



MRS. L. O. (EFFIE) DeCAMP, 93, of Roseburg enlivens her days by watching for the prophecies told in a 400-year-old poem, to come true.

Prophecy Of 400-Year-Old Poem Comes True With Telstar Orbit

From her vantage point of 83 years, Mrs. L. O. (Effie) DeCamp of 359 SE Ella St. in Roseburg, has seen many of the prophecies contained in a favorite 400-year-old poem come true.

The poem, called "Mother Ship-ton's Poem," was purportedly written about 1559 in Yorkshire, England, by Mother Shipton, a spirit medium. A copy of it clipped from a New York newspaper and given to Mrs. DeCamp many years ago by her mother has been one of Mrs. DeCamp's most prized possessions. Yellowed and dog-eared from long years of purse-carrying, the clipping is a constant reminder to Mrs. DeCamp of the changing scene predicted.

Thoughts Fly
Now reposing in her Bible because Mrs. DeCamp no longer gets out much, the poem was referred to with special interest recently with the advent of the Telstar. Mrs. DeCamp got out the poem, as she does almost daily, and sure enough, there it was, "Around the world thought will fly, in the twinkling of an eye."

From what could be interpreted to mean the coming of a British Prime Minister to the fashion of trouser-wearing for women, the poem has been borne out almost in its entirety, Mrs. DeCamp said. "And state and state in fierce strife, struggle for each other's life. Carriages without horses will go, and accidents fill the world with woe," the poem continues. "And those who live the century through in fear and trembling this will do, to fly to the mountains and the glen, to bog and forest and wild den," could be interpreted to mean the search for shelter from atomic attack.

Woman Remarkable
Even more remarkable than the predictions in the poem, however, is Mrs. DeCamp herself. Tall, slim and aristocratic-looking, at 93 she has the interests and enthusiasm of one much younger, despite the handicap of having to get around with the aid of a wheeled walker. Blessed with good hearing and keen eyesight, she enjoys radio and television. An avid reader, she says she has read "just about every non-fiction book in Douglas County Library." Crocheting and keeping up a correspondence with family and friends occupy much of her time.

Just A Yankee
Born in New York state in 1869, Mrs. DeCamp describes herself as "just another Yankee," even though she can trace her ancestry on her father's side back to Lord Percy Pool of England. Much of her life until her move to Roseburg 13 years ago was spent in Waterloo, Iowa, where her husband was superintendent of high schools. Both her son and daughter have been dead for many years, the son having been killed in World War I. While there is a trace of sadness in her voice when she speaks of war and the loss of her immediate family, Mrs. DeCamp is not one to look backward very much when so many important things are happening in the present.

She never misses voting, even though now the ballots have to be brought to her. Raised in a staunch

Republican family, she says even as a child she got so she "could tell a Democrat just by looking."

Party Given
While the days are sometimes long (Mr. and Mrs. DeCamp is able to "walk" to the door to admit the many friends who call. Just last Saturday she opened the door to a bevy of friends from the First Baptist Church who arrived for the second year in a row, with all the "fixings" for a surprise birthday party including a cake with 93 candles, flowers, cards and gifts. More celebration was held Sunday, the actual day of her birth.

Although not able to get out often because of the difficulty of getting her walker into a car, Mrs. DeCamp retains membership in the American Legion Becker-Chapman Unit 138, of which she is a charter member; the Gold Star Mothers, and the First Baptist Church. She is also a former worthy matron of the Eastern Star in Iowa.

Women Enjoys Life
Philosophical about the broken hip which slowed her down 13 years ago at the age of 80, Mrs. DeCamp attributes her very evident joy in living to the ability to see the funny side of things. "If you can laugh," she says, "things can't be too bad."

And while she admits to being fascinated with the predictions, both dire and good, contained in her precious poem, being deeply religious she prefers even more the thought expressed in the popular spiritual, "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands." That I like best of all, she says.

Hospital News

Visiting Hours
2 to 3:30 p.m. and 7 to 8 p.m.

Mercy Hospital

Admitted
Medical: Diane Matthews, Mrs. John Horn, Mrs. Louis Adamski, all of Roseburg; Mrs. Deloris Hollister, Sutherlin; James Jordan, Riddle.

Surgery: L. E. Grille, Jack Laughlin, Myrtle Creek; Terry Davis, Sutherlin; Mrs. Knox Blassingame, Oakland.

Discharged
Anita Becker, Howard Head, Mrs. Elaine Heidenreich, Trina Cumberworth, Peter Lofting, all of Roseburg; Nancy Moore, Sutherlin; Robert Case, Clifford Osborn, Mrs. Dennis Vaughn and son Edward Lee, all of Myrtle Creek; Ila Mae Gillette, Mrs. Phillip Hill and son Timothy Edward, all of Oakland.

Douglas Community Hospital

Admitted
Medical: Douglas Bly, Raymond Borden, Mrs. Robert Culbertson, Mrs. Clarence Lemon, Mr. Willard McDaniel, all of Roseburg; Mrs. Russell Harwood, Camas Valley; Mrs. Norman Bailey, Myrtle Creek.

Discharged
Mrs. James Ashley, Floyd Daniels, Kathy Lynn Johnson, Mrs. Earl Peterson and daughter Rebecca Annette, Darrell Schultz, Randy Young, all of Roseburg; Shirley Stiennon, Glide; William Woody, Winchester; Mrs. Wilbur Bushong, Mrs. Floyd Howard, Gladys Primmer, all of Winston.

GLENDAL STREET OILED
The city of Glendale is having all its streets oiled today. Announcement of the project is made by Mayor Ralph Place.

Nuclear Test Program At Standstill Today

HONOLULU (UPI)—The trouble-ridden U. S. program of high altitude nuclear tests was reported at a standstill today pending a top-level decision on whether to abandon the series for the rest of the year.

Latest and most severe blow to the program was the fiery destruction of a Thor missile and its nuclear payload at the start of a planned high altitude test at Johnston Island early Thursday.

The rocket burst into flame on the launching pad and scientists deliberately blew it up along with its nuclear payload.

The government said there were no injuries and no danger from radiation. But informed sources said the fire damaged the launch pad so badly that the series may have to be called off for this year.

They also reported indications that the strain of the tests had become nearly unbearable for certain key technicians.

A Pentagon conference was reported to have been held Thursday to consider whether to extend the period for high altitude testing at Johnston—scheduled to end about now—or to call off the series for this year.

A decision was expected within the next couple of days. Sources said from four to six weeks will be required to repair the damage from Thursday's aborted test. President Kennedy said when he announced the high altitude test program in May that it would last three months, which would be about now.

However, the program has been delayed by failures of three test attempts. On June 3 and 19, Thor missiles and their nuclear devices were destroyed in flight because of instrument malfunctions. Two men were injured on Johnston June 19 when debris fell back onto the island.

Ike Keeps Date With A Mermaid
COPENHAGEN (UPI)—Former President Dwight D. Eisenhower kept a date with a mermaid today after being sidetracked by a duck.

The visiting American, his wife, Mamie and two grandchildren trooped off to see the waterside statue of the Little Mermaid, a tourist "must," when the duck intervened.

It was a mama duck and she led her four little ducklings across the street down which the Eisenhower cavalcade was traveling.

The official limousines braked to a halt. So did all other vehicles and bicycles on the road to the harbor. Eisenhower leaned forward for a closer look.

Embarrassed Danish hosts quickly explained the traffic-stopping duck is especially trained to perform for visiting dignitaries. Danish newsmen said this was a white lie.

The newsmen explained that ducks—due to Denmark's national pride in Hans Christian Andersen's fairy stories—have the freedom of the country. Ducks are ducks and traffic is traffic, they said, and ducks have the right of way. Eisenhower took it in stride.

Gentleman farmer Eisenhower observed that he thought the ducks—especially the ducklings—were fine specimens and said he could never understand how Andersen found "an ugly duckling to write about."

The duck headed directly for the water after stopping the traffic.

The Eisenhowers went on to the statue of the Little Mermaid.

Merely Players Slate Play Reading Tonight
Don Daile, recently of NBC-TV Theater and director of the next production of Merely Players Inc., will hear readings for the production "The Little Hut" tonight at 7:30 at KPIC studios.

"The Little Hut," described as a comedy-drama, will go into rehearsal as soon as casting is completed. All persons interested in participating in the production are invited to attend tonight's reading.

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Kennedy Asked To Intervene On Nisei Taxes

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)—President Kennedy has been asked to intervene in behalf of Japanese-Americans ordered by the Internal Revenue Service to pay taxes on reimbursements granted them by Congress.

The request for presidential action came Thursday from Democratic Assemblyman Phillip Burton of San Francisco. He urged the president to reverse the IRS position that compensation money paid for relocation losses suffered by West Coast Japanese during World War II was taxable.

Additional protests came from state Sen. Eugene McAteer, Democrat from San Francisco, and San Francisco congressional candidate John O'Connell, also a Democrat. California Gov. Edmund G. Brown has also protested the IRS move.

McAteer wired IRS Commissioner Mortimer Kaplin claiming that the tax "will serve to compound the injustice and humiliation already suffered by these loyal Americans." He said the tax has resulted in exorbitant losses and additional hardships.

Congress awarded the compensation funds to the Japanese-Americans to help cover losses of homes and businesses which occurred when the Japanese were taken to relocation camps.

O'Connell, a former assemblyman, declared that Congress should take immediate action. He said it was "unfair and vicious" that the Japanese, after waiting for 15 years for compensation for their losses, are now being taxed on the congressional awards.

Road Department Acquires Ferry

OLYMPIA, Wash., (UPI)—The Oregon State Highway Commission here Thursday purchased the 37-year-old Washington State ferry M.V. Kitsap for \$27,500. It will be used on the Columbia River between Astoria and Megler, Wash.

The Kitsap is a 32-car capacity boat and was formerly used on the Hood Canal in Washington. State Highway engineer Forrest Cooper said Thursday the Kitsap needs some repairs and alterations, but should be ready for service Aug. 15.

The Kitsap will be used when the present three ferries are unable to handle the traffic load, Cooper said.

The State presently operates the M.V.'s Chessnam, Tourist II and Tourist III on the Astoria-Megler Route.

The purchase of the ferry was a victory for the Oregon Coast Association, which has been pressing for the action for several months.

The commission was attempting to get by until the Astoria-Megler Bridge was completed in 1965.

Outdoor Art Show Set At Elks Temple

The Roseburg Art Association's big outdoor art show is due to start at 10 a.m. Saturday.

Chairman Mrs. Howard Emrich reports entries in the show from any artist will be accepted and tagged for exhibit between 8 and 9 at the Elks Temple. It will be at the temple plaza where the showing will take place.

Hostesses will be on hand to accept the entries.

The show will continue until 8 p.m. A portrait prize will be awarded one of the viewers of the show, and each viewer will be asked to vote for his favorite entry.

Many media of art will be shown.



FLAG PLAZA at the Seattle World's Fair Thursday echoed to the music of the Roseburg High School Band, directed by Gary Wilson. The band held the honored title of "band of the day" at the fair. Earlier at the fair, the Roseburg Knights of Pythias Girls Drum and Bugle Corps also represented the city as "band of the day." Flags of different nations represented at the fair fluttered in the background. (News-Review photo by Andy Fautheree).

British Recover Stolen Paintings

LONDON (UPI)—Thirty-five paintings stolen two weeks ago in Britain's first million-dollar art theft were recovered intact today in a police raid in London's seamy dock district.

Two detective sergeants of Scotland Yard's elite "Flying Squad" burst into a house before dawn, recovered the masterpieces and arrested two men.

The paintings, worth an estimated \$1.2 million, were the cream of a summer show at the O'Hana Gallery. They were stolen July 11 by midnight thieves who forced a door and fled, across rooftops with their loot.

The paintings included works by Picasso, Toulouse-Lautrec, Renoir, Utrillo, Cezanne, Braque, Monet and Manet.

Police said they arrested John Terry and William Bedford, both 30, on charges of receiving the paintings. The actual thieves are still at large, the officers said.

South Umpqua Band To Provide Music For Myrtle Creek Fete

With a festival and parade theme of "Summertime," Myrtle Creek's Annual Fall Festival Aug. 10 and 11 sponsored by the Myrtle Creek Chamber of Commerce promises to be the best ever, according to Lorraine Birenbaum, correspondent.

Eleven girls from the South Douglas area are selling tickets daily to see who will be the 1962 fall festival queen. Prizes to be given from the queen's contest will be a camping trailer, a movie camera and a transistor radio.

Climax of the contest will be Saturday, Aug. 11, at 8:30 p.m.

In past years, streets have been roped off for the crowning of the queen, the street dance and the concession stands. However this year, the site will be the vacant lot next to the post office on First St. between Oak and Broadway, furnished by Dr. R. E. Williams.

The post office parking lot will be the site of the street dance and the post office loading platform will be used as an announcing pavilion.

There will be concert music furnished by the South Umpqua Band under the direction of Wendell H. Ellefson, both for the festival and the parade, Mrs. Birenbaum reports.

Groups already signed up for space are the Lions Club, Lady Lions, Myrtle Creek Grange, Myrtle Creek Juvenile Grange, Sadie Pals, Trill's Square, HOA Club and the BU chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha. The Myrtle Creek Boy Scouts plan an old-fashioned buggy ride. Any other groups wishing space should contact Ralph Cavens at Pacific Finance.

A parade will be held Saturday morning with prizes of money and trophies.

Bishop Raps Prayer Ruling

PORTLAND (UPI)—Catholic Bishop John J. Wright of Pittsburgh, Pa., said Thursday night the supreme court's public school prayer decision was a symbol of growing secularism which "has built a wall of separation... between public law and social reality."

He expressed approval of separation of church and state but not "between the pretensions of legalism and the realities of the national life."

Bishop Wright said citizens must give external compliance with a supreme court ruling but "it is not true that they have to give internal consent or agreement."

"The clear task before us, therefore, is to build up the internal spiritual resources needed to resist the pretensions of established secularism," he said. "In this process, necessary in itself, but doubly urgent in view of the secularist victories at the moment plays a major part."

"Through the lay retreat movement tens of thousands of men withdraw for a few days each year from the a-religious, if not anti-religious, atmosphere of secular society to meditate in the cloistered precincts of retreat houses."

With secularism, Bishop Wright condemned what he called "scientism."

"In an age of scientism, as distinct from an age of science, it is necessary constantly to raise the question: What does it avail man to control the universe if he cannot control himself?"

Safe 'n Sound

BY ROY YOUNG

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