

## Theaters' Diseases Range From Low Blood Pressure To High Admissions

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK.—(AP)—There is a sick thing here that won't die and won't get well.

Many people love it and some fear it. And a lot of folks pay money to go and see it.

This sick thing is the theater, the fabulous invalid.

The theater has had more doctors than any hypochondriac, including the renowned vegetarian, George Bernard Shaw, who has lived so long that he is beginning to be mistaken for a redwood sapling with premature gray hair.

There are a lot of things wrong with the theater. It suffers from diseases that range from low blood pressure in some seasons to high prices in any season. And I am one of those who admire the patient but would sure like to see the old girl cured.

I don't expect this to happen in my time, as I am a restrained optimist. Part of this is probably pure personal pique. For example, I met a fellow the other night who bragged he had been to see "South Pacific" twice, whereas I, a citizen of average moral cunning and still two jumps ahead of Section 7-B of the Bankruptcy act, am yet foreign to this production except via musical recordings of Ezio Pinza's enchanted evening with Mary Martin.

It isn't as if I can't get a couple of ducats in this particular musical show, because I can. I have been promised them—for the usual box office price—by the vice-presidents of two theatrical unions and the head of a New Jersey vitamin factory who once met Miss Martin on a picnic in Texas.

The only catch is that I have a three-year apartment lease. By the time the tickets come through I may be living in Bangkok, Siam. Would I feel like spending a long weekend flying here for just one evening of enchantment across a crowded room? Maybe it would be pleasanter to lie in Bangkok sipping a rum frappe—I always drink rum frappe lying down—and listening to temple gongs.

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## Vets Victims Of Schooling Racket, Federal Charge

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—(AP)—

The veterans administration is planning an attack on practices under the veterans education program which it says approach racketeering.

H.V. Stirling, the agency's assistant administration, said that some of the 1,400 new private schools catering to veterans which have opened in the last years border on being rackets.

Stirling said one means of abuse is through actively soliciting the enrollment of veterans who have completed government-aid courses elsewhere but who have not exhausted all their benefits.

He said this practice may throw the whole veterans educational program out of balance. Mounting unemployment is a factor. Veterans can get from \$75 to \$120 a month subsistence while they attend classes.

"New schools spring up in sections where jobs are scarce, although congress never intended the educational rights as a relief or bonus," Stirling said.

Stirling said the VA has no quarrel with the old established schools, or with any school doing an honest job for the veterans.

"But the fact remains," he said, "that promoters and fly-by-night outfits have entered the field in large numbers."

"They promise big-pay jobs on graduation, but too many only set the boys back a couple of years and doom them to disappointment."

### Melrose

By MRS. NETTIE WOODRUF

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Shradér have purchased the Taylor place near the forks of the Umpqua, and plan to move in this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor and children have gone to New York to live. Mr. Shradér is employed by the General Petroleum Co. and formerly lived in Garden valley.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Fredricks and family have the former's mother visiting them for several weeks. She resides in Nebraska.

Duane Cheek has returned to his home in Texas after a visit with his brother, H. S. Cheek, of the Doerner district.

H. D. (Si) Simmons made a business trip to Portland Monday evening and returned to his home Tuesday.

Captain Jerry Stidham is spending a 45-day leave with his parents and brother, Bill, and sister, Miss Betty, after which he will be stationed at Okinawa for two years. He is with the U.S. Air Force and has been at Las Vegas, Nev.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Ransome have returned from a trip to Vancouver, B. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Richards and daughter, Yvonne, of Hillsboro, Ore., were weekend visitors at the Arthur Herman home recently.

Johnny Hagan was honored on his third birthday last Saturday, when his mother, Mrs. B. J. Hagan, gave a party for him at their home.



**NEW CITY TENNIS CHAMPS**—Sunday saw the final and deciding game in the Y. M. C. A.-sponsored city tennis tournament and these racket-swingers pictured above wound up with the laurels. The top picture shows the city singles champion, Norman Moore, and the runner-up, Glen Boyer. The lower picture shows the runners-up, Earl Garrison and Bert Randall, left, congratulating the doubles champions, Royd Bruton and Louis Miles. Bruton and Miles turned in a repeat performance of doubles action in which they participated in 1938 when they teamed to win the same city doubles title. Sunday was the last game of the first city-wide tournament since that time. (Rod Newland picture.)

the illness of her mother.  
Mr. and Mrs. James Conn and children are spending their vacation at Yachats, Ore., enjoying the fishing.

Mrs. Chas. Doerner and daughter, Maureen, plan to take the plane this weekend for Laguna Beach, Calif., to vacation and visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Fenn have the former's twin brother, Orlo, his wife, and another brother and sister visiting them from Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith and Mr. and Mrs. K. L. Conn and family spent several days in Portland last week attending to business.

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### Yoncalla

By MRS. GEORGE EDES  
Mrs. E. Kerlee of Salem, Ore., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Dick Thorpe, for a few days.

Mrs. Bernice Mediki and son, Richard, spent the weekend visiting Mrs. Mediki's sister, Mrs. La-

Velle Irvin, in Madras, Ore.  
Mrs. Hamilton Kerlee has sold what is known as the Kinman home to Mr. and Mrs. Junior Dodd. Mr. and Mrs. Dick Thorpe, who have been living there for the past three years, have rented the double cabin at Dickie's.

Mrs. Albrecht, who has been visiting her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Eric Stenseth, for the past month, left Friday for a short visit with a nephew in Salem, and thence back to her home in Bloomer, Wis.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Scott and their two daughters, Jeanne and Judy, left Tuesday for a three weeks' trip to Pocatello, Ida., Eastern Washington and Yellowstone Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Darley Stewart and son, Reggie, and Roy Stewart of Vancouver, Wash., and Mrs. Grace Week of Roseburg spent the weekend visiting at the Elton Grass home.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Lohberger and daughter of Milwaukee, Wis., visited at the Eric Stenseth home Friday, enroute to Roseburg to visit Mrs. Lohberger's sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Olger Holland, Saturday. Mr. and Mrs.

## Farmers Charge Waste In State Aeronautics Fund

LEBANON, Aug. 2.—(AP)—Oregon flying farmers have postponed until Aug. 6 a meeting planned to air their charges that the state board of aeronautics and its director have been wasting funds on useless projects. The meeting will be in Portland.

The accusations were made public by the Oregon Flying Farmers, the Oregon Sportsmen Pilots, and the Aerial Spray and Dust operators.

In letters to Gov. Douglas McKay, the airmen accused the board of "mismanagement and flagrant waste of our money."

They challenged the qualifications of aeronautics director W. M. Bartlett, saying that state law provided that the director should be an expert in the aeronautics field.

Claude Williams, Prineville, head of the Flying Farmers, said that while they did not question the integrity of any man on the board, they felt the board had not accomplished many tangible results.

He proposed that vacancies be created on the board to make room for Ralph Scroggins, Lebanon, and Jack Loennig, Haynes.

Board chairman Ben Ruffner defended the selection of Bartlett for aeronautics head, saying that at the time of the appointment the board's main objective was airport development, and public works planning and airport planning—seemed a logical choice.

## Acreeage Fixing Cuts Surpluses

Marketing quotas on future wheat crops will largely be determined by wheat growers, E. Harvey Miller, chairman of the Oregon State PMA committee, said today.

"If growers this year plant within their wheat acreage allotments, they will produce in accordance with expected requirements and we won't be saddled with more wheat than we can sell. In this way, it wouldn't be necessary next year to consider using quotas, which provide marketing controls through penalties on excess marketings."

Miller pointed out that quotas must be approved by two-thirds of the growers voting a referendum before they may be used.

Quotas will not be used in marketing the 1950 wheat crop, according to a recent announcement by the secretary of agriculture, because the total indicated wheat supply is below the level at which the law says quotas must be proclaimed. At the same time, the secretary announced a 1950 national wheat acreage allotment of just under 69 million acres. This would be a reduction of 14 million acres, or almost 17

Holland, and Mr. and Mrs. Lohberger stopped at the Stenseth home, enroute to the Coast.

## Howley To Relinquish Berlin Commandant Job

BERLIN, Aug. 2.—(AP)—Brig. Gen. Frank L. Howley soon will relinquish his job as American commandant in Berlin—one of the hottest spots in the east-west cold war.

He said today he had asked to be relieved in order to return home. U. S. Military Governor John J. McCloy said Howley's request would be accepted.

McCloy said Howley's record in Berlin was "courageous, outstanding, and in the best tradition of Gen. Howley's own fine combat service, which was great and gallant."

American military government sources said Maj. Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, now chief of staff for American army forces in Europe, will succeed Howley. This would be a return to the American policy of having military government and troop command posts held by a single officer in Berlin.

His request for release, Howley explained, is based on a number of factors. He is not a member of the regular army or of the state department, which is about to take over American supervision in Germany. He has spent the past nine years away from business and has had four years of duty in Berlin.

Farmers will be notified of their individual farm wheat allotments in the near future, Mr. Miller said that an important point to remember is that only those growers who cooperate with their allotments will be entitled to Government price supports on their 1950 wheat crop.

## Extension Of Portland Daylight Saving Time Sought

PORTLAND, Aug. 2.—(AP)—An ordinance to extend Portland's daylight saving time until Sept. 1 was introduced Monday by City Commissioner Kenneth L. Cooper.

Daylight time is now scheduled to end Sept. 11, but Cooper said the later date would match eastern areas. Radio stations have asked that Portland conform with the east, to avoid complications in broadcasting schedules.

The city council will act on the ordinance next week.

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