

# British Arrange Flag Ceremony At Washington Ancestral Home

By ALVIN J. STEINKOPF  
WASHINGTON, England—The Stars and Stripes will fly bravely tomorrow in this Durham County village in honor, say the Englishmen who live here, "of our George Washington."

For some centuries ancestors of the first President of the United States lived in this "North Sea coast village, 265 miles north of London. And the community feels that although Washington was born in far-off Virginia, it has some special claim to him.

A ceremony has been arranged

for the first President's birthday this year at the 2½-story gray stone building known as Washington Old Hall, ancestral home of early Washingtons. The American flag will be raised.

So far as is known, not a single member of the Washington family now lives here. Historians have remarked that the first President seems to have taken little interest in his English antecedents. The Washingtons and Wessingtons who remained here were loyal to the British crown.

Contacts are being re-established now and Washington Old Hall, managed by an Anglo-American committee, is being set up as a museum and a center to foster Anglo-American relations. It is attracting an increasing number of American visitors, and Washington hopes to become as popular as that other Washington shrine, Sulgrave Manor, or Northampton, to which the family moved after long residence here. The immediate English progenitor of George Washington was his great-grandfather, Col. John Washington, who left Britain for the American Colonies in 1657.

The age of Washington Old Hall here is uncertain, but according to one chronology it was in existence in 1183. It tumbled into decay, and it would have vanished from the earth after condemnation in 1936 had it not been saved by a committee which raised a restoration fund here and in the United States.

American Ambassador Winthrop Aldrich accepted it as American property at a ceremony last September. His remarks on that occasion gave a great boost to the contention that the designs of the American flag and the great seal have their origins here.

At some time, probably before 1300, the Wessingtons or Washingtons adopted a coat of arms, which is to be seen today in the library of Durham Cathedral, and over a doorway of Hylton Castle. The design consists of a scroll at the top of which is a line of

# Cash Missing From Bank's Deposit Slot

ROSEBURG, Ore.—About \$200 in currency was missing from an envelope apparently taken from the night deposit slot of the Douglas County State Bank, Roseburg police said Monday.

The envelope was found by a merchant policeman over the weekend in a doorway of a clothing store near the bank. It still contained two checks for \$2,243.75, made out to Hub Lumber Co., Roseburg.

The company's bookkeeper, W.P. Bowers, said he put the envelope in the deposit slot Friday evening. He said it contained the checks and money, all in bills of large denominations.

Police speculated that the envelope either wasn't shoved fully into the slot or had become lodged,

# Commerce Official Admits He Jumped Gun on Airports List

WASHINGTON—Undersecretary of Commerce Louis Rothschild admitted Monday he gave a list of city airport grants to the Republican Congressional Campaign Committee 18 hours before it was made public.

Rothschild told the Senate Aviation subcommittee he would take full blame for the way the release was handled, commenting: "If I'm still around when the same thing comes up again, I'll be a little smarter than I was the last time."

The question came up at the latest in a series of appearances by Rothschild before the subcommittee in its investigation of the ousting of Frederick B. Lee as civil aeronautics administrator. Most of the questioning actually turned on the list of federal grants.

Sen. Monroney (D-Okla.), subcommittee chairman, recalled that Rep. Preston (D-Ga.) complained angrily in the House Feb. 9 that announcement of the federal allotment for airport construction was leaked to the Republican National Committee and to Republican members of Congress in advance of the public release.

Monroney said Preston was particularly irate "in view of the fact that the Republicans tried to destroy this program in 1954 by not requesting any funds for its continuance."

After being asked about it several times, Rothschild finally said he gave a copy of the list to "a Mr. Warner of the Republican Congressional Campaign Committee late in the afternoon" of Feb. 8. The public release was shortly before noon on Feb. 9.

# 18 More Foreclosed Homes Sold at Auction

ROSEBURG, Ore.—Eighteen more homes in the Cloverdale addition of North Roseburg were sold at auction Monday by U.S. Marshal Harold Sexton.

All were purchased at the mortgage amount of \$132,198, as foreclosed in U.S. District Court, Portland, by the Federal National Mortgage Assn. The association had financed building of the homes in the late 1940s for Roseburg Homes, Inc.

The sale brought to more than 100 the number of foreclosed properties sold in the addition.

# Brinkman Sells Place to Texan

BROOKS—Joe H. Brinkman has sold his place here to Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Jarvis who come from Texas. Brinkmans have moved to Mount Angel.

# HEADS CELEBRATION

SHERIDAN—Frank W. Smith has been named general chairman of the annual Phil Sheridan Days celebration, to be held June 22, 23, 24 this year. Smith is Sheridan high school principal.

# Railways Seek Special Truck Tax for Roads

WASHINGTON, Ore.—Demanding that trucks "pay the costs of their extraordinary highway demands," the Assn. of American Railroads (AAR) called on Congress Monday to lay special taxes on the trucking industry to finance new road building.

Without such tax adjustment, the railroads said the heavy trucking industry would have "a virtually free ride on the public highways at the expense of others."

Burton N. Behling, AAR spokesman, told the House Ways and Means Committee that a bill for uniform across-the-board tax increases on fuel and tires "fails to meet tests of equity and sound economy."

Instead, he proposed upward graduated charges for heavy vehicles and "supplemental" taxes in the form of permit, or registration, fees for trucks of 10 tons and more.

Behling testified at hearings on plans to finance a new 40,000-mile system of interstate highways at a projected cost of 5½ billion dollars.

The committee bill, drafted by Rep. Boggs (D-La.), provides for 12 billion dollars in new revenue over 15 years in the form of a penny increase in all motor fuel taxes, another three cents a pound on tires regardless of size, and new taxes on trucks and retread rubber.

# Vote Forced On E-R Site

PORTLAND, Ore.—Petitions with enough signatures to force an election were filed Monday in the extended dispute over where Portland's proposed sports center is to be built.

The petitions call for an initiative in which the people will be asked to restrict the center to the east side of the Willamette River and require the city to turn over to the center, without charge, any city property wanted for the site. This last was asked because the City Council refused to give up Delta Park, the first choice for a site. It is on the east side of the river. The site chosen later, adjoining the municipal auditorium, is on the west side.

# Ullman Files For Congress

Al Ullman, Baker Democrat who ran for Congress two years ago, filed his candidacy Monday for the same position.

Ullman, a real estate man, was defeated in the general election of 1954 by Rep. Sam Coon, Baker Republican.

Ullman's slogan is "Leadership and action to restore farm income and develop Eastern Oregon resources."

Other filings: State Rep. John P. Amaechi, Winchester Republican, for re-election.

Clyde H. Sanders Sr., Sherwood Democrat, for state representative. Circuit Judge Fred McHenry, Corvallis, for re-election.

Mrs. C. H. Phetplace, Eugene, for delegate at large to Republican National Convention.

James B. Beshingfield Jr., Coos Bay Republican, for state senator from Coos and Curry counties.

Dist. Atty. Thomas E. Brownhill of Clatsop County, Republican, for re-election.

Dist. Atty. Robert M. Stults of Douglas County, Republican, for re-election.

Circuit Judge William S. Fort, Springfield, for re-election.

District Judge Richard J. Burke, Portland, for circuit judge, Dept. 4, Multnomah County.

# Over-Anxious Mother Tries To Force the Engagement

By DOROTHY DIX  
DEAR MISS DIX: My 22-year-old son is in service. A short while ago he met a girl, 18, and dates her when he's home on leave. The last time he came home, the girl's mother claimed he should give her daughter an engagement ring for security, as he won't be out of service until 1958. When he does come out, we want him to finish college, but the girl's mother doesn't agree to that.

My son is very upset over the situation and so am I. He's going away soon and will be gone several months. Don't you think they should wait? They're both young and neither one has any money. It seems to me that boys in service are upset enough without having further complications. Mrs. R. J.

ANSWER: This is simply a case of an over-anxious mother being afraid her daughter will be an old maid. She's not particularly concerned over the girl's happiness but is mostly interested in that all-important ring.

Your conclusions about romance and service are quite true. Your son has enough on his mind without taking on the further complication of a fiancée—especially one he's not sure he loves. He could afford to let this one go by—after all, there's no dearth of attractive, pleasant young ladies who can act on their own initiative instead of relying on mothers to arrange engagements.

BOY HAS CURFEW  
DEAR MISS DIX: I'm 15 and have been going with a boy 16 for one year. Through the week, my parents permit me to stay out until 10 o'clock and on week ends till 11. However, my boy friend has to be in at 9:30 every night. Don't you think this is too early?

ANSWER: So boys have curfews, too. Perhaps 9:30 is a bit early, but all teen-agers should respect parental wishes, even in a too-early curfew. Time flies, boys grow older and regulations are relaxed. Be patient till then.

DEAR MISS DIX: My boy friend went with my girl friend for several months. After they separated she was still friendly towards him, but now that we are dating she shows us nothing but malice. She'll talk to either of us if we're alone, but when we're together we get the cold shoulder. Enid B.

ANSWER: She's a real dog in the manger. She didn't want the boy but doesn't want you to have him, either. Telling her is the only solution. When she finds another beau, she'll be pleasant to you both.

DEAR MISS DIX: I am a senior in high school and have been going steady with a college junior for some time. We have every intention of getting married upon his graduation. Here's the problem. Many times we have wanted to go away over a holiday weekend for a vacation but have been uncertain if it will be all right without a chaperone, which is difficult to find. My parents have complete trust in us but aren't sure if the idea would be proper.

ANSWER: You're both much too young to take your chances with Mrs. Grundy's wagging tongue. Forget these vacation trips; have your fun on day excursions.

Send your problem to DOROTHY DIX, care of this newspaper, enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope for reply.

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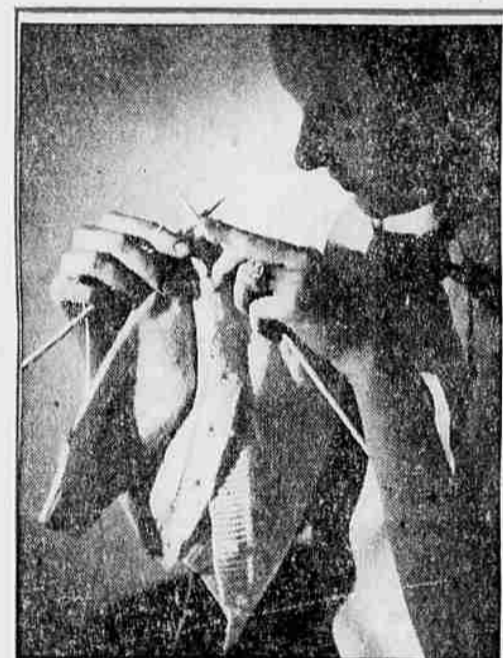
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