



FAMILY ALBUM

BY LYLE DOWNING

Mrs. Avis J. McConnell



Now ...

Then ...

Mrs. Avis J. McConnell, president and manager of the Pelican Restaurant Corporation, presides over what is sometimes called a "culinary no-man's land."

The Pelican Cafe, widely known and highly regarded as a distinctive eating establishment, upholds the supremacy of women in dispensing good food.

In fact, Mrs. McConnell, who has managed the Pelican since April 19, 1932, says for the type restaurant she operates, women are far superior to men in the kitchen. She employs women exclusively for her kitchen and dining room.

POSE AS CHEFS

"Men as cooks are as temperamental as opera singers," she added. "I have known very few men cooks, regardless of how limited their experience might be, who would hesitate to pose as chefs."

According to Mrs. McConnell, self-styled chefs are a dime a dozen.

If Horatio Alger was around these days and wanted to write about girls who strive and succeed, he'd have a good subject in Mrs. McConnell. She started out in life with the idea of becoming a school teacher.

Mrs. McConnell was born January 8, 1894 in Columbus Junction, Iowa. When she was 9 years old, the family moved to Harline, Washington. Her father became president of the Harline State Bank.

MOVED TO KLAMATH FALLS

After graduating from Brunot Hall, an Episcopal preparatory school for girls in Spokane, Mrs. McConnell enrolled in the University of Washington at Seattle. After two years she quit school to be married. That was in 1912. Ten years later she returned to the University. She was graduated in

1924. Then she moved to Klamath Falls.

From 1924 to 1933, she operated tearooms and worked for the California Oregon Power Company and Klamath Irrigation District.

In excluding men from the Pelican, Mrs. McConnell made one exception. She employs Neal Fife to dispense beverages in the establishment's bar which is known as The Wing.

Lucille Warner is the kitchen manager of the Pelican. She has been there more than 20 years.

"Klamath Falls has been good to me," Mrs. McConnell concluded. "I believe I have been much happier than if I had become a school teacher."

(Listen to Mrs. McConnell Sunday 10:15 p.m., Radio Station KFLW.)

Five Officers Die In Crash

SILVERTON, Tex. (UP)—Five Air Force officers were burned so badly when their L20 liaison plane crashed on a rocky hill 100 miles from the New Mexico border that they could be identified only by dental charts.

The plane apparently crashed Wednesday, the Air Force said, but search parties did not locate the debris until Friday, when a Civil Air Patrol pilot spotted it. The bodies were taken to Clovis, N. M., Air Force Base.

Officials there identified the dead as:

- Maj. James T. Duke Jr., son of Gen. and Mrs. James T. Duke of Washington, D.C.
 - Maj. Harold W. Lehman, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lehman live in Jewell, Ohio.
 - Capt. Steve O'Branovich, whose mother, Mrs. Anna O'Branovich lives in Stewartville, Ohio.
 - First Lt. John J. Snell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph F. Snell of Morgantown, W. Va.
 - Second Lt. Paul R. Buckley, whose sister, Mrs. Elsa Mae Schwartz, lives at Compton, Calif.
- The last four officers had wives living in Clovis.

Parachutists Drop In Arctic

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (AP)—The U.S. Northeast Air Command said Saturday 700 paratroopers this week made the first tactical air drop within 900 miles of the North Pole. They parachuted to the ice of a bay near Thule, Greenland.

The men jumped from C124 Globemasters Wednesday into 40-degree-below-zero cold for the beginning of "Exercise Arctic Night."

The exercise was a simulated attack against an arctic air base, and designed to develop procedures and techniques for joint army and air force operations in the arctic.

POLITICS

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From what the politicians tell us this year's campaign is going to be a "grassroots" affair. Office seekers in both the Democratic and Republican ranks say they are going to carry their message into every nook and corner of the country and strive to sell their program particularly to the independent voters.

Despite the radio and television, old-fashioned campaigning seems to be just as effective as ever. This was proven by the Coon-Neuberger debates on the power issue. Thousands of Eastern Oregon residents turned out to hear the senator and congressman.

Perhaps debates among the current batch of office seekers would stir up interest. As the campaign progresses, it will be interesting to see how many of the old political clichés and catch phrases will be brought into play. A few old standbys are "drive the rascals out," "I wear no man's collar" and "don't change horses in the middle of the stream." Another one that probably won't be very popular is "Joe Blow robbed the people for four years, now give me a chance."

Senator Richard L. Neuberger, Democrat of Oregon, who is not up for reelection, isn't going to sit this one out after all. The senator notified the Herald and News this week that he has entered the lists as a candidate for delegate to the Democratic National Convention. If he wins the post in the May 18 primary it will be the first time Neuberger has attended a national political convention. Senator Neuberger takes pride in the fact that he is the first member of his party

to be elected to the senate in Oregon since 1941.

From what we gather in talking to folks on Main Street, the Republican fight between Interior Secretary Douglas McKay and Phil Hitchcock is liable to take on a "David and Goliath" tinge in the minds of the voters.

Hitchcock has been cast in the underdog role, while secretary McKay is portrayed as the candidate of the powerful national administration. The fact that he is supposed to be bucking the national GOP bosses may win votes for Hitchcock. A lot of people here view that "those guys back in Washington aren't going to run Oregon politics."

In the opinion of some old political heads in the Basin, Governor Elmo Smith played it smart last week on his visit to the Henley Grange Hall. It was reported the governor planned to make a non-partisan talk on Oregon resources. Many persons who attended the grange and farm bureau dinner waited two hours to hear the governor. There were many young children in the audience. They were tired.

Evidently, the governor sized up the situation and decided that was not the time or place for a speech. After he was introduced by House Speaker Ed Geary, he cracked a few jokes, described a few happenings since he stepped into the shoes of the late Governor Paul Patterson and then sat down. He probably won more support than if he had made the finest speech since Abraham Lincoln.

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Dear Folks....

Exploring is fun! You don't need to charter a ship or set up a safari. Lydia and I enjoy visiting places we haven't seen before. Take last Sunday for instance: We started from home, stopped for rations (in this case ice cream cones) and made our way to Moore Park, where a couple of wandering deer stuck their noses in the car window hunting for Hi-Hos. It was the first time any of us had petted a real, live deer... on around front street to watch the local seamen getting their crafts ready for the water... past the yacht club, which was a disappointment to us, and turn around at Shippington. Now, back down California Avenue, past the big houses on Conger and out Green Springs to Weyerhaeuser, where we saw a sign asking us not to run over the trains. Back past Roe and Irene's for a quick visit and then on home to take the roast out of the oven. It was quite a day, and the sun didn't do it any harm either.

J. D. Lowery, the manager at ROPER AND ROPER PAINT STORE, says that '56 is the year to fix, and spring is the traditional time to paint-up. Glidden's Spred Satin is the wonder paint to make your spring re-decorating a snap. First of all, Spred Satin is available in 176 colors to harmonize with anything.

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Doddie Hope, who writes a daily column in the Garden City Telegram tells of the hostess who had a "Bridgy" party to which she invited the guests to come "as you were."

Ester is coming up and Lydia says that she's not going to display her new bonnet in the Easter Parade if I'm wearing the same old clothes I've worn the last three years. She suggests that I stop in at MILLER'S DEPARTMENT STORE and spruce up a bit.

MILLERS have all wool sport jackets in mixed colors for 24.95 and flannel, gabardine and sharkskin slacks for 16.95 to 18.95. And how about a Van Heusen "Como Chambray" shirt to go under that jacket? They come in the latest spring colors—vino, apricot, yellow, blue—either long sleeve dress shirts or short sleeve sport shirts for only 3.95 each.

For casual wear, you can't beat the new spring "Topsters" by Pendleton at 17.50 or Pendleton shirts at 11.95, 12.95 and 15.95. Mrs. Arnold, the boss lady in MILLER'S men's department, is always glad to suggest the colors and styles that best suit you. And say, those accessories are important, too. MILLER'S have belts from 1.50, ties from 1.50 and handkerchiefs for only 50¢.

Some people say that my typing stinks and that I can't spell c-a-t. Well, I'll tell you. Once I was a slow, plodding hunt-and-peck typist, but now I'm a Speedy xPonent of The Touch system.

If there is anything more prissy than a woman about her clothing, it's the kids about their shoes. They are pretty hard to please. That is... if they're not wearing Buster Brown shoes from ARBUCKLE'S MODEL SHOE STORE, 717 Main. ARBUCKLE'S have a complete stock of new Buster Brown shoes with the picture of Buster and Tige in the shoe.

Spring vacation from school really brought out the bicycles. It's disheartening to see a kid who doesn't own one sitting on the porch steps watching his buddies ride up and down on the sidewalk. Well, Orville Rehling at ARBUCKLE'S MODEL SHOE STORE is going to make some kid happy. ARBUCKLE'S are giving away a free bike April 27. But you'll have to go in and see Orville to get the complete details on how to win this \$50 Schwinn bike or two Buster Brown wrist watches.

Lt. Gen. Emmett (Rosy) O'Donnel, chief of Air Force personnel, says a sound academic program is the No. 1 concern of the new Air Force Academy. Let's hope that SOUND is the No. 1 concern of the Air Force when it starts flying jets at the Klamath Falls base.

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My hat goes off to the Ralston Purina Co. Why? The firm makes breakfast cereals. On its new boxes are the legend: "Look, Ma. No premiums." Power to them. But it remains to be seen just how well this new campaign works. I believe that 4 out of 5 boxes of cereal are purchased for the trading cards, space chips, fission guns or whatever else the manufacturer can put inside.

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