

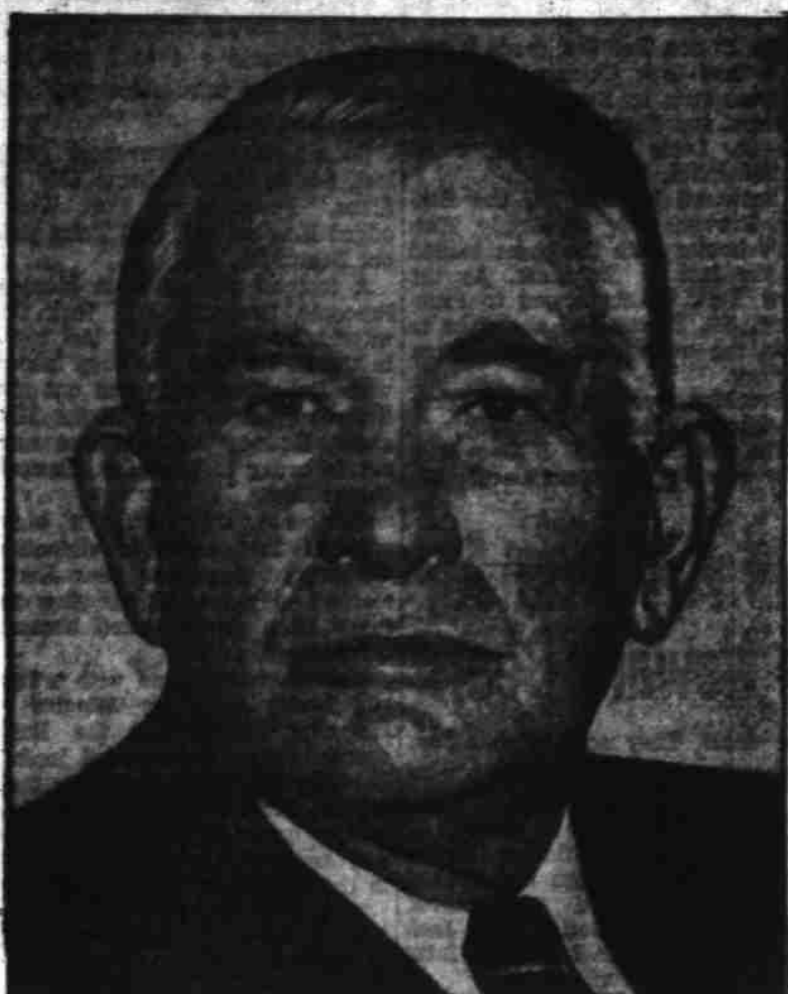






**KENTUCKIAN STILL SETTING RECORDS**

**Vice-President Barkley Most Sought-After Man In Capital**



ALBEN W. BARKLEY

WASHINGTON — Vice President Alben W. Barkley is now the most sought after man in town. At the age of 71 he set a new record by being the oldest man ever to be sworn into the job. But you'd never guess he held the age title in view of the records he's been setting since.

There are no official figures, but experts agree that in the few months he has been in office, Barkley has probably crowned more beauty queens, awarded more medals, launched more drives, been photographed with more movie stars and been guest of honor at more affairs than any previous V. P. in a full term. His unflagging good nature and salty wit have made him the town's favorite guest. He averages between 40 and 50 invitations a day to attend private parties and dinners. And he gets almost that many requests to appear at public functions. He accepts as many of these demands on his time as he is able to, but insists on keeping a few evenings a week free for some quiet reading in his modest Connecticut Avenue apartment.

Barkley has added new meaning to the tradition at the Capitol that any member of Congress can walk into the Vice President's office without being announced. It's a hangout for both Republican and Democratic members, as well as being the clearing house for good jobs.

Barkley also manages to spend more time presiding over the Senate—his one Constitutional assign-

ment—than any other recent Vice President. And he is considered one of the best parliamentarians who's ever presided over that deliberative body, thanks to his many years as a Senator and a scholarly interest in the subject.

His office, just behind the main Senate chamber, is furnished with fabulously valuable pieces of art and antiques. His desk is a tremendous affair which came from the White House and was once used by Theodore Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson. Above his head hangs a tremendous cut glass chandelier which was made in France for the White House. Theodore Roosevelt gave it to the Capitol because he said the tinkling caused by drafts in the White House made him nervous.

On one wall is a small gilded mirror which launched a congressional probe when First Lady Dolley Madison brought it back from France and neglected to pay the \$50 duty on it. Another wall is almost completely covered by the famous Rembrandt Peale painting of George Washington, valued at close to one million dollars. Covering a third wall is a huge rosewood bookcase, the oldest piece of furniture in the Capitol.

The supreme object of pride in his office, however, is the large replica of the seal of his office. By presidential proclamation he has become the first Vice President in history to have the seal. It is similar to the official U. S. seal, and has the eagle's head turned in the direction of the olive branch clutch-

ed in the claws, to symbolize peace, rather than in the direction of the claw clutching the arrow, symbolizing war.

Another record he can probably claim is that of receiving more mail than any previous Vice President. Much of his correspondence comes from persons who still think he is the senior Senator from Kentucky. The rest comes from all over the country, asking for his advice, help or presence at some party or ceremony. His office staff of seven keeps working full blast handling the mail and the steady stream of visitors trying to get in to see Barkley.

His capable aide is Bill Vaughn, who now uses the same desk which was used by Harry Vaughn when he was aide to Vice President Harry Truman. They are not related. Barkley has been Bill's sponsor since 1934, when he brought him to the capital as a messenger boy from Bill's home in Glasgow, Ky. Bill, who has worked in the Senate and House radio galleries and in other branches of the radio business, is also an expert on parliamentary matters and the inner workings of the capital and national politics. Spoon-fed on Kentucky politics, Bill makes a perfect front office man for the Vice President.

**Reservoir Proposal Rejected By Army**

WASHINGTON, May 19. (AP)—A proposal for two small reservoirs on the Leon River to aid flood control and provide more water for Abilene and Stephenville has been rejected by the Army Engineers.

The projects were suggested as a substitute plan for the proposed Proctor Reservoir which the engineers previously had recommended.

Maj. Gen. Lewis A. Pick, chief of Army Engineers, announced the opposition in a letter to Rep. Burleson (E-Tex.). Referring to surveys of the entire Brazos River watershed, which includes the Leon among other tributaries, Pick said:

"Flood conditions in and above Abilene and Stephenville are such that practicable plans of reservoir control have not been found economically favorable."

The Proctor Reservoir on the Leon River was recommended by the engineers as a part of a comprehensive flood control program on the Brazos watershed.

Bread pudding is especially enjoyable when it is served just after it has cooled at room temperature; garnish it with a little red currant jelly for extra appeal. Shredded coconut is a delicious garnish for chocolate bread pudding.

**Big Spring (Texas) Herald, May 1949 BIOGRAPHIES, MYSTERIES MOST POPULAR**

**Library Reports Local Residents Have Omnivorous Reading Tastes**

What are local residents reading these days? Just about anything new the attendants at the Howard County Free Library puts on the shelves.

The most popular volumes seem to be Gilbreth's and Carey's "Cheaper By The Dozen," a whimsical takeoff on the everyday happenings in the lives of a large family; "Roosevelt and Hopkins," which relates heretofore untold episodes in the careers of the late president and his chief lieutenant; "I'm A Busybody," pieced together by Carl Glick; Nella Gardner White's "No Trumpets Before Him"; "Dinner at Antoine's," by Frances Parkinson Keyes; and virtually all the mystery stories being put to print by such gifted modern doyles as Kenneth Quentin and Earle Stanley Gardner.

Other books in demand at the moment are "Reintree County," written by the late Ross Lockridge, Jr.; Opal Leigh Berryman's "Pioneer Preacher," which concerns itself with the hardships of an early day minister in Lamesa and Dawson counties; the biographical "Life Story," written by Phyllis Bentley; Sgt. Johnny Bartek's "Life Out There," and Marguis James' "Life of Andrew Jackson."

Though no books have been purchased in quantity by the county in recent weeks, the library keeps growing—so fast, in fact, that it has about outgrown its present quarters, which are located in the old City Hall building.

Librarian Mrs. Benny Collins has added several new rows of shelves recently but storage space continues to come at a premium.

Mrs. Sally Wasson recently donated 75 volumes, consisting of both adult and juvenile fiction to the facility. Other donations continually swell the total.

An additional 50 adult readers were added to the library's list of subscribers in April, that, in addition to 35 juvenile readers.

A reading movement started by the local Home Demonstration department and embracing most rural areas is influencing the traffic in books at the library. At the present time, the facility lists 108 women readers from Vealmoor, another 20 from Gall and from ten to 15 in Coahoma.

Also put into circulation recently were 21 volumes of Dictionaries of American Biographies, which features sketches on everyone who is anyone in America, and two copies of "George Washington Biography," as prepared by the esteemed Douglass Southall Freeman.

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**Burro Called Upon To Move Uranium-Rich Ore**

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz., May 11. (AP)—A vital component of man's most modern tool, atomic energy, will be moved from a northern Arizona canyon by pack burro.

The sure-footed donkey is the only answer to nature's challenge at House Rock Valley.

There, in a steep, narrow box canyon, 130 miles north of here, lie 200 tons of uranium-rich petrified logs.

Trucks, even the usually dependable jeep, couldn't operate in this no-motors' land. So, Maggie and Riley Baker, discoverers of the rich strike, have hired 15 burros

and five Navajo Indians to move the precious ore.

The burro train operation will start in 10 days. The animals will haul the ore over a treacherous mile and a half trail to Highway 89. Trucks will take it from there to the Atomic Energy Commission's processing plant at Monticello, Utah.

Actually, there is no official estimate on the amount of uranium-bearing ore in the small box canyon. On the surface, the yellow-streaked petrified logs are estimated to weigh 200 tons. Below the ground may be more.

The Atomic Energy Commission wants all the sand surrounding the area sacked and sent to Monticello for processing.

Maggie Baker hopefully figures the petrified logs may go to a depth of from 40 to 70 feet. She and her husband have staked out four claims, Canyon Cliff Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4. Number 1 is the only claim on which uranium has been found. Alone, No. 1 is expected to yield more than \$40,000.

Quite happy over her good fortune, Mrs. Baker calls it all an accident.

"It was just an accident that these trees washed into this small box canyon and couldn't wash out again. Because the trees were stuck here, the uranium couldn't wash out," she explains.

She stumbled onto the flaky petrified logs while looking for appetizers to polish and sell to tourists. The discovery was kept secret for a month while the Arizona Department of Mineral Resources tested the samples.

Maggie and her husband will chip in with the Indians to move out the ore.

"They are not poor, she said, "we have always made a comfortable living."

"When some men came here and started talking about bulldozers and other big equipment, I told them we didn't have the money for that. We don't, but that doesn't make us poor," Mrs. Baker declared.

The mother of four children, including a six-year-old adopted daughter, she plans to help underprivileged children with some of the money she expects to get from her strike.

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