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Science in New Step in Skin Grafting

Washington Boy and Girl Made Siamese Twins in Effort to Re- store Girl to Health.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (UP)—A 16-year-old boy allowed science to make him a Siamese twin today to enable a 13-year-old girl to become a normal human being.

An 18-inch tube of flesh literally made John Melvin Bonner and Clara Howard one individual. The strange operation, linking the two Negro children, if successful will enable surgeons to graft new skin on the body of the little girl to replace flesh seared by a fire in North Carolina more than a year ago.

Dr. R. E. Moran, surgeon who performed the operation at emergency hospital said the children were "doing well."

A year ago the girl was seared by a fire. Her flesh was burned so desperately that doctors said she could not recover. She did recover, however, but the flames left her body a mass of seared tissue, so extensive that her right arm was joined to her body. Surgeons were able to replace a portion of the seared skin in grafting operation. But the major transfer of skin necessary to restore her to normalcy required desperate measures—linking her with a skin donor willing to permit himself to be joined to her, to permit his blood stream to join with hers to enable a graft of 24 ounces of flesh.

Young Bonner volunteered. Since last November the two children have been in emergency hospital preparing for the operation. Surgeons split his side in an 18-inch cut, rolled the flesh inside a tube and allowed the tube to hang loosely from his body connected to his blood stream only at two extremities.

Under only a local anesthetic the children watched as surgeons completed the operation. One end of John's flesh tube was severed from his body. An incision was made in the girl's elbow. The flesh tube was inserted and their blood streams intermingled. The children will be confined to bed until early next week. If the operation is successful, and John's flesh joins that of the little girl, Dr. Moran will cut him loose and complete the graft of the 24 ounces of skin over the girl's body.

SINGER PLACES NEW OR- LEANS NEXT TO PARIS

NEW ORLEANS (UP)—New Orleans has a new singing teacher because Selwyn Harris, tenor and voice instructor, liked Louisiana's sunshine and the Old-World atmosphere of this city's French Quarter.

Harris, who is more interested in developing new operatic stars than in singing himself, left his Paris studio recently because of new labor restrictions in France.

He planned to open a studio in New York, but changed his mind after visiting New Orleans.

"Your climate, love of music and the good life make New Orleans the ideal place for voice-training," he says.

During his career as a concert artist and teacher Harris has developed several well-known voices, including that of Francisco Lugo, leading tenor of the Paris Opera.

ICE IN ROME

ROME, Jan. 8 (UP)—Rome's seven hills were turned into ice slides today when a drizzling rain froze and left the streets under a glassy sheet of ice. Bus traffic was stopped and walking was as dangerous as motor- ing. Scores of persons were slightly injured in sliding down the hilly streets.

PSYCHOLOGY OF SIGNS PROVES TO BE STRANGE

QUINCY, Mass. (UP)—J. Slate, Inc., wholesale tobacco dealers, found that a "No Parking" sign on their private parking lots was ignored by motorists.

But when they placed a "Parking \$1" sign on the lot, not a single motorist ventured into the area.

ART EXHIBIT TO BE HELD TUESDAY NIGHT IN GYM

The art exhibit from the University of Nebraska is scheduled to be held in the high school gymnasium Tuesday evening, January 11th. The doors will open at 7:00 p. m. with the schedule for the lecture at 8:00 p. m. There will be 33 exhibits and all are original masterpieces by many of the American artists, some pictures in this collection are by former Nebraskans.

In order to sponsor this exhibition the school has made a solicitation for patronesses who have donated 25¢ each. This donation is necessary in order to make this exhibit free to the school children and patrons of art in Plattsmouth. The art department wishes to thank those who have made this contribution and need a few more in order to cover the entire payment of \$25. If anyone is interested in being a patroness, your help will be appreciated.

The following is a list of the paintings that will be on exhibition:

I Original Oil Paintings by American Artists

1. (Mrs.) Jessie Arms Botke (well known designer and decorator, formerly of Chicago, now a resident of California). Bird Decoration. (Collection: Nebr. Art. Assoc.).
2. Charles C. Curran (Figure painter, prominent member National Academy of Design). Portrait of Will Gregg as a Young Man. (Collection: Will C. Gregg).
3. Lawton Parker (Former Nebraskan; resident of Kearney, Grand Island and Lincoln). Sunshine and Shadow. (Collection: Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Hall).
4. Rolf Stoll (Master in portrait, Cleveland School of Art) Segoviano (portrait). (Collection: Nebr. Art. Assoc.).
5. Grant Wood (Painter, illustrator; Associate Professor of Art, State University of Iowa, Iowa City). Arnold Comes of Age. (Collection: Nebr. Art. Assoc.).

II Original Drawings and Prints John Edward Heliker: Ink Drawings

6. Big Sticking.
7. Farm Buildings. Poupita; Mezzotint and Engraving in Color.
8. Cat and Kitten. Japanese Wood Block Prints. (Collection: Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Hall).
9. Hiroshige I (1796-1858). Rain Storm.
10. Tokokuni (about 1750) Scene in a Play. Etchings: (Collection: Will C. Gregg).
11. John Taylor Arms—North Portal, Seas.
12. Lionel Barrymore—Quiet Waters.
13. Frank W. Benson—Ducks.
14. Kerr Eby—War Refugees.
15. Gordon Grant—Builder of Little Ships.
16. Martin Lewis—Two A. M.
17. (Mrs. Vernon Thomas)—The Skippers.

III Reproductions in Full Color

18. Pieter Breughel the Elder—Flemish. 18. The Peasant Wedding Feast.
19. Winter-Landscape.
20. Paul Cezanne—French modern. Mont St. Victoire.
21. Cimbuë—Italian, primitive. Madonna Enthroned.
22. J. B. C. Corot—French. Young Girl.
23. Francisco de Goya. Spanish. Don Manuel Garcia de Zuniga.
24. "El Greco" Spanish. View of Toledo.
25. Hans Holbein the Younger, German. The Merchant George Glzse.
26. Winslow Homer, American. The Northeaster (oil); 27. Stowing the Sails (water color); 28. The Turtle Pond (water color).
29. Kung Chi, Chinese (960-1127 A. D.) Three Rabbits.
30. Rembrandt (Van Rijn), Dutch. Christ at Emmaus.
31. Jan Van Eyck, Flemish. Arnolfini and Wife.
32. Vincent Van Gogh, Dutch, modern. Mont St. Victoire. Sunflowers.

SET WHEAT PRODUCTION COST

LINCOLN, Jan. 7 (UP)—Cost of producing a bushel of wheat in 1937 in six Nebraska counties varied from 42 cents to \$2.47, a cost account study made by the Nebraska College of Agriculture disclosed today.

Lowest cost per bushel came from Cass County records where the average cost per acre was \$6, exclusive of land charges and the average yield per acre 24.1 bushels. Higher records came from non-fallowed land in Perkins county where the average seeded acreage per farm was 230 acres and the average acreage harvested 84 acres reducing the average yield to 3.3 bushels.

Americans May Recover Sums Due from Magnate

Nazi Government That Holds Prop- erty of Arnold Bernstein, May Settle With Creditors.

BERLIN, Jan. 8 (UP)—American creditors of Arnold Bernstein, once wealthy German-Jewish shipping magnate now under criminal sentence for violating Nazi Germany's foreign exchange law, will be paid in full, it was understood today.

Bernstein's companies were indebted to Americans to the extent of \$3,000,000. It was understood that Julius Berger, appointed by the government trustee of Bernstein's steamship lines at the time of his arrest a year ago, has made arrangements to pay off this debt at the rate of \$200,000 a year.

Bernstein, convicted yesterday and sentenced to serve two and one half years in prison and pay a fine of \$400,000, stripped himself of all assets last week, it was said, when he turned over his majority holdings in his lines to Berger. These will be sold and the proceeds used to pay his fine. The North German Lloyd-Hamburg-America line was understood to be bidding for them.

The government will decide soon the prison where Bernstein will serve at hard labor. He has been in his Hamburg prison for 12 months and this time was deducted from his sentence.

Bernstein, five associates, and the Arnold Bernstein and Red Star lines were charged with irregularities in connection with dealings in foreign currency.

Reports at the time were that Bernstein had been considering transferring his headquarters from Hamburg to Antwerp, removing the companies from German control. Such a move might have resulted in the loss of large revenues to the Reich government.

Subsequently and despite his war record and the fact that he had not previously incurred disfavor, Bernstein and his associates were arrested. In December they were brought to trial under the law against economic sabotage.

Specifically the company officials were charged with having failed to report foreign exchange in their possession abroad.

Under that law the death penalty could have been imposed but the state demanded five years in the penitentiary, five years' loss of civil rights and a fine of 4,500,000 marks (approximately \$1,580,000) lesser terms were demanded for the others.

Bernstein denied that he had ever had any intention of moving his headquarters, although the Hamburg office was merely a banking organization and the ships of the Bernstein lines did not touch at German ports.

TRAPPERS FACE SHORT SEASON IN FAR NORTH

PRINCE ALBERT, Sask. (UP)—Northern trappers may have to finish their work early this year due to the lack of caribou—the walking dog supply for the trappers and their dogs.

Absence of barren land caribou has depleted the larder of white-fox hunters and pines have kept them going by flying in extra supplies from the settlement of Stony Rapids, on Lake Athabasca.

It is the first time in 19 years that caribou have not been plentiful and the late freeze is blamed. The lakes failed to freeze over in time and the animals turned eastward, where they are wintering 250 miles from their usual haunts.

John Hornby and his two nephews, it was recalled, starved to death in the Thelon river area, on Great Slave Lake, because the weather forced the caribou to abandon their winter feeding grounds.

Hornby previously had boasted that he would never starve because he could always "live off the country."

GIVE SUPPLEMENTAL LOAN

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (UP)—Public Works Administrator Harold L. Ickes today announced a supplemental loan of \$1,061,000 to the Platte Valley Public Power and Irrigation district of Nebraska.

The loan is in addition to previous loans totaling \$7,715,000 and grants of \$2,344,777 to the district.

The new loan, Ickes said, will enable completion of the project.

Ickes also announced a loan of \$20,000 to Kennett, Missouri and an electrical generating plant for \$52,000 to Excelsior Springs, Missouri for development of mineral springs there.

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Greenwood CoOperation Can Defeat the Recession

Lyle Anderson is playing with an orchestra in Omaha.

The Greenwood schools re-opened Monday morning after the holiday vacation.

Everett Reece of Friend was at home Thursday, returning Friday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Hutchison are the proud parents of a baby girl born last Monday.

Mrs. Curley Vant of Hastings spent the week end at the John Vant home.

Robert Mathews of Paola, Kansas, is laid up with a broken leg he received while working.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Parks and family were Sunday dinner guests at the Paul Kelly home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Frederick, of Nebraska City are the proud parents of a baby girl born last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Peters called on Mr. and Mrs. Walter Brockhage in Ashland Wednesday evening.

Jacob Witt has been quite sick from a poisoning received while at his work. He is some better at this writing.

Miss Lucille Kelly returned to Lincoln with Irene Sunday evening and visited until Monday evening in the capital city.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Trunkenbolz of Eagle called on Mr. and Mrs. George Trunkenbolz and family last Sunday evening.

Miss Marion Anderson and Mrs. George McClure and son of New York are visiting their sister, Mrs. Andy Leadabrand.

Guild will meet at the church on January 11. Mrs. Wesley Miller and Mrs. Fred Creamer will entertain. Everyone is welcome.

Mrs. William Armstrong is still quite ill at this writing. Her many friends hope that she will soon be up and around again.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Alton and children of Omaha visited at the Fred Etheridge home Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Neal Peters of Nelson were also visitors.

Miss Elsie Coeman of Red Oak, Iowa, together with her sister and brother of Ashland called on their grandmother, Mrs. Minnie Elwood last Sunday.

Walter Stewart, of South Bend, Washington, who has been visiting relatives in Greenwood, is visiting his son Walter and family at Pacific Junction, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Evan Armstrong entertained friends from Ashland and Greenwood at a pinocle party last Sunday evening. Everyone enjoyed the evening and a delicious lunch was served.

Frank Welton is employed building a lunch room on what is known as the Buck property north of Greenwood. A lady from Lincoln purchased the same and will operate the business.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Wright gave a dance at their home Friday night. A large crowd enjoyed several rounds of fun. The music was furnished by Clarence Mastens orchestra. Lunch was served by the ladies at a late hour.

Deal-a-Deck Club Meets

The Pinochle club met at the home of Mrs. Mae Gribble on Thursday, January 6th. Mrs. Laura Trunkenbolz won high prize and Mrs. Vivian Cope was low. A delicious lunch was served by the hostess at the close of the afternoon. Mrs. Vivian Cope was a guest. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Myrtle Cameron.

Pinochle Party

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Miller entertained friends at a pinocle party Wednesday evening. Mrs. Holmes won first prize for the ladies and Mrs. Goodhart Vant second. The low score award went to Mrs. Steinberg. Among the men, Evan Armstrong won high. Harold Richards second, and Phil Reece low. A delicious lunch was enjoyed by all.

PUNISHED BY LASHING

WILMINGTON, Del., Jan. 8 (UP)—Three Wilmington men were lashed at New Castle county workhouse before 150 witnesses today in the traditional manner that has been in existence in Delaware since colonial days.

The first to be lashed by Warden Elwood H. Wilson was Raymond Shewbrook, 21, who received 20 blows from the cat of nine tails on his bare back. He flinched, stifling sobs as long red welts appeared.

Davis Attaway, 21, received 10 lashes without flinching. The third prisoner, James J. Watson, 21, also was to have been whipped but his sentence was remitted because of poor health. Arthur Spain, 43, received five lashes on a charge of larceny of watches and a steel safe.

Wabash News

Henry Crozier of Weeping Water transacted business matters and visited friends in Wabash Tuesday.

Charles Schafer, of Murdock, who drives a tank wagon for the Trunkenbolz Oil company, was in Wabash Wednesday delivering supplies to customers in this vicinity.

John C. Browne and Ralph Dorr, members of the Masonic lodge at Elmwood, were there last Tuesday evening for the joint installation of Masonic and Eastern Star officers.

Miss Geraldine Schmidt, who is taking a nurse's training course in Omaha, returned to the metropolis last week after having spent the holidays at the home of her parents.

Mrs. Wm. Murfin went to Murray to visit her sister, Mrs. Orville Noell, who has been seriously ill for a number of weeks. She found the sister somewhat improved, but still in a serious condition.

Grubbing Out Hedge

P. H. Clarke, who farms an 80-acre tract north of Wabash, has been busy cutting and grubbing the roots of an osage hedge, which he will use for fire wood, having the increased land it occupied for farming purposes the coming year.

Surprised on 50th Birthday

Carl Hanson, who was 50 years old Tuesday last week, was most happily surprised in honor of the event. During the day he accompanied his son Herbert to Plattsmouth and while they were away arrangements were made for the party in the evening which was attended by a good number of his friends. It was a late hour when the guests departed, wishing Mr. Hanson many more happy birthday anniversaries.

Files for Commissioner

Louis Schmidt, the road commissioner, upon the resignation of County Commissioner Fred H. Gorder last week filed his application for that office, being among the more than twenty candidates seeking the appointment. Mr. Schmidt was in Plattsmouth Tuesday to place his name and qualifications before the County Clerk, County Treasurer and County Attorney whom the law says shall make the appointment.

PLEASED WITH APPOINTMENT

OMAHA, Jan. 8 (UP)—The appointment of Charles V. McLaughlin of the Brotherhood of Engineers and Firemen to the post of "chief trouble shooter" for the department of labor, was a happy one, McLaughlin's friends here said today.

Praise for the brotherhood chief came particularly from rail officials with whom he had arbitrated labor differences.

W. M. Jeffers, president of Union Pacific wired "congratulations" to Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins on the choice of McLaughlin as successor to Edward F. McGrady.

"I have been intimately associated with him in labor relations matters for a quarter of a century," said Jeffers. "He is capable and trustworthy. Given an opportunity to determine the facts, his judgment will be accurately reflected. This appointment is a move in the right direction."

Friends said McLaughlin had achieved an enviable record in the settling of labor disputes in the west. He was mainly responsible, it was said for staving off a trainmen's strike on the Southern Pacific last year.

LIGHTHOUSE OFF BREST TO BE WORLD'S BIGGEST

PARIS (UP)—A new lighthouse, declared to be the most powerful in the world, will be erected within the next year on the island of Ouessant in the Atlantic ocean about 25 miles west of Brest. It will take the place of the lighthouse at Creac'h which served as a guide to American troops on their way to France in 1917-18.

Ships 50 miles distant will be able to see the beams of the new lighthouse and its lights will have a total strength of 500,000,000 candlepower. Each ten seconds two moving beams will be visible, each lasting two-tenths of a second.

A masterpiece of French optical science, the lighthouse will consist of a tower 95 feet high surmounted by a giant lantern, the revolving lamps of which will be 40 feet in height.

The island on which the lighthouse will be built is known as "the end of the world" and is a favorite visiting place for tourists in Brittany. It has a population of 3,000.

Want ads sell all kinds of odd household goods.

Chapei Ruined Beyond Repair; Fate in Doubt

Chinese Business Section to Require Building Anew Throughout— Only Bodies Removed

By EDWARD BEATTIE
United Press Staff Correspondent

SEANGHAI (UP)—Two and a half months of bitter block-to-block warfare reduced Chapei from a prosperous Chinese business community to hundreds of acres of forlorn ruins. Hardly a house between Soochow Creek on the southwest and the open country which begins several miles to the east can be renovated and used again as dwelling, shop or storehouse, it would seem.

Each, save a handful miraculously spared from bombs, bullets and shell fire, must be razed if not already leveled, and built anew.

Bombs have blown buildings apart, leaving only a corner or a fragment of wall standing. Machine-gun fire during the bitter street fighting literally ate away the fronts of buildings, pulverized their inside walls and reduced their furnishings to so many piles of rubbish. What the fighting failed to destroy, the fire set by retreating Chinese turned into desolation.

Only Bodies Removed

Impassive Japanese troops stationed throughout the district have cleared the bodies from the streets, but to attempt even to sweep them clean would have required half of Gen. Iwane Matsui's Shanghai army.

The streets remain a welter of fallen telephone poles, electric wires, twisted water pipes blasted up from under the surface where Japanese bombs and shell fire tore away the pavement. House fronts which fell in one piece from the force of the explosions obstruct what little traffic cares to use the thoroughfares.

Roof tiles are everywhere. What survived best are sandbag redoubts built by the Chinese defenders, and the occasional solid concrete pill-box, slotted for machine guns and equipped with electric light and over-stuffed chairs, which the Japanese say the Chinese built long before the war in violation of a demilitarization agreement.

Damage is said to be three times as great as it was in the 1932 war, from which Chapei had hardly recovered.

11 Miles of Trenches

Where the open country begins, and with it a trench system which stretches 11 miles to Tazang, every house has been damaged to a greater or less extent. Splintered trees and abandoned barbed wire barricades dot the fields. A few stray dogs and cats, driven from foodless Chapei, watch the impassive, chubby Japanese troopers erect little wooden signs to mark the spots where the first landing party members fell, and decorate them with flowers.

Japanese say that there, along a section of line possibly a half mile long, 30 Japanese infantrymen stood off 50,000 indecisive Chinese a few hundred yards distant, and 20 Japanese threw an attack of 10,000 into confusion by springing from their redoubt in a counter-attack which cost 15 of them their lives.

In Hongkew, Shanghai's "Little Tokyo," which was a target of Chinese bombers and artillery, damage is still evident; the shops, however, are reopening, restaurants serve saki-yaki; geisha girls, brought from Japan, promenade in the noonday sun. Hongkew soon will be normal.

Chapei's best chance of returning to normalcy seemingly will be if, too, becomes a "Little Tokyo," as many believe it will when Japan states the terms of peace.

DENIES REPORT

LONDON, Jan. 7 (UP)—The Evening Standard today denied reports that the Duke of Windsor has been negotiating for the lease of a house near San Francisco.

Popular imagination has associated the Duke with the intention of acquiring a score of houses as widely scattered as London, Canada, New England, California and the South Sea Islands, the Standard said. The Duke has firmly resolved to make his home near Paris.

BOARD OF REGENTS ELECT

LINCOLN, Jan. 8 (UP)—Stanley D. Long of Grand Island was elected president of the University of Nebraska board of regents at a meeting held today. Long, who served a term as president several years ago succeeds Frank J. Taylor of St. Paul. The new president is starting his 12th year as a member of the board of regents representing the fifth regents district.