

Morty Meekle



54-Year-Old Attorney To Run Against Stu Symington

By CLARENCE JOHNSON SEDALIA, Mo. (AP) — "There isn't anyone who can't be defeated whether he is president, senator or constable."

That's one Republican's theory about U.S. Sen. Stuart Symington, a very popular Democrat in Missouri, a state where Democrats generally are popular.

Expressing the theory was Hazel Palmer, a stately, 54-year-old attorney. Now she's going to try to prove it by running against Symington in the November general election.

Miss Palmer, junior partner in the Sedalia law firm of Palmer & Palmer, won her first statewide political race Tuesday. With par-

ty organization support, she easily defeated three men for the Republican senatorial nomination.

She is the first woman ever selected by either party to run for the Senate in Missouri. But Miss Palmer is unawed.

"It (the political situation) is very encouraging and the state looks fine for my election," she said.

Miss Palmer has been dabbling in politics since, at the age of 7, she accompanied her mother, a Republican committeewoman, on doorbell ringing tours to get out the vote.

She also can call on an old-time campaigner for advice. Watching with pride as his daughter challenges the formidable Symington will be John W. Palmer Sr., at age 91 the senior partner of Palmer & Palmer. He is a former member of Congress.

Miss Palmer served three terms as collector of revenue in Pettis County, but her biggest political battle wasn't for public office.

Just two months ago, the trim and energetic candidate retired as president of the National Assn. of Business and Professional Women, an organization with 175,000 members.

Does she think Missouri voters are prejudiced against women candidates?

"No," she replied, "voters respect the good qualities in a woman candidate as quickly as in a man."

But, she hastened to add, women politicians must be better qualified to receive the initial recognition that is almost automatically accorded to men.

"People won't vote for just any woman who happens to have her name on the ticket," said the blue-eyed, brown-haired Miss Palmer.

Aphrodite Given Legs

NEW YORK (AP) — Something has been added to Aphrodite, the Greek goddess of love and beauty, at the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

The white marble sculpture made a reappearance at the museum yesterday after several months absence. In the meantime she acquired a pair of legs.

Since its purchase from a collector in Germany in 1952 the statue had been on display — minus the right leg from below the knee and the left leg from above the knee. The museum also had in its possession the original support of the figure with the left foot intact and an imprint showing the position of the right foot.

When put on display yesterday in the renovated Greek and Roman galleries, the life-sized figure was standing on its original support and portions of the leg formerly missing were filled in.

The replacement parts used in the restoration were obtained from plaster casts taken of the Medici Venus, an Aphrodite in Florence, Italy. Both of the classic statues are of the same scale, with only fractional differences.

Aphrodite, like the Venus de Milo, is still without arms. There are no available clues or fragments which could aid in the restoration of her upper limbs.

Elman Said Not Missing

LONG BEACH, Calif. (AP)— Jazz trumpeter Ziggy Elman, reported missing by his wife, was located early today at a night club here.

"What's all this jazz that I'm missing?" he asked a newsman. "I've never played better in my life."

Elman, 44, was reported missing from his Van Nuys home early yesterday by his wife Ruby. She said he left Monday night because of a family argument.

The musician, who went into semiretirement three years ago because of a heart ailment, has been operating a music school.

"The squabble started because my wife wanted me to keep on teaching instead of playing," he said.

He said he went to the club—35 miles from his home—and has been rehearsing for his opening tonight.

"We didn't know anyone was looking for him," said club operator Joe Graydon. "Why, as a gag we had him stand up, take a bow and be introduced to the people as trumpeter Red Nichols."

Mars Hovering Near The Moon

WASHINGTON (AP)—Don't get excited folks, that strange light seen near the moon last night and early today was merely the planet Mars.

That's the official word from the U. S. Naval Observatory here. Observatory scientists made a quick check after newspaper switchboards across the country became swamped with calls inquiring about "the strange light near the moon."

In California, a spokesman for the Lick Observatory near San Francisco said Mars often comes in near alignment with the moon, causing unusual light effects.

Dog Laws Do Not Apply To Felines

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The laws of man and dog do not apply to cats in Los Angeles.

Cats, the city attorney ruled yesterday, are not subject to the leash law, may not be trapped, cannot be accused of trespassing and may fight at will.

The ruling was handed down in response to an application from Harrison A. Walter to set out a trap to catch a cat that is ruining his patio furniture.

Nobody, concluded the city attorney, but nobody, can tell a cat what to do.

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Space Holds Prospects Of Future Fountain Of Youth

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Mama may someday rocket into outer space to shed tears almost as easily as she could now shed pounds on a milk farm.

Prospects for a future fountain of youth in limitless space were pictured today by Dr. I. M. Levitt, imaginative director of the Franklin Institute's Fels Planetarium. He is a pioneer astronau-

tical physicist, or space scientist. The 38-pound Explorer IV satellite careening around the earth for what is expected to be a five-year journey may prove great speeds help slow time in space. That's what Albert Einstein theorized and mathematics bears him out, said Dr. Levitt.

"The satellite is traveling five miles a second," Dr. Levitt said. "At that rate, it would age one second less every 100 years."

"Of course, after you've lived 100 years, a second isn't very much," said the 49-year-old space scientist briskly. "But let's project."

"Suppose in 1928, a 28-year-old couple with a year-old daughter started in a rocket ship on a 30-year space trip. They left their daughter behind. If the ship traveled at 184,700 miles per second, the time slowdown would be 10 — or every 10 seconds on earth would be one second in their rocket ship. Persons in the ship would not notice the slowdown of time."

"When they returned after 30 earth years, they actually would have aged three years. In 1958, they would be 31 years old — the same age as their daughter who remained on earth."

"Imagine. People would say to mother and daughter, 'You could be taken for sisters because you look the same age'—and they actually would be the same age."

"The ladies would love that."

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POSTAGE DUE KANSAS CITY (AP)—The envelope bore an old 6-cent air mail stamp and the notation, in feminine handwriting: "There's a penny inside to pay the extra postage."

Sure enough, Kansas City postal clerks said, the coin could be felt through the envelope.

They sent the letter on to its destination, stamped "Postage due."

Ex-President For Pensions

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)—Former President Herbert Hoover—a wealthy man who is said to have given away his presidential salary for humanitarian purposes—favors a pending bill granting pensions to ex-presidents.

Hoover, who will be 84 next Sunday, gave his views on the proposed \$25,000-a-year pension Wednesday before leaving for New York.

He said former presidents become "semi-public servants," taking on public duties and serving as chairmen of civic and charitable organizations.

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