

Marie Rogndahl Will Appear In Opera Program for NBC

Marie Rogndahl, the University alumna who two years ago won a thirteen week engagement on the Hour of Charm as guest vocalist, will appear on a program of all English operas over NBC, December 2, 7:30 p. m. One of her selections will be "The Bell Song," sung in English.

Miss Rogndahl has a contract with the National Concert Association, who arranged for this performance. She went south last spring for auditions and while auditioning for NBC, the road manager for the National Concert Association heard her and offered her a contract.

Summer Session

Miss Rogndahl then came back to Eugene and worked with her instructor, Sigurd Nilssen, professor of voice in the school of music, for four hours a day all summer.

Now in New York, Miss Rogndahl is still having auditions. She recently auditioned for the Metropolitan, and will probably appear on the Metropolitan Auditions of the Air.

Miss Rogndahl studied for four years here with Nilssen, who believes she has one of the finest voices on the air. "Marie has a good voice," he stated, "but she has blossomed into a fine artist by hard work. She was always the first one in the practice room in the morning, and the last one to leave."

Jerome Kern Audition

Nilssen said that everyone for whom Miss Rogndahl has auditioned was thrilled with her voice. He related that she auditioned for the late Jerome Kern, who was very pleased with her voice, and advised her to go to New York, and get experience in light opera.

A second Marie Rogndahl is in the making right here in Eugene, Nilssen believes. She is 13-year-old Constance Seymour, the daughter of the owner of Seymour's restaur-



MARIE ROGND AHL
University graduate, class of '45, who is now in New York auditioning for music critics.

ant, and she's also studying with Nilssen.

"I heard a voice outside mimic Marie as she practiced cadenzas and one day I discovered who the voice was," he related. "She has just started studying, but someday I think she'll be a second Marie Rogndahl," he said.

Certain kinds of fish can move one eye in one direction, and the other eye in the other direction. Such a fish can fix one eye on an object, and let the other eye rove about.

'No Rapid Change in Japanese Ideology,' Says Journal Editor

Eyewitness Relates Japan's Surrender

By **MARYANN HOWARD**

"You can't modernize a country in a few years nor can you expect a quick change in the Japanese people," declared Philip L. Jackson, editor and publisher of the Oregon Journal after a speech to students and faculty Tuesday night in which he related his eyewitness story of the Japanese surrender.

"It will take quite a while for the Japanese people to know the meaning of freedom of thought, much less of speech," he said. "They haven't been taught to think—they have been told what to think. Structurally their schools resemble those you see in this country, but the material taught in the schools is all of one pattern—a pattern acceptable to the military and the "thought control" policies which are more like the German Gestapo than anything else."

Jackson expected to be away only two or three weeks when he left Portland as the guest of the war and navy departments to write the progress and the struggle in the Pacific. He had been to the Far East years before, but this trip turned out to last over two months. He traveled by plane, air-plant carrier, and cruisers to several of the war fronts of the Pacific and was aboard the battleship USS Missouri when the treaty with Japan was signed.

Women Scorned

Women foreign correspondents, at least in the theater in which he traveled, were few, stated Mr. Jackson. "It's an absurd place for women journalists," he said, "as it's definitely not setup for women and they keep turning up where they're not supposed to be. I recall two representatives from AP and UP who were trying to beat each other ashore so one could claim to be the first one there. But they both had to take the same boat to shore and it was left for honor."

Equal Suffrage

Women in Japan are little more than servants and chattel, said Jackson. In the coming election they will have the right, for the first time, to vote along with the men. Maybe this is the beginning, said the editor; maybe the women will develop a position of near-equality, although such development depends upon their class,

their opportunities, and the breaking down of old customs. As for Japanese newspapers and newspapermen, Jackson feels that they will welcome a free press. "They're pretty good papers, too," he commented; "you can tell that by their circulation—usually two and three million. They had their own news services until the military gained control, when they were merged to form Domei, the official news agency. The newspapers have always been in a measure controlled," continued Jackson. "I remember in 1934 when the papers used to come out with "blank" spaces on the front pages, because certain stories were considered unwise to print. Yes, I think the Japs will welcome a free press, but they will have to learn that they are free."

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All living organizations including dorms and co-ops will be closed during Thanksgiving vacation, it was announced at the last Heads of Houses meeting, Monday. However it was decided that if enough girls from the dorms remained, one of the halls would be kept open.

Recommendations opposing the re-routing of buses from Willamette street to Oak street were sent in to the Eugene city council as it was felt that the latter street does not present as favorable a situation for coeds to wait for the buses.

Harriet Farr, vice-president, presided at the short meeting.

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