

Girl, 13, Spends \$100 Of Own Money Plugging Kennedy on Television

Reno, Nev. — A 13-year-old California girl spent \$100 of her own money Monday night for a five-minute television appearance on behalf of Sen. John F. Kennedy, the Democratic candidate for President.

The campaigner, eighth grade student Suellen Fulstone of Coleville, said she earned the money by raising and selling a small flock of sheep. Coleville is in east central California, just across the Nevada line.

An announcer for television station KOLO-TV preceded Suellen's local appearance with the statement: "Following is a political announcement paid for by the speaker."

Suellen stood before a large Kennedy poster and wore a big Kennedy button.

"My parents tried to talk me out of this," she said, "but I think it is my duty."

Speaking in a firm voice, Suellen defended Kennedy against charges of absenteeism from the Senate and against charges that he has downgraded the nation's achievements.

"Would you like a teacher to tell you your kid was doing fine in school and then send him home with a report card flunking him?" she asked.

The girl ended her five-minute plug with a blast against the Republicans' "sorry record"—and a bid to those of voting age to elect Kennedy for his "courage, high principles and new ideas."



YOUNG FLY GIRL—Seven-year-old Donna Karpiak of Baltimore, Md., is shown at the controls of a Piper Cub airplane in which she has been taking flying lessons for the last six months. She has to sit on six cushions and wear these eight inch stilts on her shoes to see over the instrument panel and still reach the controls. She has 10 hours "stick time" to her credit. (UPI Telephoto)

Hotel Operator Pays Taxes for Townspeople

Rockport, Mo. — Few are quicker than George Opp when it comes to picking up the tab. And when he pays, everyone benefits.

That's what happened when Opp, a hotel operator and farmer in this Northwestern Missouri community, paid everyone's city taxes for the year. The bill amounted to \$19,209.

Philanthropy Revealed

Mr. and Mrs. Opp, who have operated the hotel here for 38 years, had hoped to remain anonymous benefactors of the city. But their philanthropy was revealed Friday when citizens began asking why the city tax bills for the year had not been mailed.

"This thing sure has boomed," said Opp.

Opp arranged into something. "Opp said today. 'But this was just something I felt I ought to do. 'In the past, I've tried to pick out families and individuals who needed financial help and give it to them,' he explained. 'But I couldn't decide where to draw the line, and I felt I had overlooked some. 'So I decided that by taking care of the city taxes this year, I could help everyone out.'"

Street Funds Donated

Last year Opp donated \$7,000 to the city for a street improvement program, which now has started.

When word spread that Opp had paid the city taxes for Rockport's 1,380 residents, Mayor Wayne Peck issued a proclamation suggesting that citizens wishing to express their appreciation contribute the amount they would have paid in taxes to a special fund.

Money from the fund, he said, would be used to provide improvements for the city which would be impossible otherwise.

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The Family Council

Editor's Note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, three editors and a woman's editor. Each article is a summary of an actual case history. The Council reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors.

Mrs. M. G. — Our son is inventive and original. I'd like him to go to a private school.

Mr. M. G. — Why coddle him? Let him learn to take things as they come.

Mrs. M. G. — Lewis is 9 years old. He's in the fourth grade in public school and he's bored stiff. The teacher admits he's bright and could do fifth and even sixth grade work, but no skipping is permitted. So to keep Lewis occupied she lets him wash the blackboard and bring the attendance records to the office.

He loves to read and can tell you anything you want to know about dinosaurs. He's also interested in astronomy and right now he's fooling around with a few old magnifying glasses he collected, trying to make himself a telescope. But this has nothing to do with school. He hates school and I'm afraid the longer he goes, the more he'll feel it's a waste of time.

Just because he grins and bears it, his father wants to leave well enough alone. But why wait for him to rebel — especially when there's something we can do.

There's an excellent private school in the neighborhood, with small classes and many more subjects. With a slight strain on our budget, we could swing it for Lewis. But my husband says it would make him nambypamby.

Mr. M. G. — If you're going to cater to every whim of a child, how will he ever learn to face life?

My wife and I went to public schools and they didn't hurt us. Sure, it would have been nice to study ballroom dancing and horseback riding and have the teacher pat you on the back more often. But we managed. We learned to do things by ourselves and stand on our own feet early in life.

Maybe doing errands for the teacher and washing her blackboards is good for Lewis! If he's really so bright, maybe he'll invent an easier way to wash them.

I say let him fit himself to the school he's in, not look for a school to fit itself to him. That's not the way the world works.

The Council: Without realizing it, perhaps, Mrs. G. has aligned herself with proponents of the newest wrinkle in education: using the school to prevent trouble rather than repair it later. More and more, delinquency and mental illness are being attacked 'way back on the earliest frontiers, before they begin to take shape. And the fourth grade is none too early.

The issue isn't public versus private schools. Eminent and productive men have come out of both types. Barring inhuman obstacles, a gifted person with a strong drive to succeed will come through, sometimes with no school! But the important question for the G.'s is: What is this school doing for this child?

It's wasting him. If there were no alternative, he could take up the slack on his own as he is doing. But to him school would be a place where you loaf and wait for the bell so you can get out and really learn things in your spare time. You boondoggle in school.

If there's a school available that is geared to the needs of gifted, imaginative children, Lewis should go to it. His are the treasures that require challenge to grow to their full value. And facing him with the challenge of new courses, equally talented classmates, attentive and enthusiastic teachers, isn't pampering him. It's giving him the load he's equipped to carry.

Incidentally, Mr. G. has a false picture of private schools because classmates are more homogeneous. The extremes of wealth, brains and talents aren't usually so conspicuous. Chances are the "poor kid" in a public school feels more forlorn than the less-moneyed one in a private school where distinction may be gained by achievement rather than possessions.

At any rate, the constructive attitude toward schooling for Lewis is to send him where his special needs are best met. If he were retarded or physically handicapped, Mr. G. would have no hesitation sending him to a special school. Just because he's ostensibly "well" is no reason for ignoring his inner unrest.

Sweater Buyers Advised to Check

Lincoln, Neb. — When buying a sweater, check for straight seams in front, back and sleeves, advise clothing specialists at the University of Nebraska.

The seams should be stitched securely and covered to keep cut edges of fabric from unraveling. Seam ends should be fastened securely. Tape at neckline and shoulders helps sweaters retain their shape.

Give him the comfort of a happy, stimulating school-days. The Spartan tests will come. But so will the strength to meet them.

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Search Renewed For Plane Wreckage In Gulf of Mexico

Washington — The Civil Aeronautics Board has renewed its search for the wreckage of a National Airlines DC7B that crashed in the Gulf of Mexico almost a year ago with a mystery substitute passenger.

A converted minesweeper, the Hildego, left Galveston, Tex., this morning loaded with the newest underwater search devices. Until at least some wreckage is recovered, the CAB will be unable to determine whether the plane was sabotaged or crashed for some other reason.

Sabotage was suspected on the Tampa to New Orleans flight Nov. 18, 1959. All 36 passengers and five crew members died. No trace of the plane ever has been found, except for an oil slick and small debris.

Dash of Mystery

A dash of mystery was added to the crash when Robert Spears, self-proclaimed naturopath with a criminal record dating back to World War I, who was supposed to be on the plane, was found alive later in Arizona.

The estranged wife of William Allen Taylor, a Tampa salesman, claimed Spears had hypnotized her husband into taking the flight. Taylor took out \$37,000 in airline insurance nine minutes before the plane departed although his name was not on the passenger list.

Explosives were reported to have been found in Spears' luggage when he was arrested in Phoenix.

Spears, 65, was sentenced to five years for taking Taylor's car from Florida to Arizona. He was given a one to five year sentence in Los Angeles, to be served at the end of the car term, for performing illegal surgery.

Explosion Determined

Donald Loomis, Spear's co-defendant in the Los Angeles abortion trial, claimed that Spear's lawyer was Julian A. Frank, a New York attorney who was killed with 33 other persons in the crash of a National Airlines DC6B in North Carolina last Jan. 6.

The FBI determined that dynamite exploded in the plane near Frank's seat but never pinned the blame on

him. A search for wreckage of the Gulf accident began immediately after the crash and continued for more than two weeks without success.



Price of Corrugated Products Increased

San Francisco — Fibreboard Paper Products Corp. has announced a 10 per cent increase in prices on corrugated products, effective Jan. 1, 1961.

The firm said the increase approximately restored prices to those in effect before a reduction in March, 1958. It said heavy cost increases, including about 50 per cent increase for labor, made the increase necessary.

Missing Roundup Worker Returns

Lakeview — Tom Freeman of Plush, reported missing Sunday while on a cattle roundup in the Hart Mountain region, Tuesday returned safely to the Warren Laird ranch where he is employed.

Freeman, who disappeared in a snow storm, was the object of an air search, Lake County Deputy Sheriff Lin Jones and Myron Russell, owners of a local air service, conducted the search.

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