

obituaries/funerals

Maj. Florence Henderson

OLD ORCHARD BEACH — Maj. Mrs. Florence Henderson, 88, formerly of 3 Glenwood Lane, died Saturday in Asbury, N.J., where she had resided since 1971.

She was born in East Bangor, Pa.; July 2, 1887, the daughter of Robert and Grace (Maddock) Brookings and was educated in Pennsylvania schools.

Maj. Henderson and her husband, Robert Henderson, who died in 1935, served with the Salvation Army Corps in southern and New England states. She had been a permanent resident of Old Orchard Beach since 1935, moving to the Salvation Army Retired Officers Residence in Asbury Park in 1971. She was a member of the Old Orchard Beach Salvation Army Corps.

Surviving are a son, Samuel R. Henderson and a daughter, Mrs. Chester Matheson, both of Old Orchard Beach; a granddaughter and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted this afternoon at Dennett and Craig Funeral Home, 365 Main St., Saco. Interment was in Laurel Hill Cemetery, Saco.

Jane Pombriant

OLD ORCHARD BEACH — Mrs. Jane Pombriant, 50, of 15 Ninth St., died Saturday in a Portland hospital following a brief illness.

She was born in Biddeford, June 9, 1925, the daughter of Bert and Esther (Breen) Walsh. She was formerly employed at several hotels in Florida.

Surviving are her widower, Edward Pombriant of Biddeford; three sons, George Lariviere, Michael Lariviere and Neil Lariviere, all of Old Orchard Beach; two daughters, Mrs. Linda Laurver of Pennsylvania and Miss Nancy Lariviere of Old Orchard Beach; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Walsh of Biddeford and three grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Tuesday at 9 a.m. at St. Mary Church, Biddeford. Interment will be in the family lot at St. Mary Cemetery, Biddeford.

Calling hours are today from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. at Cosgrove Funeral Home, 326 Elm St., Biddeford.

Lucille Gamache

Mrs. Lucille Gamache, 58, of 15 Glenhaven Circle, Saco, died Sunday at a Portland hospital following a brief illness.

She was born in Auburn, April 8, 1917, the daughter of Thomas and Marianne (Chouinard) Dubeau.

Mrs. Gamache had resided in Alexandria, Va., for 11 years while her husband, Albert Gamache, worked as administrative assistant to First Congressman and then Senator William D. Hathaway. She was a member of the Chalice Association of the Oblate Fathers in Augusta.

Surviving are her widower, Albert Gamache of Saco; three sons, Albert Gamache Jr. of Framingham, Mass., Peter Gamache of Lewiston and David Gamache of Saco; a daughter, Miss Elizabeth Ann Gamache of Alexandria, Va.; her stepmother, Mrs. Eveline Dubeau of St. Jerome, Que.; two brothers, Henri Dubeau of Montreal and Philippe Dubeau of Kingston, Ont.; three sisters, Mrs. Stanley (Theresa) Olechowski of Lewiston, Mrs. Hans (Reine) Mundry of Longueuil, Que. and Mrs. Pierre (Monique) Brunette of Montreal and one grandchild.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Wednesday at 10 a.m. at St. Mary Church, Lewiston. Interment will be in the family lot at St. Peter Cemetery, Lewiston.

Calling hours are Monday and Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. at Pinette Mortuary Chapel, 1065 Lisbon St., Lewiston.

TO ATTEND SERVICES

Members of Notre Dame Sodality of Notre Dame de Lourdes Church, Saco, will attend services Tuesday at 7 p.m. at St. Joseph Church, Biddeford, for the late Rev. Ludger Melancon.

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Rev. Ludger Melancon

The Rev. Ludger Melancon, 71, of 31 Beacon Ave., Biddeford, died Sunday in a local hospital following a lengthy illness.

He was born in Biddeford, July 13, 1904, the son of Daniel and Olivine (Morin) Melancon. He attended Biddeford schools and Berlin, N.H. schools. He studied for the priesthood at St. Charles Seminary, Sherbrooke, Que. and in Louvain, Belgium.

Father Melancon was ordained July 9, 1933 and celebrated his first Mass at St. Joseph Church, Biddeford on July 30, 1933. He was assistant pastor in Bath, Waterville, Lewiston, Scarborough and Rumford and served as pastor in Stockholm, Hamlin and Limestone, retiring in 1966.

Surviving are a brother, Leopold Melancon of Biddeford and several nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Wednesday at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph Church, Biddeford. Auxiliary Bishop Amedee W. Proulx of Portland will be the principal celebrant. Interment will be in the family lot at St. Joseph Cemetery, Biddeford.

Calling hours are tonight from 7 to 9 and Tuesday from 2 to 4 p.m. at R.G. Bolduc and Sons Funeral Home, 291 Alfred St., Biddeford. Father Melancon will be transferred to St. Joseph Church Tuesday at 7 p.m. to lie in state until services Wednesday morning.

Take It Easy! It's Slippery

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) — Motorists coped with freezing windshields and glazed highways today as freezing rain and sleet created hazardous driving conditions throughout Maine.

No major accidents were reported by mid-morning, but police were busy investigating numerous skidding mishaps and fender-benders.

The speed limit on the Maine Turnpike was lowered to 45 m.p.h., and crews were dispatched to sand the road.

Public Safety

FURNACE AFIRE

Saco firefighters extinguished a small fire in a furnace at the residence of Dorothy DeNaples, 18 Old Orchard Road, Sunday at 9:48 a.m., according to a department spokesman.

FLOODED OIL BURNER A flooded oil burner at the residence of Richard Martel, Camp Ellis, brought Saco firefighters to the scene at 7:30 this morning, fire officials said.

SACO CRASH Vehicles driven by Harold Waight, a former Saco city councilor, 76, and by Lucie Boucher, 18, of Biddeford, collided Saturday at 4:47 p.m. at the corner of Ocean Park Avenue and Main Street, according to Saco police. No injuries were reported.

ELM ST. CRASH

Elm Street was the scene of a collision Sunday at 3:20 p.m. between two vehicles driven by Kathryn Foran, 55, Saco, and Mary McCarthy, 64, Saco, police reported. The accident caused minor damage and no injuries were reported.

PARKED CAR HIT A vehicle driven by Catherine Tonis, 56, of Saco, hit a car owned by Robert Hardman, 20, of Gorham, and parked on Franklin Street Friday at 3:45 p.m., a Saco police spokesman said.

TWO-CAR CRASH

No injuries were reported in a two-car crash Saturday at 10:45 a.m. at the corner of Beach and Middle streets involving cars driven by Thomas Bryand, 23, and Corrine Bendergard, 34, of Saco, according to Saco police.

Correction

The day-use park being proposed for the Pool Road, Biddeford, by Joseph Serpico was incorrectly described in last week's Journal as a "tenting facility." In fact, the 20 tent sites planned for the privately-owned park will account for only about one of the proposed park's 25 acres. The park, which is said to be intended for day use by the people of Biddeford, will also have a large picnic area, recreational area, pier, boardwalk, and historical marker.

Card of Thanks

Our heartfelt thanks to Dr. Houle, Dr. Hickey, Dr. Viger and hospital staff, our relatives, friends, neighbors for their kindly aid and sympathy during our recent bereavement.

Mrs. Adrienne Auclair Mr. and Mrs. Andre Auclair and Family

Jackie, Ari's Marriage 'Seen' by Card Reader

By LESTER DAVID and JHAN ROBBINS Part One

Did Jackie marry Ari because of his wealth? Did he marry Jackie because she was the glamorous widow of the thirty-fifth president of the United States? How could such diametric opposites possibly stay married?

What was this strange union like? How did the parties regard their marriage? What was the true relationship of Onassis' children, Christina and Alexander, to their stepmother? Could Onassis possibly be a substitute father to Caroline and John? How did the Kennedy clan regard the marriage?

And, now that Jackie has been widowed twice, what about the future?

Here's what we uncovered as we closely examined this modern Greek tragedy. Many of these revealing facts and the stories of many of these incidents have never appeared in print before.

As 1962 drew to a close, Madame Ella, a Washington card-reading psychic, took a long look into the future. Madame Ella had acquired a degree of local fame as a seeress; a sign in her window bore the legend: "Near 100-per cent accuracy in forecasting the future."

This time she made a prediction more startling than any she'd ever made before. "Jackie Kennedy," she announced, "will very soon meet a tall, dark, handsome, charming stranger with lots and lots of money. Nor did she stop there. 'My cards tell me,' she continued, 'that she will marry this man.'"

Madame Ella's forecast was broadcast on New Year's Day by several radio stations, but they hardly took it seriously. Madame Ella had failed to mention death or divorce in her prediction, and many sarcastic letters were received by the radio stations. Most listeners wondered: "Won't President Kennedy mind?"

Evidently John Kennedy did indeed mind when his wife met someone who wasn't tall, dark and handsome, but otherwise answered Madame Ella's description. His wrath surfaced in a number of caustic phone and cable messages that he sent to Jackie during her much-publicized cruise on the Christina in the company of Onassis in the summer of 1963. (One of the milder admonitions the president cabled to Jackie was: "What I'd like to see in the headlines is a little more about Caroline and a little less about Onassis.")

When the Golden Greek, as he was often called, was told about Madame Ella's prediction — made years before the Jackie-Ari marriage — he said matter-of-factly, "Do you think the fortune-teller really had me in mind? After all, she did say a stranger, and I was introduced to Mrs. Kennedy several years ago." Then he laughed as he added, "But I suppose that Tarot cards don't lie."

Shortly after Jackie's cruise on the Christina, President Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas, and a grieving world watched his heroic widow throughout the long and moving funeral ceremony. Nearly everyone's heart went out to the bereaved First Lady. And "everyone" included Aristotle Onassis, who, upon hearing the sad news, immediately flew to Washington to offer his personal condolences. He was promptly invited to the White House — he was the first "outsider" to receive such an invitation — and grateful Jackie thanked him for

his concern. She knew that the concern was shared by millions and remarked to a close friend, "I suppose that now I can get away with anything — that is, anything but marrying Eddie Fisher."

For the next five years, Jackie played cat-and-mouse on the subject of marriage. She'd tell intimates in her little-girl voice, "The only way to live a full, natural life is with a husband." But a day later, she'd say, "I've been married once — why chance it again?"

She dated men who were supposedly "safe" and who didn't present any marriage problems, men like the married composer Leonard Bernstein. She told the press her escorts were "just good friends." They included Onassis, historian Arthur Schlesinger Jr., director Mike Nichols, writers Truman Capote and Philip Roth, and U.N. Ambassador Adlai Stevenson.

Jackie refused to make a fuss over any of her escorts.

Early in 1968, Jackie had several dates with "good friend" Aristotle Onassis. They were seen having an animated conversation in New York at the Colony and laughing at "21." On Easter Sunday, Ari and Jackie dined at Mykonos, a Greek restaurant in Manhattan. The guests included dancers Margot Fonteyn, Rudolf Nureyev, and Onassis' daughter, Christina.

A few months later, Jackie, chaperoned by brother-in-law Ted Kennedy, went off to Skopios and then took a Caribbean cruise aboard the Christina.

The Onassis charm took hold, and Jackie told another brother-in-law, Robert Kennedy, that she was very smitten with the Greek shipping magnate. Bobby, who exercised strong influence on her, didn't like the news and advised her to "cool it."

The romance, however, had reached a simmering point. Onassis had previously decided that Jackie should be his new wife, and the Golden Greek usually had his way.

Ari spent several weekends at Hyannisport to become better acquainted with Caroline and John. He also met Jackie's mother and step-father, Janet and Hugh D. Auchincloss, in Newport, and was introduced to various members of the Kennedy family. After meeting them, he confided to friends, "They're so talkative, they could almost be Greeks."

One of Ari's prime concerns was to establish good relationships with Jackie's children. It had been a long time since Onassis had been close to youngsters that age. One afternoon, he asked an aide in his New York office, "What do you do with an eleven-year-old girl and an eight-year-old boy?" The aide was silent. Ari thought a moment, and then said to the aide: "Go down to Scribner's and get all the books they got on bringing up growing children. And make sure you find one on step-fathers."

Soon the aide returned with a dozen volumes. One was The Child from Ten to Sixteen, by doctors Arnold Gesell and Frances L. Ilg of the famous Gesell Institute of Child Development. Another contained a large section on how to cope with the problems of being a stepfather. Ari spent many subsequent evenings reading the books.

After Bobby Kennedy's tragic death, Jackie finally agreed to accept Onassis' proposal of marriage. According to a story in a book published in Europe, Jackie telephoned Ari in Greece

from New York, demanded that he marry her, and refused to take no for an answer: Ari, who had decided to rewed his divorced wife Tina, was stunned; but the next day Ari called his family together and announced, "I must marry Jacqueline. My decision is irrevocable."

Jackie's friends and relatives guffawed at the tale. Hugh Auchincloss Jr., her half-brother, who lives on Park Avenue, in New York City, rarely permits interviews on the subject of Ari and Jackie, but he scoffed at this particular wild yarn. "I don't believe any of it," he said. "It wouldn't be characteristic of either of them to act that way."

On Oct. 20, 1968, in a tiny chapel on the island of Skopios, thirty-nine-year-old Jackie and sixty-two-year-old Ari marched slowly around a simple altar three times, doing the dance of Ischia — the traditional closing rite of the Greek Orthodox wedding ceremony — and were pronounced man and wife.

Within the hour, world opinion burst forth. Some of the comments are well-known. The classic was the headline in Expressen, a Stockholm newspaper: "Jackie. How Could You?" Less historic but equally trenchant was the one in the Long Island Press: WHY DID JACKIE CHOOSE ONASSIS? THERE ARE WELL OVER A BILLION REASONS

A columnist for L'Espresso, an Italian newspaper, fumed: "Onassis, a grizzled satrap with liver-colored skin, a fleshy nose, a wide horsy grin — that's the lady's new husband!"

Maria Callas, Onassis' longtime intimate companion, said, "She did well to give a grandfather to her children." And a foreign ambassador in Athens made a comment that bounced around the world: "I am convinced that she married Onassis to secure the financing of John-John's presidential campaign in the year 2000. And besides, Onassis is the only man who can afford her."

But more fascinating than these were the observations made privately by world leaders and others of high rank. These juicy tidbits were passed along by the American and foreign correspondents interviewed at the National Press Club in Washington.

Richard M. Nixon, then a presidential candidate, to a member of his staff: "The dignity of the office (the presidency) has just suffered a severe blow."

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, former president of the United States, to an aide: "Those Democrats will stoop to anything to get the Greek vote."

Nikita S. Khrushchev, a former premier of the Soviet Union: "I used to like the way she behaved, but the capitalist system makes you do horrible things. The whole Onassis marriage was done for profit."

A Greek physician who once treated Onassis: "She knew that he was playing around with dictators, but it didn't bother her one bit. Jack and Robert would turn over in their graves if they knew. I say Jackie deserves Ari and vice versa!"

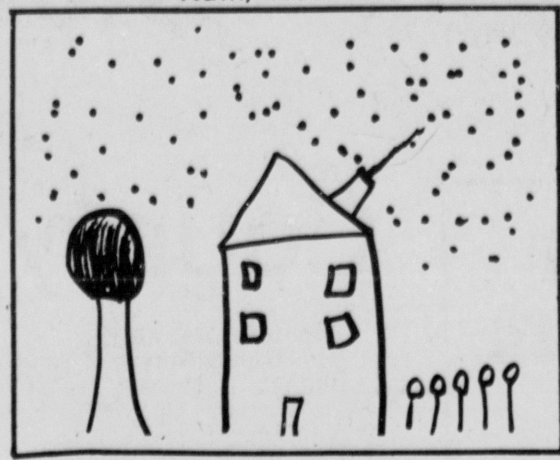
Francois (Papa Doc) Duvalier, president of Haiti: "There is no accounting for the weird tastes of women."

A man who served as a cabinet member during the Kennedy administration: "The marriage is ridiculous, preposterous, ludicrous, absurd, grotesque, rocco, and positively stinks!"

NEXT: Shared Interests

Today's Weather

Rain, Warm



Drawing by Laurie Anastassoff, age 7, JFK School

JANUARY TIDES EASTERN STANDARD TIME HIGH LOW A.M. P.M. A.M. P.M. 26 6:31 7:08 ..... 12:10 12:57 27 7:32 8:12 ..... 1:11 2:00

PORTLAND — Rain tonight and Tuesday. Lows tonight near 30 north to near 40 south. High Tuesday in the 40s.

New Hampshire — Rain tonight and Tuesday. Lows tonight 30s north to near 40 south. Highs Tuesday in the 40s.

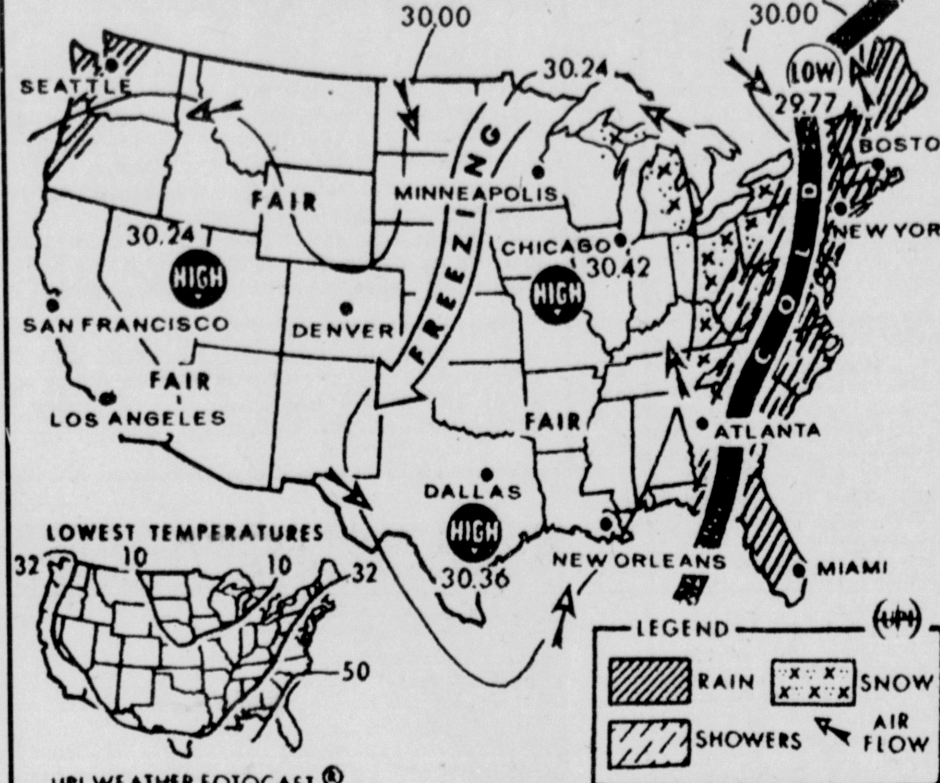
Vermont — Pockets of freezing rain in some northern valleys this evening but generally periods of rain and fog elsewhere. Lows in the 30s. Cloudy with rain and showers likely Tuesday. Highs upper 30s and 40s.

Southern New England — Extended — Chance of rain or rain changing to snow Wednesday with high temperatures in the 30s and 40s dropping into the 20s late in the day.

New England Temperatures

| Massachusetts  |       |
|----------------|-------|
| Boston         | 35 30 |
| Chatham        | 37 33 |
| Rhode Island   |       |
| Providence     | 33 30 |
| Connecticut    |       |
| Hartford       | 29 25 |
| New Hampshire  |       |
| Concord        | 23 20 |
| Mt. Washington | 25 14 |
| Vermont        |       |
| Burlington     | 14 7  |
| Maine          |       |
| Bangor         | 23 10 |
| Caribou        | 13 13 |

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The Weather Elsewhere

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| Monday      |    |    |          |
|-------------|----|----|----------|
|             | HI | LO | PRC      |
| Albany      | 18 | 02 | rn       |
| Albuquerque | 41 | 19 | cdy      |
| Amarillo    | 37 | 17 | cdy      |
| Anchorage   | 29 | 24 | 04 cdy   |
| Asheville   | 56 | 52 | 31 rn    |
| Atlanta     | 65 | 55 | 1.73 rn  |
| Birmingham  | 63 | 57 | 2.32 cdy |
| Bismarck    | 12 | -5 | clr      |
| Boise       | 38 | 24 | cdy      |
| Boston      | 35 | 30 | rn       |
| Brownsville | 84 | 55 | clr      |
| Buffalo     | 41 | 28 | 33 rn    |
| Charlotte   | 64 | 56 | 14 rn    |
| Charlotte   | 68 | 57 | rn       |
| Chicago     | 30 | 28 | 11 cdy   |
| Cincinnati  | 56 | 36 | 80 cdy   |
| Cleveland   | 46 | 40 | 52 rn    |
| Denver      | 28 | 8  | 02 clr   |
| Des Moines  | 34 | 11 | 20 clr   |
| Detroit     | 44 | 32 | 47 cdy   |
| Duluth      | 20 | -5 | 04 cdy   |
| Fairbanks   | 14 | 4  | 01 cdy   |

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| Fort Worth    | 57 | 31 | cdy     |
| Green Bay     | 29 | 23 | 22 sn   |
| Helena        | 29 | 9  | 01 cdy  |
| Honolulu      | 80 | 70 | clr     |
| Houston       | 74 | 40 | 40 clr  |
| Indianapolis  | 48 | 30 | 86 cdy  |
| Jacks'ville   | 74 | 52 | rn      |
| Juneau        | 29 | 28 | 43 rn   |
| Kansas City   | 36 | 7  | 22 clr  |
| Las Vegas     | 62 | 35 | clr     |
| Little Rock   | 61 | 32 | 26 cdy  |
| Los Angeles   | 66 | 43 | cdy     |
| Louisville    | 57 | 36 | 1.21 rn |
| Marquette     | 25 | 20 | 26 sn   |
| Memphis       | 62 | 38 | 16 cdy  |
| Miami         | 74 | 72 | cdy     |
| Milwaukee     | 31 | 26 | 28 cdy  |
| Mpls-St. P.   | 24 | 0  | clr     |
| New Orleans   | 73 | 61 | 17 rn   |
| New York      | 34 | 30 | 05 rn   |
| Oklahoma City | 41 | 20 | clr     |
| Omaha         | 36 | 10 | 01 clr  |
| Orlando       | 80 | 57 | cdy     |
| Philadelphia  | 38 | 33 | 02 rn   |
| Phoenix       | 66 | 42 | clr     |

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|---------------|----|----|--------|
| Pittsburgh    | 44 | 43 | 29 rn  |
| P'tland Me.   | 25 | 22 | rn     |
| P'tland, Ore. | 36 | 32 | cdy    |
| Rapid City    | 29 | 3  | cdy    |
| Richmond      | 47 | 39 | 04 rn  |
| St. Louis     | 34 | 26 | 33 cdy |
| Salt Lake     | 33 | 12 | 09 clr |
| San Diego     | 63 | 48 | clr    |
| San Fran      | 61 | 45 | clr    |
| Seattle       | 42 | 36 | rn     |
| Spokane       | 32 | 22 | cdy    |
| Tampa         | 80 | 62 | cdy    |
| Washington    | 40 | 37 | 25 rn  |

Hi-Previous day's high. Lo-This morning's low. Precipitation for 24 hours ending 8 a.m. today Eastern Time. Otk-Sky conditions outlook for today.

Discuss Maremont Contract

WASHINGTON — The Maine Congressional delegation will meet with Undersecretary of the Army Norman Augustine today at 1:30 to "impress upon the Army the importance of awarding the gun contract to Maremont," according to an aide to Sen. William Hathaway.

Maremont Corp. of Saco is bidding for a \$30 million gun contract from the U.S. Department of Defense. Maremont has been the sole producer of the M-60 machine gun used by the armed

forces. Its contract is scheduled to expire next July.

Testing was conducted by the Army to determine whether the new contract should go to Maremont or to a Belgian firm producing a MAG-58 gun. The results of the tests were released to the delegation Thursday, but the information has thus far remained

confidential. The Hathaway aide said the test results may be made public later today.

Maremont's Saco branch, which employs 1,200 persons, has over 60 per cent of its operation tied up in production of weapons. A decision is expected to be made soon on which firm will be awarded the gun contract.

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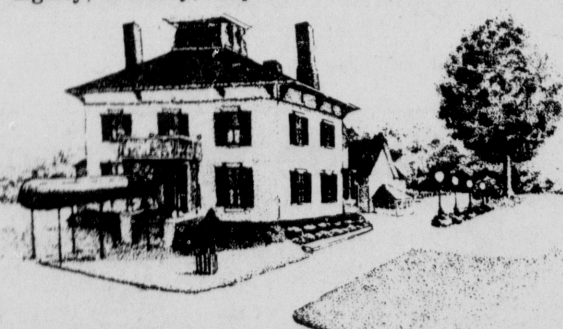
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MRS. JACQUELINE KENNEDY ONASSIS greets President and Mrs. Ford at the Kennedy Center in Washington Sunday

night where they attended a bicentennial salute to the performing arts. (UPI Photo)

Musical Equipment Stolen

OLD ORCHARD BEACH — A break Friday at around midnight at the Seaclyff Avenue residence of Ray Card Jr. netted someone

\$2,400 in musical and amplification equipment, according to a police spokesman. The door of the residence was pried open, the

spokesman said. Police are investigating the break.

The Communist Manifesto was written in 1848.