

Friendly Irish Feud Flares Over Impending JFK Visit

DUBLIN (UPI)—A friendly feud erupted between the Fitzgeralds and the Kennedys today over the visit of their famous relative to Ireland.

The Fitzgeralds come from Skibbereen in County Cork and say they are as closely related to President Kennedy as the better-known Kennedys of New Ross in County Wexford.

They are the clan of the President's mother and they plan a welcome to the President aimed to rival the road mile fairs (hundred thousand welcomes) he will get from the Kennedys of New Ross.

The President is scheduled to visit Cork June 28. When his helicopter touches down, history will have turned a full circle for the Fitzgeralds.

The President will land in the same green fields from which his great-great-grandfather, John Fitzgerald, was evicted 153 years ago and his land given to English planters.

When the great famine came, one of John's six sons, James, sailed to Boston where he married an Irish girl, Katherine Cadogan. One of their children, James Fitzgerald, became famous as the "Honey Fitz" of Boston politics and is the man for whom President Kennedy has named the presidential yacht.

"Honey Fitz" in his turn also married an Irish girl, Barbara Hannan. Their daughter is Rose, the President's mother.

Earl Raps CD Project As 'Hoax'

PORTLAND (UPI)—A Portland city commissioner said today that in event of a nuclear attack fallout shelters would become "crematoriums."

Stanley Earl, a longtime opponent of civil defense, replied sharply to criticism leveled Tuesday by Gov. Mark Hatfield at a legislative cutback in state CD funds.

Earl, in a talk at a City Council meeting, called civil defense "a hoax" and "a fraud."

"I think it's time the governor told the people of Oregon the facts about nuclear war," he said.

Portland councilmen have voted to cut out civil defense funds and the legislature cut the state's agency from an 18 to a 3-member staff.

Said Earl: "The City of Portland has spoken. The (Portland) people have spoken at two elections. Castigating such people, as the governor did... calling them 'peace-at-any-price' people, is not good."

Hatfield, in charging the legislature with failure to uphold public responsibility, by cutting CD funds, said, "The peace-at-any-price clan will rejoice at this decision. Those who support strong military preparedness have failed to come forth."

Earl told the crowded council chamber civil defense "gives people a false sense of security."

He said that in World War II bombing of Hamburg, more persons were killed inside shelters than outside, dying of suffocation and burning.

"I'm saying that in the event of a nuclear attack these fallout shelters will become crematoriums."

"Civil defense has a responsibility, the government has a responsibility and the governor has a responsibility to tell the people what would happen to both sides in the event of an attack," Earl said.

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Toothpick Cannot Be Patented As Own Invention

WASHINGTON (UPI)—A favorite story at the U.S. Patent Office is about the man who walked in, put a sliver of wood on the desk and said he wanted a patent on the toothpick.

He didn't get it because of a special provision in the patent laws. You cannot obtain a patent on something that has been publicly described in a newspaper, a magazine or a book. The toothpick has been described so many times that a patent never has been issued on it and never will be.

But if you can come up with some variation on the toothpick, you can get a patent, and there is one on the market now. It is

described as a "tooth space cleanser and gum massager." You dampen the piece of wood, stick it between your teeth and massage the gums.

Patent Office officials long ago ceased to be surprised at the things people invent. It is not the function of the office to pass on the economic potential of an invention, but merely to determine whether it is novel or new. A farmer who obtained a patent on a pair of spectacles for a near-sighted rooster got the same courteous consideration as Alexander Graham Bell did when he invented the telephone.

Many Strange Patents But over the years some

strange things have been patented: —A fly swatter pistol. When you pull the trigger, a long spring in the barrel uncoils and hits the fly on the wall.

—A grapefruit shield. It is a plastic shield which is placed over the sliced half of a grapefruit, but is enough smaller than the grapefruit to allow a person to use a spoon. When the juice flies up, it hits the shield instead of going into your eye.

—A woman's hat that blows soap bubbles. A tube runs from the hat to a bulb which the lady holds in her hand. She can win friends and influence people at any time merely by pressing the

bulb and a large soap bubble will float out of her hat.

—A labor saving device for children in cold climates called "a snowball machine." The child packs a tube with snow, presses a plunger, removes the cap of the tube and a snowball pops out. —A spoon made out of pastry. When a child is through using the spoon, he eats it.

Inventor Poor Judge

An inventor frequently is a poor judge of the potential of what he has made. Joseph F. Glidden of De Kalb, Ill., apparently had no great hopes when he received patent No. 157,124 in 1874 for something he described as "an improvement in wire

fences." What he had invented was barbed wire and the ranchers on the Plains bought it as fast as it could be produced.

Elias Howe, who was working in a machine shop in Cambridge, Mass., was a victim of public indifference. He invented the sewing machine. People were so unimpressed that Howe did not bother to patent it in the United States, but sailed for England in search of backers. A corset manufacturer bought the English patent from him and hired him to manufacture the machines.

Four years later Howe returned to the United States and found that people were pirating his invention all over the country. He

entered upon one of the longest series of litigation in his nation and won every suit he filed.

Howe died a millionaire, but his unhappy experience had done something to him. To the very day he died he kept building small, queer machines. Nobody, including Howe, could figure out how they could possibly be of any use.

ACTRESS IMPROVES

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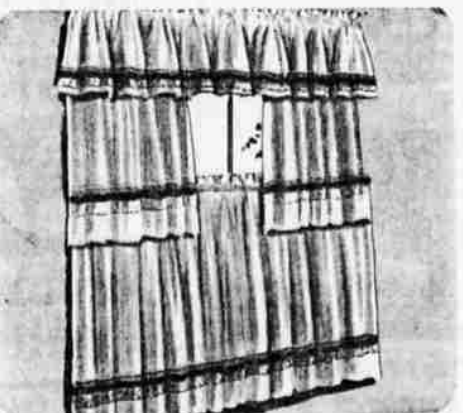
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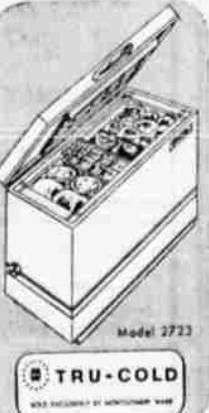
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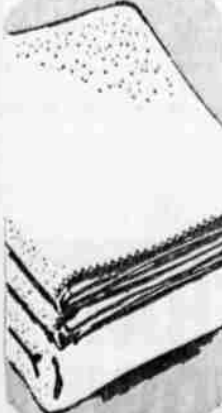
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