



BIRD AND MASTER — Kris, the only known white gyrfalcon in captivity in the United States, perches on the wrist of his owner Col. R. L. Meredith. The hood on the bird leaves its bill exposed but covers each eye. Col. Meredith made the hood especially for Kris, as he has done for each bird he has owned. He wears special leather gloves when handling the falcons. (Photo for The Bulletin by Giles)

Falconry Not Sport Learned Easily, Or in Short Time

By MARTHA STRANAHAN
Bulletin Staff Writer

You don't learn the art and sport of falconry in a week, a month—or even in 45 years, contends Col. Russell Luff Meredith, Ret. But in that latter span of time Col. Meredith, who with his charming Stockholm-born wife has recently moved to Central Oregon, has acquired probably as much knowledge of falconry as anyone now living. He was doubtless a very logical choice for president of the Falconry Club of America, and is editor and publisher of its journal, Falconry News and Notes.

A white male gyrfalcon and a dark, mottled female peregrine are the only hawking birds he has at present. Back of them Col. Meredith remembers falcons he has captured, raised and trained in locations around the world from Washington, D. C. to Greenland Sweden to Montana. The sport itself attracts devotees everywhere in the world.

Col. Meredith's interest in the little known and usually misunderstood field sport began in Washington, D. C. where as a youth he trained a young sharp-shinned hawk taken from the nest. This spurred his study of falconry which involves knowledge of ornithology, bird psychology, the special vocabulary associated with the sport and the acquisition of patience and understanding of its birds which developed into a continuing and engrossing avocation for the now retired air force man and one-time test pilot. He does say there have been times when he considered giving it up because of the discouraging features of the hobby. One of these is indiscriminate shooting of anything that flies by thoughtless nimrods, frequently resulting in the killing of trained hawks.

Suitable Climate

The Merediths decided this region and climate suited them best after trying West Texas, Montana and other places offering semi-wild terrain and a fair amount of game. Summers in Texas were too hot, Montana winters too cold. They bought the Lester Walter home and acreage near Deschutes coming from Great Falls, Mont. where they owned a 3000-acre cattle ranch. Col. Meredith was commanding officer of the air force base there during the war retiring for the second time in 1948. He is a West Point graduate, class of '17, and also graduated from Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Kris, the white gyrfalcon thought to be the only one reclaimed white one in the United States, and Isabelle the peregrine, have special screen perches for nighttime and stone perches in the sun and shade of the back yard by day. The old millstones keep their beaks worn down. Each bird is kept leashed to its perch by a short strap called a "jess." Falcons are never caged.

Kris, named for Greenland Finn Christopherson who caught him, and a Danish ship's captain Regner Bang Christiansen who sent him to Col. Meredith, will be three years old in June. Isabelle, caught by Col. Meredith near Port Isabella, Texas, is nearly two. Falconers catch their own birds or occasionally receive one from other falconers. There are few isolated instances of falcons breeding in captivity. The wild caught birds are used to flying and "stooping" for their game—the term used to denote the falcon's descent on its prey.

Pigeon Lure

Isabella was caught by means Judson (8) and Ginsberg; Zick. Stoddard (4), Kuncl (6), Elston (8), Lown (9) and Pramesa.

Standings

Pacific Coast League
W L Pct. GB
San Diego 25 16 61.0
Seattle 24 18 57.1
Los Angeles 23 18 56.1
Portland 19 21 48.5
Sacramento 19 21 47.5
Oakland 18 21 46.2
San Francisco 18 22 45.0
Hollywood 15 25 37.5

Sunday's Results

San Francisco 11-2, Sacramento 1-3
Portland 5-2, Oakland 4-5
Los Angeles 7-0, Seattle 6-5
San Diego 4-1, Hollywood 1-2

How Series Ended

Portland 4, Oakland 3
San Diego 7, Hollywood 1
San Francisco 4, Sacramento 4
Los Angeles 4, Seattle 4

Next Series

Los Angeles at San Francisco
San Diego at Sacramento
Oakland at Hollywood
Jansen, Kelly (8), Kennedy (8), Portland at Seattle

Record Titles Help Publicize Motion Pictures

By ROBERT ZIMMERMAN
United Press Staff Correspondent

NEW YORK (UP)—The lights were low. He deftly slipped a record on the turntable and whispered, "Listen dear, it's our song—'Theme from Strategic Air Command.'"

Or maybe it was "Blues From Kiss Me, Dead!" or the "I Am A Camera Theme."

The day is long past when song titles made much sense, but a new marriage between Hollywood and Fin Pan Alley has produced some of the biggest mouthfuls ever squeezed onto a record label.

The titles don't necessarily give any clue to what the music is like. The idea is that there is a movie out by the same name, and promotion of "title-tunes" has become an important by-way of movie-plugging.

"They wouldn't think of bringing out a big movie these days without a song to go with it," according to a movie press agent who headquarters in New York. "They want to make the title a household word before the movie is released."

Unlikely Titles
There are or soon will be records with the unlikely titles of "Run For Cover," "A Many Splendored Thing" and "To Catch A Thief," each with a tie-in with a new movie.

The biggest current hit with background-music origin is "Unchained Melody," which has three versions on record best-selling lists and is helping lure audiences to theaters showing the Warner brothers picture "Unchained."

Letting songs put in plugs for movies paid off well last year for such successes as "Three Coins in the Fountain" and "The High and the Mighty."

Mickey Spillane
United Artists did a film version of Mickey Spillane's thriller "Kiss Me, Dead!" and worked Nat (King) Cole into the plot to provide the cue for a record to be sold as "The Blues From Kiss Me, Deadly."

The songwriters sometimes get in each other's way. Two tunes called "Not As A Stranger" were in the market before any theme music had even been composed for the movie of the same name, a drama dealing with the medical profession.

It remained for producer Stanley Kramer to announce that a noted composer had been retained to write the "official" theme music for "Not As A Stranger," which seems to be the first movie to have "official" and "unofficial" themes.

LaGrande Girl Dies in Crash

LA GRANDE (UP) — Fifteen-year-old Sharon Jean Edwards of La Grande was fatally injured and hospitalized as result of an automobile-Army truck collision here last night.

The Edwards car, driven by the father Earl, collide with the 2 1/2-ton truck at a downtown intersection about 6:05 p.m. Sharon died at 8:15 p.m. Injured and hospitalized were the father and mother and Sharon's sisters, Patricia Ann, 13, and Margy Lynn, 4 1/2.

The truck belongs to Company F, 41st Infantry Division at Baker and was returning from weekend drills at Pendleton with 11 members of the Baker National Guard Unit. Driver was Clayton R. Irey, 24, Baker. None of the guardsmen were injured.

BANDIT AGREES
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Suez Company Facing End Of Its 99-Year Lease

PARIS (UP)—A company that got rich by digging a ditch is doing more business than ever before. But at the height of the boom, directors of the company are meeting in Paris to talk about going out of business.

The ditch is the Suez Canal. The company that built it—"Compagnie Universelle du Canal Maritime de Suez"—is facing the prospect of giving it away.

It hasn't much choice. The company owns and operates the canal under a 99-year lease from the Egyptian government which became effective when the waterway between the Mediterranean and Red Seas opened in 1869.

Buying of Bonds High in April

April was a record savings bond month in Oregon, and in Deschutes county purchases this past month reached the imposing figure of \$56,534 compared with \$23,313 in April, 1954.

Deschutes county bond purchases for the first four months of 1955 are listed at \$208,513. This is compared with \$129,599 for the same period last year.

Clark A. Price, Bend, county bond sale chairman, noted that "national sales, although not comparable to Oregon on a percentage basis, showed a healthy increase over a year ago of 15 per cent."

In Oregon, the April purchases of bonds were 68 per cent greater than for the same month a year ago. Ted Gamble, Portland, Oregon savings bond committee chairman, said:

April sales of bonds in Crook county showed a big increase also, jumping from \$8,102 last April to \$34,162 this past month. The four month sales increased from \$62,188 last year to \$109,922 this year in Crook county.

Purchases in Jefferson county this past month were \$3,758 compared with \$3,374 in April, 1954.

Senators Sweep Pair on Sunday

By UNITED PRESS
The Salem Senators moved up a couple of notches in Northwest League standings Sunday by taking both ends of the only baseball doubleheader the weather allowed to the league.

The Senators showed hitting power and strong relief pitching to beat Spokane, 13-6, in the first game and then follow up with a 2-1 win over the Indians in the nightcap. An eight-run first inning for Salem in the opener decided the game early. In the second game, league-leading hitters Gene Tansell and Don Frailey teamed up to get the two fourth-inning runs which won for Salem.

Tri-City's Braves won a rain-shortened six-inning game from Wenatchee, 9-1, at Kennewick behind the powerful batting of Frank Strazullo and Don Pries. Strazullo got three hits for three tries and Pries drove in four runs. The second game of the scheduled doubleheader was called off because of the downpour.

The weather also postponed the scheduled doubleheader between the Eugene Emeralds and Lewiston Broncs. Sunday's rain-out, after a bad weather on Friday and Saturday too, left the two clubs in need of a makeup for the entire four-game series at Eugene.

POPULAR MAN
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When the lease expires in 1968 the canal will automatically become the property of the Egyptian government unless some new agreement is negotiated. Company officials are doubtful Egypt is interested in extending the lease.

Still 13 Years
"The present Egyptian government certainly wouldn't be," said Jacques Georges-Picot, the company's top executive. But he pointed out that 1968 is still 13 years away and a lot might happen in 13 years.

Meanwhile the company is working on the assumption the canal will be turned over to the Egyptians.

Directors who met here this week are setting up a plan to give present stockholders shares in a new investment trust to be formed with the more than 32-million dollars in securities which the company holds.

Many a 19th century financier lived to rue the day that he turned down a chance to invest in the canal. Ferdinand de Lesseps, the French diplomat who spearheaded construction of the canal, sold the original stock issue easily enough in 1858 but by the time the canal was completed it had cost twice as much as originally estimated.

De Lesseps had to arrange loans and even set up a lottery to raise money to see his dream realized.

The Suez Canal had been a dream of Napoleon, too, but he dropped the idea when his engineers informed him (erroneously) that the level of the Red Sea was 30 feet higher than the Mediterranean.

While French capital accounted for most of the original investment, the British bought a 1/2 block of stock in 1875. The present board of 32 directors includes 16 Frenchmen, nine Britons, five Egyptians, one Dutchman and an American (former ambassador to Egypt S. Pinckney Tuck).

Business was never better through the canal which has important strategic value and saves shippers the long trip around Africa. It handled a total of 96,900,000 tons of freight last year and tonnage is running 15 per cent higher this year.

The biggest reason for the increase in traffic has been the court in mid-Eastern oil production. Ten times as many tankers pass through the canal today as did before World War II.

Assurance Given West by Tito

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (UP)—President Tito stressed Sunday that the forthcoming talks with the top-level Soviet mission to Belgrade will not influence Yugoslavia's friendship with the West.

Tito's assurances came in a less than two days after Moscow announced Communist Party chairman Nikita Khrushchev and Premier Nikolai Bulganin would head a star-studded Soviet delegation here for conferences with Yugoslav leaders.

The marshal, who broke with the Soviet-dominated Cominform in 1948, stressed that the Yugoslavs would talk with the Russians as a free and equal nation. The exact date of the talks is not known.

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Paulina Session Held to Explain Radio Situation

Special to The Bulletin
PRINEVILLE — A meeting Thursday afternoon that included county, state and federal officials, and some 20 residents of the Paulina ranching area, cleared the air to some extent on the question of short-wave radio as a means of giving Paulina contact with Prineville and other localities.

Many Paulina residents, whose ranches are located as much as 80 miles from Prineville, had hoped that a short-wave system could replace the former, impractical telephone line. A petition had been circulated in the ranching area to that effect.

At the meeting in the county court room here it was made clear that the expense of a short-wave unit could be met through official channels provided that the unit was used only for official and emergency business.

It was explained to the group that the civil defense funds were available for a portion of the expense only if the unit were official. Many Paulina residents are seeking some means of communication with Prineville, which serves them as a city center, and would like to have some way of transferring personal messages.

It was pointed out that a plan is underway for the construction of a shortwave unit on top Grizzly Butte, northwest of Prineville, which would send and receive messages county-wide, on official business. The state highway and police departments, the county road organizations, and the civil defense setup of the federal government are interested in this plan. The national forest on the Ochoco mountains is also interested in this arrangement for rapid communication.

A representative of the Rural Electrification Administration who was present at the meeting stated that power could be brought onto the top of Grizzly Butte from a point about six miles distant.

A separate short-wave unit, that could be used in lieu of telephone service was discussed by the ranchers. Costs have not been fully determined, however, and there was some question as to whether the 60 or more former telephone subscribers in the Paulina area would be willing to foot the bill for a separate system. Future meetings are planned by Paulina residents to settle details of the problem.

Wisconsin, the 20th ranking state in turkey production in 1944, ranked as the 10th leading producer last year.

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CAPTURED IN TEXAS — Isabelle, a two-year-old peregrine, captured near Port Isabella, Texas, has darker plumage than is ordinarily found on these birds. Females are used for hunting. The peregrines are renowned in history and literature, usually associated with royalty. Isabelle perches on a worn millstone in the yard of the home of Col. and Mrs. R. L. Meredith near Deschutes. (Photo for The Bulletin by Giles)

Additional Sports San Diego Wins Double Header

By DON THACKREY
United Press Sports Writer
The San Diego Padres were finished today with a week of Star-gazing and calculated they could grab the Pacific Coast League pennant if they could keep up their astrology course.

The Padres, who battled all last year with the Hollywood Stars, pulled the switch on their northern neighbors last week by winning seven out of eight games and vaulting from third place to first in the standings.

The Pads were helped out by the rest of the league — all of whom spun their wheels by splitting Sunday doubleheaders while the San Diego team won two.

San Diego topped Hollywood 4-1 and 11-2. San Francisco took Sacramento 11-1 and then lost 3-2. Oakland had a homer feast off Oakland pitching for a 5-4 win and then returned the compliment 5-2. And Los Angeles went into second place with a 7-5 win over Seattle and then changed places by losing the nightcap 3-0.

By far the best pitched game of the day was the lone shutout in the second game at Los Angeles. Rinold Duren of the Seattle Rainiers blanked the Angels on one lonesome single. He gave that up to Gene Mauch in the third inning of the seven inning contest and that blow did not get out of the infield.

Gene Verble had three for three including a homer to give Duren all the support he needed. Earlier the Angels had come up with a five run eighth inning to zoom from behind and take the leap-frog second place battle.

San Diego got a fine spot of pitching from John Carmichael in the first game. He scattered eight hits and held the Stars scoreless after the first inning.

Ed Bailey hit a two run homer for the Pads in the second to provide plenty of margin. Rapp Homers
In the nightcap Ed Erautt was in control as Earl Rapp and Julio

Bequer homered for the league leaders.

Portland got three home runs from the bat of rookie Joe Taylor and one from the stick of veteran Eddie Basinski to account for all the runs in the first game. Taylor's third homer in the eighth broke a tie and gave the Beavers the win.

It was just the opposite in the second game. Oakland got homers by Billy Conso and Joe Brovia to provide their part of a 2-2 tie. Then Jim Marshall hit a three run homer to make the difference.

San Francisco erupted for 10 hits as Mike Baxes drove in five runs in the first game to swamp Sacramento but the Solons made a single hit—a little short squeeze hit by Leo Thomas—count for just as much as they won thesecond game.

Thomas' hunt brought home the run that broke a 2-2 deadlock in the seventh inning.

Pacific Coast League
The Linescores:
(1st game)
Hollywood 100 000 000-1 8 2
San Diego 020 010 01x 4 6 1
Naranjo, Hogue (8) and Mangano; Carmichael and Bailey.
(2nd game)
San Diego 002 144 x-11-13 0
Minger, Queen (5), Witt (6) and Hall; Erautt and Bailey.

(1st game)
Sacramento 000 100 000-1 8 2
San Francisco 201 010 34x-11-19 0
Griggs, Harrist (5), Ceregho (7), Johnson (8) and Baich; Bearden and Ritchey.
(2nd game)
San Francisco 001 010 0-2 6 1
Jones and Sheely; Blackwell, Bradford (6) and Ritchey, Baich (5).

(1st game)
Seattle 002210 000-5 9 1
Los Angeles 001 000 15x-7-12 1
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