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Officer Killed, 2 Others Wounded By Mistake

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I SAW

By Paul Jenkins

Mrs. Roland Quam, Mrs. C. A. Gilmer, Mrs. George C. Anderson and Mrs. Anna Sanstede as, with brushes and coffee cans full of paint in hand, they busily and capably pointed the interior of the Faith Lutheran Church, now rapidly nearing completion on a spacious corner lot at West Third Street and West Third Avenue North. This job of theirs — and if you don't think it is a real one, you've never done any painting — is a special project underaken by the Women's Guild of the church. When the group finishes, it will have covered all the interior, including woodwork, and benches and many other fixtures. "We guess we'd better join the union and go into the painting business," the women declared. We-l-l, maybe by the time they're through, they'll feel differently about this.

Municipal Affairs Agenda Awaits Meet Here March 13 Of Officials, Civic Leaders

City officials and civic leaders of cities in Douglas County will meet in Roseburg Thursday evening, March 13, to discuss common municipal problems. The meeting is sponsored jointly by the city of Roseburg and the League of Oregon Cities and is the fourth of 23 similar meetings to be held throughout the state this spring, according to Mayor Albert G. Flegel, in charge of local arrangements for the affair.

Participants in the meeting, in addition to local officials and those of neighboring cities, will include Commissioner William A. Bowes of Portland, president of the League of Oregon Cities; Herman Kehrli, director, Bureau of Municipal Research and Service, University of Oregon, and league executive secretary; Arnold M. Westling, bureau planning and public works consultant, and Raymond C. Coulter, former state legislator, who recently joined the league staff as field consultant.

Commissioner Bowes will open the meeting with a report on "Current Municipal Development and League Activities.' This will be followed by an informal discussion session featuring questions and answers, and reports on municipal activities and problems in the cities represented at the meeting, with Kehrli presiding.

Informal Discssion Asked

In writing to city officials of this area, Commissioner Bowes has stressed the informality of the discussion session to allow fullest opportunity for exchange of ideas on city problems. Problems and developments with reference to city revenues, budget preparation, security and retirement for city employes, personnel and city planning will probably be discussed.

The meeting will convene at Carl's Haven at 6:30 p.m.

The following mayors in Douglas County have been asked to organize delegations to the meeting: Mayor Nina Pietzold; Mayor W. E. McIntosh, Drain; Mayor C. W. Henderer, Elkton; Mayor L. O. Youngblood, Glendale; Mayor J. B. Nelson, Myrtle Creek; Mayor John Edwards, Oakland; Mayor Tom Lillebo, Reedsport; Jesse Lilly, Riddle; Mayor D. C. Kesner, Sutherlin; and Mayor Lee Blickstaff. Members of their respective parties will include city councilmen, city employes and civic leaders closely identified with the city government to join with the representatives of other cities in the problems.

His Pet Pigeons Slain; Support Money Halted

NEWARK, N. J. — For some time now, Mrs. Anna Herkaler of Hackensack has been receiving $11.50 weekly support from her estranged husband.

The award was made by Domestic Relations Court on her charges that her husband, John, had been cruel to her during an argument and she was forced to leave home for the 25th and last time after 11 years of marriage.

The Appellate Division of Supreme Court changed things Friday. It threw out Mrs. Herkaler's cruelty charge saying the argument started when she served her husband soup—made from his pet pigeons.

The Weather

Generally fair and warmer today and Saturday.

Highest temp. for any March	85
Lowest temp for any March	18
Highest temp. last 24 hours	54
Lowest temp. last 24 hours	31
Precip. last 24 hours	T
Precip. from March 1	.24
Precip from Sept. 1	30.25
Excess	5.62

Sunset today, 6:09 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow, 6:38 a.m.

Mystery Gunman Wounds Former Roosevelt Aide

NEW YORK (AP)—Sol A. Rosenblatt, society lawyer and disputed heir to a J. P. Morgan granddaughter's fortune, was wounded Thursday night by a mystery gunman as he entered his Park Avenue home.

The attorney, one-time general counsel for the Democratic National Committee, was struck in the left thigh by one of three shots fired by his assailant, who escaped in a car with another man.

The car, reported stolen, later was found abandoned four blocks north of Park Avenue.

Rosenblatt, 51, a key figure in the currently contested will left by Mrs. Eleanor Morgan Satterlee, kin of the late J. P. Morgan the elder, said after the shooting:

"I wish I had something to tell you, but I don't know anything."

His wound was described as not serious. A policeman was assigned to guard him at New York Hospital.

Rosenblatt, besides handling the legal affairs of numerous society figures, is impartial chairman of the New York Cloak and Suit Industry, often a storm center in labor relations.

He served as an administrator of the National Recovery Administration under the late President Roosevelt.

The will of Mrs. Saterlee, who died last April 11, made Rosenblatt the chief beneficiary to an estate estimated from $35,000 to several hundred thousand dollars. The document is being contested in Surrogate's Court by Mrs. Mabel S. Ingalls, Mrs. Saterlee's sister, who received nothing.

U.S. Nod Given For 105 Commercial Structures

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government Friday approved the erection of 105 new office buildings, banks, stores and commercial structures in seven cities it said were suffering "slack" construction activity.

This action, by the National Production Authority, released projects valued at 53,678,435 in the Metropolitan areas of New York, Washington, Boston, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle and Portland, Ore.

Materials will be granted for delivery after July 1, but demolition, site clearance, excavation and other preparatory work may begin at once to relieve joblessness in the building trades.

Greyhound Bus Strike No Nearer Settlement

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Federal Conciliator Omar Hoskins says he still is seeking an approach to warrant reopening of sessions between Pacific Greyhound Bus officials and representatives of 3,500 striking employes.

He met with each separately Thursday but reported no progress.

The strike has halted Greyhound buses in seven Western states since Sunday.

A spokesman for the AFL Motor Coach Employes Union said about half of the strikers have obtained temporary employment.

275 Injured As Ice Show Bleachers Collapse

Sonja Henie Revue Halted By Tragedy

32 Victims In Grave Condition; Careless Construction Blamed

BALTIMORE (AP) — Top state and city officials Friday began a thorough investigation into the collapse of a section of bleachers at an ice show Thursday night.

At least 275 persons were injured, 32 of them seriously.

The section of bleachers gave way at 8:25 p.m., a few minutes before Sonja Henie's ice revue was to begin its opening appearance. About 7,000 people were in the big building.

Just as the rink lights went on and the band struck up a tune, there came a sickening crunch that grew into a loud roar as the back section of seats dropped into a tangled mass of broken timbers and flailing arms and legs.

Miss Henie's manager said the stands were erected by a contracting firm headed by Ed Coronati of Westfield, N. J., described as a veteran in constructing that type of stands for circuses, fairs and similar events. He has erected similar stands at the same armory before.

City Permit Denied

The city's building inspector, Paul Cohen, declined to issue a permit for the seating because the stands were not completely erected when his office inspected the site Thursday afternoon.

However, a city permit is not mandatory because the state has jurisdiction over the armory. No state permit is necessary.

Spectators said uprights still were being nailed in place while the audience was streaming into the stands.

Cohen said after a hasty inspection of the collapsed section "it was obvious to me that these rows of seats were in addition to the seats usually installed. They were evidently erected in haste and in a hasty manner. They were not properly braced and the uprights were not nailed securely."

He refused to lay the responsibility, saying "that's a matter for investigation."

Performance Canceled

Miss Henie canceled the performance and said ticket holders could have a refund or attend another show Monday night.

Police estimated about 600 persons were seated in the section which collapsed.

Eugene Shriver, of Riverdale, Md., stood over his wife whose dress was blood-soaked and said grimly, "somebody's going to pay for this."

Sutherlin To Have Daily Newspaper

A five-day daily newspaper, The City Reminder, will be published in Sutherlin beginning March 15, according to an article in the Sutherlin Sun.

The City Reminder will be printed daily except Saturday and Sunday. It will be distributed free of charge in Sutherlin and Oakland. Plans are being made to provide coverage of Drain and Yoncalla in the future.

General news coverage will be provided by the paper, and E. C. Harriman, formerly with the San Mateo, Calif., paper, will be the editor.

The publishing plant will be located east of Hansen Furniture and Appliance Store on West Central.

Margaret Mason will be art editor, and Mac McKenny is to handle the advertising.

Series 'E' Savings Bonds Now At All-Time High

NEW YORK (AP) — Public holdings of series "E" savings bonds are at an all-time high of $34,800,000,000 says Secretary of the Treasury Snyder.

In a speech Thursday, Snyder said "E" bond sales in January and February this year were six per cent above the same months in 1951.

He added that the amount of bonds cashed during the period was nine per cent lower than last year.

Heavy Drop In Meats --From Female Skirts

CORAL GABLES, Fla. (AP) — J. R. Lawson, a chain store supervisor, couldn't believe his eyes.

When he hollered "drop it" at two women, here's what he said fell out of their skirts:

Ten steaks, two hams, two packages of sliced ham and four chickens.

The women were charged Thursday with shoplifting.

Idleyld Route Woman Found Dead Of Gunshot

An elderly woman was found dead on the back porch of her home Wednesday after she had shot herself twice with a .22 caliber rifle, state police report.

She was identified as Iva M. Meloy, 71, Box 170, Idleyld Route. State Police pronounced her death a suicide.

The body was discovered by her brother-in-law, Robert Taylor Meloy, Wednesday afternoon. Police set the time of death between noon and 1 p.m.

Bullets from the rifle entered her abdomen, police said.

An autopsy was performed at the direction of District Attorney Robert Davis.

Police said the woman had been in ill health and had periods of despondency.

Mrs. Meloy was born Feb. 26, 1881, in Wayland, Mich. Her husband, Frank W. Meloy, died Dec. 20, 1946.

Surviving are three sons: Bert Meloy, Roseburg; Lyle Meloy, Grants Pass; Robert Meloy, Blythe, Calif.; a daughter, Mrs. Verda Meyers, Klamath Falls, and five grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held in The Chapel of The Roses, Roseburg Funeral Home, Monday, March 10, at 2 p.m., with Dr. Morris Roach of the First Presbyterian Church officiating. Interment will follow in Oak Creek Cemetery.

Nurse Murder In Hotel Seen; Killer Nabbed

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Police held William Klink, 27-year-old refrigerator repairman, on suspicion of murder Friday and said they had a witness who saw him strangle a nurse to death in a downtown hotel room.

The victim was identified as Mae E. Mathis, about 40, formerly of Dragerton, Utah. She was a special duty nurse, on call by various hospitals.

Jordan Jones of Sacramento, Cal. told Lt. Bob Reed of the homicide detail:

"I looked through my window and saw the couple enter their room. There was a brief period of love making. Then, suddenly, the man looped a belt around her neck and began dragging her around the floor.

"He kept pulling the belt tighter, then started going through her handbag and clothes, hauling the body around as he did so. When he needed both hands he would take the belt in his teeth, still holding it taut."

Jones said that for a time he was dazed and unbelieving, then he telephoned the clerk, who notified police. Officers said the man still held the belt in his hands when they broke into the room.

EXTINGUISH FIRE

The Roseburg Fire Department extinguished a small fire burning around the chimney of the Luther Ellison home at 801 Micelli St. at 11:30 a.m. today. Firemen were able to put out the blaze before it could spread.

Candidates For President Step Up Drive

New Hampshire's Nod In Primary Wanted For Prestige At Stake

By The Associated Press

Presidential candidates found it hard to keep from bumping into each other in New Hampshire Friday as they stepped up their town-to-town drive for votes in the nation's first presidential primary just four days away.

Victory Tuesday will mean little except the prestige of being an early winner and some talking points between now and the national conventions in July. But three candidates and top backers of two others felt it was worth the old college try.

Sen. Taft of Ohio, jubilant after several traffic-stopping appearances, planned heavy schedules for the home stretch. In a night speech at Berlin, Taft promised if elected to reduce federal expenses, cut taxes, and then get rid of government controls.

Harold E. Stassn, ex-governor of Minnesota and also a GOP candidate, challenged Taft with five questions, dealing mainly with the Senator's stand on the defense effort. Stassen said Taft owes it to New Hampshire voters to answer.

Kefauver Also Busy

Sen. Kefauver of Tennessee, Democratic candidate, intensified his hand-shaking, back patting campaign along the state's byways, stopping and talking to everyone he met, and making a few speeches.

Kefauver is opposed only by delegates pledged to President Truman —who hasn't said yet whether he plans to run for reelection.

Taft and Stassen face tough but shadowy opposition from Gen. Eisenhower, who has said he will accept the GOP nomination but will not fight for it.

A "grass roots" survey of local sentiment announced by eight Associated Press member newspapers in New Hampshire showed Eisenhower still has a slight lead over Taft. But the margin was narrower than a similar survey a week ago.

The survey gave Truman a three to one edge over Kefauver.

Eisenhower backers said in New York it's time for those who favor the General to get out and work—and stop asking him to quit his job and make a personal campaign.

Eisenhower himself notified a New Hampshire supporter he had "no alternative" but to stick by his Jan. 7 decision not to campaign.

Port Commissioner Files For Re-election

O. H. Hinsdale, Reedsport, has filed his candidacy for re-election as a Port of Umpqua commissioner.

He filed on the Republican ticket, with the slogan, "Promote harbor development."

He is the second to file for the three vacancies in the port commission coming up at the end of the year. This leaves only one position unfiled for in the entire county political slate—the expiring term of Nelson Hogan on the port commission.

CHRISTINA MICELLI, above, has filed her candidacy for the office of state representative on the Democratic ticket. Mrs. Micelli is chairman of the Democratic Central Committee of Douglas County and has long been active in affairs of the party.

Representative Office Sought By T. C. Hartfiel

Thomas C. Hartfiel, Roseburg attorney, has filed his candidacy for the office of state representative on the Republican Party ticket.

Born Sept. 22, 1909, at Pincher Creek, Alberta, Canada, Hartfiel was educated in public schools of Alberta and Oregon; University of Oregon, obtaining his Bachelor of Science of 1934, and graduating from the University law school in 1936. He was a member of Delta Sigma Rho (national debating honorary). He began his law practice in Roseburg in 1936.

Hartfiel lists the following activites: president Douglas County Health Association 1938-41; president Douglas County Junior Chamber of Commerce 1938; secretary, attorney, Northwest Air Tours 1939; chairman Douglas County Willke-McNary Club 1940; member executive committee Young Republican Federation of Oregon 1942-44; chairman Snell for Governor Club 1942; chairman Roseburg War Price and Ration Board 1942; justice of the Peace, Deer Creek District, Roseburg, 1943-49; state chairman Young Republican Federation of Oregon 1945; chairman Winchester School Board 1949-50; secretary Umpqua Basin Improvement Association 1951; commissioner Winchester-Wilbur-Garden Valley Zoning District 1952.

He is a member of the American bar Association, American Judicature Society, Commercial Law League of America; Eagles, Pythians (chancellor commander 1942-43); Lions (president Roseburg club, 1946); Odd Fellows and Episcopalian church.

He was married to Alda Eunice Maley of San Diego, Calif., in 1946. The Hartfiels live at Winchester and his office is at 204 Carter Building in Roseburg.

SEEKS CONGRESS SEAT

PORTLAND (AP)—Alfred Corbett, 37-year-old attorney for the Defense Electric Power Administration, will be filed Friday as Democratic candidate for Congress from the third district of Oregon.

Corbett is the son of Henry L. Corbett, a Portland financier and a Republican of long standing.

Reds Now Try To Forestall Sea Blockade

Attempt To Inject Ban Into Truce Terms Doomed To Failure

By ROBERT B. TUCKMAN

MUNSAN, Korea (AP) — Communist truce negotiators Friday sought to forestall a possible naval blockade of the Red China coast or an invasion of the mainland.

The Reds proposed writing a ban into a Korean armistice.

"It seems that what they are trying to do is to stretch the armistice agreement to any place in the world where forces in Korea have any territory under their control," said Col. Don O. Darrow.

He said the Reds held that "any military action would be prohibited, not only in Korea, but in any other place."

The Communist maneuver came during a discussion of withdrawing naval forces from Korean waters during a truce.

Harvard educated Col. Pu Shan proposed deleting specific reference to Korea.

Aimed At Chiang Kai-shek

Darrow said the proposal apparently was designed primarily to prevent an Allied blockade of the Chinese mainland or an Allied-supported invasion by Chiang Kai-shek's nationalist forces from Formosa.

There has been unofficial talk that the U.N. Command might attempt to enforce a Korean truce by threatening to blockade the China coast and bomb Chinese industrial centers if the Reds violate the armistice.

SEOUL, Korea (AP) — U.S. Marines beat off five pre-dawn attacks on the rugged eastern front in Korea Friday.

None of the attacks was in force. But they were the largest reported along the 155-mile front.

Stormy skies put the damper on aerial activity Friday after highly successful raids on Red supply facilities Thursday.

Land and sea based war planes cut Red rail lines Thursday at a near-record 354 points. They also destroyed or damaged eight locomotives and more than 70 freight cars.

Scores of supply vehicles, 11 bridges, gun emplacements and supply or troop shelters were blasted, Air Force and Naval headquarters announced.

Surveyor Irving Asks Third Term

Ben B. Irving seeks his third term as county surveyor.

Irving, of 906 Military St., has filed for the Republican nomination. He was elected to the position in the 1944 balloting and will complete his second term at the end of this year.

A graduate of Oregon State College, Irving served in both World Wars with the Army Engineers and was a deputy county surveyor from 1927 to 1935 and again from 1937 to 1941.

In the surveying business—of one kind or another—since 1910, Irving has served as a Roseburg city engineer for a time, and also worked for the Forest Service as a ranger.

He assisted in the first road survey up the North Umpqua through Steamboat.

During his 40 months service in World War II, he served as assistant post engineer at Ft. Lewis.

Irving is the only one to file for the surveyor's post thus far. Deadline for filing is this afternoon at 5.

Damage Suit Verdict Favors Mail Carrier

A directed verdict was returned Thursday in favor of Walter R. Holmes, defendant in a personal injury suit brought against him by a 3-year-old Riddle girl.

Circuit Judge Carl E. Wimberly directed the verdict, after hearing testimony Wednesday afternoon and Thursday, on the grounds that the plaintiff's case was not sufficent to constitute a cause of action.

The girl, Marthine Owens, was struck by Holmes' pickup as he was pulling away from the mailbox in front of her home. It was alleged she suffered permanent injuries as a result of the accident, which occurred last Aug. 23.

Holmes, a rural mail carrier, testified he drove to the mailbox in front of the house on Shoestring Road. No one was in sight, he said. He put mail in the box and had barely started to leave when he heard screams and found the little girl under his pickup, he testified.

Damages of $15,000 general and $331.50 special had been asked.

Fruitvale Addition Grade School Included In Plan To Relieve Congestion Elsewhere

(Ed. note: This is the fourth in a series of articles on conditions in the Roseburg schools.)

By LEROY B. INMAN

Proposed construction of a new 12-room grade school east of the highway in North Roseburg would serve a double purpose—relieve the overcrowded condition at Riverside school and make possible diversion of some students from the also overcrowded Junior High School to Riverside.

The Roseburg District 4-C school board has designated $345,220 as the estimated cost of such a building, as part of the proposed $1,425,000 bond issue which will be put before the voters at a special election March 14.

The proposed school would be located in Fruitvale Addition, just north of the Drive-In Theater. The 12 classrooms would take care of about 330 students. In addition there would be a multi-purpose room, offices and heating plant. The heating plant would be adequate to serve the school for future expansion up to 24 rooms, according to Supt. Paul S. Elliott.

The structure would be similar to that of the new Fullerton school.

The multi-purpose room would also be about the size of that at Fullerton, or about 40 by 60 feet, in addition to a stage and kitchen facilities. It would serve as an auditorium seating up to 400 persons.

The school district has option on a 29-acre site, which would be purchased for construction of the school, if the bond issue is approved.

Riverside school now has 21 rooms and cannot be greatly expanded, except for addition of a gymnasium-auditorium, also proposed for construction under the bond issue. This will be treated in a later article.

Highway Hazard Avoided

Approximately 250 students are living east of Highway 99 in North Roseburg. About 106 of these live in Cloverdale Park. Students going to the proposed school in Fruitvale Addition would not have to cross the highway, Elliott reminds.

Riverside school has an enrollment of 594 pupils, as of Feb. 4, according to figures compiled by the superintendent's office. While the area is being settled fast, and additional students are expected to enroll, some room would still be available for a shifting of surplus Junior High Students to Riverside.

The school board plans, according to Elliott, to shift as many Junior High students as possible living in the North Roseburg area to Riverside school, if the bond issue is approved.

In addition to the 21 rooms now occupied at Riverside, three classrooms are being maintained at the old Edenbower school. Classes range from 18 to 34 pupils, with most of them running about 25. State standards call for about 25 students as a maximum, but not to exceed 30. School census estimates, however, indicate that additional rooms will be needed each year for the next several years.

Country Club Dishwasher Wields Gun

Deputies, Going To Club After Robbery, Victims Of Shooter's Mistake

SEATTLE (AP) — A country club dishwasher, mistaking four officers for returning safecrackers, shot and killed a deputy sheriff and wounded two others early Friday in a tragedy of confusion.

Four safecrackers had tied the dishwasher, Ralph Bishop, 62, and two watchmen nearly two hours earlier while they looted the safe of the exclusive Inglewood Golf Club of an estimated $8,000 to $10,000.

Sheriff's Deputy Norman Silkworth was killed and two others wounded as they responded to the burglary call at 5:30 a.m. Sheriff's Detective Claude Dodd, 44, was wounded seriously but is expected to recover. Deputy William Randecker, 36, was not seriously wounded.

The officers were felled with blasts from an automatic pistol as they entered the clubhouse north of Seattle cautiously after the safecracking report.

Frees Self At Meat Block

Bishop told officers he had freed himself earlier by working his way to a meatblock and sawing the ropes from his arms and legs. He said he then had gone to his room, got his automatic and two extra clips and hid in the attic for "more than an hour."

Officers said the safecrackers apparently finished their job and left while Bishop was in hiding.

In the meantime, the two watchmen, Lloyd Cannon Jr., 19, and Cyrus T. Dorsey, freed themselves, ran to a nearby home and called the sheriff's office.

The three officers were shot as they entered the clubhouse with State Patrolman James Teher.

Gain Entry By Ruse

The safecrackers had gained entrance to the clubhouse about 3:30 a.m. by a ruse. One of them knocked at the door and reported a companion was trapped beneath an overturned car.

Cannon and Dorsey, suspicious, left the front door locked and went out the kitchen door to talk to the man. The three others sprang out of the darkness with drawn pistols. Both watchmen were tied. Then the dishwasher was routed from bed and tied with them. Officers said Bishop worked himself free while the safecrackers still were at work.

Bishop said he was trying to telephone the club president when he was caught by surprise by the officers' entrance. He broke down and wept when he realized what had happened.

Partial Deafness Blamed

Randecker said he and the other officers announced they were of-

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Initiative Filed For Commercial Fishing Barrier

SALEM (AP) — An initiative measure to abolish commercial fishing on Oregon's coastal streams was filed here Thursday.

The sponsors said the measure, which would be on the November election ballot if the 26,000 signatures are obtained, would bring in millions of dollars in tourist revenue a year by letting the salmon runs in the streams be built up for sports fishermen.

It applies to all streams emptying into the ocean south of the Columbia River.

It would not affect commercial fishing for chum salmon in Tillamook Bay.

The sponsors said the coastal streams' commercial fishing is not profitable any more because the salmon runs are depleted.

They are Floyd D. Ingrahm and Ronald C. Shoemaker, both of Albany; Vance Taylor and Edward E. Lindsay, Corvallis; and Ben Fisher, Bronsville.

Sports fishermen's organizations sponsored legislation in the 1951 legislature to close down commercial fishing on some of the streams, but these bills failed to pass.

Three Illegal Drivers Committed To Jail

Two men were committed to the county jail Thursday in lieu of fines levied by Myrtle Creek City Recorder G. D. Myllenbeck on drunk driving charges.

Charles V. Shattuck, 48, Woodland, Wash., was committed in lieu of a $300 fine, and Delbert D. Wahl, 35, Winston, in lieu of a $250 fine.

James Dumont, 21, Days Creek, was committed to the county jail Thursday in lieu of $125 fine levied by City Recorder G. D. Myllenbeck, Myrtle Creek, on a charge of driving with revoked license. All three drivers were arrested by Myrtle Creek police.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Now that candidates for public office are appearing on television, one speculates on what would have been Abraham Lincoln's chances for the women's vote were he running today against a guy with a matinee idol-face.