Queer Presents Royalty Receives

Did you send the Queen greetings card last Christmas? Thousands of people did from Thousands of people did, from all parts of the world — and they're causing an acute secretarial problem at Buckingham

Among the well-wishers are who would like to boast that the Queen has sent them a Christmas card. They will be disap-pointed, however, for Her Maesty sends a "return card" only o people personally known to

tarial clerks — hard-working Miss Luker and Miss Olivia Short — make a gallant attempt to acknowledge all Christmas greetings. Nowadays, how ever, the postage bill is becom-ing so huge that the Household asurer would like to see the matter dealt with by the inseron of a phrase of thanks in the Queen's Christmas broad-

The snag is that this might increase the loyal Christmas card avalanche - and already the Palace has to pass a truckload of cards to children's hos

Observance of tradition adds considerably to the Queen's Christmas mail, but sometimes this includes a gift which is o special appeal.

For instance, Her Majesty always receives a posy of sum-mer-time wild flowers from Australia. It would be difficult to imagine a gift more acceptable, in the gloom of an Eng-

Another floral gift regularly received by the Queen each Christmas is a casket of white flowering thorn-sprigs from to Her Majesty with seasonable greetings by the Mayor and Vi-

ar of Glastonbury.

The legend states that when Joseph of Arimathea first went there as a missionary, he stuck his thorn staff into the ground at Glastonbury and it took root and blossomed. Ever since then it has blossomed at Christmas. Similarly, the lairds of Foulis have to pay a bucket of snow as Christmas rent for their lands - but if there is no snow at Christmas, the debt may be paid when next there is a snow-

One Christmas gift was notice ably absent from the Queen's mail last year. For many years a five pound note had been received from an anonymous well-wisher, and paid into Her Majesty's Charities Account. Attempts had been made to trace the sender, and this may hav heen the reason for the nonreceipt of the gift last year. The colossal Palace Christmas mail always includes a grand array of knitted garments for

Prince Charles and Princess Anne. These present quite a ously mean well but presumably are ignorant of the rule gifts cannot be accepted from anyone unknown personally to the Royal Family.

Usually such gifts are acknowledged by a tactful note from a lady-in-waiting. The Royal children have made use of some of these Christmas sents, but many find their way to a children's home. The year before last, we remember. Princess Margaret was sent so many boxes of chocos that she could have open-

ed a candy shop with the stock.

Nearly all of them were sent

to the National Institute for the

Blind and distributed at a spe-

An unusually heavy pac cers cause for suspicion, but it proved to contain a chunk of Labrador rock, sent home by an emigrant in the hope that might be allowed to rest on Windsor soil. Sticks of pepper-mint rock constituted another of the Queen's most unusual Yule-

tide gifts. At Sandringham, a large room has to be used for storing Royalty's problem gifts. Always there is the hope that a use will be found for everything sooner or later, but many presents range from the impractical to the utterly weird.

What gives the Queen most pleasure when her family presents are opened? Links of sentiment are forged by the Duke of Edinburgh's gifts of jewellery and Her Majesty adores films of acing interest; many reels are included among her gifts, and these are added to her private film library. Another prize gift was the happy choice of an oilpainting of a race-horse that was a Royal favourite.

The Queen's ideal gift was a portable typewriter given by Princess Margaret. Her Majesty had great fun learning to type letters to close relatives and friends.

The Royal children are encouraged to prepare little home made gifts, but the result is not always successful. For it's on record that the Queen opened a specially attractive package one year to find that it containdog-biscuits!

Critical Years

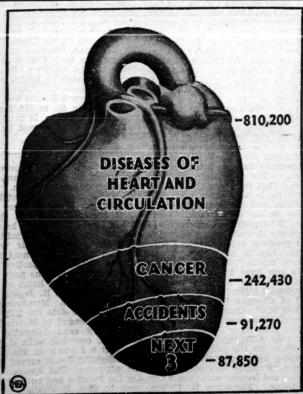
The human mind being what it is, the unusual, the outrageous, the spectacular tend to command its attention. How t "make righteousness readable" (to quote a great British editor) or to appear as prevalent as it really is poses a very considerable challenge.

Every now and then an editor in sheer desperation tells his readers the big news of the day is the fact that millions of young men are not being killed in battle, that the great majority. of family circles do affectionately endure, and that all but a small minority of neighbours continue living side by side in harmony and mutual regard. All of this holds true with respect to juvenile delinquency versus normal, energetic, inex

perienced youth. And it is likey few can speak with more those who have dedicated their careers to organizations such as the YMCA. One of its officials wrote recently to an inquiring Too little is known generally

about the wholesome and constructive activities of the majority of young people. We see hundreds of them coming to our various centers, busy in social activities, in clubs, in classes, and on teams. We hear them discussing matters of impor-tance to their present and their ness, wholesome curiosity, honesty and integrity. We see them looking forward to careers that make contributions to society. The existence of this nonlinquent majority is no accident. The home has had a hand

the church and the school. And then there are civic-minded agencies like the "Y" which provide a focus of activity and a steadying influence during teens and late adolescence - the critical years, when youth is and to find a satisfying way into adulthood. - From The Christian Science Monitor.



HEART-STOPPING STATISTICS - Diseases of the heart and circulation system claimed 810,200 lives in the United States during 1955, more than all other causes of death combined.





BOYS WILL BE BOYS—This four-way combo shows Prince Charles swapping punches with a fellow pupil on January 29, the second day of his precedent-shattering attendance at an exclusive London boys' school. "The Prince had a slight difference of opinion with a fellow pupil," a London newspaper reported At upper left, upper right and lower left Charles is shown at right. In last photo he is at left. The paper said "Charles won by giving his opponent one hefty shove."

Hazza & Jane Andrews.

Too many of us, when we plan having chicken, think only of the younger - and more expensive! - birds, fit for roasting and frying. This is a great mistake as the older fowl, if properly cooked of course, have flavour and goodness all their

Stewing Chicken Stewing chicken has always played an important role in meal planning. Its meat is so the choice for chicken salads, pies, shortcakes, sand wiches, croquettes, casseroles

Stewing and braising, moistheat methods, are used for cooking this mature, less tender chicken. Moist heat is required to soften its connective tissue the rule.

Place whole or cut-up stewing chicken in a kettle. For each pound of chicken, add 1/2 to 1 cup of water and 1/2 teaspoon salt. The quantity of wate used depends on the amount of broth wanted. For additional flavour, add 3 or 4 pepper berries, 1 small carrot, 1 small onion, 2 ribs of celery and a

Simmer chicken until the thickest portions are fork-tender - 2½ to 4 hours. Remove chicken, then cool chicken and broth promptly. Cover and refrigerate unless chicken is to be used immediately. One pound of stewing chicken will yield about 1 cup diced cooked hicken meat.

Braised Fowl

To braise an older bird, tuck the legs into the band of skin under the tail. Place the bird, breast up on a rack in a large kettle. Pour in boiling water up to rack but not over the bird Cover the kettle and let water boil gently but not furiously. Add more boiling water as required. After 11/2 hours steam-

ing, remove bird. Stuff bird with your favourite stuffing, truss, coat with fat and sprinkle with salt. Place or a rack in a roasting pan. Add 1 cup of broth from steaming kettle. Cover and cook in a moderate oven of 350 degrees until fowl is tender $-1\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 hours. Turn the bird occasionally t



cook it evenly. If the bird is

without the lid. Chicken with Dumplings 3 to 4 pounds stewing Salt and pepper

not browned by the time it is

tender, cook for a short time

1 can (15-oz.) peas 1 medium size onion 1 cup diced celery 1 cup packaged biscuit mix Cut chicken into serving pieces and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Dredge with flour Brown in a saucepan. Pour off

excess fat. Drain liquid from peas. Measure and add enough water to make 4 cups of liquid. Pour over browned pieces of chicken. Add sliced onion and celery. Cover and simmer 21/2 to

Remove chicken pieces. Thicken liquid with a thin flour and water paste. Replace chicken in thickened gravy. Add pea. Make dumplings according to directions on package of biscuit mix. Serves six.

Fruit Squares
i cup siited bread
(all purpose) flour
1 teaspoon baking
powder
½ teaspoon salt 2 eggs, beaten 1 cup brown sugar

1 teaspoon vanilla
½ cup filberts
¼ cup chopped maraschino 1 cup dates, chopped 34 cup raisins

pan with foil. Grease foil and

Valued Keepsakes thief broke in and stole it with

When a Midlands cinema other articles. shut down recently, a fifty-When he discovered his loss three-year-old housewife was offered two of its seats to take the owner revealed to the police that, twenty years earlier, that handkerchief had dried the away and keep as souvenirs, because she had spent nearly 18,tears of a petite mindinette 000 hours in one of them She had visited the cinema had jilted him on the day before they were due to wed. He of fered a reward of \$5,000 for its three times a week for fortyfive years, and the man had courted and married return; but never saw it again.

In Vienna before the war had usel the other seat. romantic young count sat one evening with a lovely, black-For that housewife the seats will always be sentimental rehaired Viennese girl in a café, where he had met her by chance minders of her courting days. Not since 1940, when a Birmingham man bought and erected in a few hours before. An orches his dining-room the paving-stone on which he had proposed tra played, they drank wine and the count was deliriously happy realizing that he was in love to his wife, has there been such an instance of devotion to inanimate objects connected with But that proved their firs affairs of the heart.

Beat eggs until they are thick

and light. Gradually beat in

ngredients. Then fold in nuts

Cool. Cut in squares and re-

move from pan. Makes 48.

1/4 cup shortening

½ cup sugar 1 egg, well beaten

½ teaspoon vanilla

21/2 cups ready-to-serve

6 teaspoon salt

oven to 350 degrees.

greased baking sheet.

Makes 2 dozen.

thoroughly.

½ cup filberts or other nuts, chopped ½ cup dates, chopped

flaked cereal, crumbled

Grease baking sheet. Heat

Blend shortening and sugar

Beat in egg, then stir in nuts,

Press mixture into rounded

Bake in moderate oven for 10

minutes. They crisp as they cool.

bowl of tablespoon and drop on

dates, vanilla, salt and cereal.

. . .

Nut Crisps

sugar, then vanilla.

pared pan.

and only meeting. The girl hap-A rich Frenchman treasured pened to be married, and when for years a dainty cambric handshe told him it nearly broke kerchief, keeping it in a glass ed the café proprietor by offering him a big sum for the table sides of pan. Heat oven to 350 at which the pair had sat.

It was transported to his home in France, where it has had a place of honour in his sittingroom ever since. And he is still

Stir in mixed and sifted dry A bottle tossed over the side and fruit. Spread batter in preof a ship, brought romance to a pretty Irish girl. She was driving some cows to a field by Bake in a moderate oven for the sea on the south-west coast, when she spotted the bottle on the shore.

Inside was a note written by a serviceman on Christmas night a year earlier. It read: "I am an American soldier . . twenty-one years old . . . This is my third Christmas from

The girl wrote back warmly. Seven years and seventy letters passed before the American saved up enough money to visit Reporters got hold of the

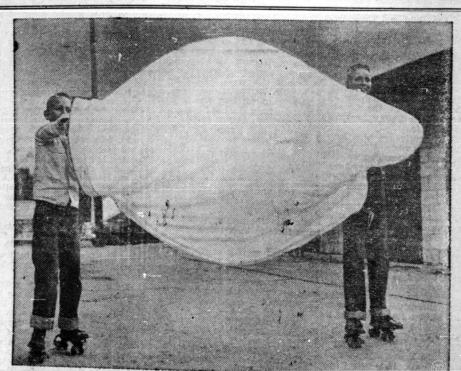
story and pressed for the wed-ding date. But all the ex-soldier would say was: "She's very "After all, we only met a few

hours ago. Up to then he was only a man in a bottle." The older a person gets, the

wilder the younger generation



WIRED FOR DREAMS - Volunteer subject at the Sleep Research Institute dreams away her tour of duty while tiny electrodes attached to various skin surfaces of her body, transmit electric waves generated by the brain, heart rate and body temperature. The minute currents pass through the panel on the head of the bed and are recorded as part of a continuing, 11-year study of the mystery of sleep. Readings have been taken while hundreds of men and women have racked up a total, to date, of more than 20,000 sleeping hours in some 3,500 nights of



SOMETHING'S IN THE WIND - Surer than the first robin, skates afoot are a sign that springtime is making her first tentative advances. Jimmy, left, and "Skeeter" Ward take advantage of a break in the weather to go sail-skating with the aid of an old bed sheet.

Birdbrains!

One can only assume that the expression "birdbrain," as ap-olied to persons of limited mentality, is an outgrowth of the fact that many birds possessing the power of transportation still remain North, here to shiver and freeze—with man. This, to nost people, seems like faulty judgment for even a bird. How many men, possessing wings and the ability to speed safely and cheaply southward, would be around enduring the foul wea-

Yet birds do it, lots of them and we can only assume that these are not as smart as the ones who go south even before the Christmas holidays. They ion't stay out of loyalty to man, but probably because they don't know any better. The fact that they do hang around to share our misery during the winter should arouse a spirit of kinship even for those who can take their birds or leave them.

All of which is to say that now is the time for all good men and women to give a thought for the birds, their pre-sent unappy state, and their need for a few handouts while the ground is covered with snow and the winds are cold. If you do put out food, remember it should be in a spot inaccessible to other household pets. There is one ornery trait about most dogs: they will glut themselves on food left out for birds, no matter what it is, if they can get hold of it. The strained relaionsh', between birds and cats

need hardly be stressed. Birds are actually our good friends because they work all spring and summer dispatching all kinds of bugs and beetles. If It were not for the birds, we would be a whole lot worse off than we are. So let's give them a handout now, not in the spirit f donor to mendicant, but to willing workers who more than earn the few handfuls of food you give them during their hungry and cold days in January. Hartford Courant.

Urges Income Tax Reductions

OTTAWA - The Canadian Chamber of Commerce recently urged the government to announce in the forthcoming budget a broad plan of deferred tax reductions appropriate to the developing surplus.

The Executive Council of the Canadian Chamber in a brief to

Canadian Chamber, in a brief to the Ministers of Finance and National Revenue said it would appear that there is at least from \$300 to \$400 millions of annual revenue that could be applied to tax cuts. The brief warned, however, that because of the inflationary environment the "full application of such tax reductions should be deferred to a time when inflationary pressures have abated and when such reductions would be every point of view." Any such program of deferred

should include the following (a) Reductions in the lower and middle rates of tax on personal income. Such reductions

would put more emphasis on

MERRY MENAGERIE

"Any ol' port in a storm, eh. ma'm?"

effort and efficiency and make easier the accumulation of ca-

(b) A reduction in the gen eral rate of tax on corporate income and an increase in the present \$20,000 limit to which the lower rate on corporate income now applies. Such a reduction would put Canadian husiness in a better recition to business in a better position to seep up in the rapid advance of technology and to hold and strengthen its competitive posi-

(c) A review of the specia excise tax structure with a view iting such taxation only to comnodities which are regarded as appropriate for special taxation on a permanent basis. While generally approving the present tight money policy, the Executive Cocncil brief issued

a warning against overdoing it, claiming the policy of restraint should be eased as inflationary pressures slacken. A special section on present monetar policy said in part that such a policy is regarded "as the least undesirable of the various alternatives which might be considered by the government, includ-ing increased taxation, direct measures of control, and of course the alternative of simply letting the inflation take its course . . . It would be fatally easy and superficially popular for the monetary authorities to accede to the growing demand for money and credit. But if the demand is excessive in relation to the existing productive capacity of the economy, it can only result in bidding up prices and costs. The best way to check inflation is to prevent undue expansion in the supply of money and credit."

A section of the brief devoted to government expenditures urged Ottawa to place "more than ordinary emphasis" on containing the present level of expenditure. Apart from possible defence requirements, if was stated, the most urgent de mands are in the area of municipal and provincial responsi-bility and if at all possible it is desirable that the federal tax collector should make some room for unavoidable increases in municipal and provincial tax-ation. Otherwise, the overall tax load is more likely to increase than to decline.

Blues Stop Riot

Jazz maestro Louis "Satchmo Armstrong has made another visit to England, following his rapturous reception there dur-ing his last world tour. He ran into trouble in the Gold Coast during that tour when thousands of excited Africans gathered in Acca's largest

park and screamed:
"Blow, man, blow the house!"
The delighted Louis was about to oblige when the local police major pulled him aside. "When you play fast," the major said, "these Africans can't stand it. They'll riot all over the place

A smile stretched over Satchmo's broad face. "Okay, Daddy," he said, "I'll give 'em a little four o'clock in the morning music." The jazz king promptly burst out with a slow blues favourite "Sleepytime Down South." It must have been one of the quietest jazz concerts on

record. On another occasion Louis was taken to the Gold Coast University, where the drummers of seventy tribal chiefs gave a display of African music. Louis listened. His fingers itch-

Finally he could stand it no longer. He picked up his trum-pet, checked the beat and rhythm and whipped out with a hot chorus. In next to no time the whole university was rocking solidly to one of the wildest impromptu versions of "Stomp-in' at the Savoy" ever heard —

CROSSWORD 9. Meager allowance 10. God of love 32. Parted 35. Shirks 37. Sinks down heavily PUZZLE 1. Style of poetry Jump Recline rim
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Answer elsewhere on this page.

by John Russel Research at the Beaverlodge of fermentation. While adequate Experimental Farm, has discloscompaction is paramount, over

compaction of high moisture

HE GOT KING SAUD'S GOAT - Fresh goat milk is an exoti:

hard-to-come-by beverage in Washington. A staple item of

crisis with the imminent arrival of Saudi Arabia's King Saud.

Allan Rogers shown making one of his prize goats came to the

rescue to supply the eight quarts daily for the visiting king and

THE FARM FRONT

Arabian diet, its procurement posed something of a gostrono

his party.

ed no practical method for the

chemical control of wild oats in

marked visit le reduction in wild

More recently the feasibility

of the use of pre-planting che-

micals has been examined. Nine

different pre-planting chemicals

were applied to the soil in fall

and spring and immediately worked in thoroughly with a

disc. The crops subsequently seeded were wheat, oats, barley,

flax and peas. The object was to kill the germinating wild oat

kernels in the soil while doin

no damage to that of the seeded

crops. Ten pounds per acre of IPC applied in the fall elimin-

ated 90 per cent of the wild oats

with no apparent injury to peas

ly. In one test, fifteen pounds of

but other crops suffered severe

2.4-D ester per acre, also ap-

mination of most of the wild

oats and did little harm to cul-

tivated oats seeded in the

spring. Other crop species were

seriously injured. However, cur-

rent prices of these two chemi-

cals at the above rates makes

their commercial application

The chemical CIPC, a close

relative of IPC, gave a high degree of control of wild oats but caused some injury to peas.

MCP ester proved more lethal

to wild oats than did the ester

of 2.4-D. but did considerably

more harm to the seeded crop

Other chemicals, such as CDAA

and CDEC, gave some control at Beaverlodge when applied

early in the spring before seed-

ing but only at rates which injured the crop.

A vital factor in the success

or failure of ensiling forage

crops is the degree of packing

moisture content of the crop

This factor can be controlled by stage of maturity, wilting or

partial drying, addition of mois

ture, length of cut, amount of packing, speed of ensiling and other methods of operation.

W. E. Cordukes, agronomist at the Central Experimental

Farm, says grasses and legumes can be ensiled in different types of silos at any time from the

early bud stage to the full bloom

stage of growth of the legumes in the sward. For high quality

silage, free air must be elimin ated from the silage mass in order to produce a proper type

unpractical.

plied in the fall, prevented ger

oat population.

forages can also result in a poor grain crops, says A. C. Carder. Maleic hydrazide has been inquality silage. At the bud stage, the standing crop contains a very high per-centage of moisture. To offset vestigated intensively for number of years. It is applied when the wild oats are in the high moisture, wilting or a long milk stage with the object of length of chop and a moderat evitalizing the wild oat kerne degree of compaction should be without injury to the seed of the cultivated crop. The cost of employed. As the crop advances in maturity, the moisture conapplication is about \$3 per acre.
Although this method succeeded on an experimental basis it proved unsatisfactory for commercial use. One reason for this is that the period during which tent decreases; and so with each advance in maturity the amount of packing required to eliminate air in the mass increases. At the full bloom growth stage, compaction becomes extremely is that the period during which successful treatment can be important and difficult to attain and if not acomplished, will cer and may be difficult to detertainly result in a poor quality mine. Moreover, with severe insilage. By employing a shorter length of cut with advancing festations, repeated applications over a number of years are crop maturity, compaction can necessary before there is any

be greatly facilitated. Results of silage experime at Ottawa clearly illustrate the importance of proper compaction. A grass-legume silage ensiled at 75 per cent moisture. but with little or no compaction, gave a silage of poor quality and a 43.2 per cent loss of dry matter. The same crop moderately compacted had a loss of 30.9 per cent as compared with a loss of only 17.5 per cent where thorough compaction was employed. With thorough compaction the silage had no heavy silage odors, and was relished by the livestock.

. . . Mechanical grazing is a me-thod of feeding animals where the fresh pasture feed is brought to the cattle in a feed lot. This usually involves the use of a forage harvester and self-feeding wagon or feed bunks.

In 1956, an experiment comparing this method of feeding with fresh daily grazing was made by the Animal Husbandry and Field Husbandry Divisions of the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa. The animals in

cern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times. Matthew 16:3.

Jesus had just fed a mu

sufficient. Jesus said, "If any man will do My will, he shall walked on the Lake of Galilee to the disciples in distress. In the land of Gennesaret they had brought unto Him all that were diseased and as many as touch ed Him were made perfectly whole. Still the Pharisees and aducees asked him to show them a sign from heaven. No wonder Jesus said, "A wicked and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall be no sign be given unto it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas." When that sign (the resurrec tion of Jesus) came, they still continued in unbelief. It is a true saying, "There are none so blind as they who will not see."

There are signs today that the coming of our Lord draw-eth near. One sign is that of ish nation in the land promised to their father, Abraham. They do not hold all the land but recent events indicate their purpose to extend the borders of their national home.

Paul wrote: "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blas-

the feed lot were fed from a self-feeding wagon that was loaded each day by using a shredder type forage harvester The equipment required cost approximately \$1,500 plus a 3plow tractor and one operator. Time required for each day's up and unhook harvester, 8-16 minutes; travel (1/4 mile), 8-12 minutes; cutting time per ton, 10-20 minutes.

One ton of green feed will satisfy 15-20 cattle and requires approximately 26-48 minutes of time each day to feed the animals. Collecting two tons of green feed requires 36-68 minutes every day when the larger load is hauled.

Shredder type forage harvesters seem well suited to this type of operation providing fields are suitable for mechanical operations. One man can perform the operation without undue half to one hour each day when 25-30 cattle are being fed.

tural affection, truce-breaker tural affection, truce-breakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof." 2 Timothy 3:1-5. These words were never so applicable as they are today. plicable as they are today. In the Bible the way of Salvation is clearly defined. No one in this country of an oper Bible need be in darkness. Net ther do we need the visions of

Golf Gimmicks

any modern seer. The Bible

Did you know that golf balls can be hit farther when they are warm? Some professional says golfing addict George loughton, carry one in trouser pocket and tee up wit them alternately.

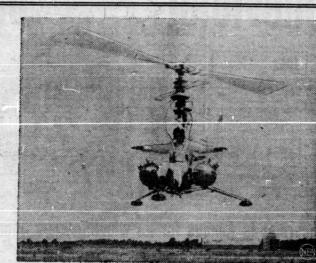
All golfers have a gimmick o est - and, possibly, liveliest addition to his popular "addie series, "Golf Addicts Through The Ages", delightfully illustrated by himself. "Tucked away in the innermost recesse of our hearts is an infallible re medy, formula or method, which is our own particular answer to the golf riddle," he says.

One of the best of all royal golfers, King Leopold of the Belgians had a handicap of twe in his heyday, and in 1931 Belgian Open.

He also had a secret gimmicl revealed by his caddie to Hough ton one day. Before a big match the Belgian monarch made point of cutting his fingernail

Re the importance of relaxa tion. Houghton says that a friend of his takes his teeth out before playing a shot so that he won't be tempted to grit them. He adds: "Perhaps Ted Ray knew the complete answer. When asked if he had the secret for achieving a good shot, he said: 'Yes. Walk right up to the ball and hit the blankety thing.'"





MABEL'S STABLE—With arms outstreiched, Norman Lloyd makes like a bird to demonstrate the inherent stability Mabel", a new, one-passenger helicopter. The tiny chopper is powered by rocket engines mounted in tips of its rotor blade, and uses a hydrogen peroxide mixture for fuel.



SIAMESE TWINS SEPARATED - Floyd and Laverne Hutchins proudly hold their separated Siamese twins, Gary and Lary, in La Mesa, Calif. The youngsters, the sixth pair in known medical history to have been successfully segurated were connected at the base of their spines at birth and were separated 17 days later without complications.