



Hunters Meet Richards—Secretary of State Dean Acheson chats with Blair Richards and Jerry McGrath, riders with Redland Hunt over the secretary's Maryland estate.

Four Corners Grade Pupils Present Program at School

Four Corners, March 21—Boyd Hillesland and his sixth grade students at Lincoln school (Four Corners) gave a program before the school assembly and the room mothers. The salute to the flag was led by Ronald Coulter. Miss Shirley Payne led the assembly in singing the "Star Spangled Banner" and the children in "Under the Spreading Chestnut Tree" and the "Spider" song. Gordon Harrison was the announcer.

The prelude to the play was the singing of "Chiapanecas" and Mexican dancing to "La Rapa." The play was "South of the Border" with those taking part in Mexican costume. Characters were Ruth Stryker, Mama Mendoza; Gary Pierpoint, Papa Mendoza; the Mendoza children, Leona Arthur and Richard Lukens; Carlos, Robert Kipper; American tourists, Donna Meyer Marilyn Snook, Shirley Thulin, Henry Mauck Dewey France.

Supporting cast John Smith, Darrell Rickman, Larry Rhoads, Jean Chrisman and Betty Reichenger.

Costume Party Held

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Shrake entertained the Maranatha Sunday school class of the Calvary Baptist church at a 7 o'clock dinner and costume party. The dinner was in honor of St. Patrick's day with the guests in costume from the comic characters. Mr. and Mrs. Shrake welcomed their guests as "Maggie" and "Jiggs." Those accepting the hospitality were Mr. and Mrs. Sam Randle, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Wagner, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Bird, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Pederson, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Coole and Mrs. Donna Wright.

Silverton Formally Greets Spring by Many Offerings

Silverton—As a grand finale in treats, regardless of unpleasant weather, for the two-day spring opening sponsored by merchants of town and civic organizations, was the presentation of "Penrod and Sam" as a movie film, free to all children of town at the Palace theater, with two over-flow houses representing around a thousand guests.

The "then" and "now" window decorative theme was well carried out and brought out almost as many surprises as the annual hobby show.

Stiff Furniture showed a high topped bed, springs and mattress, a "commode" and necessary contents, together with lighting facilities of years ago, and the ultra modern display including a Silverton manufactured case for radio and records produced from the Parton Fixtures; the most unusual old-timer sewing contraption was a "sewing bird" at Weibys along with other displays of the contrasting ages.

A perfect collection of all pieces of the bedroom substitute for the modern bath in beautiful design of raised flowers was at the Elmer Johnson store in a water pitcher and bowl set, also in the Johnson window were old and new fire-arms.

Wedding dresses then and now were by Opal Roop of the style shop; baby dresses from 1878 up to the present were marking the decades in the Grossnickle Lily's Shoppe; Sprouse Reitz showed a young woman in bustle, pantaloons, high topped shoes, handbag mitts, and a complete costume all dressed for a walk with the escort's derby hat, cane, and a convenient spittoon under the table.

Electric stores showed first and last styles in appliances. Butter mixers, churns and bowls, spinning wheels and modern matches in Pennes. Every store had some attraction in display and all places of business offered a sacrificial sale bargain. Free parking was made possible through donations of merchants with each meter "hooded" with a paper bag bearing an advertising suggestion.

The Junior Woman's club plan a mid-summer style show instead of an annual affair of the past at the time of the spring opening.

Modernization Of Navy Urged

Washington, March 21 (AP)—Chairman Vinson (D-Ga) of the house armed services committee called today for modernization of the navy, starting with half a billion dollars.

He said in a statement that "the ships and planes we now have, both afloat and in mothballs, are ships and planes of a bygone age."

"Our navy would not be as useful in the next emergency as it was the last time it was used against an enemy."

Vinson introduced a bill for the construction of 50,000 tons of modern naval vessels, and for the conversion of 200,000 tons of existing ships "to modern naval vessels."

His bill would authorize an appropriation of \$500,000,000 in money for construction or conversion. In addition, funds already appropriated for construction or conversion of vessels would be available for the modernization program.

Beautiful Skating Champion Deserts Father, Czech Reds

London, March 21 (AP)—Beautiful Aja Vrzanova, the world's champion woman amateur figure skater and daughter of an important Czechoslovakian communist government official, joined the parade of political exiles from behind the iron curtain today.

The tall, 18-year-old brown-eyed skater, who has been in the United States and possibly follow in the footsteps of Norway's Sonja Henie, was to have returned to Prague Saturday. Her father is an official of the finance ministry.

"I have been dreaming of this freedom for two years, ever since I have been traveling in western Europe with the Czech team," Aja said. "But I had to bide my time until I was 18, which made me 'of age' in my country."

Miss Vrzanova, who hopes eventually to go to the United States and possibly follow in the footsteps of Norway's Sonja Henie, was to have returned to Prague Saturday. Her father is an official of the finance ministry.

Instead she obtained permission of the British home office to remain in England, as many other iron curtain country sports figures have done.

She is the third famous skater to receive asylum here. The others were Edi Kiraly, Hungarian skating titleholder and runner-up to American Dick Buton in the world championships; and Irina Nekolova, Czech woman skater.

Jaroslav Drobný, the Czech tennis star, also became a political exile in Britain after last year's Wimbledon tourney and three members of the Czech hockey team "disappeared" in Stockholm and Paris recently.

Silverton—Visitors at the F. M. Powell home Sunday from Independence were the family of their son, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Powell and Anne and John.

Melver Attends Meet

Portland, March 21 (AP)—Milo K. Melver, recently appointed to the state highway commission, Monday attended his first commission meeting.

Melver will not officially join the body until April 1, when Chairman T. H. Banfield will leave office, but he attended today to get acquainted with proceedings.

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MONEY FOR HOME-OWNERS

Interest-Rate Wrangle Arises Over Middle-Income Housing

Washington—How much interest should you pay when you borrow money to buy a home? How much should you expect to receive if you lend money to a home-owner?
These are two sides of a tough economic question, as the members of the senate learned when they wrangled over the proposed middle-income housing bill. Much of the debate hinged on this point.

Proponents of the bill said they had found a way to provide cheaper housing for the middle-income group. It wouldn't involve government subsidy they said—it would all be done through private enterprise.
The most striking feature of the plan was the method of reducing financing charges from the usual 4 1/2 per cent charged on loans insured by the Federal Housing Administration (FHA), to about 3 1/4 per cent.

A new government corporation would lend money to owners of cooperative housing projects at this rate. The corporation would obtain the money by borrowing from private sources. It would get the money at a cheap rate, possibly about 2 1/2 per cent. That's the main reason why it could lend so cheaply.
But why should the corporation get lenders to invest money at such a low rate? Because, say backers of the plan: (1) Like FHA mortgages, the loans would be insured by the government. The lender couldn't possibly lose money as long as the U. S. government credit was good.

(2) The lenders would not be purchasing mortgages; they would be buying debentures, FHA mortgages, or any other mortgages, cost the lender a considerable sum in service charges. The Senate Banking Committee was told by various insurance companies that when they received an interest rate of 4 1/2 per cent from mortgages they only cleared a net of about 3 per cent. The difference was made up by administrative costs and the cost of procuring and servicing the loans interest from debentures could be collected at practically no cost.

This lowering of interest rates would undermine the whole home mortgage credit field in the opinion of opponents of the bill.

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Question of Freezing Given Study by 2 Airport Groups

Whether construction in the Salem airport zoning area should be "frozen" until a policy is adopted by the new zoning organization is one of the problems facing the two regulatory groups recently appointed.

Whether freezing is legal is being investigated.

The 10 men comprising the two groups met Monday night in the office of Robert F. White and completed organization, with the election of Wallace R. Tower of the Salem Air Service as chairman of the zoning commission. Roy Houck had previously been elected chairman of the joint city-county zoning board.

The county-city board and the zoning commission will work together in about the same way that the city council and the city planning and zoning commission do. The commission, which was appointed by the board, will set up the plans and make recommendations, which will be passed on finally by the joint board.

On the joint board Hedda Swart and Don Cannon represent the county, and Robert F. White and Dr. L. P. Campbell the city. These four selected Houck as the fifth man and he was made chairman.

On the zoning commission are Wallace Tower, Salem Air Service; W. C. Hill engineer for the state board of aeronautics; Ralph Reed, merchant; Peter Geiser, real estate man; and Keene Wain, farmer in the airport area. Tower was elected chairman by his five colleagues.

Of the 10 men in the two groups Houck, Dr. Campbell, White, Hill, Thede, Tower and Geiser are licensed pilots.

At the meeting Monday night maps were studied showing the general zones on which safety and traffic conditions at all airports are based. In the center is the airport property zone, which at the Salem airport has a diameter of 14,000 feet. Next is the airport hazard zone, and at its outer edges permitted construction begins to "cone" outward and upward.

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Oversize Potato Crop Indicated

Washington, March 21 (AP)—Another oversize potato crop this year was indicated today.

The agriculture department said a survey of farmers' 1950 crop plans showed that the potato acreage may be considerably larger than the government had recommended under a program designed to prevent production of too large a crop.

A crop of 389,000,000 bushels is possible, the department said, on the prospective acreage. The government had recommended a crop of only 335,000,000 bushels.

Potato surpluses during the past six years have cost the government nearly \$500,000,000 in price support operations.

Today's report also indicated that farmers will not reduce corn plantings as much as the department had recommended under an acreage allotment program.

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Man in Charge of Secret Work Prior to Loyalty Clearance

Washington, March 21 (AP)—The story of a man who supervised secret workers in the government's bureau of standards for 15 months before he himself received loyalty clearance was disclosed yesterday.

The story was related to members of a house appropriations subcommittee by bureau officials. Dr. Edward U. Condon headed the agency, told the lawmakers in the case all along. He said the security investigation of the unidentified worker took much longer than was necessary and he hinted that "improper allegations" were made against the man and were later disproved.

Until he finally received clearance last December, the man couldn't even enter the restricted areas he supervised unless he took along one of his own men who already had been checked.

Condon himself once was called one of the weakest links in the U. S. atomic security, by the house un-American activities committee. His repeated demands for a chance to deny that charge in person never were granted.

Some parts of the appropriations hearings dealing with the man who waited 15 months for clearance were held off the record, leaving gaps in the report issued yesterday.

But at one point subcommittee Chairman Rooney (D. N. Y.) said it was a "very, very serious thing to charge a man with supervision of activities in restricted areas and then take 15 months before he is given security clearance."

Following an off-the-record discussion, Condon gave the bureau's position this way:

"We are pretty familiar with the facts in this matter and although we did not have the final responsibility in regard to clearance we felt that more harm would be done than good by taking any drastic action, and for that we take full responsibility," he added.

"The most difficult question we have to face is the question of decent, humane consideration of people against whom improper allegations have been made which are not substantiated on full investigation."

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