



"ACCIDENTAL" SHOOTING of Robert Harrison (left), publisher of Confidential magazine, by Richard Welby, former husband of Actress Pilar Palette, on hunting trip in Dominican Republic is being investigated by police. Miss Palette is sitting with Actor John Wayne (left) and Welby before she married Wayne. (International)



Backstairs: Ike's Double Chin Returns

By MERRIMAN SMITH
United Press White House Writer
Washington — (UP) — Backstairs at White House:

Mr. Eisenhower's double chin has returned and his doctors like it. They don't want him to get beefy, but with an active campaign coming up, the Eisenhower medical men think their patient can well stand a little excess poundage. His last announced weight was 168½ pounds. It is higher now. In fact, his weight as of last night was over 170 pounds.

Mr. Eisenhower, not normally a baseball fan, looks at the box scores carefully these mornings to see whether Mickey Mantle hit another home run for the New York Yankees. This probably represents the influence of ardent Yankee rooter Jim Hagerty, the President's press secretary.

One of Mr. Eisenhower's buddies, George E. Allen, took a minor financial cleaning at the Senators-Yankee ball game last week which the President attended. Allen was giving four to one that Mantle would not homer. He did.

Allen can stand the loss, however. He has money to spare.

Best guess around the White House in these opening phases of the campaign is that Mr. Eisenhower will end up making at least 20 speeches, quite in contrast to GOP National Chairman Leonard W. Hall's original estimate of "five or six" basic television addresses.

Of these 20 or so speeches, not all of them, by any manner of means, will be on nationwide radio and television. The Republicans are well-financed but they have no intention of spending the millions involved in putting Mr. Eisenhower across the viewing tubes and loudspeakers of the country every time he speaks.

Mr. Eisenhower had a rather chilling experience not long ago. The chief executive during a normal work day is quite generous with souvenirs as callers stream in and out of his office.

Quotes From the News

By UNITED PRESS

Cairo—Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser denouncing the Western proposal for international control of the Suez canal: "Any attempt to impose such a system would indeed be the signal for incalculable strife and would plunge the Suez canal into the turmoil of politics."

Fort Worth — The Rev. Donald W. Clark, Episcopal vicar, pleading for brotherly love before an anti-integration crowd: "Churches can express the attitudes of the vast body of their members. That will drown out the noise from the radical hate groups."

Palisades Park, N.J.—Democratic presidential nominee Adlai E. Stevenson after riding a ferris wheel with two children: "I have campaigned previously from jeep, horseback, boat and even camel, but this is the first time I ever campaigned from a ferris wheel."

Sturgis, Ky.—Mrs. James Gordon, Negro mother, on returning her two children to an all-white elementary school if protection is provided: "I don't want my children mobbed."

Washington—Sen. Mike Mansfield (D-Mont.) asking Defense Secretary Charles E. Wilson for a statement on reported plans to cut the armed forces by 800,000 men:

"I believe that even with the present strength, if we were called upon to honor more than one commitment at the same time, we would be in difficulties."

New Irrigation Projects Become Possibilities Under New Program

By A. ROBERT SMITH
Mail Tribune Correspondent

Washington — A whole flock of new irrigation projects for Oregon—including one in Jackson county and two in Josephine along the Rogue river—have become distinct possibilities for the future under a small project program being readied now by the bureau of reclamation.

The program, which was authorized by an act of the recent Congress, is generally of a long-term nature designed to speed up the construction of several hundred small reclamation projects throughout the 17 western states. The major difference between this program and the overall federal reclamation program is that in this case local groups would plan and build the projects themselves with loans and grants issued by the bureau of reclamation. The part played by the bureau would be simply to assure itself that the proposals were engineeringly sound and economically feasible before approving the loan.

Reduce Time

The idea behind the program is to reduce the time required to get a small project underway by cutting out the requirement for a special bill to be enacted for each project. As it now stands, good, sound reclamation proposals with an estimated cost no greater than \$5,000,000 may qualify under the small projects program and, if approved by the reclamation bureau, obtain a 30-year federal loan with which to finance the project.

The bureau has drafted a list of over 400 small projects in the West which might qualify under the program, but it emphasizes that this is a rough estimate. Among those on this tentative list are the Sardine creek project in Jackson county which would irrigate 900 acres at an estimated cost of \$200,000; Lower Ferry pumping project, in Josephine, for 600 acres at cost of \$84,000; and Northwest unit pipeline project in Josephine to supply supplemental water for 3,000 acres for \$71,000.

Local Interests

This does not mean that the bureau of reclamation is going out and promote these or any other projects which might qualify, for under this program the local interests must take the initiative and come into the bureau with proposals for action.

At the moment, reclamation officials are working out the ground rules which will apply when they begin to appraise applications. Under the new small projects act, which was promoted largely by the National Reclamation Association and pushed through Congress mostly by Rep. Clair Engle (D-Calif.) and Sen. Clinton Anderson (D-N. Mex.), the bureau has an overall limitation of \$100 million which it can lend at any one time. But many observers believe that once the program has been launched and proven to be practical, Congress will likely increase this loan authority in order to increase the number of small projects that can be developed simultaneously.

On the whole the money will be lent on an interest-free basis, in accord with the basic reclamation act under which water users need repay only the principle of federal funds allocated to reclamation. However, when the loans are used to develop lands which involve holdings greater than 160 acres, the prevailing interest rate on government borrowing must be paid on that part of the loan which applies to the excess acreage. To begin with, this interest rate will be three per cent.

General Procedure
The general procedure which local interests will follow in pursuing federal loans will be to draw up their detailed plans in consultation with bureau of reclamation officials, then submit them to the governors of the states which would be affected, and then submit it officially to the bureau for approval. The bureau, if it likes the plan, must then submit it to Congress where the House and Senate Interior Committees are given 60 days to

take notice of the proposal. If they don't act adversely within that period, the secretary of the Interior may then sign the loan agreement and the local interests may obtain their funds and get underway.

Some change in this last feature involving Congress is expected early the next session, due to objections raised by President Eisenhower when he signed the bill. But this won't affect the general approach which the act provides.

Is That So?

As I sit by my window, I can see birds bunching together—preparatory to their migratory flight south. And isn't it strange, in these mechanical days of relativity, radar, television, and atoms that this bird migration still remains much the mystery it always has?

To be sure, some progress has been made toward understanding bird migration. For example during the past century we know much more about the extent of the birds' departures and arrivals, the routes followed by most species, the speed at which they move from summer to winter range or the other way around. We know too that some species travel by night; some by daytime; in some both young and old travel together, in others they migrate by entirely different routes at different dates.

But if anything this added knowledge merely intensifies the mystery: just how do birds find their way?

To appreciate the dimensions of this mystery, consider the variations of the problem: some birds travel only a few miles, from a mountain top to a neighboring valley; others span the bigger part of our globe. And in addition to the overland migrants there are oceanic birds which spend most of their lives at sea but set fly hundreds of miles to islands to lay their eggs and to raise their young. And some, although highly adapted to life at sea, protect their nests by digging deep burrows and enter them only after nightfall, in the darkness. Think of the task of finding their islands on foggy nights? And then, hidden burrows?

To compound the wonder, birds have been carried 500 miles off the route of their migratory path, and with precision reached their exact destinations.

In all this, consider what tremendous problems of navigation are posed.

Surely from this, we must agree that migrating birds guide

their flight by means of some aspect of their environment. And this environment, surely in some way must stimulate some sense organ or receptor cells? In short, something within the bird's nervous system must make contact with its outside environment.

In Twentieth-Century Bestiary, Donald R. Griffin (Simon & Schuster, N.Y., 240 pages, \$1, paper-back) sums up some of the current beliefs. He says, some bird experts insist that migrants are guided by visual landmarks. If so, what of the overwater routes such as those of the golden plover which covers thousands of overwater miles? These experts reply, but none too convincingly: ocean swells tend to be rather constantly in one direction. And wind direction may offer a guiding cue. But aren't these notoriously changeable?

Becs, we know, are guided in their flight by the sun's position. Perhaps too the sun or other celestial points may be guided? But guided by them a bird would have to change the angle of its flight path as regards these favored bodies by the half-hour. Besides, what of the many birds which migrate during heavy overcast and cloudy nights?

Others contend that the bird finds its way by the earth's magnetic field. And more recently, that the birds are affected by electro-magnetic waves from radio transmitters. Possibly, but experiments show that birds when subjected to very intense magnetic fields have so far given no demonstrable response.

More recently, a new theory has been developed: that birds feel the earth's rotation. But surely, this fine sensitivity would be upset by the slightest turbulence of the air, or even by the bird's own breathing and heartbeats?

All right, so we're not satisfied with any of these answers. What then?

At present, with all the known facts, the honest reply is, no one knows. So your guess is as good as the next man's.

(Copyright, 1956, by Eugene Burns) Released by McClure Newspaper Syndicate)
FREE: By special arrangement with the editors of the Encyclopedia Americana, my panel of judges will award each week to the reader who sends me the best true-life nature adventure, the best nature observation, or the best question on nature and wildlife, a complete 30-volume set of this world-famous reference work in a handsome Sealcraft binding.

Each week new submissions will be considered. Sorry, I simply can't answer your many friendly letters. Please address your letter to: IS THAT SO? c/o Medford Mail Tribune, Box 575, Sausalito, Calif.

Funeral Services Held For Nixon's Dad

Whittier, Calif. — (UP) — Funeral services were held Friday for Frank A. Nixon, the 77-year-old father of Vice President Richard M. Nixon, at the small East Whittier Friends Church where the Nixon family worshipped.

More than 400 persons jammed the wooden-beamed community church while some 100 others remained outside. The simple Quaker services were conducted by the Rev. George Jenkins and the Rev. Harold E. Walker.

The retired grocer only three days before his death last Tuesday had summoned the Rev. Jenkins to discuss his final rites.

During the services the elder Nixon was eulogized as "a good samaritan." The Rev. Jenkins referred to his old friend as "a man unafraid to take his stand against the world for truth."

The vice president sat with his mother, Mrs. Hannah Nixon, his brothers, Don and Edward, and his wife, Mrs. Patricia Nixon. Following the services the elder Nixon was laid to rest in a simple casket at Rose Hills Cemetery.

Nixon and his wife, who had joined her husband only a day before, left Friday night by plane for Washington where the vice president was expected to renew his campaign for re-election.

Santa's Village to Get Live Reindeer

Santa's Village, — (UP) — Grady Carothers left for Alaska today to bring back a load of live reindeer for the Christmas holiday at Santa's Village.

Carothers has brought back a total of 22 reindeer on six similar trips. He said his best hunting grounds were near Colovino and Unalakleet in Alaska.

SCHMIDT DIES

Moscow — (UP) — Otto Y. Schmidt, one of Russia's most famous mathematicians and a pioneer in Soviet polar exploration, died Friday, the government announced. He was 65.

Girl Thrown From Car; Crushed Under Wheels

Napa, Calif. — (UP) — A 12-year-old Napa school girl, Loreta Young, was killed instantly Saturday when she was thrown from the car in which she was riding and was crushed under the wheel of a truck.

Read and Use Classified Ads



"I save at U.S. National of course"

You get bank safety for your savings at U.S. National



Member Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

Oregon's Own STATEWIDE BANK



...IN 1917 Standard introduced the credit card system

...IN 1938 Standard credit card convenience extended across the nation

...IN 1951 Standard issued the first self-printing credit card

Now Standard pioneers a thin, flexible, featherweight, all-plastic credit card

Proved in use by thousands of motorists—coming soon all through the West

You hardly know it's in your pocket!...The new, modern Chevron National Credit Card comes to you perfected with the help of suggestions from our customers who have tried it out in months of actual use. This card has

a smooth, flexible printing strip right in the plastic cover. It's twice as light...half as thick...prints your credit card information so clearly that electronic machines actually read the charge slips!

Here are benefits of this new credit card, as our customers describe them:



"Less cash to carry on trips, less danger of losing money," says Sam Siciliano. "With my new card, I know I can always drive home."

"Never a bulge in my wallet with the new plastic card," says Hal Rumel. "I use it everywhere, even in Canada and back East."

"I like the records I get every month," says Clela Post. "They'll make it a lot easier to fill out my income tax return next April."

"Establishes my credit at once for items like Atlas tires and batteries," says Bert Atwater. "A real help when a need comes up anywhere."

We take better care of your car—with S. O. products



STANDARD OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA

Leonard Electric Co.

WILL BE CLOSED

Tuesday, Sept. 11th Until Twelve o'Clock Noon

In memory of Carrie Miller Leonard, Mother of Morris B. Leonard, Senior