

Estes, Now Bankrupt, Says He Has Changed



LIVES NORMAL LIFE — Although he is officially bankrupt and faces prison terms totaling 23 years, Billie Sol Estes, and his family live a normal life in their spacious, split level adopted home in Abilene, shown in this photo. (UPI)

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ABILENE, Tex. (UPI) — Along the main street of town, a thick-set, moon-faced man

English Woman Made Popular by Christmas Cards

The spirit of the Christmas season once flowed throughout the world from the home of a slight, shy English woman who has been all but forgotten by the world to which she gave so much.

Her name was Kate Greenaway, a noted artist of another century whose works inspired the habits, clothing and feeling of her day, not only in England but in America and on the Continent as well.

Miss Greenaway, born in 1846, began copying after her father, a wood engraver, in her early years. By the time she was 17 she won her first prize — a bronze medal for six ceramic tile designs. Soon to follow were magazine speeches; children's books with both verses and sketches by Miss Greenaway; almanacs and, for six or seven years, a multitude of Christmas cards that vaulted her into great popularity.

Dressed in Styles

Children, and especially their clothing, were Miss Greenaway's favorite art subjects. By 1883, when a "Kate Greenaway Boom" was in full sway, children on both sides of the Atlantic were dressed in styles inspired by her designs, which included ruffles, frills and laces for little girls; and rough-hewn knickers, jackets and suits for boys.

The designs were so popular that they were reproduced on many items including calendars and carols; in books and on decorative ceramic tiles used to surface the facings and mantles of large English fireplaces, much as decorated American tiles are used on fireplaces today.

Miss Greenaway died in November, 1901, still a quiet and unassuming woman who nevertheless had become England's most famous woman artist. Today there are occasional mentions of her in collectors' and antique journals, but a New York dress shop that sells children's clothing patterned after her designs is the lone "living" reminder of her great talents.

with black, curly hair and horn-rimmed glasses can be seen almost any day — just biding his time.

Billie Sol Estes, 39-year-old "wheeler-dealer" in agricultural products, is still a free man, although sentences of at least 15 years in prison hang over his head. He's free on bond pending appeals.

The presence of Estes on the streets of Abilene causes no stir. He and his wife Patsy and their five children live quietly in a spacious, split level house in the fashionable Castle Drive in southeast Abilene. The house is on a lake.

The Estes moved here a few months back after a sniper fired a rifle bullet through the front window of their former home in Pecos, Tex.

Officially Bankrupt

Billie Sol, now officially bankrupt and owing the federal government \$10 million in back taxes, occupies his time with the "International Love and Goodwill Corp." (ILGC), a non-profit group dedicated to helping "the needy of all races."

It is most active in Ohio, Tennessee and Georgia.

The Estes family attends the College Church of Christ in Abilene but Billie Sol is not active himself. When he goes to church it is usually at his own church, The Church of Christ at Clyde, Tex., 15 miles east of Abilene, where Estes was born and where his parents still live.

Two weeks ago, Billie Sol took the Fifth Amendment 26 times in declining to tell congressional investigators anything about the collapse of his \$150 million agricultural empire in grain

storage, cotton allotment and fertilizer storage tank business.

Those were the days when the Estes mansion in Pecos boasted a built-in waterfall in a 50-foot living room, imported palm trees and a front lawn kept green by dye, plus a swimming pool and a barbecue capable of roasting two steers at once.

Roof Falls In

On March 29, 1962, the roof fell in. Estes was arrested and charged with mail fraud and conspiracy. He was subsequently sentenced to eight years in prison in a state court at Ty-

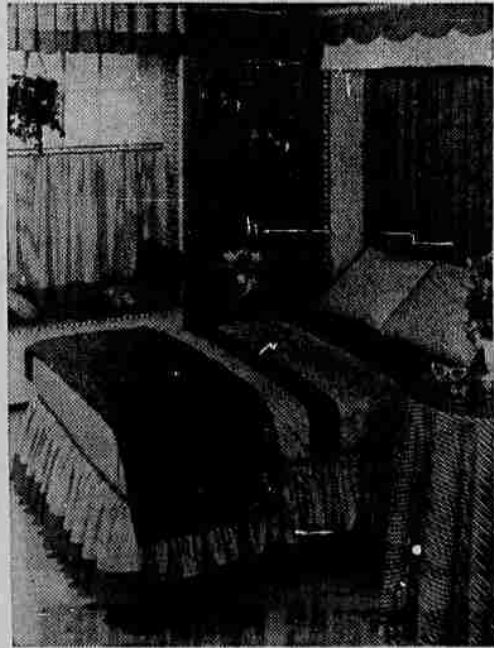
ler, Tex., on charges of swindling a farmer.

Repercussions of the case quickly reached Washington and provoked a congressional investigation.

Today Estes, looking thinner and more solemn than when he was a farm empire king, occasionally drops by a Negro church to teach a Bible class.

Estes' lawyers have forbidden him to talk about business but he will say he feels he has changed.

"Business and money are no longer my Gods," he said.



DECORATE WITH SHEETS — Holiday guests coming? A quick and economical way to redo the guest bedroom is with sheets. Here sheets in solids, stripes and polka dots combine for a smart and serene look. The use of the hem borders of sheets and the cotton fringe add the professional finish. "Color Contemporaries" by Cannon.

Holiday Foods Can Be Stocked

Any wife lucky enough to be getting a new electric refrigerator - freezer for Christmas will be extra lucky if it arrives a few weeks early. It'll save her time, trouble, and the frustration of trying to find extra space for the holiday food.

One of the blessings of a new unit is the large zero - zone freezer section which can be stocked well before Christmas with home-made or commercially prepared foods such as pie, soups, sauces and vegetables, and even the Christmas turkey.

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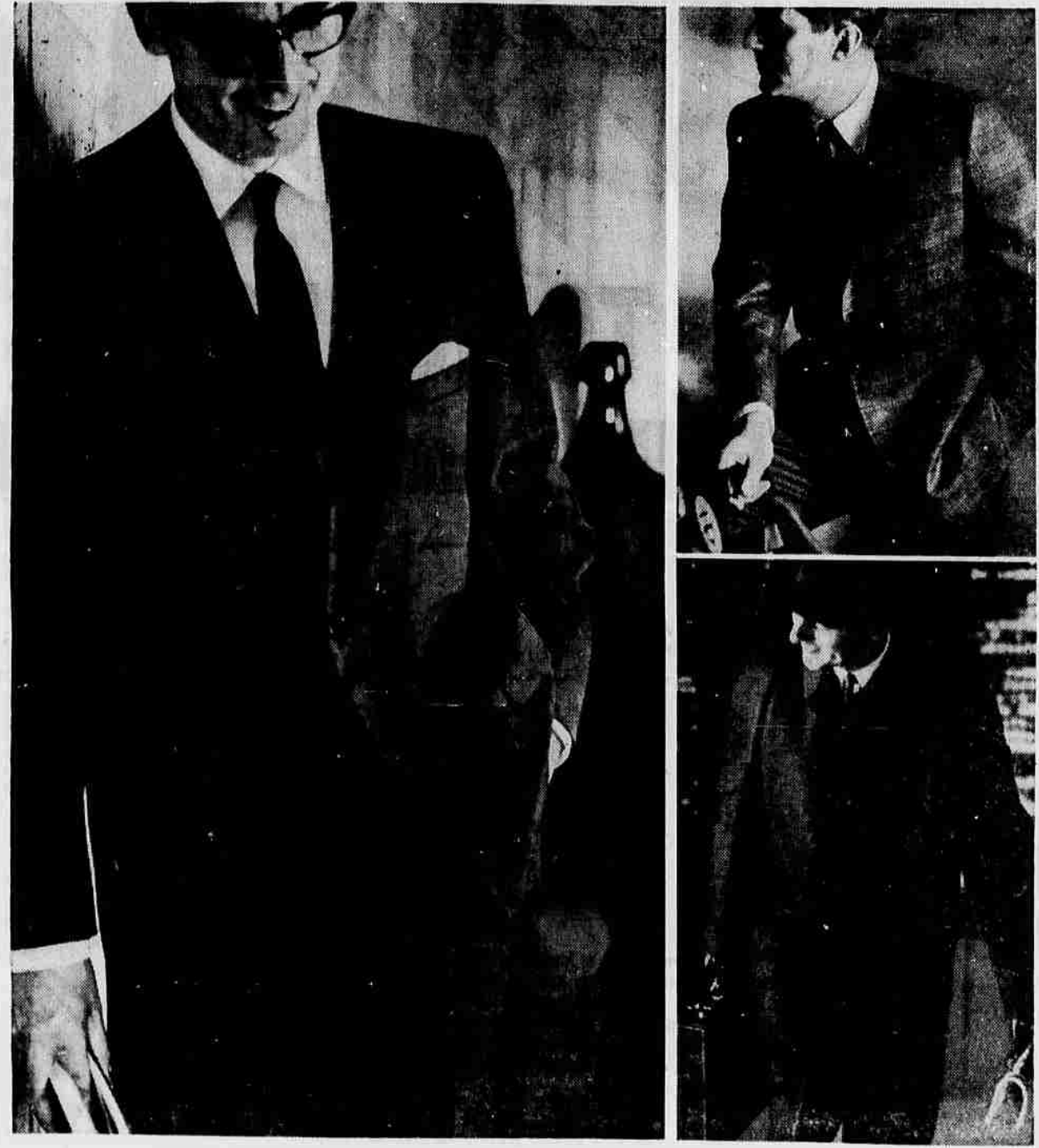
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