# Miss Lane County Hails Prom Tule Lake Ranch Daze of Ophelia By MARGERY SKORDAHL Friday night, October 27, 1949 Ophelia saw men . . . eleven at time . . . several times. However, and the saw men . . . several times.

By FLORA FURROW

From the agricultural basin of patch-built farmlands in the Tule lake bed region comes the smiling University of Oregon coed of this week, Barbara Bentley, Miss Lane County. "It seems so unreal" she exclaims in speaking of winning the title at the McDonald theater last week. On her 21st birthday, November 2, she will tour shipyards and the Victory center in boy. Lovely blonde hair, Juicy

Portland and November 3, will make an appearance at the Broadway theater.

Near Klamath Falls, Oregon, "Bent," an only child, lives on a 60-acre potato ranch and rides her black horse "Sandy" when not at-

tending the University of Oregon. A mezzo soprano, Barbara started voice lessons "about eight years ago when Mother asked if I'd like to take them." The charming blonde, a music major and student of Sigurd Nilssen, has been singing ever since for the Klamath Falls Rotary club, other organizations, weddings, and at the Port-

land Art museum.

Brought up in a rural community, the only opera Miss Bentley to Klamath Falls by the San Francisco Opera company during her high school senior year and which classical and semi-classical works. "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes" is one of her all-time favorites.

Tule Lake high (with about 200 students and near the present Tule lake Japanese relocation center), Barbara remembers skiing from messenger, she sang all the mesthe rim down to the lodge at sages . . . to the wrong people, As Crater Lake. Besides skiing she likes chocolates and red roses like "In this corner we have . . ." Lovethe two dozen presented her by the ly dance. Eugene Chamber of Commerce when she became Miss Lane County.

Hopes to Be a Traveler

Having lived on a ranch all her life, Barbara has traveled only as far as California, but hopes to go east after her graduation in June Tennessee.

Upon entering college four years ago, the five feet, seven and onehalf inch Alpha Delta Pi and president of Phi Beta music honorary thought perhaps she'd like to teach high school music. After visiting San Francisco points of interest to the library to study . . . changed last summer, however, Miss Bentley has become more interested in radio. Besides, she thinks San dozing off . . . heard beautiful mu-Francisco has a wonderful atmosphere . . . would like to live there like that. . . . There was a pause someday . . . maybe as a radio

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Friday night, October 27, 1944, Ophelia saw men . . . eleven at a time . . . several times. Her watery eyes uncrossed as she watched them calisthenic down the field. Decided to quit college and enter Eugene high or Corvallis. Tall men, real men . . . slowly Ophelia focussed her eyes on No. 60 . . . aimed a pass. . . . He ran . . . she ran . . . into interference by the water Fruit gum, and crispy, cracking voice . . . Ophelia fell in love with Wilbert, the water boy.

Halfway through the game Wilhas yet seen is "Carmen," brought bert dashed out to the team . . . no Wilbert. Someone kept yelling, 'Send a substitute!" Ophelia said that would be all right, but she . . . she thought was "wonderful." The never got the substitute. Just a musical miss generally prefers little bitter, our able dolly hung on the goal posts . . . pushed back every one of Eugene's goal kicks .. score, 18 to 0. . . . Ophelia heh-From her high school days at hehed all the way home. Saturday night she spent the evening sending telegrams in a booth at the Hallowe'en dance. A speedy little a result, refereed every battle . . .

A touching scene occurred . . . some big, huge, brawny, immense man with shoulders (all of 5 ft. ¼ in. in his dress shoes) picked Ophelia up . . . all of her . . . struggled to a corner . . . planted her among the pumpkins and cornstalks. Everyone said she was the to visit relatives and friends in best looking scarecrow at the Pennsylvania, New York, and dance. Miss Glamour Ghoul of 1944, 1945, etc. Ophelia's cabbage leaf hair wilted under the emotion of the moment . . . she blew her red nose . . . redder. Kicked herself for not trying out for Miss Lane

> Had to study on Sunday . . . went her mind . . . went to the Browsing room to sleep. Just as she was sic . . . fifth symphonies and stuff for station identification and then someone said . . . in Ophelia's ear . . . this is the sixtieth movement of Beethoven's. . . . "Oh yes, I know that one" chortled Ophelia. Gracefully she leapt to her feet and double-jointed around the

> Ophelia will never understand what happened next. Ungentle hands grabbed her in the middle of a pirouette and a song . . . splintered through the venetian blinds on her way out. "I Wanna Dance With the Dolly With the Hole in Her Stocking" begged Ophelia.

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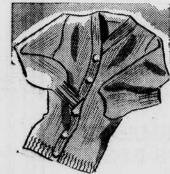
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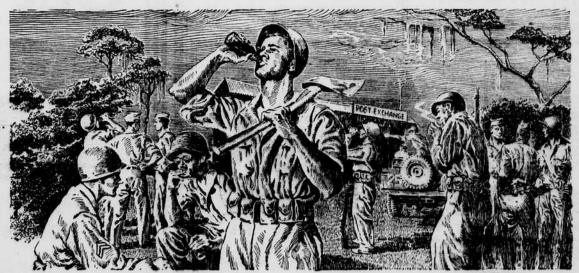
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