

First Daughter Quells Rumor Of Romance

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20—(AP)—Margaret Truman squelched talk of romance today and said she wears a ring on her engagement finger because she needs to keep her right hand free for shaking hands.

The point came up at a White House news conference where the daughter of President and Mrs. Truman discussed her professional singing career.

One reporter said that Mr. Truman had been quoted as saying he would rather have grandchildren than an opera star in the family.

Margaret laughed and said she and her father had both been so busy she hadn't had time to take it up with him.

She said she intends to continue her singing career and she hasn't given up the idea of opera.

And as for a movie contract and rumored big money offers for a New York night club appearance, Margaret replied, "I've never seen the offers, just read about them."

"What about a romance?" asked a reporter, mindful of the fact that women have successfully combined professional careers and homes.

"None — definitely," replied Margaret.

"That ring" — a reporter began calling attention to a ring on the third finger of Margaret's left hand.

Quickly, Margaret shifted it to her right hand. "That is the ring mother and dad gave me when I graduated from George Washington," she said, explaining that she usually wore it on her left hand because she was so constantly shaking hands.

Most babies and young children are farsighted.

Salem Heights Pageant Portrays Nativity



SALEM HEIGHTS — Above is the closing scene of the Salem Heights school Christmas pageant, "The Nativity," which was presented both Wednesday and Thursday nights at the school. In the picture of the cast are: Mary, played by Barbara Anderson; Joseph, Donald Smith; shepherds, Robert Stevely, Bruce Lethin, Paul Harvey, John Wilbur, Bruce Noble; wise men, Caspar, Edward Robertson, Melchior, George Matters, Balthazar, Freddie Bolton; big angels, Charlotte Graber, LaDonna Hershey, Sheila Tulare, Gay Blackman, Sharon Whitacre, Joyce Randall, Nancy Hageman, Anita Tanning, Helen Stesney; little angels, Sally Joe Reinwald, Charlotte Fensford, Mary Hillius, Ruth Harnsberger, Joyce Hewitt, Marcia Moses; children of all nations, American, Gary Weber and Barbara McMullen; Indian, Jerry Hutchinson and Delores Paris; Dutch, Jane Butler and Dennis Hardman; Hawaiian, Margo Hudkins and Bobby Maddy; Japanese, Lorna Reed and Thurman Krater; Eskimo, Hilda Maxwell and Carl Maxwell; Russian, Pauline Loucks and Eugene Strausbaugh; South American, Lois Robins and Billy Sharp; Chinese, Neva Smith and Dicky Bandy; American, Marilyn Gronewold and Khris Lethin; Spanish, Daria McElroy and Jon Eyerly. (Photo by Glenn Wade)

Fund Deficit, Surplus Due At Same Time

For the first time in history Oregon will be faced with a general fund deficit of approximately \$6,000,000, along with an "untouchable" income tax surplus of \$53,000,000 by June 30, 1949, because of the constitutional 6 per cent property tax limit unless voters approve transfer of that amount from surplus income revenues at the general election in November, 1948.

This warning was issued Saturday by State Treasurer Leslie M. Scott. He explained that deficit is being created by the tax limitation, passed by the voters as a constitutional amendment in 1916, which provides that property taxes in any one year may not exceed 6 per cent more than the highest of any of the previous three years.

Income tax surpluses, Scott said, would total about \$53,000,000 on June 30, 1949, but cannot be diverted into the general fund except by the voters' approval. Transfer of the \$6,000,000, or more if necessary, from the income tax surplus to cover the deficit, will be referred to the voters in November, 1948, by authorization of the 1947 legislature.

The state treasurer estimated the state income tax would return \$4,000,000 additional revenue in this fiscal year, ending June 30, 1948, as the result of Thursday's decision of the state supreme court affirming lower income tax exemptions and imposing a 1 per cent state withholding tax.

Of the additional revenue, Scott said, \$2,500,000 will come from lowered exemptions, \$750,000 from withholding and \$750,000 from changes in the short form return and from the new 8 per cent bracket.

Shelburn School Vacation Is Short

SHELburn — Shelburn school will be in recess December 25 and 26, also January 1 and 2 only. The pupils will put on a program Tuesday night. The teacher, Mrs. Gray, will spend Christmas with relatives in Independence.

Andy Thorp is working at the carpenter trade in Seattle. Two of Mrs. Thorp's sons are staying with her mother while her husband is away.

Leland Miller is employed at the Snow Peak logging camp. Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Merritt attended the Swanson's Durham sale last Monday.

Dallas Woman Spends Christmas in Mexico

DALLAS — Mrs. Allie Hennigan and Marjorie Wiseman of Portland are on an extended tour of the southwestern states and Mexico. They expect to spend Christmas in Mexico City.

Miss Wiseman, formerly employed at the Farmers Co-operative Co. here, is on a month's vacation from her Portland position.

FRENCH HEAR OF TRAIN

WESTOVER FIELD, Dec. 20—(AP)—One hundred thousand pamphlets picturing the Friendship Train on its run through the United States were loaded aboard an air transport command plane today. With captions in French, they are intended to be dropped over France to acquaint that nation with America's food-collecting effort.

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All's Well That Ends Well

BATON ROUGE, La., Dec. 20—(AP)—A former soldier, once reported killed in action, is planning to remarry his first wife; that is, as soon as she is divorced from her second husband.

Truman Version of Marshall Aid Wins Europe Plaudits

LONDON, Dec. 20—(AP)—Western Europe's newspapers other than the communist press generally expressed approval today of President Truman's presentation of the Marshall plan to congress.

Papers favoring the plan agreed that the president's request for \$17,000,000,000 to finance a program of economic aid for 16 nations would give war-battered western Europe a chance to recover.

In London the Financial Times also pointed out that "plainly a plan of this scope will require a substantial sacrifice by the American people."

A British foreign office spokesman, volunteering a "word of welcome," termed the program "a tremendous event in the history of postwar Europe" and said "it is difficult to speak of it with too much enthusiasm."

DR. MILLER, 83, DIES. FORTLAND, Dec. 20—(AP)—Dr. Herbert C. Miller, 83, founder of the North Pacific College of Dentistry, now the University of Oregon Dental school, died today at Newport, Ore.

2 Men Enlist In Air Forces

Two three-year enlistments in the U.S. air force by Willamette valley men were announced Saturday by the Salem army and air force recruiting station.

Cpl. Billy Lee Fredericks of Brownsville, who served more than a year in Burma and China during the war, re-enlisted. His wife, Eunice Ariene, and their two children reside in Brownsville.

Sylvan O. Person of Jefferson enlisted as a private. The son of Mrs. Nellie Person of Jefferson, he attended Portland Union academy.



CAPE — This new fur cape is styled by Weisig in royal pastel mutation. In harmony with current fashion trends it features a generous swirling circular line.

Century Span of 'Smith Kids' to Appear at Party

LEBANON, Dec. 20—(Special)—The "Smith kids" will be honored by the Lebanon and Albany Kiwanis clubs Monday at a "Smith Kids Christmas Party" at the Lebanon high school.

The "kids" to be honored are Jim Smith, Waterloo, 105 years old, and Jimmy Smith, Albany, six-months. The elderly Smith, a Civil War veteran, will bring along his "young" brother, Ben, who is 93.

The 105-year-old Smith crossed the plains to Oregon in the Gilliam wagon train in 1844 when he was one. Jimmy, the son of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Smith, 917 E. 8th st., Albany, was born in Albany General hospital October 26, 1947.

Albany and Lebanon merchants have contributed a large array of gifts including three radio-phonographs which will be presented to the Smiths at the party. The public has been invited to attend.

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