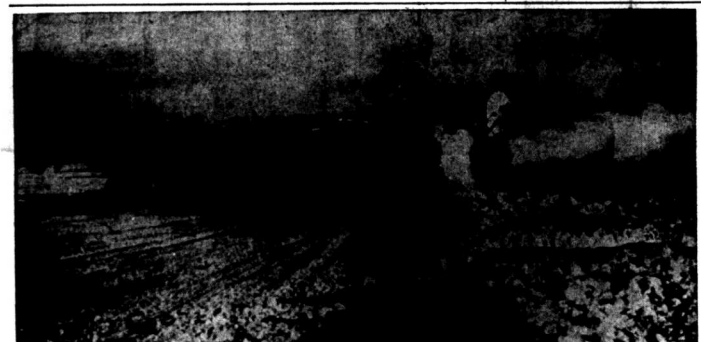


The baseball season draws nearer as a former pitcher comes down home in his winter hot stove outfit. Today's photo: Dick, Ken Wood, St. Louis Brown out-finder from Charlotte.

Mayor Asks Council To Endorse Civic Esplanade Plan CO STEPS TO DRIVE



BATTLING SNOW ON JAP AIRFIELD - Snow removal flights drift on the U. S. Army Chitose air base near Sapporo on Japanese island of Hokkaido. The field, snowbound most of the winter, is kept clear by constant work.

Philippines Quakes

New Shocks Boost Death Toll, Property Damage

MANILA (AP) - Two additional aftershocks were reported today in the earthquake-battered city of Iloilo as the central Philippines reckoned damage of \$3,500,000 to church properties alone and dispatches told of 200 houses destroyed by huge landslides. The death toll was an unofficial 28, and two families were missing on Western Panay Island, of which Iloilo is the capital.

Backs European Aid

LaFollette Cites Communist Threat

WASHINGTON (AP) - Former Senator Robert M. LaFollette (Prog-Wis.) said today that Western European nations and their dependencies fall "under Communist control, we may not be able to maintain our effective independence." LaFollette told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, considering the Administration's proposed four-year recovery program, "today in Europe there is a close race between recovery and social disintegration." He said that economic recovery of Western Europe will be "dangerously delayed if not postponed" without substantial help from the United States, but made clear that he would only support the program if it included "a program to save Europe."

Salary Too Small

Appointee Rejects Job As CAB Head

WASHINGTON (AP) - George P. Baker, director of Harvard's School of Transportation, turned down today the chairmanship of the Civil Aeronautics Board. The White House announced that the President Truman offered him the job but Baker said he could not get along on the \$10,000-a-year pay. The Civil Aeronautics Board Secretary Charles C. Row, when making the announcement, commented that Baker has a wife and four children. Baker had offered to let Baker do week-end work at the University to make extra money.

Reports Near-Starvation

Loretta Causes British Furor

By BARTON D. PATTEE LONDON (AP) - Hollywood screen star Loretta Young's recent visit to London hit the front pages today. The reaction generally was a shocked but restrained "Loretta, how could you?" Miss Young was quoted as saying she had returned to London for a lack of food. The Daily Mirror printed Miss Young's comment under the heading "The Things Some People See" and suggested she had returned to London because of the aching heart of all the hunger-stricken Europeans who high-ly praised her thoughtless "L." "I AM IN BRITAIN" The New larger circulating afternoon paper in the world, deplanned its story by printing Miss Young's remarks in two columns headed: "Life in Britain," by Loretta Young. The Daily Herald said it didn't "ordinarily print such news", but thought its readers might be entertained. An editorial said the actress's behavior was "entirely in keeping with the spirit of the times." The actress had said that when she gave a little girl some chocolate and sweets, she said "Do I look it or like it?" In Hollywood, meanwhile, she is enjoying today

Marshall's Proposal Gets Strong Support

Planning Board May Get Project

By DICK YOUNG Charlotte News Staff Writer "Marshall's Dream" was scheduled for Mayor consideration today as Council Engineer J. B. Marshall to develop a municipal esplanade, two blocks wide, from the City Hall and Courthouse Squares to Stone-wall St.

Schuman Given Edge

By LOUIS KEVIN PARIS (AP) - Premier Robert Schuman's gold program edged to day toward possible victory by a slim margin. Socialists in the National Assembly decided to abstain from voting on the Premier's monetary program, a party spokesman said.

Shocks Felt

Seven minor shocks were felt yesterday on that island, and residential property in the whole island is completely ruined. President Manuel A. Roxas said the chief of the Philippine Weather Bureau to Iloilo to reassure them; the recent quakes were aftershocks, he said, and should not today, said further damage.

Chico Marx Files Suit For Being 'Humiliated'

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Because he says he was "deeply humiliated" by a scene in the movie "Rhapsody in Blue," Chico Marx today filed a \$10,000 suit for libel against the picture's producers. The film comedian, in a Superior Court suit filed yesterday, said he was particularly annoyed because the picture's producers were endorsing certain piano-playing techniques which he did not approve.

Eisenhower To Be Grandfather

WASHINGTON (AP) - General Dwight D. Eisenhower, 71½, is expected to be named as the Army Chief of Staff, except to become a grandfather soon. The young Eisenhower, who is the former Barbara Jean Thompson, daughter of Col. and Mrs. Percy W. Thompson, was married last June at Fort Monrose.

Death Toll Near 160

Winter's Siege Idles 250,000

By ASSOCIATED PRESS Winter's siege of snow and bitter cold that extended from the Rockies to the Gulf and the Atlantic seaboard left nearly 250,000 workers idle in gas-starved industries today and caused a death toll of nearly 160.

Republican View

Tax Cut And Debt Payment Foreseen

WASHINGTON (AP) - Republican members of the House Ways and Means Committee said today taxes can be cut \$2,000,000,000 if the Government still can pay \$11,000,000,000 on the national debt in the next two fiscal years.

Deplots Action

Senator Asks Probe Of Eccles Demotion

WASHINGTON (AP) - Senator Toby (R-NH) said today he proposes to find out "who the real critics of the President and got him to remove" Marriner Eccles as Federal Reserve Board member.

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GM Charged With Unfair Practice

WASHINGTON (AP) - Robert N. Denham, general counsel of the National Labor Relations Board, today charged General Motors corporation with unfair labor practices under the Taft-Hartley Law. He alleged it refused to bargain with the CIO union and to issue an insurance plan.

What Am I Saying!

By FRANK MORGAN As Seneca, the Roman philosopher, once said: "Life is a play; it's not the length, but the performance that counts." While routine men who have been told the most of life, the most of it is gone.

WATHER

Partly cloudy today, tonight and Thursday. Lowest temperature tonight 28 degrees. Temperature at 3 P. M. today 33. High and low last 24 hours: 3-68. Sunrise tomorrow 7:08. More Weather Data on page 2-B