Main street one evening recently, and shortly afterward Buck Junod, who was standing near by, heard roosters crowing. "But we don't have any roosters in the pickup," protested the Roes. Junod made an investigation, however, and found three roosters. They were perched on the drive shaft beneath the car where they had gone to roost and ridden to town with the Roes.

Star Dust
STAGE-SCREEN-RADIO

Released by Western Newspaper Union.

By VIRGINIA VALE

ZACHARY SCOTT'S grandfather, a thrifty early-Texas settler, saved not only the first silver dollar he earned, but the first two, and they brought him luck. Scott, who inherited the lucky silver dollars and had them converted into cuff links, evidently didn't have them on



ZACHARY SCOTT

the day he was riding an old mare for a scene in "Cheyenne" and pretending that he knew nothing about riding. Or maybe the luck brought by the dollars has worn out. Anyway, he acquired a dislocated sacroiliac. Grandpa didn't even know he had one! Scott is taking no chances now; if you look sharp you'll see that he's wearing those silver dollars in Warner Bros. "Stallion Road."

Lou Costello has a hobby, followed between broadcasts of the Tuesday NBC Abbott and Costello show and picture-making. It's collecting historic and unusual sheriff's badges. Recently he received one of his best, sent him by the High Sheriff of Nottingham, England. That brings the collection up to 100, and he's on the lookout for at least that many more.

Nita Hunter, a 15-year-old singer who was born in St. Louis, Mo., has been set by co-producers Buddy Rogers and Ralph Coon to play the title role in Comet's musical, "Miss Television." David Bruce and Cleatus Caldwell are the picture's romantic leads. Nita plays a twice-divorced singer. Then, when Director Reginald LeBorg finishes, she marches off to the schoolroom!

Jerry Fairbanks, Paramount shorts producer, is lining up the shooting of Elliott Murphy's "Mr. Winkle's Holiday" in Technicolor, just as it's being presented. It's an Aquarretta—a combination of musical comedy, revue, water show and operetta—appearing where Billy Rose staged his Aquacade during the New York World's fair. June Earing, the swimming star, is being eyed by the movies' talent scouts, who consider her a rival of Esther Williams; she's a former national and metropolitan AAU 100-yards backstroke champion.

Bill Slater, master of ceremonies of "Right Down Your Alley," is getting letters from bowling clubs all over the country offering to pay their own way to New York if he'll get them on the program. Unfortunately, Bill picks his contestants from those who are relaxing at a New York bowling alley on Sundays; like the other quiz shows, this one is strictly on the level.

There's been a lot of talk about how "Aunt Cissie" Bartholomew felt about Freddie's marriage; after all, she brought him up and promoted his movie career—"made him what he is today." Well, now "Aunt Cissie" is promoting a career of her own; she's signed for a supporting career in Paramount's "I Cover the Big Town."

Professor Quiz is still sorting questions listeners have sent him; during his first seven years on the air, he requested questions from his listeners—so his hotel room is filled with files, and in his spare moments Quiz digs around in them for the queries we hear on the air. His staff checks the authenticity of every question before he uses it.

All-American football player Tom Harmon has been signed for a role in "Gentleman Joe Palooka," now before Monogram's cameras. This is Harmon's first picture since he starred in "Harmon of Michigan." His wife, Elyse Knox, has the feminine lead.

ODDS AND ENDS—Golfer Bing Crosby has been nominated by Ohio Governor Frank Lausche to serve on the committee sponsoring the National Caddy Tournament August 19 at Columbus. . . . Eighteen years ago an advertising slogan from Hollywood thrilled movie-goers—"Carbo Talks!" . . . Maybe Johnnie Weismuller is getting tired of being "Tarzan"—but he's signed a contract to do three more jungle thrillers, one a year. . . . To those of us who'd walk a mile to see Mildred Natwick appear on the stage or in a picture, it's elegant news that she'll be seen as "Amelia" in the motion picture of "The Late George Apley."

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AROUND THE HOUSE

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To remove scratches on woodwork and floors, rub with a little lard, then rub off with a clean cloth.

Here's a way to hang your criss-cross curtains so you won't have to use a double rod. Takes a little sewing on your part, but in the end none of the rod will show. Simply baste the top curtain to the lower one over the curtain's top row of stitching. Run the curtain rod through the heading on the under curtain. Top one gathers with it.

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On any small apron sew numerous pockets. Into these slip your toilet articles. Fold the apron and put it in your suitcase. Then when you need a freshening up, toilet articles are where you need them.

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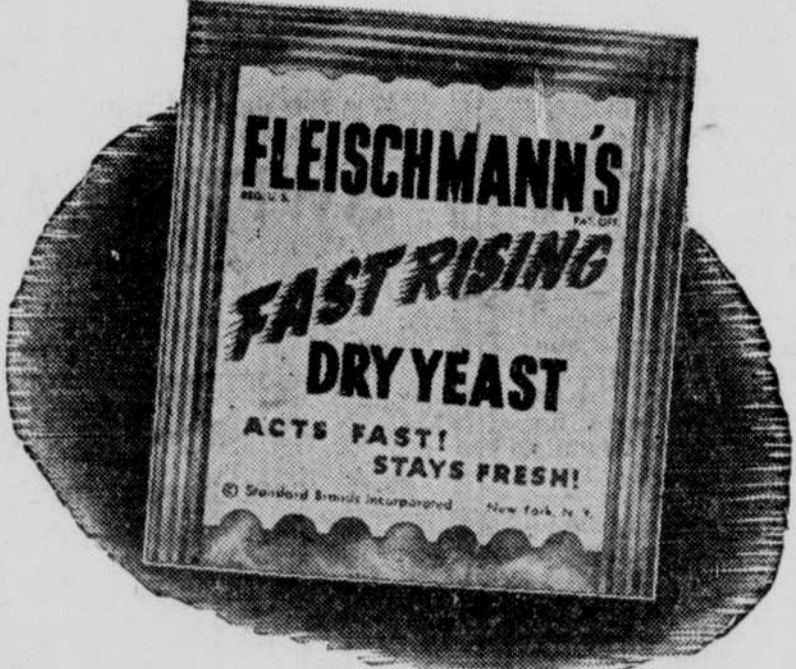
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