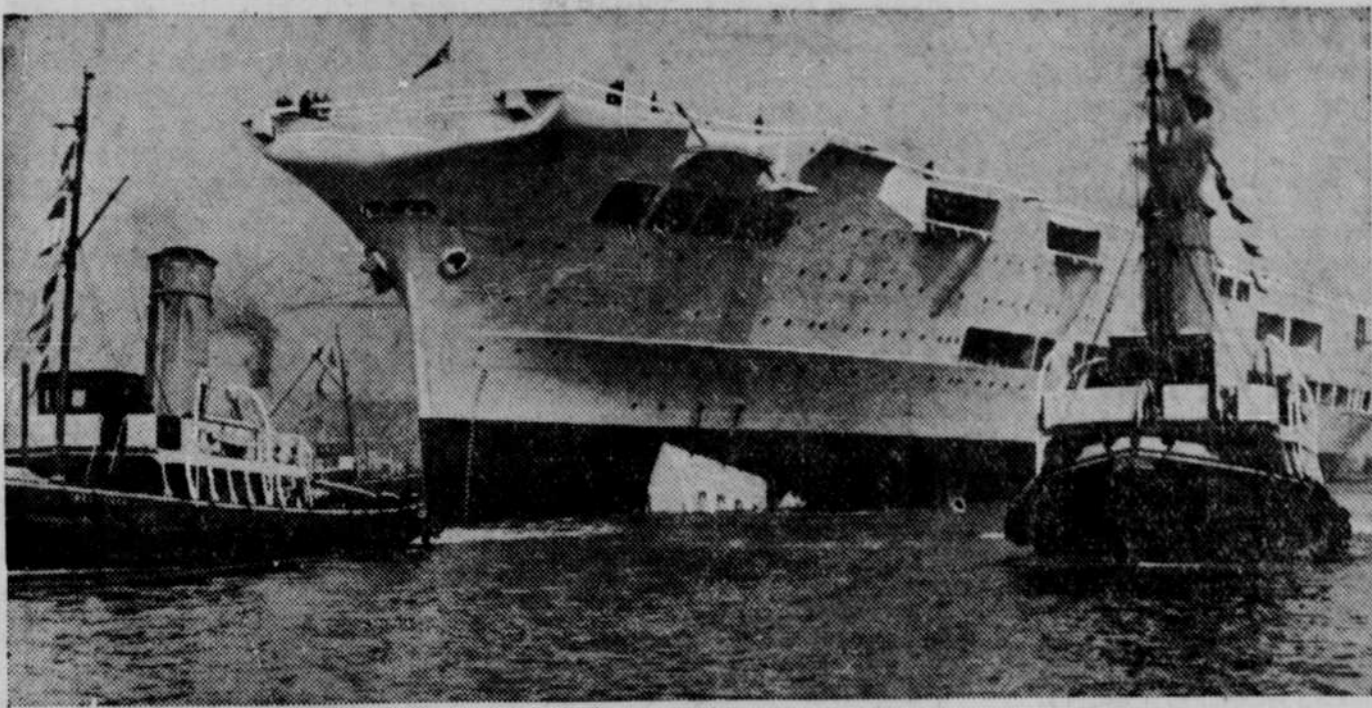


Britain Launches New Aircraft Carrier



Great Britain's new 3,000,000-pound aircraft carrier, Ark Royal, whic. Sir Samuel Hoare, first lord of the admiralty, declared was the "most up-to-date in the world" floats on the Mersey after being launched at Birkenhead recently. She has a displacement of 22,000 tons, and will carry 70 planes. She is the first ship of the British navy designed as an aircraft carrier.

Priceless Madonna Gift to Toledo



The Adoration of the Child, regarded as one of the finest Italian paintings in America, recently acquired by the Toledo Museum of Art, is pictured above. It came as a gift of the museum's founder, Edward Drummond Libbey. This famous masterpiece, the work of Piero di Cosimo, a Fifteenth-century artist, is supposed to have been painted for Lorenzo de Medici, patron of the arts in the Renaissance.

Bonus for Babies Provided by New York State

Emerson D. Fite, New York state assemblyman who is author of bill recently passed providing a cash bonus of \$75 to all mothers and fathers, regardless of their needs. The



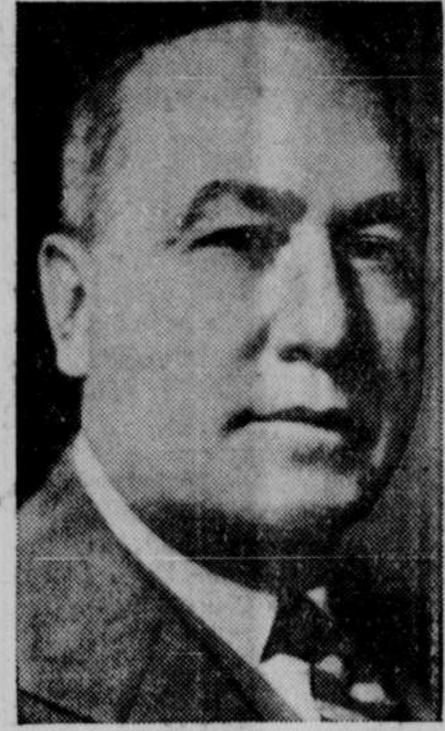
money awarded to the parents is for the care of every child born in the state and unless rejected by the parents is to be used for pre-natal, hospital and general medical expenses. Assemblyman Fite is also a professor at Vassar.

Scenes and Persons in the Current News



1—Papal attaché bearing symbol of the Order of the Golden Rose conferred on Queen Elena of Italy by the pope recently. 2—Mrs. J. Borden Harriman appointed minister to Norway by the President. 3—Masaaki Hinuma (left) and Kenji Tsukagoshi, Japanese flyers welcomed at Croydon airport after flight from Tokyo to London. The Nipponese flyers received an ovation from crowds gathered to see them land.

RAIL PRESIDENT



William M. Jeffers, who will become president of the Union Pacific railroad on October 1, with the retirement of Carl R. Gray, three days after his seventieth birthday and retirement age upon his own insistence that the company rules apply to him. Mr. Gray will continue his services with the railroad as vice chairman of the board of directors.

Indians Honor Champ Jim Braddock



Heavyweight Champion Jim Braddock was recently inducted into the tribe of the Lac Courte Oreille Indians near Stone Lake, Wis., where he did his preliminary training for the coming fight with Joe Louis. The champion was named "Che-Me-Ga-Ze-We-Ne-Ne," meaning chief fighting man. Next to him is Alex Martin, head man of the tribe.

Martha's Plain Face

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THEY were ready at last. Glenna Downing gave a final dab at her cheeks and smiled into her mirror, satisfied. Glenna was adorable. Everyone conceded it. Martha Dennis watched her soberly. Martha did not smile into her own mirror. She was not adorable and everyone knew that—or she thought they did. She was plain even to her name, and when you are young and plain—well, nothing much comes your way, at least not the things that youth most wants.

Today the two girls were leaving the hot, hurrying office for a whole month's vacation in the cool, green country. "A good time to forget my grievance," Martha said to herself sturdily, "and perhaps, just perhaps, the folks there will like plain faces."

At last the journey ended. The two girls arrived in the little town of Bannerly, and with the arrival came at once to Martha the overthrow of all her castles. When she looked into the steady, shining eyes of Herman Morris she knew that to stand aside for Glenna would cost more than she had ever paid before. Ordinarily, she could look on at Glenna's love affairs unmoved, save for the inevitable sense of defeat and loneliness, but not this time!

At his mother's bountiful spread supper table, Herman greeted the "summer boarders" heartily. Martha watched him as he gallantly assisted old Mrs. Brodwell to her place and dexterously seated her in her chair. When the introductions to herself and Glenna came, she felt him sweep her with a quick, unseeing glance, while Glenna caught and held him as was her wont with men.

After that, as the time sped by, it seemed to Martha that he came from business a bit earlier each day, always ready for some pastime with the two girls. At first she went along with a sort of desperate determination. She would make him notice her—and he did. With his accustomed courtesy he saw to it that she was properly escorted.

"But I know the difference between politeness and devotion," Martha said to herself, brokenly.

Then, finally, with an heroic resolve: "I'll leave them to their own happiness." So the next afternoon she pleaded illness and watched them hurry away, teasing and bantering each other. "And so pleased I'm sick," thought Martha. She did not catch the queer, indefinable look on Herman's face. Glenna did not see it, either.

The dreary afternoon to which Martha had condemned herself was abruptly interrupted. Sadie, the maid, in deep despair, came calling for Mr. Morris. His mother had gone to her room too ill to talk and what should she do about supper? The cooking had never been delegated to anyone. Martha's eyes gleamed. She might be unattractive but she was not helpless!

"Tell Mrs. Morris not to worry. I will manage supper." And she did. "The nicest biscuits Mrs. Morris ever made," unanimously agreed the boarders, "and the very best croquettes."

Martha did not know of the conference between mother and son in Mrs. Morris' room that evening, nor did she see a certain peculiar expression rest again on Herman's face.

Several times during the next few days, when she could escape Glenna, she slipped away into the kitchen to lend a helping hand, though the mistress was again in charge.

"The finest little lady I know," Mrs. Morris confided to her son, and failed to note the acquiescence in his eyes.

Then Herman decided to appeal to Glenna. She was a good pal and would not fail him. So he began one afternoon on the lake, when Martha had again declined to accompany them. "There's something of great importance to me, Glenna, that I want to ask you."

Glenna's heart turned completely over once and she knew she was going to say "yes" much more promptly than she had ever intended to say it to any man. Then he went on and she heard as though from a great distance: "If Miss Dennis has not taken an incurable dislike to me, I wish you'd help me find the way to her heart."

Glenna gave one quick look into his troubled eyes, swallowed hard and thought fast. After a considerable pause, "I think I know the route," she answered steadily. To herself she said, "People who don't happen to be handsome shall have no monopoly on sacrifice. I'll show them."

The next afternoon she waved a smiling good-by to the two from her seat on the veranda. When they had gone a little distance the smile vanished and she watched them with tight-closed lips until they were beyond sight.

"I'm glad. I will be glad!" she breathed. "Martha needs him and I—well, I can't have him, that's all."

Some time later, Martha, still half afraid, said shyly, "Are you sure you don't mind that I'm home-ly, Herman?"

"Homely? Are you?" and he laughed. "I didn't know—I didn't notice. I just saw YOU."

BLOSSOM QUEEN



Miss Alice Merson of South Haven, who was selected as Michigan Blossom Queen for the annual Blossom festival in Benton Harbor and St. Joseph. She was picked from a group of 21 contestants representing as many cities in the fruit belt.

Smithsonian Gets First Adding Machine



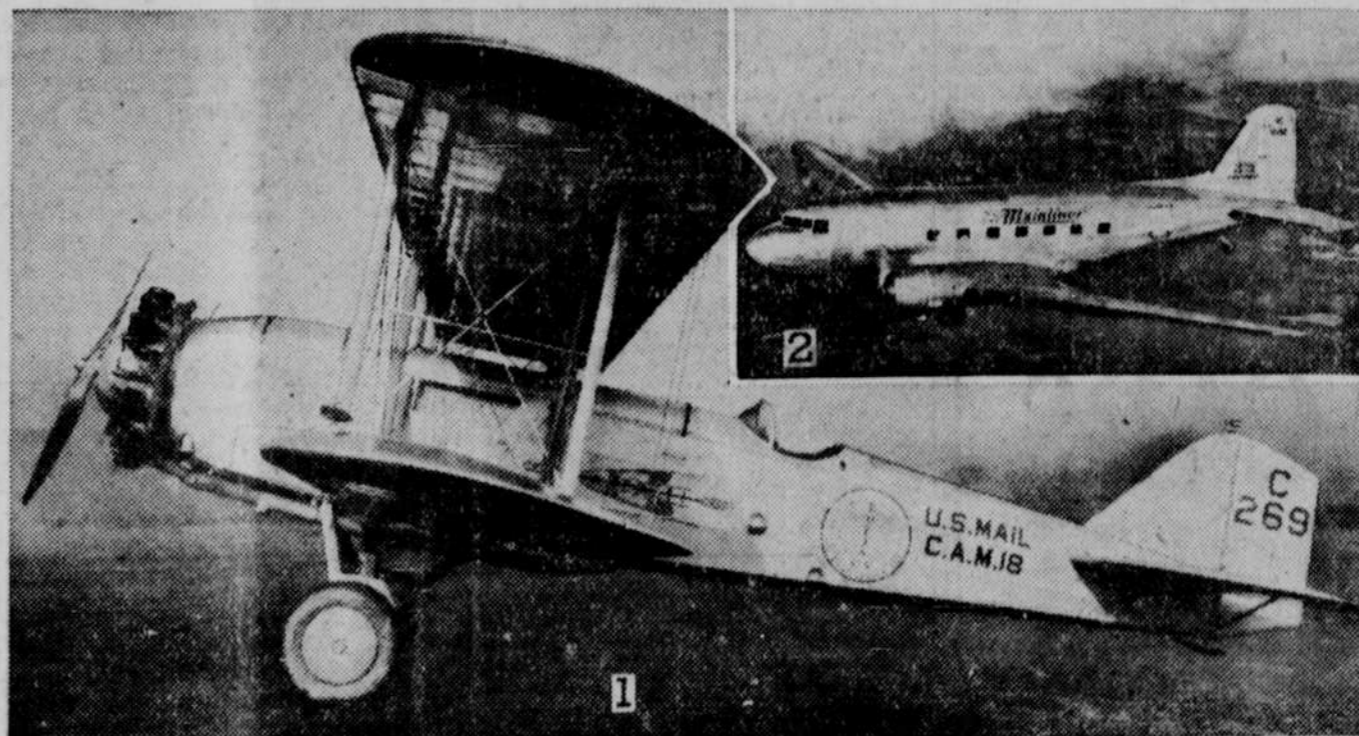
An old macaroni box filled with an arrangement of wheels, rubber bands, meat skewers and staples, the grand-daddy of the present day calculating machine, which was designed and constructed 52 years ago by Dorr E. Felt, was presented to the Smithsonian institution by the family of the inventor. Photograph shows Dr. Charles G. Abbot (left), secretary of the institution, receiving the cherished relic.

Jersey Quadruplets Have a Christening



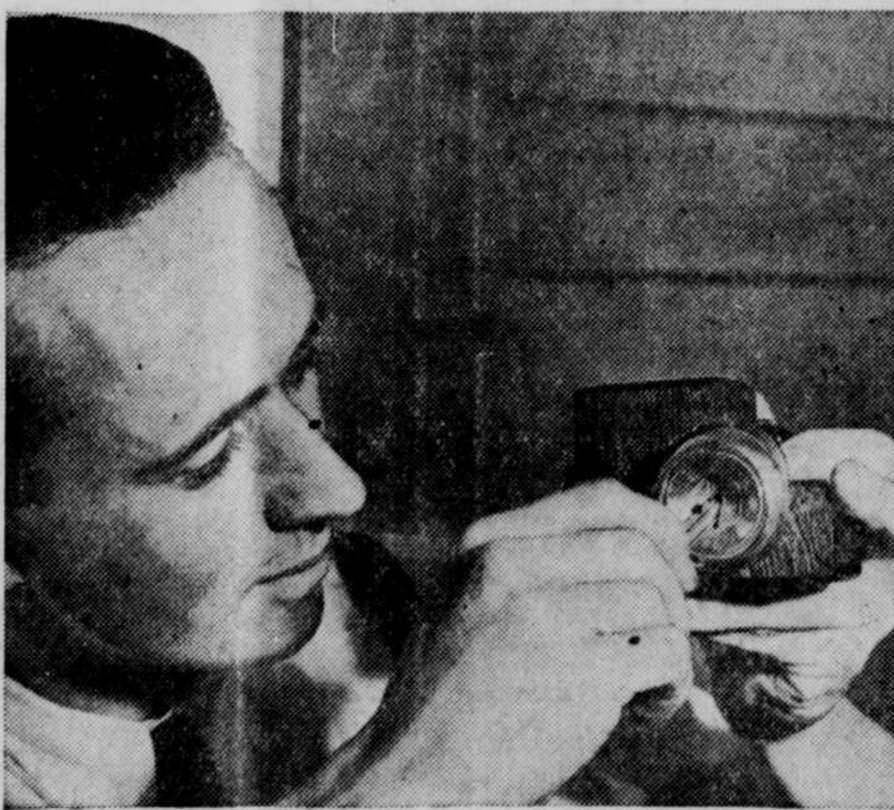
Jersey's famous foursome. The Kasper quadruplets, Frances, Frank, Felix and Ferdinand, born to Mr. and Mrs. Emil Kasper of Passaic, are shown following their christening recently. Their business manager, Mayor Benjamin F. Turner of Passaic, is shown on the extreme right. Governor Hoffman became the god-father of the "quads" and was present at the ceremony.

Milestone in Transcontinental Air Service



With inauguration of 15 1/2-hour service from coast to coast by the United Air Lines, the evolution of transcontinental air service in the past decade is pictured above. 1—Pioneer, single-engined mail plane, carrying two passengers, which started first schedule in 1927. 2—Modern air-conditioned mainliner, equipped with two 14-cylinder engines with a top speed of 212 miles an hour.

Invents "Anti-Jitter" Keyhole



Ralph Ring of San Francisco, shown with his most recent invention, an "anti-jitter" keyhole. A funnel arrangement on keyholes is aimed to guide the key in unsteady hands into the lock without too many preliminary attempts. Coming anywhere near the mark the key strikes on the periphery, and there you have it!

"GET A JOB, GIRLS"



Every woman should have a profession whether she intends to marry or not, in the opinion of Mrs. Mary Roebing, herself a successful bank president in Trenton, N. J. She believes that women are becoming increasingly important in business, in fact, she predicts that "within the next ten or twenty years women will be doing the deciding."