

# Film Colony Leaders Seeking To Prevent Personal Exposures

Hollywood — Some film colony leaders are working full steam behind the scenes to prevent the criminal libel trial against Confidential magazine from turning into the biggest Hollywood scandal since the Fatty Arbuckle case.

While the trial proceeds in Los Angeles Superior Court, filmsters reportedly are pressuring the attorney general's office and Judge Herbert Walker to have the case settled out of court — or at least conducted without the lid being ripped off Hollywood scandals.

### Working Full Time

One executive at a major studio reportedly is working full time to prevent more than 100 subpoenaed stars from being called to the witness stand by the defense to testify as to whether stories about them in Confidential were true.

Monday Judge Walker asked both sides to submit briefs as to the course of the trial, a legal move that may result in his ruling whether defense attorney Arthur Crowley can call to the stand stars who were not involved in the handful of allegedly libelous stories named in the suit.

Both prosecution and defense attorneys went to Judge Walker before the trial with a compro-

mise "deal" asking leniency for defendants Fred and Marjorie Meade, alleged operators of Confidential's Hollywood listening post, in exchange for the magazine dropping stories about stars. The judge ruled such a deal could not be enforced easily.

But a ruling from the bench that the 100 subpoenaed stars could not testify would prevent the most sizzling trial since actor Fatty Arbuckle was tried for the 1921 death of showgirl Virginia Rappe from a hemorrhage at a wild party in San Francisco. The comedian was acquitted, but he fell from grace in the movie industry and died in obscurity.

Other Hollywood scandals that have rocked the nation include the murder of director William Desmond Taylor in 1922, the Mary Astor "Purple Diary" trial in 1936, the mysterious death of Thelma Todd in 1935, and paternity suits against Clark Gable, Errol Flynn, Charles Chaplin and Wallace Beery.

The strategy of the defense in the State vs. Confidential magazine is to show the truth of its articles. Even a Hollywood gossip columnist and other press members have been subpoenaed in a defense move to show that newspaper gossip items are similar to Confidential stories.



W. A. VICE  
Resident Manager

## Manager for Eugene Firm Named Here

W. A. (Al) Vice, 527 Barnes ave., has been appointed resident manager for Interstate Tractor and Equipment company of Eugene for the Jackson-Josephine county area.

He came to Medford about a month ago from Portland where headquarters for the heavy machinery firm is located.

Vice has been with Interstate since 1943 as general parts manager and territory manager with time out for service as a captain with the corps of engineers during the war. He is married and has four children.

The company is one of the largest home-owned and home-operated machinery firms in the state, employing more than 100 people in its two plants in Portland and Eugene, according to Vice.

## Chamber Progress Is Reviewed at Luncheon

A \$50,000 annual budget and an increase of 250 members are aims of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, a chamber roundtable luncheon group was told yesterday.

Dwight Houghton, assistant manager of United States National bank and chairman of the chamber finance division, was the speaker at the Jackson hotel meeting.

He discussed Medford's last 20 years and its future.

Houghton said the chamber operated on a \$5,000 to \$7,500 budget in the late 1930's. The budget goal for 1960 is \$50,000.

### Put Town on Feet

Camp White, when it was installed, gave Medford a "transfusion," Houghton stated. "It put this town on its feet." And, he added, business did not decline as expected when the camp was taken out.

Bank deposits today are about 20 times what they were that many years ago, Houghton said. The chamber is operating on a \$30,000 annual budget today, and no longer finds it necessary to "pass the hat."

Reviewing Chamber activities, Houghton said the organization has purchased 68,000 folders, pamphlets and like material to advertise the area; has paid for economic research and development in connection with a new hospital and the chip supply and pulp manufacturing situation, and has secured a study of water uses in the Rogue river basin, now being made by the Oregon State Water Re-

sources board.

Chamber committees have pressed for an equitable tax program and a new route to Klamath Falls, secured an industrial water supply for the Mason Ehrman industrial site, promoted a new armory, and made strides toward off street parking.

To "build a better business climate" in the community, the chamber intends to attract wood waste using industry, expand wholesale warehousing, work toward an equitable tax plan to bring industry and hold investment capital here, promote rapid skip-stop air service to Portland, create greater diversity of industry and jobs secure county zoning, acquire more tourist dollars and double Medford's convention business, and bring more income from use of water resources.

In accomplishing these aims, Houghton said, the chamber needs tools: "the brains of man, and his money."

A membership drive is underway through which the organization hopes to add 250 to its present 660 membership. A recent study revealed that approximately 900 businesses or businessmen in the area are not chamber members.

New Mexico, the nation's 4th largest state, has an area of 121,666 square miles. Of this, more than 13,000 square miles are forest lands. Indian reservation account for more than 8,000 square miles.

## George Buried In Native Soil

Vienna, Ga. — Former Sen. Walter F. George, his statesmanship in foreign affairs praised by the nation's leaders, was buried in Georgia clay late Monday with this tribute by his minister:

"He hath showed thee, O man what is good and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy and to walk humbly with thy God?"

The Rev. L. C. Cutts quoted this passage from Micah VI, 8, in his 45-minute service for George in the First Baptist church packed with dignitaries from Washington and the Georgia Democrat's local friends. Hundreds of persons heard the service over loudspeakers outside.

George died Sunday following a six-week illness from heart disease. He had been appointed President Eisenhower's personal envoy to NATO on retiring last January after 34 years in the Senate.

## Actor Pleads Innocent To Drunken Driving

Malibu, Calif. — Actor Allen Jenkins 57, Monday pleaded innocent to a drunk driving charge in Malibu Justice Court and was ordered to appear for trial Sept. 5.

Jenkins was arrested Saturday after his truck hit a car in this movie resort colony. Jenkins remained free on \$263 bail.

Boulder, Colo., owns a glacier from which it gets its own water supply.

## Fire Mopped Up; Another Erupts

Pendleton — John Kucera, fire control officer for the Umatilla national forests, said late Monday he had good news for one section of the area and bad news for the other.

The majority of crews in the Pomeroy district fire, about 45 miles northeast of here, were pulled out Monday night as 22 firefighters were left behind to mop up the remainder of a burned out fire that scorched about 160 acres.

But, he added, the fire danger in eastern Oregon was increased as reports of a fire were re-

ceived near Grand Ronde river at Elder Creek, about 20 miles south of Elgin, Ore. A fire there was being fought by forest rangers and loggers from Tollgate, Ore., and by smoke jumpers of Winthrop, Wash.

An immediate estimate of the number of acres being burned by the new fire was not available.

The U. S. maintains military and naval bases in the Philippines under the terms of a 90-year agreement. In the interests of international security the bases are available to the U. N.

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## CENTRAL POINT 1953 Class Plans Reunion

By DORIS HUGHES

Central Point—Plans are under way for a class reunion of the class of 1953. There will be a meeting at the Crater High Cafeteria, Thursday, at 7:30 p.m. All those interested in helping to plan the reunion are asked to attend.

Mrs. J. A. Lewis was hostess for a pink and blue shower, Thursday honoring Mrs. Albert Lewis. There were nineteen ladies present.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Cowie and children went to the coast last week end. They went to Yachats where they visited friends.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Taylor of Ashland gave a birthday dinner party Saturday honoring Mrs. Royal Greenman of Central Point. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Greenman and children, Cherry and Ralph Jr., Mrs. Gail DuBoe, Mr. and Mrs. Royal Greenman, and Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Taylor.

Mrs. Lewis Davies and her son, Dennis, returned recently from Portland, where Dennis was undergoing medical treatment. Dennis has been traveling to Portland for therapy.

Visiting at the home of Mrs. Mary Herrman is her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. LeVere Herrman, and sons, Russel and Ricky. They were en route from Houston, Texas to Portland, where they will make their home.

Recent guests at the G. F. Brood home were Mrs. Brood's sister, Mrs. Henry Harvey from Wood, S. D., her granddaughter, Miss Jeanine Gere of White River, S. D., Mrs. Brood's sister, Mrs. Rosa Travis of Redding, Calif., and her granddaughter, Miss Viki James, of Eugene.

Mr. and Mrs. James Clark and family recently moved here from Woodburn. Clark is a barber. He has opened a barber shop at Four Corners.

Paul Hess and son, Scott, returned Monday after camping overnight at Fish Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. To W. Harvey and son, Billy, returned Monday after camping at Diamond Lake and Fish Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Smith of Crater Rock Museum have made two trips to Bend lately. Smith was instructing a class at Skyline Lodge for the Juvenile Grange camp. There were about 60 children between 10 and 14 attending the classes.

## Public School Office In Ashland Moved

Ashland — The central office of the Ashland public schools has been moved to the building east of the junior high school. Superintendent Howard Balderstone has announced.

The building was formerly used for shop classes. Teachers of the Ashland system will meet Tuesday, Sept. 3, to begin an "in-service" program of orientation, discussion of school policies, review of materials from the state department of education and organization for the coming year.

Schools will register first grade pupils Wednesday evening, Sept. 4, and all other students will be registered before Sept. 5. Dr. Balderstone said. One-half day of school will be held Sept. 6, and classes begin Sept. 9.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Asher are the parents of a girl born Aug. 1. She has been named Julie Rae. She is home from the hospital now and visiting at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Higinbotham of Central Point Market rd.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Anders gave a potluck dinner party Saturday evening honoring Mrs. Victor Noel on her birthday. Guests to the event were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Anders and son, Craig, Mr. and Mrs. Harley Dressler, Mrs. Bernice McCue and Patricia McCue, Mrs. E. E. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Mekvold, Mr. and Mrs. John Pinkham and children, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Noel and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Anders.

Thursday evening Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Brood gave a lawn dinner party at their home. Party guests were Mrs. Kyle Kent and son, Stephen, of Deadwood, S.D., Mr. and Mrs. John Kent and daughters of Medford, Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Walker and daughter, and Mrs. Jerry Sheman and son, Craig.

Guests at the Charles Hughes home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Simmons, Elwin and Terry Simmons, of Medford, Mrs. Millie Johnson of Central Point, Mrs. Mollie Phillips of Seattle, Mrs. Herbert Combs and children of Talent, and Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hooker of Medford.

## Indictments Against Langley Dismissed

Portland — The dismissal of three indictments against former Multnomah county District Attorney William M. Langley for "technical" reasons was announced Monday by Circuit Judge Charles M. Redding.

The dismissal request was made by John Nichols of the attorney general's office.

Two of the indictments were for malfeasance in office and the third one was for conspiracy to hinder and obstruct public justice, Nichols said.

He explained the request for dismissal of the indictments in that since Langley already has been removed from office, the malfeasance charges no longer apply, and the third indictment has been superseded by another similar indictment.

## Accident Results In Minor Injuries

Tom and John Papageorge, both of Camas, Wash., received minor injuries in an accident involving a tanker truck on Highway 99 between Medford and Ashland Monday, state police reported.

State police said a sedan driven by John Tom Papageorge, 23, was slightly damaged when it turned sharply to avoid colliding with the tanker driven by Elbert W. Marberry, 47, Portland, and a car owned by Tom George Papageorge, 20, which was being towed by the sedan, was thrown into the back of the tanker.

All three vehicles sustained minor damage, police said. The two men were treated and released Monday.

There's a reason the skunk relies entirely on his two large glands—sometimes called "smell guns"—as his chief armament of defense against man and natural predators. The skunk isn't quick or strong enough to defend himself any other way.

## Navy Submarines Crash Off Coast Of Connecticut

New London, Conn. — Two Navy submarines collided underwater at dawn today in the Atlantic ocean about 100 miles south of here, but damage was minor and there were no injuries, the Navy reported.

A spokesman at Atlantic Fleet Submarine headquarters said USS Tusk and USS Cobler were "returning to port under their own power."

The Tusk, a New London based craft and the Cobler, a unit of Submarine Squadron 6 out of Norfolk, Va., collided at 12:30 p.m. (PST) the Navy said.

Engaged in Maneuvers

The two submarines were engaged in maneuvers at the time.

Each craft has a crew of 74 men and 8 officers.

The Cobler, built by the Electric Boat Division of General Dynamics Corp., at nearby Groton, was commissioned in August, 1955.

The Tusk was commissioned a year later and was the last submarine to be built by the Cramp Shipbuilding Co., Philadelphia, which turned out submarines during World War II.

## Japan Pays Respects To Hiroshima Victims

Hiroshima, Japan — The Japanese nation, joined by its royalty and the people of many countries, appealed for an end to nuclear weapons today on the 12th anniversary of the atom bombing of Hiroshima.

Prince Mikasa, brother of Emperor Hirohito, and Princess Mikasa, led 20,000 Japanese at Hiroshima in paying respects to the memory of those who died in the world's first atom-bomb.

In Tokyo, 200 foreign and Japanese delegates opened an international conference dedicated to seeing that there would be "no more Hiroshimas."

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