



## A Day For Lovers

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'Happy Valentine's Day, Kathy'



'For Me, Larry?'



'We'll Both Eat It'

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Young Larry Hunter went calling today, calling on his "girl friend" Kathy Brock. Young and old lovers all, will do the same thing today. It is St. Valentine's Day, a day for endearments which include messages, flowers, gifts — and candy like this which Larry gave (and helped eat) to his favorite Valentine.

A Pictorial Feature By Jeep Hunter

# Chances Appear Brighter For Dock Strike Solution

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## U. S. Has No Authority

## Seaton Says Oil Can't Be Seized

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of the Interior Seaton today said the government has no authority to seize the oil industry or seek a voluntary

## Lodge Attacks Soviet Blast At Ike Policy

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (AP)—Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge Jr. today called Russia's latest complaint against the United States "a gigantic, cock-and-bull story" designed to head off the Eisenhower doctrine for the Middle East.

Lodge addressed the U. S. Steering Committee after Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Vassily V. Kuznetsov had demanded urgent action to prevent the threat of a new world war which he said was stemming from U. S. policies.

The U. S. delegate said he would not oppose a full airing of the Soviet charges in the 80-nation General Assembly. At the same time, he countered with a sharp attack on Soviet actions in Hungary, the Middle East and other parts of the world.

The Soviet move, Lodge said, "is a thinly veiled and deliberately timed attack on President Eisenhower's Middle East policy because the policy would prevent Soviet subversion of the Sovereignty of all small states in the Middle East. It aims to prevent the effectuation of President Eisenhower's policy."

Kuznetsov let off the debate with a charge that the Eisenhower doctrine was "designed not to relax international strains but to make them more acute." Lodge said Kuznetsov had "let the cat out of the bag."

"Very well," he said, "we accept the challenge. Let the debate take place. We are sure that the Soviets cannot make good one single charge. We look forward to debating this matter so that we can take up all of its many unrealistic ponderositities and solemn mendacities and expose them for the crudities that they are."

## PIGEON TAGS ALONG WITH THIS PLANE

ATHENS, Ga. (AP)—This being Valentine's Day, it's a good time to disclose that a certain pigeon is "that way" about V. A. Knudsgaard, a Southern Airlines pilot from Atlanta.

About a week ago when the pigeon began flying alongside the airliner as Knudsgaard brought it in on morning flight from Charlotte, N.C.

In addition to accompanying Knudsgaard on his approach, the pigeon also circles around the cockpit as the plane taxis into its takeoff run, peering fondly in at the pilot until the plane outspeds the feathery flier.

Today, the pigeon perched on the plane's wing in the spell between landing and takeoff.

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Firemen Remove Bodies From Scene of Fire

## Anti-Smokers Band Together Flash Fire Kills 14 In Rest Home

HARTSVILLE, S. C. (AP)—The Society for the Prevention of Cigarette Smoking will be organized here tonight.

"The SPOCS is not an organization to abolish smoking," said temporary president Bill Cress of the new organization, located in the heart of the flue-cured tobacco growing country.

"Far from that," he said reassuringly. "It's a group of people—both men and women—who have it in their minds already that they want to stop smoking and just haven't found the way to do so."

"The way" the new club proposes is 35 fines. Every cigarette smoked, up to and including five, will cost \$5 to go in the club treasury.

More than five and you're booted out of membership which costs \$5 to start.

Cress says the average smoker spends \$100 a year on cigarettes. Where will the money go? To charity and other drives such as the Crippled Children's Society, the March of Dimes, and so on.

Driving Test Request Proves Conclusive

LOS ANGELES (AP)—When examiners for the Department of Motor Vehicles asked 81-year-old John Rigby to show up for a driving test they didn't imagine he'd drive right up on their lawn.

Police said he struck three cars before his auto smashed into a fence near a branch office of the department during part of the examination.

Examiners said Rigby didn't come back to finish the test.

Our Weather

Partly cloudy and cool today, tonight partly cloudy, cold and windy. Friday fair and colder.

Low tomorrow morning - 29  
High today ..... 59  
High yesterday ..... 55  
High tomorrow ..... 59  
Sunrise today 7:11 a.m.;  
sunset today 6:05 p.m.

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## Agreement On Benefits Big Snag

NEW YORK (AP)—Optimistic statements by both sides have raised hopes for speedy settlement of the dock strike idling ports from Maine to Virginia.

Spokesmen for union and management emerged from bargaining sessions last night in a more cheerful mood.

"With any reasonableness on the part of the union we can reach a contract tomorrow (today)," said Alexander Chopin, chairman of the New York Shipping Assn., the employers group.

"I feel more optimistic. In view of all that happened during the day, that the matters outstanding will be resolved shortly," said Louis Waldman, counsel for the Independent International Longshoremen's Assn.

NOT FAR APART

In addition, Joseph Finegan, director of federal mediation, told newsmen the parties were "not very far apart."

The strike of some 45,000 dockers from Portland, Maine, to Hampton Roads, Va., began Tuesday after an all-day Fast-Harley injunction cooling-off period expired.

The strike straitjacketed the New York waterfront, already beset by a tugboat strike now in its 14th day.

By late yesterday the dock walkout had idled some 150 general cargo craft and some smaller passenger vessels.

The giant liner Queen Elizabeth, scheduled to dock here tomorrow, may be diverted to Halifax, N.S. Before the strike, the IILA and the employers were in general agreement on a 32-cent hourly wage increase over three years in the basic wage of \$2.48 an hour.

BENEFIT DESPITE

A dispute over fringe benefits—such as vacations, holidays, guaranteed working hours and lighter ship loads—is holding up final agreement.

LICENSE EXPIRED

Iowa State Health Commissioner Edmund C. Zimmerman said the license of Mrs. Ivy Lee Gilmore had not been renewed after an inspection Jan. 30. Zimmerman said that following the inspection he withheld renewal "pending certain corrections at the home."

He did not specify what corrections had been ordered.

But the Council Bluffs public service director said he and Health Department inspector looked over the home last month and it met requirements for fire safety. He said an automatic fire detection system was recently installed.

Fire Chief Waldo Merrill described the flames as sweeping the building all at a sudden. Violet Hedrick, an employee, said the spraying up from her 1 1/2 x 3/4 table at the sharp cry of "fire" and ran to the ladies room where she saw curtains ablaze.

The next thing it looked like the whole place was on fire," she related.

Evening Prayer

Almighty God, through whose Son we have learned that as we ask, so we shall receive; Forgive us for our failures to call upon Thee. Enlarge our vision to see the "riches in glory" Thou dost have for us that are led to more moments in prayer. Through Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Wilmington Port Work 'Normal'

Operations at the Port of Wilmington were normal today, despite the strike of longshoremen which tied up seaborne traffic at New York and many other North-eastern and Western ports of the United States.

The North Carolina Ports Authority at Wilmington reported the longshoremen are members of the International Longshoremen's Association. However, the Port Authorities of Southeastern and Gulf states have separate contracts with the IILA members.

The current contract for the Southeastern and Gulf ports was signed last September with the result that longshoremen at these ports are not involved in the Northern port situation.

This Southeastern agreement with the IILA also applies to Morehead City and Charleston, Beaufort and Georgetown, in South Carolina.

WRONG NUMBER

CARTHAGE, Tex. (AP)—Two men threatened for fish in the Sabine River got on the wrong party line. Game Warden Joe Riggs answered. The men were using an old-time telephone generator, which when cranked and with wire terminals dropped into the water, electrocutes the fish. The men were fined \$117.50.

## REVIVED CHURCH FLABBERGASTED—Star Pastor Suddenly Lost To FBI

ELMDALE, Kan. (AP)—Calvin Laskey had revived the Elmdale Christian Church and more than 100 members in the nine months he was pastor, but today he's in jail.

The FBI said his record showed he'd been convicted 26 times on felony charges. Sheriff Francis Towle said Laskey himself acknowledged he had been in prison most of the past 20 years.

Elmdale is flabbergasted. "I don't figure I'm out anything," said Tom Wells, farmer and insurance agent who loaned \$125 to the preacher. "I think he balanced the scales by all the good he did. It might be just a case of spite personality, some kind of insanity. The man was very pious."

The Elmdale Christian Church almost had faded away when the lanky 43-year-old Laskey appeared on the scene nine months ago and talked himself into the pastorate. He said his name was Dean Barton and he'd been

about being a prisoner of war in Korea. Laskey said he'd lost his discharge papers. He said you couldn't get duplicates. Towle knew that wasn't true.

The FBI's record on Laskey dates back to a boy's industrial school at Ottawa, Canada, when he was 14. He was committed to a Montreal insane asylum after conviction of forgery in 1935 but escaped in three months. He has served terms in the Arizona and Minnesota prisons for stealing. He escaped from jail in Boston in 1945. The U.S. and Canadian armies and the U.S. Navy have desertion charges against him.

ILLEGAL MARRIAGE

Laskey pleaded guilty Monday to a charge of illegally marrying a couple Dec. 2. He was sentenced to six months in jail.

The sheriff began to suspect Laskey after hearing one of his stirring talks to service clubs