



TWO OLD FRIENDS exchanged shop talk in Roseburg Wednesday. They are famed English entertainer "Two Ton Tessie" O'Shea and George Pearce, Sutherland. Pearce is a former resident of England. (Staff photo)

Miss Tessie O'Shea, Famed English Entertainer, Here For Appearance Before Elks

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One of England's foremost entertainers is in Roseburg. She is Miss Tessie O'Shea. To persons in most parts of the world she is "Two Ton Tessie." The blonde, vibrant woman with the somewhat rotund figure has danced, sung and played her banjolele for folk in all stations of life. She has appeared as a headliner in most of the major entertainment spots.

Tessie came to Roseburg almost by accident. Some five weeks ago she arrived in America. She and her accompanist - writer Ernest Wampola headed West to relax and get public reaction to Tessie's act.

Four weeks ago they appeared at a Portland supper club. Magician Leon Mandrake was on the same bill. He told Tessie about Roseburg. Because the city sounded nice Miss O'Shea and Wampola arrived here Sunday.

"Your West Coast has taught me how to approach New York," Miss O'Shea said Wednesday. She said audiences found her act too fast, so she slowed it down. (It includes comedy and straight numbers.)

Tessie has slowed down her banjolele pieces, too. "I'm also giving audiences more straight ballads, old fashioned Irish ballads." Tessie is originally from Ireland. Roseburg area residents will have the rare opportunity to hear her Saturday night. She'll perform for Elks and guests at the Elks Club, but her acquiescence took considerable coaxing.

She knows a former Roseburg resident, Johnnie Ray followed her most recent stint at the London Palladium. Tessie introduced him to the audience the night he act ended. "The hobbie soxers went crazy," she adds. Johnny was enthusiastic about Tessie. He'd seen her with her boy and girl chorus of 60 members.

"Baby I'll be your chorus boy anytime," he told her, later that night at the Palladium.

Miss O'Shea (she is not married) admits American audiences don't know her too well. She had signed for television shows in 1947 before an illness at Las Vegas forced her to return to England. She did appear on Ed Sullivan's "Toast of the Town," though.

September 26 she begins a trans-continental tour of Canada with her own company of English stars.

peaceful European countries then our government and our 600 million heroic peoples will, together with the governments and peoples of our fraternal countries, conduct a struggle against aggression until ultimate victory is achieved.

"The aggressive bloc was given an instructing lesson in the Korean War. The decisive factor now is not even our achievements but the fact that we possess enormous potentialities."

"Should there be a war, our countries will deal the imperialists a mortal blow following which the capitalist system will be definitely annihilated."

Peng accused the United States of seeking to dominate the world.

Yoncalla May Exercises Scheduled For Friday

Weather permitting, the annual Yoncalla May Day exercises will be held Friday, May 13. A parade will start from the school at 9 a.m. according to News-Review Correspondent, Mrs. George Edes.

After returning to the school, Miss Onal Crow will be crowned Queen of May. Princesses will be Margaret Abbott, Donnetta Coze, Virginia Currier and Kathy Dickey.

A picnic dinner, followed by races, will be held on the school grounds. All parents and friends of the school are invited to attend and are asked to bring their own table service.

Mary Alice Cotton, 18, Passes; Funeral Friday

Funeral services for Mary Alice Cotton, 18, who died May 11, will be held in The Chapel of the Roses, Roseburg Funeral Home, Friday, May 13, at 2 p.m. The Rev. A. M. Rhoads of the Apostolic Faith Church will officiate.

Surviving are her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis G. Cotton, Roseburg; a brother, Charles, and a sister, Betty Lou, both of Roseburg.

Interment will follow in the Roseburg Memorial Gardens.

Small Items Paired From School Budget

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made the first proposed figure drop from \$34,110 to \$19,370.

INSTRUCTION
1. Dispensed with services of librarian assistant in the clerical assistants' category, estimated at \$2,100.

2. Cut other expense of instruction (professional publications, etc.) by \$500.

Total saving of \$2,600 dropped the \$1,241,136.80 figure to \$1,238,536.80.

PLANT OPERATION
1. Decreased the total proposed for janitors and other employees by \$600 under "the reasonable assumption Huerst School would not be opened by Jan. 1, 1956."

2. Whopped \$1,500 from other expenses of operation.

The total of \$2,100 made the new proposed sum \$207,380.

The value of supervisors to the district came in for considerable discussion.

Board member Harold Hoyt listed three reasons why he personally favored continuing the positions. (1) They offer each child a fair chance by seeing each get the same program; (2) They offer the taxpayers fair returns; and (3) They enable us (taxpayers) to get a standard product at the end of the road. Supervision, he added, brings all schools to a "maximum level." It also brings economy, he concluded.

Asst. Supt. Marvin Smith said he believed there was misapprehension on supervision. It's a major purpose, he pointed out, is "improvement of instruction."

Citizen George Luoma agreed with the men, but said he thought the administration "owes more of a duty to the budget board by telling it if it is possible to keep Americanism and supervision without keeping all the employees."

"I think it is the problem of administration and not the destruction of supervision," he said.

The board didn't speed action until James Conn thanked it for setting up a hearing. Conn said he thought the budget problem now reverted back to the board. He suggested members proceed by questioning audience members only if they needed guidance.

Walter Brittle later said he felt the board had two false assumptions: That the "no" vote was a statement against school philosophy, the board or the school. He thought it was against the property tax and urged the citizens to direct actions against improper tax legislation.

The board soon adopted the Conn suggestion. Budget discussion will be resumed at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Central Auditorium. It is open to the public.

3 Oregon Demos Ask \$12 Million For Dams In NW

WASHINGTON — Sens. Neuberger and Morse and Rep. Green, Oregon Democrats, proposed Wednesday a \$12,315,050 increase in the administration's budget for new Pacific Northwest dams.

They urged the House Appropriations Committee to recommend \$97,403,550 in the next fiscal year for a "minimum program of essential projects."

They called for construction to start on Hills Creek, Cougar and Lee Harbor dams. Their request also includes advanced planning for an early start on the John Day and Green Peter - Whitebridge dams.

Morse said the administration's budget for power, flood control and irrigation was too low. He called it an "invitation to economic paralysis."

Neuberger said of the Oregon Democrats' proposal, "Because the administration has brought the federal program to a virtual halt, the urgency is so great that the proposals represent an irreducible minimum."

Green called the administration budget "grossly inadequate and therefore disastrously restrictive to economic expansion of the area."

The three said they had been told by Army Engineers that planning had not started for Green Peter and John Day dams, and that planning was only 34 per cent complete on Cougar.

They said construction could be started on Cougar early in 1957, and on John Day and Green Peter later that year.

They also were critical of partnership proposals for "those dams and said such proposals "would set back the time schedule for their construction as federal projects."

The site of the proposed Ice Harbor Dam is on the lower Snake River. John Day is proposed for the Columbia between McNary and The Dalles dams. Green Peter, Hills Creek and Cougar dams are proposed for Willamette River tributaries in Western Oregon.

Warmer Weather Batters Northwest Power Pool
PORTLAND — Warmer weather has improved the power situation in the Pacific Northwest, the Bonneville Power Administration reported Tuesday.

The region's power pool is expected to be able to meet all power requirements without use of steam generation by early next week.

The order reducing interruptible power loads, in effect since March because of low streams and high power demands, may be lifted soon.

Ship Conversion Job Requested for Portland Yard

WASHINGTON — The Maritime Board before it Thursday a request of four Oregon and Washington congressmen that it use its discretionary authority and award a 26 million dollar ship conversion job to the Willamette Iron and Steel Co. of Portland, Ore.

The award, if made, would be under the board's right to allocate a fair amount of ship construction work to the west coast where the bid of a Western yard is less than six per cent higher than an Eastern bidder.

Involved is a contract for conversion of two Matson ships on which Willamette bid \$26,624,000 and the Maryland Drydock Co., Baltimore, bid \$24,634,728.

Appearing at a board hearing in support of the Western bid were Reys, Tolleson (R-Wash), Pelly (R-Wash), Coon (R-Ore) and Ellsworth (R-Ore). Sen. Butler (R-Me) urged consideration of the Baltimore yard.

Westerners said the award should be made to Willamette on the basis of national defense to keep a pool of skilled labor intact on the Pacific Coast.

They said the present award amount to a least case of the six per cent differential provision inasmuch as this is believed to be the first time a Western bid has been within the six per cent limit.

Harold Say, Washington representative of the Portland, Ore., Chamber of Commerce, said Clarence G. Morse, board chairman, told the group during the meeting the board's evaluation staff had recommended the board declare the Willamette bid the lowest of the two submitted.

Rosecrucian Order To Survey County

The Ancient and Mystical Order of Rosae Crucis, (AMORC), an international fraternal organization, will make a survey of Douglas County in June to determine the amount of interest in starting a chapter here.

The minimum for a new chapter is 50 members, according to Stanley Eisenmann of Myrtle Creek, who was recently appointed district commissioner for the Order. Meetings would be held in Roseburg if a chapter formed.

The Rosicrucian Order, has never had a chapter in Douglas County. Chapters in Oregon are in Eugene, Salem and Portland. A survey was taken last fall, at which time 50 interested persons could not be contacted.

The Rosicrucian Order is a fraternity devoted to the dissemination of knowledge of the natural laws of life and the teachings of philosophy, Eisenmann said.

Vital Statistics

Marriage License
RICHMOND - KENNEDY — Thomas A. Richmond, Winchester Bay, and Catherine Kennedy, Roseburg.

Divorce Suit Filed
BUTLER — Martha Julia and Richard Henry Butler, married April 8, 1939, at Stevensville, asks custody and \$150 monthly support for three minor children, \$50 monthly alimony for six months, possession of furniture and automobile and requests that defendant be given possession of logging truck.

Divorce Decree
PLUNKETT — Frances from Ralph L. Plunkett. Plaintiff awarded custody of unborn child, \$100 monthly until birth of child and \$50 monthly afterwards, \$200 medical expenses and restoration of former name, Neathawk.

Irate Japanese Protest Firing

FUJI-YOSHIDA — Irate Japanese villagers squatted in torrential wind and rain near big American guns for the third day Thursday to protest practice artillery firing on the slopes of revered Mt. Fuji.

The villagers were joined by 100 persons whose Japanese police identified as Communist Party members.

The big guns began firing at 12:35 p.m. as 100 Japanese police stood by to keep villagers from the gun positions.

Villagers scuffled with police Wednesday but no incidents were reported Thursday.

The practice firing on the slopes of the sacred, snow-capped cone of Mt. Fuji has boiled up into a national issue. The large Japanese newspapers are devoting much space to stories, editorials and letters on the firing, which began Tuesday and will carry spasmodically through June.

PLAY SCHEDULED
A play, "Fun on the Oakland Limited," is scheduled Friday evening at Washington school gym in Oakland. Sponsored by the women of the Presbyterian Church, the production has 24 persons in the cast.



MARIE BARKER was one of several Roseburg High School radio class members who helped operate radio station KRXL all day Wednesday. During the annual affair, students gained valuable experience by taking over all duties except engineering. (Paul Jenkins photo).

Funeral Services Set For George Medley, 76

Funeral services for George Robert Medley, 76, will be held at Mills Mortuary, Cottage Grove, Saturday at 1:30 p.m. with Rev. L. H. Young of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church officiating. Interment will be in the Oakland IOOF Cemetery.

Medley, who died at his Dorena home Tuesday, was born at Oakland on Dec. 28, 1878, and lived there until 1914. On March 10, 1911, he was married at Roseburg to Lena Hornbuckle, who preceded him in death in 1935. Mr. Medley was a construction contractor until his retirement several years ago.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Margaret Sherrett of Dorena; a brother, Beldon Medley of Goshien; three sisters, Mrs. Lela Harmon of Portland, Mrs. Adelia Opal Jones of Diston; and three grandchildren.

High Court Rules Taxing Districts Can Change Bases

SALEM — The Oregon Supreme Court ruled Wednesday that voters in any local taxing district can establish a new tax base under a 1952 constitutional amendment.

The decision held that the voters of Multnomah County School District No. 1 had the right to authorize a tax levy of \$12,704,644 at a special election May 21, 1954.

The suit was brought by the school directors against the Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission of Multnomah County.

The Tax Supervising Commission argued that the district couldn't levy a tax of more than \$11,190,000 plus six per cent. This commission pointed to the constitutional provision that tax levies can't exceed the highest levy during the preceding three-year period plus 6 per cent.

But the Supreme Court, in a decision by Justice Earl C. Latour, said that the 1952 amendment allows the people to vote themselves a new tax base.

The Tax Supervising Commission contended that this 1952 amendment was ambiguous and unclear.

The decision, which upheld Circuit Judge Lowell Muddorf of Multnomah County, will have far-reaching effects on many school districts.

It means that these districts, which now are forced to have annual special elections to get money for their budgets, will be able to adopt higher tax bases, and thus make the special budget elections unnecessary.

William Gambill Passes At Veterans Hospital

William Gambill, 66, veteran of World War I, died Thursday morning at the Roseburg Veterans Hospital. He was born Oct. 27, 1888 in Madison County, Neb. He was a former resident of Union, Ore.

Surviving are four sisters: Mrs. Harold DeBorde, Portland; Mrs. Alice Evans, Long Beach, Calif.; Mrs. Laura Anderson, Union, Ore.; Mrs. Ren Lloid, Goble, Ore.; three brothers, Boyd, Ray and Rex.

The body has been removed to The Chapel of the Roses, Roseburg Funeral Home, and will be shipped to Portland for funeral services and interment in the Willamette National Cemetery.

Senators Ask Phone Strike Arbitration
ATLANTA — Two U. S. senators have joined union leaders in calling on the Southern Bell Telephone Co. to agree to arbitration in its dispute with striking workers.

Sen. Kefauver (D-Tenn) told the Senate he sent identical messages to the company and to the CIO Communications Workers of America, urging arbitration.

Missionary Relates Story Of Translating Languages Of South American Indians

A Los Angeles woman stopped in Roseburg today to visit Mr. and Mrs. William T. Evans, and the story she told of her missionary activities in Peru and Ecuador has the earmarks of a good novel.

She is Mary Sargent. Her job the past 4 1/2 years has been to record the languages of Indian tribes. This may not sound particularly difficult until it is pointed out that these tribes had no formal writing at all.

She is one of a host of some 500 linguists and technicians who have not only been establishing Christianity among isolated tribes but have aided in establishing a thread of common culture within the country. Just as important, the program gives a means by which a tribe can record its tradition.

For Miss Sargent the program was just what she wanted when she was graduated from the Bible Institute of Los Angeles. After summer sessions at the University of Oklahoma, she was sent to Peru to begin her work under the sponsorship of Wycliffe Bible Translators Inc. At the summer Institute of Linguistics at the University of Oklahoma, she learned the science of phonetic writing. Thus, it was not necessary to learn a language to enter the program. Words could be written just by writing words as they sounded. This is the basic principle of the program.

When she arrived in Peru, she and another linguist were sent to one of the isolated tribes to learn and record its language. The next step was to teach the tribespeople how to write their own language and read it.

Under the program launched about 18 years ago in Mexico, it was felt a tribesman could learn the more prevalent languages of his country if he could read and write his mother tongue. Government officials of countries involved in the program sanction this idea soundly.

To add to the tremendous burden of work placed on the linguists, they also take on the task of translating the Bible into the mother tongue of each tribe they visit. (Miss Sargent has lived with three tribes in Peru and Ecuador.) They also compile primers from which to teach.

In almost every case, the linguistic missionaries start from scratch, since each tribe has its own language. The only thing that makes the job easier in some tribes is the common trade language that dates back to the time of the Incas. This gives the missionaries a common ground from which to work. But in most cases, even this trade language has not reached the remote tribes hidden in the lush inland jungles.

Once in the tribe, the only contact with the outside world is a generator-powered radio. An airplane brings supplies once a month. Despite the hardships, Miss Sargent apparently would not trade her part in the program. She expects to stay in the United States a year before returning to South America for another five-year "hit."

She met the Evanses in Lima, Peru, on their recent trip to South America. So, she stopped for a 24-hour visit before going to Norman, Okla., for more study at the linguistic institute.

Rodney Brodie Continues To Make Slow Progress

CHICAGO — Rodney Brodie, survivor of an operation that separated him from his Siamese twin brother, continued to make "slow progress" Thursday.

That was the latest report from the Illinois Research and Educational Hospital, Rodney, 3 1/2, was taken there last week from his home near Ferris, Ill., and found to be suffering from a brain hemorrhage.

He still is on the critical list.

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