

Local Radio Fans Resent Judging Of Recent "Contest"

Popularity of Radio Station KIEM, Eureka, dropped from the pedestal two weeks ago following the disputed judging of the program: "Stars of 1960," in which Patsy Cook, local sophomore, competed and was believed to have been the best contestant by all who understand music, singing and judging.

Singing "Indian Love Call," Patsy was said to have given her best performance. She placed in fourth place in the semi-finals, and was adjudged second to a four-year-old Eureka girl in the finals.

During the judging in the semi-finals, Dave Hildebrand, one of KIEM's popular announcers, and a favorite of the juvenile listeners, quit his job in disgust, telling people he could not treat any child in the manner he had witnessed.

Patsy, who won first in Dec. 1949 contest of "Stars of 1960," was supposed to have received a radio as prize. To date she has never been given the prize. Her mother, living not far from Eureka, has made regular inquiries but has always been brushed off with the remark: "The stock has not arrived."

The prize dangled in front of the contestants in the recent elimination was the promise of singing on the Breakfast Gang and Mel Venter, Aug. 5.

Since Dave Hildebrand left the broadcasting of childrens stor-

ies and programs, the popularity among the young fry. Dave was usually reading greetings to a dozen or more youngsters almost every evening, the past week three has been the average.

Local people who heard the recent contest, say that Patsy Cook is far superior to what she was last December, had come out with a rich and distinctively operatic voice. Now 14, she is under guidance of Mrs. Norine Harvey, accredited teacher of piano, voice and pipe-organ.

LOCAL NEWS

Woody Walsted, formerly of Florence, has signed with the Veterans administration to take on-the-job training with the Pilot, and with the Typo-Print at Gold Beach.

Sam Dotson and son, Sammy, made a trip to Ashland last Friday to bring his wife and Mrs. Gladys Payne home after they completed the eight weeks summer school session at Southern Oregon College of Education.

Mrs. Minnie Byrd returned to her home at Coquille the latter part of the week after enjoying a visit with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Emma Hellrig and family at their home on the Winchuck.

Mrs. Vivian Hudson left for southern California last week after visiting for a month at the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Tolman. She stopped at Santa Rosa to visit on her way home.

Jack Kinney is employed up the Chetco River by Dick Griffith to make repairs on the lodge — on the former Helen Richards place near the upper Chetco bridge. Mrs. Kinney is enjoying a visit in the same area at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sy Payne.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ginther and children returned home on Saturday from Corvallis where they have been while Mr. Ginther attended summer school at Oregon State College.

Rotary Visitors Tuesday included Arnold Vogel of Sacramento, Calif., Geo. Milford and Dr. Doane of Red Bluff, and Mr. Morgan of Gold Beach.

Mrs. Pernot Duff returned last week from a ten-day visit at Corvallis with her sister. She reports that she got in a great deal of painting while gone, and especially appreciative of Crater Lake, which she visited for the first time.



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