

Salem Girl Chosen Girls' State Leader

(Photo on Page 1)
Petite, brown-eyed Shirley Blush of Salem was elected governor of Girls' State Friday and will preside over the girls' "legislature" sessions today.

Sixteen-year-old, 92-pound, 5-foot-two Shirley is the first Salem girl ever to be elected governor since Girls' State first started in 1940. And probably the tiniest.

In the elections Thursday on the Willamette campus Shirley won the governorship over Kay Ruberg, another Salem girl. Shirley's sister, Gail Blush, attended last year's Girls' State here and was elected a delegate to Girls' Nation in Washington, D. C.

Other Officers
Other principal state officers elected at the week-long American Legion Auxiliary-sponsored session, Thursday include secretary of state, Joan Van Ocker of Athena; state treasurer, Gayle Childers of Eugene; attorney general, Mary McCready of Forest Grove, and labor commissioner, Janice Swenson of Sherwood.

Donna McCoy of Corvallis was elected chief justice of the supreme court. Justices elected were Kathleen Schiller of Portland, Delores Allister of Dallas and Sue Kellar of Cave Junction. Gerry Crosby of Gresham was elected superintendent of public instruction.

The girls will practice legislative procedure this morning and then conduct "senate" and "house" legislative sessions in the Capitol at gatherings open to the public beginning at 1:15 p.m. Senate officers elected Thursday, who will preside today, include Pat Allison of Oregon City, president; Mildred Gail of Gold Hill, chief clerk; Shirley Corn of Hillsboro, reading clerk; De Ann McMurry of Portland, sergeant-at-

arms and Rosella Wolf of Sublimity, calendar clerk.

House Officers
House officers are Marlene Williams of Portland, speaker; Pat Brice of Monroe, chief clerk; Joan Bennion of Portland, reading clerk; Mary Hogan of Columbia City, calendar clerk; and Barbara Brosamile of Yamhill, sergeant-at-arms.

A popular annual ceremony, open to the public, will be repeated again this year when the girls conduct candlelight rites Saturday at 9:30 p.m. in the rotunda of the Capitol.

Girls Gov. Blush was inaugurated Thursday afternoon at a program in the Capitol at which Gov. Paul Patterson participated. Also present as adult guests were Oregon Commander of the Legion Dallas Nollch of Portland; Auxiliary State President Mrs. Forrest Erickson of Estacada, and Girls State Director Mrs. Wayne Pond of Corvallis.

Special guest was Jan Markstaller, Portland Rose Festival queen and a member of Girls' State last year.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Blush, 945 Cross St., the new girl governor will be a senior next fall at Salem High School where she is a member of the National Honor Society and a debate team member. She is active in Baptist Church work, a choir member and is nicknamed "Ponytail."

Strategic Air Command to Move to Guam

TOKYO (AP)—The Air Force Friday placed all its heavy bombers in the Far East under the Strategic Air Command—the nation's atomic bomb carrier—and will pull them out of Japan to Guam.

The change will mean eclipse for the lumbering B29 Superforts of World War II and Korean combat days and the eventual arrival of swift, giant jet bombers to provide the striking force in the Far East.

The removal of the heavy bomber headquarters from Japan to Guam will accomplish a double objective.

First, the long-range bombers can perch on Guam, protected behind a vast radar screen against any surprise attack.

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SPORTS EDITOR—
Anne Morrissey, of Highland Park, Ill., will serve next year as the first coed ever named sports editor of Cornell University's Daily Sun, Ithaca, N. Y.

Disorderly Conduct Charge Laid to Man

A man who identified himself to Salem city police as Richard Donald Kerr, 27, of Bend, was lodged in city jail early this morning on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Kerr was arrested in downtown Salem after five Silverton girls complained to police that Kerr followed them around town in his car late last night exposing himself repeatedly.

Surprising Number Attends 'Blithe Spirit' Opening Night

By MAXINE BUREN
Statesman Staff Writer

A "Full Barn" sign might well have been hung out by the Pentacle Players on Thursday night when they produced Noel Coward's "Blithe Spirit" as the first of a number of summer plays planned for production in the Stanley Waters' barn on Dallas highway.

Though the company is new, most of the players are seasoned amateurs with considerable experience.

A surprising number of first nighters drove out to the converted-barn for this opening of the series of three performances of the farce which deals with a writer, his live and dead wives, a spiritualist, his friends and servant.

Glen Smith as Charles Condomine, showed his experience in the playing of his part. This is his third casting as Charles. Sue Juba as Ruth is a former Willamette university player. Gran Gholson, who was Elvira, has had previous experience in the Midwest. Sheila Laue, who appeared as a very convincing Mme. Arcati, has also played Willamette University leads. Pat Cowman was Edith, the maid, and Dick Schmidt and Marion Hendrick appeared as Dr. and Mrs. Bradman.

The play is excellent, and much effort and ingenuity has been put into the conversion of the barn into an arena-theater.

An admonition to go early may be in order for the two remaining nights of the play's run, for even the opening night crowd filled the small theater well before curtain time.

Californian Says Salem Wonderful

"Salem looks wonderful and is way out in front in comparison with those cities to the South," a Californian businessman said Thursday on his arrival here for a week's vacation.

He is Wayne Elgin, former Salem resident, who has been with Sears, Roebuck 25 years and is now with its sales promotion department in Los Angeles. He is here visiting a cousin, Robert Elgin.

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