

Wrong Way' Corrigan Now Rows Oranges

Editor's Note: When Douglas Corrigan flew the wrong way to the Atlantic in 1938, he said he really wanted to go to California. Here's a story on how Corrigan finally got to California by way of Dublin, and of his 1957 growing oranges.

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SANTA ANA, Calif., July 20 (AP)—A cocky little Irishman whose eyes rest on doing things the wrong way, Douglas Corrigan is doing all right, indeed.

Remember the latter-day Lindbergh who, with only \$50 in his pocket, captured the fancy of a depression-gloom era by flying from an ocean-banned monoplane over the Atlantic.

And then, blaming a compass which he had really meant to fly to California.

An overnight sensation, "Wrong Way" Corrigan returned in style to the United States and ticked off receptions, banquets and even movie contracts.

But that flight was long ago—17, 1938.

Today Corrigan—now 40—has a few more pounds and wrinkles, but the same familiar grin and lack of hair.

Home in Orange Grove

Sitting on top of the world? Not quite, perhaps, but Corrigan certainly is perched comfortably in his four-bedroom house he built mostly himself. It nestles in a grove of his 20-acre orange grove.

There the onetime barnstorming pilot-mechanic lives with his wife, Elizabeth, and three sons, Douglas, 18, Harry, 14, and Roy, 10.

Mostly his time is spent in the grove—spraying, harvesting, cultivating the remainder as a small town square.

He dabbles in local politics and in talks of running again for Congress in 1960. Corrigan campaigned for the U.S. Senate in 1948 on the Prohibition ticket with the slogan "Soak the drunks with higher taxes."

The Small Plane

Occasionally he drives to an airport in nearby Long Beach and flies a friend's small plane for an hour or two.

"Just to keep up my license," explains Corrigan, who says he hasn't flown "the big ones" since his freight pilot days some seven years ago.

After all this time Corrigan sticks to his story that a broken compass sent his nine-year-old plane winging to Dublin instead of Long Beach.

"It could have happened to any pilot," Corrigan recently told a reporter. Then with an eye twinkle he remembered a private joke he added.

"My compass froze. Instead of flying the right heading I went the opposite way. The weather was foggy all the way, so I didn't see the ocean below me. You can look it up in the weather reports for that day."

As to how well the 23-hour, 13-minute flight had paid off financially, Corrigan summed it up this way:

All in all, about \$85,000 from lectures, magazine articles, a book and a motion picture, "The Flying Irishman." An era of more lenient taxes allowed him to keep about \$50,000.

Most of what's left is invested here, said Corrigan, indicating the green stucco house and row upon row of orange trees.

Barnstorm Pilot

The Texas-born pilot was one of those happy few who barnstormed his way through the depression in a series of rickety planes held together by baling wire.

Frequently Corrigan took a prize monkey job when he needed gas money or repairs on his plane.

"I was always hitting stumps in the pastures and breaking the landing gear," he recalls.

When he celebrated a 130-mile flight to Ireland, his only instruments were a dollar wrist watch which stopped, and the famous compass.

"I knew it wasn't Long Beach when I dropped down out of the overcast over Dublin," Corrigan said. "The place was greener and some of the houses had bay roofs."

After the deluge of headlines followed, Corrigan and his wife peddled some of the profits traveling about the country by train and automobile just being the flights.

Army Ferry Command

When World War II came along, Corrigan took a job with the Army Ferry Command and later acted as a civilian.

After the war Corrigan and a friend started an air freight service with a surplus C-47 transport. Corrigan's career as a professional pilot ended with the Korean war.

"I wanted to get a helicopter right business going, but war-time restrictions put the kibosh on my plans," he said. "So I turned to orange growing and like fine."

Corrigan said he plans to teach his three sons to fly when they are old enough, but he wouldn't want them to make a career of aviation.

"Flying today is different," he said. "All systems and jets. The ships are too fast and the kids fly them sometimes before they know what flying is all about."

The oldtimers—the barnstormers, the wing-walkers, the county fair daredevils—were of a different class, Corrigan said.

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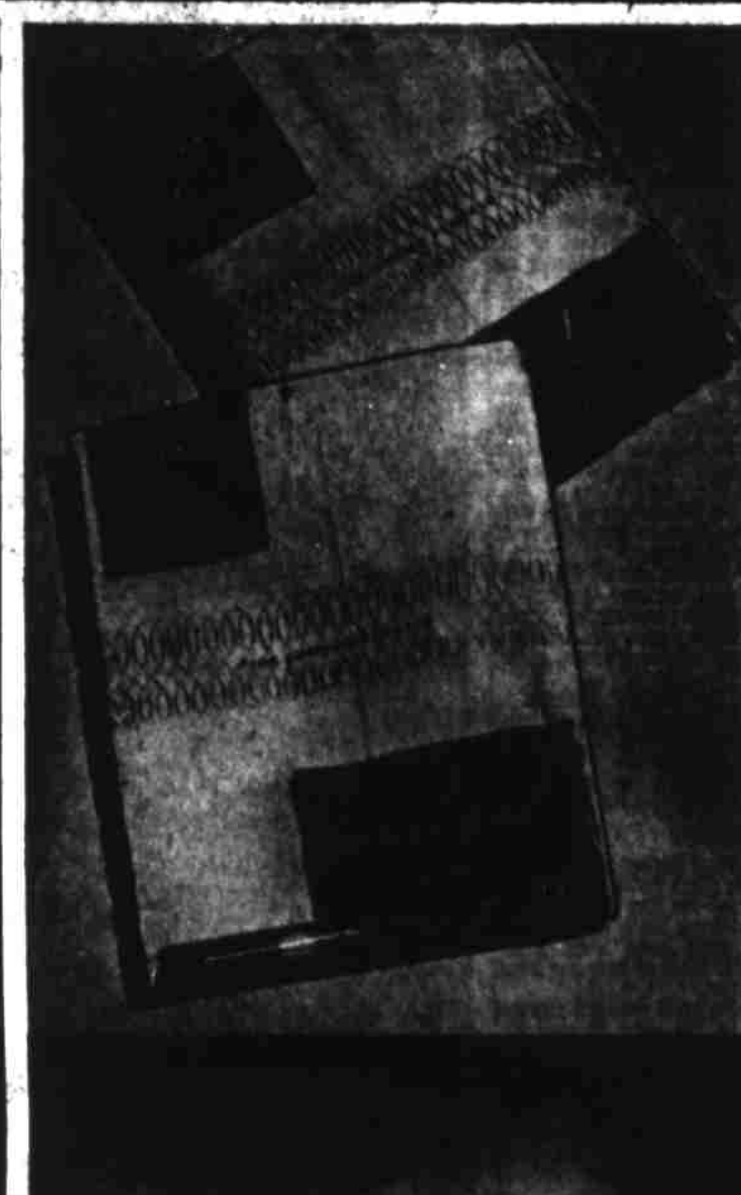
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double bottom	\$3.19	\$2.99	\$34.68
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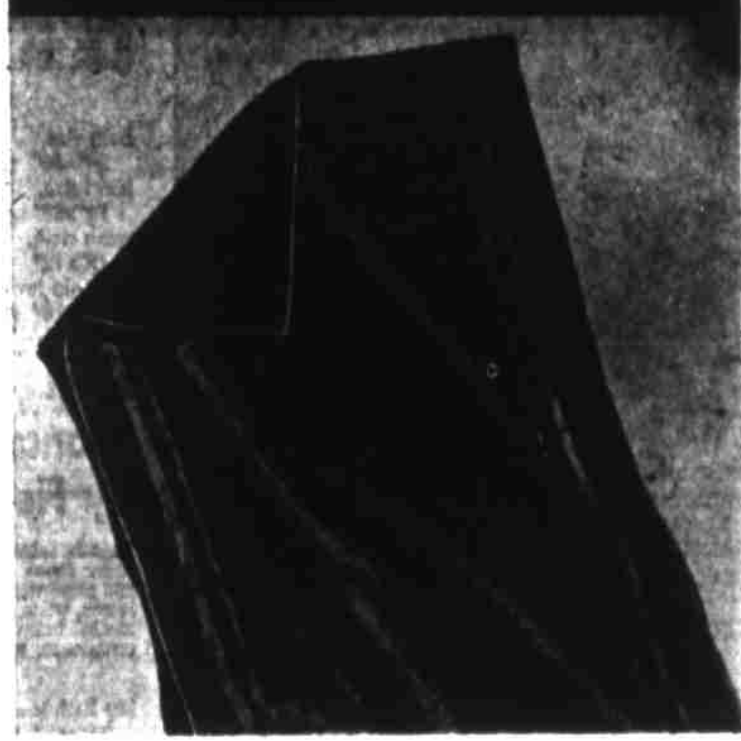
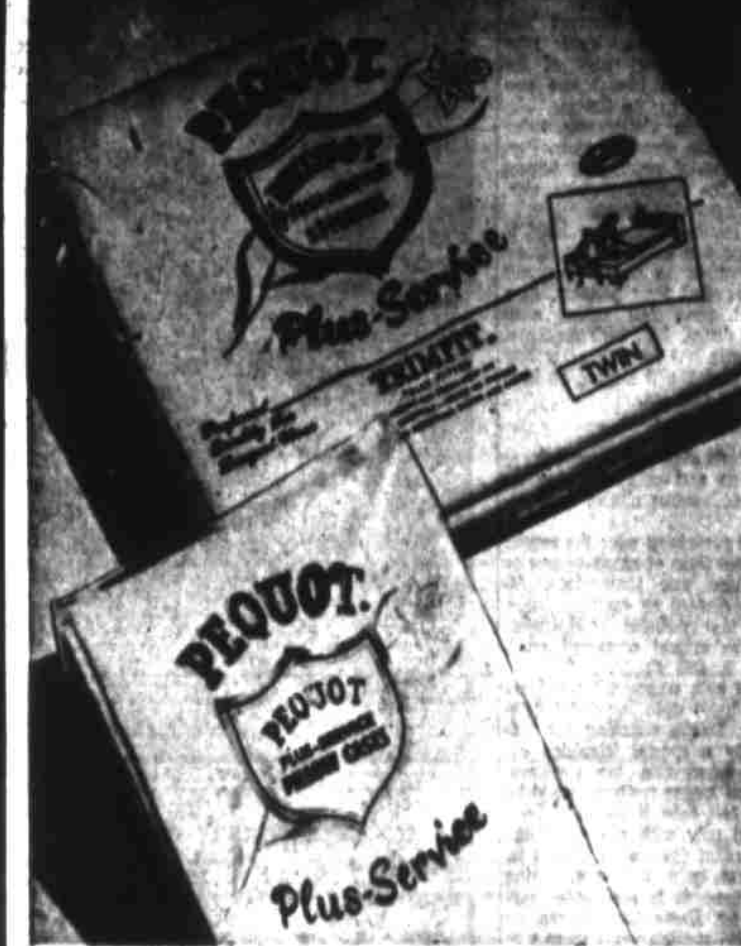
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twin top	\$2.79	\$2.49	\$28.68
double bottom	\$2.99	\$2.69	\$31.08
double top	\$2.99	\$2.79	\$33.48
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81"x120"	\$4.49	\$3.59	\$41.88
90"x120"	\$4.98	\$3.79	\$44.28
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