

Ike's Five-Star Rank Restored

Washington—UPI—President Kennedy has signed a bill restoring former President Dwight D. Eisenhower to his five-star general rank and told the old soldier the legislation reaffirmed America's "affection and regard" for him.

In a letter mailed to Eisenhower at Indio, Calif., the President said he was pleased to sign the bill putting Eisenhower back on the regular Army's active list in the rank he gave up to run for the White House in 1952.

Kennedy told the former president he had ordered that a new Army commission be prepared immediately for Eisenhower. The bill passed by Congress left it up to the President to reappoint Eisenhower to the Army's active list.

This does not mean that Eisenhower will return to duty. Five-star officers are carried on the active list, whether on duty or not.

FORMER GOVERNOR DIES

Trenton, N. J.—UPI—Morgan F. Larson, 78, Republican governor of New Jersey from 1929 to 1932, will be buried here Saturday. He died Tuesday night at his home in Perth Amboy.

4-H Club News

Central Point Trail Blazers 4-H club held their monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Whittle recently.

President Karen Holley opened the meeting. John Gallucci led the flag salute and the club repeated the 4-H motto.

In absence of our secretary, Mark Schmidt read the minutes of the February meeting. Lloyd Toner reported on the recent meeting at our junior leader's home. Karen Holley reported on the Valentine's skating party which 53 attended.

During February, the club took as a project selling candy. The proceeds will go to the purchase of equipment. Mrs. Whittle presented prizes to the members who sold their candy first. Gary Whittle, Carolyn Snyder, Mark Schmidt, Pat Farrier, Randy Headrick, John Gallucci and Linda Thames were the eight who received the prizes.

Jim Cotton and David Hopkins gave a demonstration on tying a bowline and hitch knot.

We also discussed our part in the "Friendship Follies."

Lloyd Toner furnished refreshments.

Pete Flenner, Reporter

Busy Beavers
The Busy Beavers 4-H club

met at the Edgar Pleasant home recently.

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Ellis. Charles Mose led the flag salute. John Bush resigned as secretary-reporter.

Kathleen Frederick was elected secretary with Carolee Jackel as reporter.

Summer school was discussed with several members interested. Mrs. George Bush is our wildlife leader. Timothy Pleasant gave a wildlife report.

The meeting was adjourned and refreshments were served by Cynthia and Timothy Pleasant.

Carolee Jackel, Reporter

Youngsters Rush For Auto Permits

Salem—UPI—A proposal to raise the driving age in Oregon has sent a rash of youngsters scotching to the Motor Vehicles Department to slip under the age wire. Director Vern L. Hill said today.

Many of the applicants have been "ill-prepared," Hill said. Actually, the legislature has taken no action on a bill to raise the minimum age from 16 to 18.

A second hearing on the measure has been set for this afternoon.

The proposal, however, has mustered a surprising amount of support, and an amended version to license younger drivers if they passed a driving course picked up added backing.

Hill said normally 28 per cent of driver's license applicants fail the driving demonstration on the first try.

During one day of recent spring vacation week, however, a rush by badly-prepared 16 to 18 year olds pushed the failure percentage up to 56 per cent.

YALE CAPTAIN DIES

Fayetteville, N. C.—UPI—Sidney B. Wood III, 22, Wilton, Mass., captain of the Yale University tennis team, died Wednesday from injuries received in a traffic accident last Saturday. He was the son of former Wimbledon tennis champion Sidney B. Wood Jr.

METEOR SPEED
Meteor speed ranges from 10 to 45 miles per second.

Air Force Pact Lacked Approval, Testimony Shows

Washington—UPI—Congressional testimony disclosed today that the Air Force, without prior approval from Congress, signed a \$12 million contract for six passenger jets to transport government leaders.

The C140s, short-hop jets, are being manufactured at the Lockheed plant in Marietta, Ga. They will replace propeller-driven C124s at the special air mission in Washington used for government flights.

The testimony was made public by a House appropriations subcommittee which questioned Air Force officials intensively about the contract at recent hearings behind closed doors.

Wants Investigation
One subcommittee member, Rep. Jamie L. Whitten (D-Miss.) demanded an investigation "in connection with the wrongdoings" related to the Lockheed procurement situation and with Air Force personnel involved.

During the hearings, Rep. Daniel J. Flood (D-Pa.) asked the Air Force what it would cost the government to cancel the contract.

Maj. Gen. Robert J. Friendman, Air Force budget director, said at the end of February Lockheed had received about \$600,000 in progress payments and that cancellation costs would amount to something less depending on whether the company could find another customer.

Rep. Gerald R. Ford Jr. (R-Mich.) called the purchase of the jets "a gross example of absolute disregard of committee procedure."

Inquiry Pushed

Other congressional news: Information: House investigators pushed their inquiry into the foreign aid program despite an order by Secretary of State Dean Rusk forbidding his aides from testifying on past, present or future scandals. Rusk's order was directed at 12 officials summoned as witnesses before a House government operations subcommittee probing charges of misconduct against foreign aid personnel.

Farm: President Kennedy signed into law his emergency farm bill just two hours after it cleared Congress. The action brought this year's spring crops under its provisions—designed to trim feed grain surpluses and bolster farm income.

Eisenhower: Kennedy also signed into law the bill restoring five-star general's rank to former President Dwight D. Eisenhower. The President wrote Eisenhower that "the legislation constitutes a reaffirmation of the affection and regard of our nation for you."

Crash of Plane Takes Six Lives

Colusa, Calif.—UPI—A six-man test crew was killed Wednesday when a four-engine Super Constellation crashed and burned in a rice field on a shakedown flight from McClellan Air Force Base near Sacramento.

An Air Force spokesman said there were no classified weapons on the plane and the cause of the crash was not known.

"There was no word from the plane at all—it just disappeared," he said. "It must have been sudden."

The dead were identified as Maj. Frederick P. Davison of Du Quoin, Ill., the pilot; Maj. Donald Pollack, Canton, Ohio, the co-pilot; M.Sgt. John J. Neusbaum of Pocatello, Idaho; M.Sgt. Thomas J. Bennett of Cayuga, Ind.; Franklin R. Swanson, Sacramento, Calif., a civilian employee of Lockheed Aircraft; and Roy N. Kurosawa, Sacramento, civilian crew member.

Philip Crosby's Wife Plans Suit

Hollywood—UPI—Philip Crosby, one of Bing Crosby's twin sons, may be sued this week for separate maintenance by his wife of 2½ years if they can't patch up their current spat.

"She (ex-showgirl Sandra Drummond) came to me Tuesday after returning from visiting Philip in San Francisco," said attorney Milton Golden Wednesday. "She said they haven't been getting along but still have hopes of resolving their domestic problems."

"If not, however, I'll probably file the separate maintenance papers before the end of the week."

Golden said Miss Drummond would accuse her husband of cruelty and would seek custody of their two children, Dixie Lee and Brian Patrick.

DENSITY RATIO
Africa averages about 15.1 persons per square mile.



PROMISE DRIES TEARS—Elyse George, 3½, is all joy as she finds a giant egg during an Easter egg hunt by her Tiny Tots class in San Francisco but the tears fell like rain as she dropped the egg and it broke. Eastern Bunny Mrs. Joan Pharris consoled Elyse with the promise of a new egg. (UPI Telephoto)



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Bacteria Kept Alive In Conditions Likely To Exist on Mars

London—UPI—Two British scientists, who are studying the possibility of life elsewhere in the universe, said today they have kept bacteria alive under conditions somewhat resembling those on the planet Mars.

One of the scientists, astronomer Patrick Moore, said that as a result of the experiment he was now reasonably satisfied that there are actually bacterial organisms on Mars.

Able to Multiply

"They even seem to be able to multiply in an atmosphere such as they might encounter on Mars," Moore said. "But it would be space fiction to speculate on the size, shape or function of any microbes which might be there."

The re-creation of conditions on Mars—as far as science can determine what it is like on the red planet—was undertaken by Dr. Francis Jackson, research microbiologist of Kings College Hospital here.

Jackson filled containers with a mixture of nitrogen, carbon dioxide, argon and a tiny amount of oxygen and placed in them bacteria, plants and microscopic animals. The containers were then sealed. They were warmed to 70 degrees Fahrenheit by day and cooled to below minus 100 degrees by night. These are the presumed Martian temperatures.

"As we expected," said Moore, "none of the normal types of organisms survived. For example, cacti and microscopic plants and animals died. We are now continuing the tests with lichen and algae."

Moore and Jackson are collaborating on a book entitled "Life in the Universe." It will incorporate much material gathered by Moore from Soviet sources during a recent lecture tour in Russia.

Russian Scientists Agree
"Most Russian scientists agree with us that there are some living organisms on Mars, probably even primitive life," Moore said. "But there are a few top Russian scientists who are not convinced."

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Easter Observance Planned by Knights

Malta Commandery No. 4, Knights Templar, will hold their annual Easter observance Sunday, March 26, at 2 p.m. in the Medford Masonic temple.

W. J. Caldwell, eminent commander, said the principal speaker will be the Rev. George Roseberry of the First Methodist church.

Maynard G. Hadley will be soloist, and additional music will be furnished by the choir of Bethel No. 14, Jobs Daughters. All Masons, their families and guests are invited to attend.

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Tacoma Man Picked President of WCLA

Portland—UPI—William R. Garnett, Tacoma, was elected president of the West Coast Lumbermen's association during the final sessions of the 50th annual meeting here Wednesday.

Garnett, sales manager of St. Paul & Tacoma Lumber Co., since 1952, will succeed Eliot H. Jenkins, Eugene, Ore., vice president for California, and Hal V. Simpson, executive vice president.

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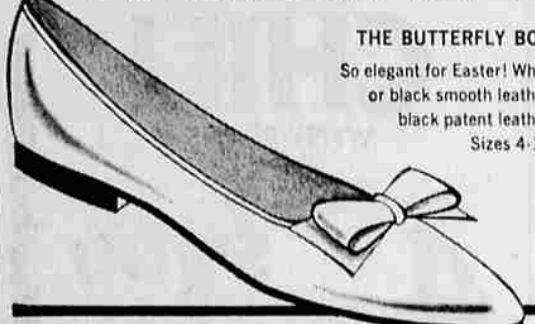
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