

TV Appearance Awaits Amateur Night Winner

Winner of the Roseburg Active Club's annual amateur night on March 13 is going to go on television as a reward.

Two Oregon stations, in Portland and Medford have expressed interest in programming a show for the winner, according to Leland Hall, show chairman.

The trip to either Portland or Medford will be expense-paid, Hall said.

Hall said auditions will be held soon. Interested performers may get information from him at Hall's Jewelry in Roseburg.

The show will be held at 8 p.m. in the auditorium of the junior high school. An early ticket sale is planned, under co-chairmanship of Al Miller and Jack Mathis, and tickets will be on sale at Ott and Ricketts Record Shop, Harmony House and Hall's Jewelry. Tickets will be \$1 for adults and 50 cents for students.

The amateur show is the Active Club's big project for the year. The club is open to members between the ages of 21 and 35.

Operetta Plans Are Announced At Roseburg High

One of Victor Herbert's best-known and best-loved operettas will be staged at the Roseburg Senior High School March 11 and 12. The operetta, "The Fortune Teller," will be presented by the Roseburg High School Operetta Club, under the direction of Wendell Johnson, vocal music director, Robert Robins, vocal instructor and Jean C. Smith, director of the club. Dances are under the direction of Cindy Randall, senior student.

The operetta contains many familiar songs, the most popular of which is probably "Gypsy Love Song," sung in a gypsy lover's scene. The setting is a terrace of a chateau belonging to a nobleman of Livonia, a mythical kingdom in Europe, where a troupe of ballet girls are visiting.

Principals in the cast include Jeanette Malone, Larry White, Nancy Fromdahl and Norm Niblett. Three choruses and a small orchestra will supply background music to the principals and members of the cast of 11.

Converted Ex-Convict To Speak At Local Church

Phil Thatcher, the miraculously converted former convict, will speak at the Church of the Open Bible in Roseburg Tuesday at 7:45 p.m., reports the Rev. C. H. Anderson, pastor.

Thatcher will tell his life story. He was an inmate of San Quentin Prison, and later while he was serving time in Folsom Prison, he was saved. He is now pronounced the most completely rehabilitated man in the history of the Alameda County courts.

The public is invited to the meeting, the Rev. Mr. Anderson said.

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Teacher Shortage Reasons Aired By Panel At Education Assn. Session In Roseburg



FOUR SIDES OF TEACHER SHORTAGE were aired by these members of the six-person panel at the Douglas County Division of the Oregon Education Assn. meeting at Fullerton School Saturday afternoon. From left, they are: Al Neet, superintendent of Myrtle Creek Schools; Edwin Wyatt, ex-teacher and coach from Roseburg; Eugene Fisher, Elkton School board member; and Mrs. Orville Smith, Sutherlin, president of the Douglas County Parent-Teacher Assn. (Paul Jenkins Picture).

Some 150 teachers turned out Saturday afternoon for the annual meeting of the Douglas County division of the Oregon Education Assn. at Roseburg's Fullerton School.

The highlight of the afternoon was a six-person panel of speakers from different parts of the county. The panel was pointed to determining the reasons for and solutions of the teacher shortage problem here.

The panel, representing the gamut from higher education to pupil, came up with a myriad of reasons and an almost equal number of solutions. The tenor of discussions boiled down to the critical nature of the shortage, a desperate necessity to do something and a sapping amount of time needed to correct the situation.

Moderator Allan Petersdorf of Green School phrased the situation by pointing out the fact that teachers' colleges will turn out only 300 teachers in Oregon this year. Laurence Butler, Southern Oregon College, related that Oregon will need 1,800 new teachers next year. Both agreed it would be extremely difficult to make up the difference by bringing teachers in from other states.

Members of the panel had this to say:

More Pupils, Fewer Teachers
EUGENE FISHER, Elkton, representing the school board, declared salaries of teachers are not low, adding that they will become more proportionate to other jobs now that we are "rapidly getting out of overtime economy."

He credited the teacher shortage to birth rate (high during the wars and low during depression when potential teachers now being graduated were born) and lack of appreciation and respect for teachers. He said there were "more to teach and less to do the teaching."

He also said lack of parental cooperation was a factor. Solutions: Make communities more acceptable; educate parents on needs and functions of teachers; cut the compulsory education minimum from 18 to 16 years; temporarily increase the number of students in a teacher load.

LAURENCE BUTLER, Ashland, representing higher education, called the problem a "serious threat to democracy." He said there were enough "certificated teachers" but not enough "qualified teachers." He explained "qualified" as meaning four years of college. Major solutions listed were: Salary increases, proper placement of new teachers; maternity leaves so a woman can have a family and continue teaching; expert supervision to help the beginning teacher; teacher voices in making policy; and maintenance of high certification. On the last point, he explained that a student shopping for a vocation will not take a course when the standards are low.

He also pointed out that only 20 graduates from Douglas County are studying education at Southern Oregon College.

Questions And Answers
AL NEET, Myrtle Creek, representing superintendents, issued a questionnaire to his teachers asking:

(1) what a prospective teacher wants to know about a community and (2) why does a teacher leave a community.

To the first question, the considerations were: Salary, housing, recreational facilities, job security, size, location and industry of community, cost of living, after-school restrictions and others.

The second question brought reasons such as low salary, instability, difficulty with student or parent, politics in school, extra duties and personal living restrictions.

MRS. ORVILLE SMITH, Sutherlin, representing Parent-Teacher Assn., readily recognized the shortage and listed solutions brought up at a recent PTA meeting.

She also pointed out a need to educate the parents on present day methods. She said parents should impress respect for teachers. She spoke for a method of making teachers part of the community, providing good housing and recruiting potential teachers from among average as well as brilliant students. She pointed out PTAs are also trying to aid recruitment by giving scholarships.

"Dull, Drab Profession"
MARLENE EMMITT, Roseburg, a young student representing high school students, pulled no punches. She described the profession as "a dull, drab occupation," and

Child Perishes In Fire In Toketee Falls Area

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entrance to the children's room was already blocked by the fire. They dashed around the outside of the cabin to the single window to the twins' room. Gaines smashed through the window which was located high above the ground and picked up Scott Henry. But he could not reach the other twin. The fire completely destroyed the cabin and a trailer house which was parked next to it. Nothing was saved but the nightclothes the three stricken members of the family were wearing.

Gaines was a truck driver for Copeco who was presently unemployed. He was laid off a few weeks ago after a reduction of forces at the Slide Creek camp. He was scheduled to return to work soon, Smith reported.

Dulles' Report Leaves Hearers Mostly Mum

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Communists, set for April 26, does not foreshadow formal American diplomatic recognition or membership in the United Nations for the Peiping regime.

The secretary is reported ready to argue that the terms agreed upon were necessary in order to cut through the deadlocked preliminary peace talks at Panmunjom, which had been stalled since last Dec. 12 over a name-calling wrangle.

Sen. McCarthy, Secy. Stevens Clash Tomorrow

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served as an Army officer in both world wars.

He said he was afraid the "prestige and morale" of the military would be weakened by "unfair tactics on our officer corps."

On Friday the Army let go by a deadline McCarthy had set for it to produce the names of all personnel connected with the promotion and honorable discharge of a reserve officer who had declined to say whether he was ever a communist. The information has not yet been given the senator.

Supremacy Issue Raised
McCarthy said in New York, "Stevens is a loyal man, but apparently is being made a dupe by holdovers from the previous administration."

He added, in a statement: "The issue raised by Mr. Stevens is whether the Army's supreme over the Congress, over government agencies and the American people, and can enjoy special dictatorial immunity to cover up its own wrongdoings."

"An illustration of this cover up is the statement under oath by an officer involved that if he told the truth and gave the facts about the treatment of this Fifth Amendment Communist, he himself would be court martialed by the Army."

Police Guard For Senator PHILADELPHIA

A special police guard was planned today for Sen. Joseph McCarthy (R-Wis.) when he arrives here to accept the Philadelphia chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution's 50th Citizenship Medal at a Washington Day luncheon.

Authorities revealed yesterday they had received an anonymous letter saying, "We think McCarthy ought to be bumped off and this is a good time to do it."

Chief Inspector Albert F. DuBois said he thought the letter was the work of a "crackpot."

Roy E. Pennington, 40, Dies Monday Morning

Roy E. Pennington, 40, a resident of Winston died early Monday morning after a short illness.

Pennington, who was born March 22, 1913, is survived by two brothers, Herbert and George of Winston; two sisters, Mrs. Rosie Lee of Locksburg, Ark., and Mrs. Ida Abbott of Shreveport, La., and a half-sister, Mrs. Mary Berry of Kansas City, Mo.

The body has been removed to Roseburg Funeral Home. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

California Unitarians Challenge Loyalty Oath

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The First Unitarian Church of Los Angeles challenges a state law requiring a loyalty oath of nonprofit organizations seeking tax exemption as "a frontal assault on freedom of religion as guaranteed by the First Amendment."

This is the church whose pastor, the Rev. Stephen H. Fritchman, refused to testify before the House Un-American Activities Committee on the ground it sought "to invade the intimate confidence of the confessional."

Mr. Fritchman was listed by the committee as a sponsor of "no less than 22 pro-Soviet organizations."

His congregation voted Sunday to instruct its trustees to decide against signing the loyalty oath.

A 1953 amendment to the state revenue and taxation code provides that the property tax statement for churches and other nonprofit groups shall include a loyalty oath if tax exemptions are sought.

Sapling Springs From Bulldozer, Kiis Man

BROKEN ARROW, Okla. (AP)—A stubborn willow sapling, crushed to the ground by a bulldozer, snapped back like an arrow Sunday after the machine had passed over it and speared a farm worker who was walking behind.

The victim, Jess Lee Henry, 22, was struck in the chest and died before reaching a hospital.

The bulldozer, operated by Henry's father, was clearing brush from the farmland.

BROKEN MAIN FIXED

Oregon Water Corp. crews Sunday morning repaired a broken water main on Brown Street.

City police said the break occurred near Altamont Street. Several yards were flooded before water was turned off.

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Court Weighs Barney's Good Working Record

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a flood-trapped family at Steamboat by killing the animal.

Slocum also said Barney has no criminal record and that he has held two long-time jobs since 1928. He worked for the U. S. Forest Service for 14 years, and has been a lineman for Copeco the past eight years.

Seriousness of the charge was brought out by the judge himself.

He told Barney that "lots of good citizens have committed murder," and made it plain that Barney's admitted assault never could be condoned.

Dep. Dist. Atty. Warren A. Woodruff, reading an information charging the crime, told the court that the attack on Mrs. Barney was "provoked."

Barney maintained that he "blew my top" when Mrs. Barney told him of her plans after the couple had been talking with another woman who was getting a divorce. He said his wife didn't respect the marriage.

Barney has three children living with his mother in Happy Camp, Calif., by a previous marriage. He is supporting them.

Oregon Egg Producers' Meeting Set For Friday

The Oregon Egg Producers have scheduled a meeting for Roseburg area members at the Knights of Pythias Hall, 114 N. Rose St., Roseburg, Friday evening at 8 p.m.

Association activities will be reviewed by Roseburg poultryman J. Clifford Hess, first vice president of the Oregon Egg Producers, and H. R. Rohe, general manager. W. A. Berge, feed department manager, will discuss the current feed situation. A series of colored slides on association activities will be shown. Light refreshments will be served.

The Friday gathering is one of a series of local meetings held to provide the membership with first-hand information on the activities of the association. The meeting is open to all poultry and other livestock producers, whether or not they are members of the association.

KITE FLIER KILLED

CARBOVINILLE, Utah. (AP)—Kenneth Howard, 12, Carbonville, was electrocuted when a kite he was flying became entangled in a 7,200-volt electric power line.

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