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HEIGHT MUSTA GONE TO HEAD

DENVER—(AP)—A middle-aged bride-to-be squinted up at the windy top of a 23-story building where she's to be married tomorrow and declared: "I don't know what I was thinking when I said 'Okay'."  
The man to whom Mrs. Mary Varnell, 52, said "okay" is Max A. Wilk, 55, a steelworker on the Denver Club building. The couple will be wed on a platform set across iron beams atop the skeleton framework.  
Wilk says he proposed the unusual nuptial altar "on a dare" to some of his fellow workers—who, incidentally, will be attendants at the ceremony.  
"I said it would be all right," Mrs. Varnell recalled. "But I really don't know what I was thinking about."  
"It's me that's nervous," grinned the prospective groom.

ALL SIDE WALK SUPERINTENDENTS please feel free to tell us how this work might be done better. Use suggestion box.

AND O'S KIDDING 'OM?

Stuart Schaeffer, who believes what he reads, tries to reach the suggestion box at Phoenix, Ariz., construction job, but even Rich Barnett's back won't help in this situation. A Great little kiddier, this contractor, eh what? (AP Wirephoto)

Cotton Acreage Allotment Placed Over 21 Million

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower today signed a bill fixing the 1954 national cotton acreage allotment at 21,379,242 acres.  
This is the maximum which farmers can plant to cotton this year under production controls which the growers approved last December. There have been no cotton production controls since 1938.  
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Italy In New Crisis As Government Falls

ROME—(AP)—Aminore Fanfani's 11-day-old Christian Democrat government fell today, opening a new Italian political crisis.  
The government, Italy's third in six months, was toppled when the Chamber of Deputies refused to give Fanfani a vote of confidence. The vote against him was 303 to 290.  
Communists, fellow-traveling Socialists, Monarchists, Neo-Fascists, pro-Western Democrats and Socialists and even one of his own Christian Democrats combined to defeat the 46-year-old premier.  
Only the Christian Democrats, who have a majority in the Chamber, had five votes, stood by Fanfani and his ambitious program of anti-Communism and social reform. The Liberal party, a small center group with 12 votes, abstained.  
Stubby, balding Fanfani stalled out of the Chamber immediately after the vote and announced he was going to lunch. Later today he is scheduled to go to Italian President Luigi Einaudi to submit his formal resignation.  
Already plans were laid for starting the new familiar process by which Italy searches for a new government. Monday Einaudi will start his rounds of consultations to find the next Premier.  
The Christian Democrat press was pointing to a strong contender: De Gasperi, the lean old statesman who guided Italy through eight years of stable government after the war until last June's shattering elections. Those cost De Gasperi and his Christian Democrats nearly two million votes, greatly increased the strength of the left and right in Parliament and broke up the four-party coalition. De Gasperi had wobbled. Fanfani lashed out bitterly at the Communists and pro-Communists in the final debate, calling Communist leader Palmiro Togliatti and Pietro Nenni "Volga sturgeons."

Godfrey Fate Left To CAB

WASHINGTON (AP)—It's now up to a Civil Aeronautics Board examiner to weigh a complaint that Arthur Godfrey was careless in a plane takeoff against the entertainer's contention that he was trying to avoid a collision.  
Possible suspension of his license as a private pilot is involved.  
The case went to an examiner yesterday when Godfrey waived a hearing on a complaint filed against him by S. W. Bokshik, regional attorney for the Civil Aeronautics Administration.  
Whatever recommendation the CAB examiner makes is subject to approval by the full board.  
The complaint grew out of Godfrey's takeoff Jan. 7 from the airport at Teterboro, N.J. There were reports at the time that Godfrey flying his twin-engine DC3, buzzed the control tower because he wasn't allowed to use the runway he preferred.

OUR WEATHER

Partly cloudy today, tonight and tomorrow. Colder tonight and tomorrow.  
Low temperature this morning, 33 degrees.  
Low temperature expected tonight, 29 degrees.  
High temperature yesterday, 45 degrees.  
High temperature expected today, 53 degrees.  
Sunrise 7:24 a.m.; sunset 5:30 p.m.  
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Entrance Into German Refuses To Yield On Election Stand

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

BERLIN (AP)—Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov stubbornly tried again today to bring East and West Germans into the Big Four conference on German unity. He ran into a Western stone wall.  
The persistent Soviet diplomat, who refused to accept so far an answer on this same issue yesterday, brought the subject up soon after the sixth day's session opened.  
The American, British and French ministers vetoed the Russian in turn. They repeated their reasoning of last night: that the two Germans haven't got a government that can either speak or listen for the German people and therefore the rival regimes in existence cannot be allowed to take part in the discussions.  
The Russians aren't much interested in whether the Western government of Konrad Adenauer takes part. Their aim is clearly to get some kind of recognition for their satellite Communist machinery which rules the Soviet zone and its 18 million people.  
The newest exchange pointed up the deadlock over plans for creation of a new all-German government.  
Officials said the United States, Britain and France were unified in their determination not to yield in the slightest on their demand for free elections throughout East and West Germany as the essential first step toward a new government.  
U.S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles was adamant in his opposition designed to impress this upon Soviet Foreign Minister V.M. Molotov. But there was no prospect of any yielding either in the Soviet position for merger of the East German Communist and the West German regimes as the proper first step.

Files Probe Opened By Senate Group

Jenner Repeats Destruction Claim  
By JOHN CHADWICK  
WASHINGTON (AP)—The Senate Internal Security subcommittee was embarked today on a probe of Communist activities, announced late last night by Sen. J. Lee Rankin (D-Mo.).  
The subcommittee was directed by the Navy to destroy some of its intelligence files on Communist activities, announced late yesterday the subcommittee would start hearings in the near future.  
Another key bridge for the investigation appeared in a statement by Sen. Bridges (R-N.H.) Bridges said that an order was issued for the destruction of "all records of a subversive nature about individuals in the Army."  
This happened, he said, about the same time as the incident Jenner described.

Unemployment Figure Now Past 2.5 Million

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Labor Department made public today figures indicating unemployment may have reached or exceeded 2 1/2 million.  
The figures today showed there were 416,000 initial claims for unemployment compensation benefits during the week ending Jan. 22. Not all of these can be considered as unemployed, since some normally get other jobs in a few days.  
These 416,000 initial claims for jobless benefits indicated a continuing heavy number of workers losing their jobs. But the figure compared with 444,800 initial claims for the week ending Jan. 16 with 465,727 Jan. 9, and 413,200 Jan. 2.  
This encouraged government officials who have been closely following the unemployment data. Normally there is an employment peak in the winter time reaching a peak in early January after holiday trade-up efforts.  
Usually there is some improvement in the latter weeks of January and the experts feel the reduced unemployment rate is a hopeful sign that some employment recovery may be on the way.  
Douglas (D-Ill.) said census figures do not reflect "real unemployment" because they do not count workers temporarily laid off. The census figure on unemployment omits those told to return within 30 days.

Memorial Service Held For Mr. And Mrs. Dowd

CHAPEL HILL.—Members of the North Carolina Press Association paid tribute to the memory of Mr. and Mrs. W. Carey Dowd today in a memorial service held at the home of Mrs. Dowd.  
The ceremony had been scheduled for the presentation of a bronze relief plaque of Mr. Dowd to the University of North Carolina. With the sudden death Thursday evening of Mrs. Dowd, press association officials arranged for a memorial service for both.  
Mr. Dowd, for 20 years publisher of The Charlotte News, and a former president of the N. C. Press Association, died in August, 1949.  
Josh L. Horne, publisher of the Rocky Mount Telegram, presented the plaque for a group of Mr. Dowd's friends and associates. Chancellor Robert B. House accepted the plaque for the University.

Did Bladenboro Beast Flee To Pennsylvania?

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. (AP)—A animal whose tracks were seen on Bladenboro Mountain 10 days ago, a former president of the press association, presided. B. A. P. Lowrance, of Charlotte, presided at the memorial service.  
A fully-equipped Red Cross mobile unit was on hand in case of an emergency.  
The lure of a rare big game hunt brought hunters to the scene from a wide area. But they had very little to go on as to what they were searching for.  
"Though the animal has been sketched described by a few hunters who claim to have seen it, the hunt is decidedly serious business. Chairman of the expedition is President Judge Charles Scott Williams, of the Lenoir County court."  
Headquarters for the safari into the northern Pennsylvania wilds were set up at a turkey farm atop Steam Valley Mountain on Rt. 15.

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NEWS MEN WIN WRITING AWARDS



These Charlotte News staff members were honored by the North Carolina State Press Association for outstanding writing in 1953. Left to right are: C. A. McKnight, Editor of The News, first place and honorable mention for editorial writing; Tom Fesperman, City Editor of The News, fourth place in feature writing; Julian Scheer, sports department, honorable mention in sports writing; and Vic Reineimer, News associate editor, two honorable mentions in editorial writing.

McKnight Editorial Wins; 3 Other News Men Cited

C. A. McKnight, editor of The News, is the first place winner in the North Carolina State Press Association's annual editorial writing competition—his third victory in the past four years.  
Mr. McKnight also received honorable mention for another of his editorial entries.  
Three additional members of The News editorial staff, Tom Fesperman, Vic Reineimer, and Julian Scheer, were honored by the association at its dinner meeting in Durham last night.  
The News' six awards and citations were the largest number won by any newspaper in the state.  
Mr. Fesperman, who became city editor of The News Dec. 31, received fourth place in the story writing division for his story on Duke football star Worth Lutz activities during a football game. The story appeared in The News last October.  
Previously, Mr. Fesperman won a first place for spot news reporting (1948) and an honorable mention in feature writing (1950). Mr. Reineimer, associate editor of The News, received two honorable mentions this year, the first for his editorial "This Loyalty Above All Others," which appeared Dec. 29, 1952, and the second for a series of six articles on abuses of veterans' privileges.  
His winning editorial which reviewed the technique of congressional investigating committees, also received a Heywood Broadcast last year.  
Mr. Scheer, a member of The News sports department, received honorable mention in spot reporting (1949).  
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