

Modern, Feminine Press Has Changed Considerably Since Days Of Nellie Bly

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NEW YORK (AP)—Fasten your seat belts, please, and observe the no-smoking signs. We're off on a modern fashion show, aboard a jet plane 30,000 feet up.

The passengers—two planeloads of them—are 200 members of the national fashion press, in New York this week for the spring showings of New York designers. They've already covered eight fashion shows during the day.

Now they're embarking to see another, this time all wool and all up in the air.

The fashions are superb, the models tired but beautiful. But let's take a look at the passengers.

Wants Own Plane
There's Betty Milburn, women's editor of the Tucson Daily Citizen, who would rather fly her own plane than eat, or even dance. She and her husband, who works on the same paper, want a plane

they can park in their back yard. Then there's Ivy Coffee, women's editor of the Oklahoman and Times, Oklahoma City, a tall, breezy blonde who thinks there's no business like newspaper business, and who runs a staff of nine, turning out a women's section of three to four pages daily, making over the women of the paper's five editions.

Today's newswomen take to the air in more ways than one. For instance, there's Mildred Alexander, news director of TV and radio station WTAR in Norfolk, Va., and president of the Virginia Assn. of Associated Press Broadcasters. Her medium is the air instead of the printed page, but she is a newspaperwoman at heart, and her audience would change the circulation of some of the country's biggest papers.

Heads Staff Of Eight
Edrie Van Dore is assistant managing editor and women's editor of the Philadelphia Inquirer. She heads a staff of eight women and one man, works about 18 hours a day, travels to Europe, South America or the West Coast as casually as most people take a Sunday drive; and enjoys every minute of it.

Mita Blackwell, Sunday editor of the San Bernardino (Calif.) Sun-Telegram, has held practically every job on the paper, including those of city editor and women's editor. Now the paper has a man editing the women's pages, but Mita continues to cover fashion, sports, and news from Los Angeles, Paris or wherever they may be.

Betty Peach does fashion and features for the San Diego Evening Tribune, and also gets around. She was in New Guinea with the Red Cross during World War II.

There's also a woman named "Peach," who has a home, a yard and a garden in San Diego and thinks life is simply peachy.

Those are a few of the modern feminine press. They've changed a lot since the days of Nellie Bly.

Measure Would Exempt Sports From Anti-Trust
WASHINGTON (AP)—A new drive to nail down professional sports exemptions from the anti-trust laws began today with introduction of legislation by five House members.

The legislation is designed to block court action against the reserve clause and territorial agreements. A somewhat similar bill was passed last year by the House, but died in the Senate.

The new bill would write into law—as applicable to all professional team sports—provisions of a court decision supporting the National Football League's role prohibiting telecasts of games into the home territory of a team playing at home. Radio broadcasts would continue to be subject to antitrust regulation.

The sponsors of the new legislation said it is "necessary to save baseball's minor leagues." The minors, they said in a statement, "are threatened with extinction because they are unable to protect their home games by prohibiting telecasts of major league games into their cities when their teams are playing at home."

Sponsors of the legislation are Reps. Francis E. Walter (D-Pa.), William E. Miller (R-N.Y.), William Cramer (R-Fla.), Oren Harris (D-Ark.) and John W. Byrnes (R-Wis.).

Chinese Girl Will Be Brought To Salem Home
WASHINGTON (AP)—A Salem, Ore., woman soon may be permitted to bring to the United States a young Chinese girl from a Hong Kong orphanage.

Rep. Walter Norblad (R-Ore.) has introduced a bill to bring the child, Wong Bick Quon (Maria Wong), to be considered, for immigration purposes, as the natural born alien child of Mrs. Mary Fong Chan, a Salem resident for many years.

The child was born April 4, 1955, of unknown parents. She is being cared for in the Precious Blood Orphanage in Kowloon, Hong Kong.

Norblad said he acted after receiving numerous letters urging him to introduce the bill. The bill, he said, was introduced by Marion County clerk; E. A. Brown, vice president of the Statesman—Journal newspapers, Salem; and Circuit Judge George R. Duncan of Salem.

Constance Grier Named As Assistant Librarian
SALEM (AP)—Constance H. Grier, librarian of the city library at University City, Mo., was appointed Thursday as assistant librarian of the Oregon State Library.

The appointment, effective Feb. 16, was made by State Librarian Eloise Ebert.

She received her training at Washington University and St. Louis University School. She has been librarian at University City for 15 years.

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Lookingglass Boy To Get Financial Aid From Grange

Lookingglass Grange has voted to contribute a sum of money to the Clare Meredith family for medical care of their 3-year-old son, who underwent surgery recently at Sacred Heart Hospital in Eugene and has to be taken back each day for treatments.

During the Grange's last meeting, the home economics chairman reported the next card party will be Friday, Jan. 23.

Neal Meyer, agriculture chairman, spoke on subjects which had been discussed at the Douglas County Livestock meeting.

Arie Roth, building material chairman, told of the purchase of some material for floors and 50 metal folding chairs.

Wes Meredith, chairman of the road sign committee, has purchased the sign posts and paint and said material for the signs had been donated by Lumber Sales and Coon Creek Lumber Co.

Members of the Riverdale Grange presented most of the program for the lecturers hour.

Thirteen Riverdale and two Melrose Grange members were present.

100 Contractors Got Most Defense Spending Money

WASHINGTON (AP)—About three-fourths of the total spending on defense contracts went to 100 prime contractors and organizations during the 12 months ending last June 30.

A periodic list of major defense contractors, issued by the Pentagon today, noted also that compared with the previous 12 months the top 100 firms received a larger share of military money.

The report was issued at a time when there is agitation in Congress over concentration of defense contracts.

Chairman Carl Vinson (D-Ga.) of the House Armed Services Committee has called for an investigation of what he termed possible favoritism in the award of contracts.

The company getting the largest dollar value of contracts last fiscal year was Boeing, builders of the B52 jet bomber, jet tankers and missiles; second was General Dynamics Corp., makers of missiles, submarines and a variety of military equipment.

Among other major contractors the ranking were: General Electric, Lockheed Aircraft, United Aircraft, American Telephone & Telegraph, North American Aviation, Douglas Aircraft, Hughes Aircraft, and Martin Co.

Interior Dept. Revises Klamath Lands Appraisal
PORTLAND (AP)—The Interior Department today revised the appraisal valuation of the Klamath Indian Reservation.

Under a reappraisal the value was placed at \$90,791,123. Sen. Richard L. Neuberger in announcing the reappraisal earlier this week had placed the figure at \$89,028,000.

Department officials explained he had not had access to the complete breakdown in the reappraisal and so had unknowingly added up an incomplete list.

In February, 1958, the tribal property was appraised at \$119,758,000.

"Since then, however, cash distributions have been made which amount to more than \$1,000 for each tribal member," a department announcement said.

Also since then ponderosa pine prices have dropped about 15 per cent, contributing to the decrease in appraised value. The department said three firms made the new appraisal and all had lower totals than the original appraisal.

State Suspends Eight Douglas County Drivers

The licenses of eight Douglas County drivers were suspended by the state Department of Motor Vehicles during the period of Jan. 9-12.

Two lost their licenses an additional year for driving while their original licenses were suspended. They were Robert Melvin Fry, 32, Smith River Rd., Drain, and Larry Gail Sawyer, 19, of 1659 NE Fremont, Roseburg.

The licenses of four persons were suspended for 90 days each after the drivers were convicted of driving while under the influence of liquor. Those penalized included: James Lee Roy Bray, 27, Oakland; Ronald Lee Daniels, 25, Reedsport; Daniel Grover Diggs, 45, of 2076 NE Oswego, Roseburg; and William Jennings Gillespie, 57, Rt. 4, Box 245, Roseburg.

Judy Ann Strode, 18, of 2219 NE Fleser Ave., Roseburg, was penalized for 90 days on court recommendation after her conviction on a reckless driving charge.

Terry Martin Collins, 21, of 637 NE Casper, Roseburg, lost his license for a year because of a bad driving record, a discretionary action of the department.

Northwest Natural Gas Co. Dividends Higher

PORTLAND (AP)—Northwest Natural Gas Co. declared dividends Thursday, and said it made more money in 1958 than in the preceding year.

Revenues from gas sales totaled \$17,365,000 in 1958, which was \$2,899,000 over the preceding year. President Charles Gueffroy said in a statement to stockholders.

The statement added: "Net income of \$1,565,000 for the year 1958 showed an increase of \$200,000 over 1957."

Gueffroy also said the board of directors declared an 18 per cent quarterly dividend for each share of common stock, and a \$1.43 dividend for preferred stock.

Man Deliver's Wife's Baby, Breaks Law

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, England (AP)—Do-it-yourself man Owen Roberts delivered his wife's first baby and thereby broke the law.

To be exact, Section 9 of the 1921 Midwives Act, which prohibits unqualified persons from attending women in childbirth except under medical supervision or in an emergency.

Roberts, 37, a radio technician, pleaded guilty Thursday, but was discharged on probation.

In his trailer home he said he never heard of the "ridiculous" law.

"We had a doctor in once or twice before the birth to make sure Sheila was all right," he said. "But we decided we could manage ourselves after the doctor disapproved of my wife's suggestion that I should be present."

Roberts said he borrowed some books from the library, read up and everything went fine.

Baby Linda weighed 6 pounds 10 ounces when she was born Nov. 28. Now she's a healthy 7½ pounds.

Wife Sheila, 21, said she went to bed a hour before the birth and was up again next day, fully recovered.

Fir Tension Tests Reveal 2nd Growth Strength Is High

Second-growth Douglas fir appears to be as strong as old-growth timber of coming decades when old-growth stands are exhausted.

Age of second-growth forests ranges up to 160 years while old-growth stands are many hundreds of years old. Properties of the second-growth timber do not always conform to the qualities establishing the basis for old-growth timber.

The OSG studies are aimed at supplying information on the differences and at establishing standards for the new-growth wood.

Information about tension strength parallel to the grain has been secured, however, because wood exhibits great strength along the grain and because of lack of practical fasteners, it was uncommon for a clear, straight-grained piece of wood to be pulled apart lengthwise before the fasteners failed, a fact pointed out.

Recent developments in the improvement of adhesives and fasteners and shortage of large, clear structural material have ushered in a new era of wooden truss designs and engineered beams, however, he continued. For the first time, a piece of wood has become important.

Van Vliet's study indicates that the second-growth timber has tension strength characteristics comparable to the old-growth material.

The work was a cooperative project of the OSG forest research division and the Oregon Forest Research Center, located in Corvallis.

Husband Charged In Wife's Death

ST. LOUIS (AP)—Charles E. Montague was charged with first degree murder today in the mutilation slaying of his wife eight days ago.

The murder warrant was issued as the 34-year-old laboratory technician returned to court this afternoon to press his legal fight for release from a mental hospital where police had placed him.

Chief of Detectives James E. Chapman said new evidence had been uncovered warranting the murder charge.

The circuit attorney's office said if Montague wins his release from the hospital on his habeas corpus action he will be immediately arrested on the murder warrant.

Chapman refused to disclose the nature of the new evidence.

The mutilated body of Mrs. Montague, 32, mother of two small children, was found in her car near a home where she had attended a sorority party the night before.

Montague was arrested twice and twice released before he finally was committed to the Malcolm Bliss Hospital, a mental institution. Montague was seeking his release from the institution through the courts when the warrant was issued.

MEETS ANOTHER DELAY
SALEM (AP)—A resolution encouraging the growing of beards for the state's centennial met another delay today.

The House referred the resolution to the Agriculture Committee after sending it to the Fish and Game Committee Wednesday.

MATZOH QUEEN DIES
NEW YORK (AP)—Regine Horowitz Margaretten, 96, known as "the Matzoh Queen" and "the matriarch of the kosher food industry," died Wednesday.

She was treasurer and director of Horowitz Bros. & Margareten, manufacturers of kosher food products, a firm founded by her family.

Editor Takes Issue On Claim Of Dept. For Molybdenum

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP)—Ray Bruner, science editor for the Toledo Blade, took issue today with a published report that government scientists have just made the first successful casting of molybdenum.

Bruner said metallurgists here and in Detroit are puzzled by the announcement by the Interior Department, crediting the development to government scientists.

He said a spokesman for the Climax Molybdenum Corp. of Detroit told him the firm has produced molybdenum castings as large as five feet long and 12 inches in diameter.

Bruner said one method of casting molybdenum, a metallic element which has excellent strength at high temperatures, was described in a technical publication in 1947 by R. M. Parke and J. L. Ham of the Climax firm.

At that time, Parke and Ham described a "vacuum arc" method they had developed four years previously. Since then, Bruner said, the method has been improved.

"Molybdenum crucibles have also been made by means of the 'slip casting' process," Bruner said. "Wires and rods of the metal are formed from the sintering of the powdered metals, pressed into molds. The metal is also formed into sheets and spun to create a great variety of shapes."

The Washington report quoted Marling J. Ankeny, director of the Bureau of Mines, as saying that scientists at the bureau's Albany, Ore., laboratory "had produced a simple cylindrical molybdenum casting" and that metallurgists were "trying to improve techniques so that intricate shapes could be created" for the benefit of missile designers.

Water Pockets Are Given Blame For Sliding Zoo

PORTLAND (AP)—Underground water pockets are causing the slide of a 20-acre section of earth in Portland's new hillside zoo, a special consultant says.

But the problem, said Roland Rose, is to find the pockets and then get rid of them.

Rose made the report Wednesday to the City Council as Commissioner Ormond Bean stopped work on three projects at the four-million dollar zoo.

Engineers told Bean that the 20-acre tract had slipped eight inches downhill from last August until last Monday—when the most severe movement snapped gas and water mains.

In the last two days, though, the earth has inched another half-inch down the hill, engineers said.

Rose told the meeting of councilmen and engineers that the slide initially was caused by a deep cut at the bottom of the hill as the state Highway Department began to build an access road from Canyon Road into the zoo.

Construction halted

Bean ordered the construction halt for "a week or 10 days" at least until a committee of engineers and consultants can decide the extent of the danger.

Work will continue on projects not in the sliding area, but it will stop on a hay barn, the superintendent's house and the administration building.

Then Rose, a consultant to the zoo's architects, gave this report on the slide:

"Soils specialists and engineers all agree the underground water, trapped in blue clay deposits, will have to be found and eliminated before the slides can be stopped or prevented from spreading."

"This will take some time and may mean a lot of frustrating experiences. No one can tell where the water areas are or how to eliminate them."

"This whole area was in very delicate balance. Until we find some means of stabilizing this whole mass of earth, we are not going to have much success stopping the slides."

Rose said that it might be possible to drop shafts or dig tunnels to the water pockets.

That in itself is a job, he said, for the state last year tapped a pocket near the zoo, and had to dig a well 470 feet deep.

REAPPOINTED
SALEM (AP)—L. W. Mallett of Portland, a member of the state Board of Parole and Probation for five years, was re-appointed by Gov. Mark Hatfield this week to a six-year term.

Mallett has a master's degree in criminology from Washington University in St. Louis, and has been executive manager of the Portland Rose Festival Assn.

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Pilot Sets Down Jet Bomber With Damaged Gear

TAMPA, Fla. (AP)—A B47 jet bomber with a damaged landing gear made a safe landing today at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa after a flight from Bermuda.

Wheels of the six-jet bomber struck a fence on takeoff from Kindley Field, Bermuda, Thursday night. The plane was on route to the American base at Nouasseur, Morocco.

The crew decided to circle the Bermuda base until the wheels could be inspected, rather than risk a landing. After a visual check was made, it returned to MacDill, its home base. The bomber is part of the 368th Bomb Wing.

MacDill authorities identified the crew as Maj. Marshall Pulliam, Double Springs, Ala.; Lt. Allen R. Weeks, Anacosta, Mont.; and Lt. Wayne Phillips, Falls Creek, Pa.

Lutheran Women Adopt Constitution

Faith Lutheran Church women met recently to adopt a constitution for the Augustana Lutheran Church women.

The group formerly met as the Women's Guild of Faith Lutheran Church, but is now affiliating with the newly organized Portland district of Columbia Conference of Augustana Lutheran Church Women.

Mrs. Louis Miekalek led the meeting with Mrs. Lloyd Nelson serving as vice president; Mrs. Frank Sobczak, secretary, and Mrs. Albert Morene, treasurer.

Committee chairmen gave their reports, which included Mrs. Walter Samuelson, membership; Mrs. William Mattson, education, and Mrs. Roger McKenzie, service.

Membership in the organization will consist of those women who signify a willingness to accept the plan of work of ALCW and participate through service, gifts and prayer.

Another meeting will be the second Tuesday of each month at 8 p.m. in the church. Unit meetings will be held the fourth Tuesday of the month. The first unit will meet at the home of Mrs. Frank Sobczak, 617 SE Ramp Rd., at 10 a.m. Unit two, home of Mrs. Lester Olson, 344 W. Berline, 2 p.m.; unit three, home of Mrs. Harold Backen, 713 W. Nebo, 2 p.m.; unit four, home of Mrs. Robert Trued, 1147 NE Malheur, 8 p.m.; and unit five, home of Mrs. Tom Smith, 135 W. Cardinal, 8 p.m.

DEATHS

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
NEWARK, N.J. (AP)—Sir Claude Gibb, 60, one of Great Britain's leading physicists, died Thursday, apparently of a heart attack, minutes after landing at Newark Airport.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP)—H. Hurd, 69, secretary-treasurer of the International Typographical Union, died Thursday. He had been in poor health for eight months but continued work at the ITU's headquarters in Indianapolis until a month ago. He was born in Sheridan, Wyo.

YORK, Pa. (AP)—Samuel S. Lewis, 84, former lieutenant governor of Pennsylvania and a high state official for more than 20 years, died Thursday of arteriosclerosis. Lewis, long a active in Republican politics, was a former postmaster of York.

SYMPATHY EXPRESSED
SALEM (AP)—A resolution was introduced in the House today expressing sympathy for the death of veteran Klamath County legislator Henry Semon.

Semon, who died last year, served as chairman of the powerful Joint Ways and Means Committee. He was a Democrat.

IT'S A FACT
INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—A man stole a parakeet from a cage in a downtown store, stuck it in his pocket and sold it outside for 75 cents to a man, who promptly entered the store and bought a cage for it. A clerk confirmed the story.

Not A Sack In A Carload In N. Y.'s Spring Fashions

By DOROTHY ROE
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NEW YORK (AP)—There's not a sack in a carload of New York spring fashions, currently being previewed by the nation's fashion press.

Today's champions of the female form divide into designers Jo Copeland, Oleg Cassini and Ben Zuckermand. The only holdout of the season to date is Larry Aldrich, who has been beating the drums for the "relaxed" silhouette for nigh on to five years and still shows it, modified but recognizable.

Jo Copeland, the all-American designer who claims she never has taken a single cue from Paris, shows a feminine, flattering and strictly elegant group of daytime and evening fashions, the latter planned definitely for moonlight, roses and romance. Most dramatic of her evening gowns is a full-length sheath of white chiffon with jeweled midriff and floating panels, elegant as all get-out.

Less Formal
In a less formal mood is a short dance dress of black silk faille with a ruffled white eyelet embroidered petticoat, which is supposed to show.

Cassini goes happily back to his neoclines as low as the law allows, insisting that "the bosom is here to stay."

"Women's dresses are supposed to appeal to men," Cassini says. "Now men look at fashion in a basically simple way. It's the shape that interests us."

Ben Zuckermand shows a well-tailored and wearable group of superbly tailored suits and coats, the suits all with short jackets and slim skirts. Notable in the collection is a group of simple and sophisticated black silk cocktail dresses with covering jackets, to convert them to 24-hour duty.

Attempt Underway To Set Free 'Bird Man Of Alcatraz'
EUGENE (AP)—Thomas E. Gaddis of Eugene, author of the biography of Robert F. Stroud, the "bird man of Alcatraz," went to San Francisco today to work for the release of Stroud.

Gaddis said that on Sunday Stroud will begin his 50th year behind bars. Gaddis said Stroud will be the first federal prisoner ever to pass the half-century mark in prison.

Stroud will be 69 on Jan. 28. He was in solitary confinement for 42 years until last October when he was allowed to go into the Alcatraz yard.

Gaddis, who is chairman of a committee for release of Stroud, said attorney Stanley Furman of Beverly Hills will press for a congressional investigation of the handling of the Stroud case.

Furman submitted a petition for executive clemency for the prisoner last June. Gaddis said Furman has found that federal officials neither acted nor submitted the petition to President Eisenhower.

Stroud was imprisoned in Juneau, Alaska, on Jan. 18, 1920, on a manslaughter charge. He then was in 1916 he killed a prison guard at Leavenworth, claiming self defense. From then until last October he was in solitary confinement.

At Leavenworth he was allowed to keep canaries in his cell. He became an expert on birds and author of a book on bird diseases. The book still is used by bird fanciers. In 1942 he was separated from his birds and placed in segregation in Alcatraz. Gaddis said that Stroud, who entered prison with a third-grade education, now reads French, Italian and Latin.

"The prolonged jailing of this prisoner-scientist in Alcatraz is a shameful failure of modern penology," said Gaddis.

Tiny Atomic Device Is Demonstrated

BALTIMORE (AP)—The Martin Co., prime contractor for the small atomic device that produces electricity, began working on the project last April and delivered its device last Tuesday.

A Martin spokesman said there was only one device in existence—it was the demonstration model—but more could be readily produced.

The model, a cylinder 3½ inches high and 4¼ inches in diameter, was constructed and tested at Martin's nuclear division in suburban Middle River.

Joseph M. Dukert of Martin's information service said the device was completely safe.

Dukert said polonium 210 was used in the tested device. With the use of different isotopes, such as cerium or plutonium 238, the device could provide electricity for "more than a century," he said.

Col. Jack Armstrong, deputy chief of the AEC's aircraft reactor division, said the weight of the new power unit can be cut to about three pounds.

The model cost \$15,000—exclusive of the fuel—to produce. Armstrong said that on a bigger production basis the cost could be cut to about \$200 for each unit.

In reply to questions, the AEC officials said they believe Russia also has developed a lightweight power generator, but based probably on a different principle.

Window Popping Has Woman Jumpy, Can't Explain 'Em

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (AP)—"I'm so nervous I'm jumping out of my rocking chair at the slightest noise, expecting to hear more glass crash."

That is the reaction of Mrs. Charles Papineau, 80-year-old grandmother, at whose home 39 windows have been broken since a week ago Tuesday.

Police investigators, found no evidence of lawbreaking and without.

John C. Parker, a self-styled authority on poltergeist—noisy ghosts—stepped in.

He said he wanted first to eliminate any possible scientific explanation.

He said he would install a recording thermometer in the bathroom of the 2½-story frame home.

Three windows have been broken in the bathroom. Parker said he wanted to check the possibility that temperature changes might have shattered the windows.

Mrs. Papineau and her 13-year-old grandson, Wayne, have both said they heard strange thumping noises just before windows crashed.

James M. Herrmann of Seaford, N.Y., whose home on Long Island experienced some unexplained bottle-top poppings about a year ago, told the Springfield, (Mass.) Union.

"The only thing to do is put your faith in God and try to go on. Don't be frightened that the things that are happening may not be explainable. Try as much as possible to control yourself and accept what is happening. Accept it as something being visited upon you."

Strike Over Meat Pie Price Ends Abruptly
DONCASTER, England (AP)—Thirteen hundred Ford automobile workers called off today a strike over an eight-cent meat pie.

The trouble started when one man bought a pie from the canteen wagon Wednesday and began eating it five minutes before the buzzer for the midmorning break.

The company took a dim view and suspended him. The man, Donald Farr, 23—said he had been fired and his pals downed tools in sympathy.