

# Mary Martin Wins Congratulations for Peter Pan Portrayal

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48 Million See TV Show Monday

NEW YORK (UP) — Monday night's audience for the NBC-TV "Peter Pan" was estimated at 48 million persons on the basis of a Trendex spot sampling in 15 cities, NBC announced Tuesday. The normal audience for "Producers' Showcase," the every fourth Monday 90-minute "spectacular" which presented "Peter Pan," has been between 24 and 30 million. According to TV trade talk, Mary Martin collected \$50,000 for her work in the production.

# Icebreaker Ends 2-Month Antarctic Trip

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (UP) — The U.S. Navy icebreaker Atka docked in summery Buenos Aires Monday after a two-month trail blazing expedition to the Antarctic. Many of her 276 crewmen and civilian technicians—away from civilization since the ship sailed Jan. 7 from Wellington, New Zealand—headed for the city's steak houses as soon as they were granted liberty. They had been without beef for three weeks because the supply on board had spoiled. The Atka will remain in Buenos Aires a week to take on supplies for the trip back to the United States. Carrying out the first U.S. explorations in the South Polar region in seven years, teams from the Atka visited Rear Adm. Richard E. Byrd's Little America and scouted the Atlantic side of Antarctica.

**Bases Searched**  
They discovered several good sites for new bases. Helicopters and weasels—tread-equipped jeeps—were used in the surveys. The work was in preparation for a wide range of scientific studies in which some 38 nations are expected to take part in 1957-58.

Summarizing the Atka preliminary expedition, the Navy reported: Teams investigated Little America, the Ross Sea base of four earlier American expeditions. It was found that shifting ice virtually had destroyed its usefulness.

**Damaged Camp**  
The protected Bay of Whales and part of one camp had been wiped out. The others were imperiled.

Some equipment from the 1946-47 naval expedition was salvaged. Food supplies were perfectly preserved. A 1934 windmill, found still turning, was dismantled and brought back as a gift for Byrd. The Atka reached a point 696 miles from the South Pole. The only vessel that ever got closer was one with Amundsen's 1911 expedition. It moored 600 miles from the pole.

The only recreation of the ship during the two months was a beer party on ice ledges at newly discovered Adm. Byrd Bay and occasional skiing and hunting jaunts. The Antarctic weather was mild all during the explorations. The lowest temperature aboard ship was 11 degrees above zero. The lowest on ice where the scientists worked was zero.

# OSC Students Take Firsts in Speech Contest

CORVALLIS (UP) — Connie Kinser and David Jabusch, both of Oregon State College, won first places in the annual Oregon Intercollegiate Oratorical Contest Tuesday.

Shirley Jaeger, Linfield, was second and Jo Ann Lundy, Northwest Christian College, Eugene, third, in the women's division. David Arnold, Northwest Christian, and Wallace Corey, Linfield, were second and third among the men competitors.

Paul E. Ouellette of the University of Portland, was elected president of the Intercollegiate Forensic Assn. for the coming year. Serving with him will be Roy D. Mahanffy, Linfield, vice president, and Thurston Doler, Oregon State, executive secretary.

# No Restriction On Petitioners, Thornton Rules

There is no restriction as to how often a school district board may be subjected to a petition for the selection, purchase, exchange or sale of a schoolhouse site, Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton held here Tuesday. The opinion was requested by District Attorney Winston L. Bradshaw of Clackamas County, in connection with the relocation of a schoolhouse site.

**ANTIQUITY ADVERTISING**  
SULPHUR, Okla. (UP) — Charles Cofer plans to advertise his purchase of an old hotel in this resort town. He says he will put signs along highways advising the hotel is "under new management" and "top each with one of the discarded sloop jars used for nearly 60 years in hotel rooms."

# GOP Leaders Sure Senate to Down Tax Cut

By WHITNEY SHOEMAKER  
WASHINGTON (UP) — Republican leaders expressed renewed confidence Tuesday the Senate will turn back a Democratic drive to reduce income taxes by \$20 a person. The showdown could come early next week.

Coming away from a White House conference, Senate GOP Leader Knowland of California predicted rejection "by a very substantial margin."

Not backing down, Democratic Leader Johnson (D-Tex.) said he believed a forthcoming report by proponents of the cut "will appeal to the reason and good judgment of the Senate."

Johnson announced in the Senate that the bitterly debated tax measure will be taken up Thursday. He commented that "many members will want to express their views" and said no vote would be called before Monday.

Democrats supporting the general income tax cut were given until Wednesday midnight to send in more ammunition. The six Finance Committee Democrats who voted for the \$20 provision originally were to have submitted their report at noon Tuesday, but the Senate agreed unanimously to extend the deadline.

Two other Democrats on the committee — Chairman Byrd (Va.) and George (Ga.) — sided last week with the seven GOP members to disapprove the section of a House measure which has caused all the argument. It would allow a \$20 credit for every income taxpayer and dependent, beginning next Jan. 1.

The reduction would cost an estimated \$2,200,000,000 in revenue. Democratic votes in the House forced the provision into an administration bill to continue for another year present corporate and excise tax rates. Without legislation, those rates will drop April 1 to a loss to the Treasury of some three billion dollars.

Senate rejection of the income tax proposal would send the measure back to the House. Sharp differences have been voiced on whether that body would accept a bill without the income tax provision or force it to a compromise-seeking conference with the Senate.

# Lester Henson, Former Salem Resident, Dies

Word of the death of Lester Henson, former Salem resident, was received here Tuesday. Henson, 86, died at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Charles Milbrandt, Newport, after a lengthy illness. Henson was born in Otoe County, Nebraska, but came to Oregon some years ago. He is survived by five children, Mrs. Milbrandt, Newport; Mrs. Vera Hartford, Portland; Mrs. Alta Powell, Leaburg; Vern Henson, Seattle, Wash.; and Ora Henson, Klamath Falls; 20 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be in Lebanon at Huston's Funeral Home at 1 p.m.

# Rose Queen Plans Alaska Appearance

PORTLAND (UP) — Jan Markstaller, queen of the 1954 Rose Festival, will leave Wednesday for Fairbanks, Alaska, where she will represent Oregon in the 1955 Winter Carnival, March 10-13. Miss Markstaller now is a freshman at Oregon State College.

# New Bridge Spans Columbia



UMATILLA, Ore. — Traffic time-saver nearing completion in the Northwest is this new span being built by U.S. Steel's American Bridge Division across the Columbia River at Umatilla, Ore., just below McNary Dam. The 3500-ton steel crossing will replace a ferry operated by Umatilla County. It will cut motorists' driving time from Oregon to Spokane and other Washington locations.

# Rebel Troops Attack Force Of Viet Nam

SAIGON, Indochina (UP) — Bitter fighting has broken out between government forces and rebel auxiliary troops seeking to overthrow the government of free Viet Nam, informed sources said today.

The sources said the government dispatched seven crack battalions supported by armor and artillery to put down the uprising. A dozen rebels were reported killed and many wounded in the first clash. The first battle was reported in the Quang Tri region of central Viet Nam.

Armored cars took up alert positions around the residence of Premier Ngo Dinh Diem whose regime is also threatened by a new coalition of religious sects. Informed sources said National Army troops had been ordered to destroy the rebel movement made up of hundreds of deserters from hard pressed Viet Nam's auxiliary forces.

The rebels were centered in the Montagneuse neighborhood of Belang, some 12 miles west of Quang Tri. The fighting was reported serious, but informed sources called the threat by the religious sect coalition the greatest to Diem since he weathered a crisis last fall over control of free Viet Nam's National Army.

Tension mounted in Saigon and the armored cars moved into alert positions in the gardens of Diem's residence. The atmosphere in the refugee swollen city reflected uneasiness in high quarters. The religious sects, each with its own private army, were the Cao Dai, Hoa Hao and Binh Xuyen.

Last week they suddenly put an end to their private wars and united to demand the formation of a national union front to set up a "strong and honest democratic government."

The statement was regarded as a challenge to Diem who rules on a personal mandate from the Emperor Bao Dai. Viet Nam chief of state. South Viet Nam has no Parliament.

# Head-on Crash Injures Two

A head-on crash southwest of Liberty Tuesday afternoon resulted in a fractured knee for Raymond E. Corcoran, Portland, state police reported.

Driver of the second car was Mrs. Glenna Meredith Hampton, Salem Route 4, who was taken to an Independence physician by her husband. The accident occurred about 5:30 p.m. on Bunker Hill road. Both drivers were alone. Corcoran, taken to Salem General Hospital, was subsequently transferred to St. Vincent's Hospital in Portland.

# Plans Made For Meeting On Education

The governor's planning committee for the state and White House conference on education will meet here March 11 to make plans for a state conference to be held sometime in June, Rex Putnam, committee chairman, announced here Tuesday.

At a meeting Feb. 15 the committee tentatively outlined plans for the conference and decided that six topics recommended by the National White House conference would serve as an important step toward meeting the responsibility placed on the conference program by the President.

These included: What should our schools accomplish? In what way can we organize our school system more efficiently and economically? What are our school building needs? How can we get enough good teachers? How can we finance our schools and build and operate them? How can we obtain a continuing public interest in education?

The state and White House conferences on education are a part of a national plan to enlist citizen action to improve education. Salem members are Gardner Knapp, president of the Oregon School Boards; Rex Putnam, superintendent of public instruction.

# Meteor Seen From Salem

A bright orange glowing meteor, described by a Salem man as half as big as the moon, was seen heading through the skies about 6:55 p.m. Tuesday.

The Associated Press account, quoting the Yakima Weather Bureau, said it was last seen heading south toward the Yakima Indian Reservation, southwest of Yakima. Dozens of Portland persons reported sighting the glowing ball, describing it variously as red, yellow, blue and green. It was spotted from Salem by David C. Ferguson, 4933 Liberty Rd., who described it as being orange with sparks trailing on behind.

**NOMINATION CONFIRMED**  
WASHINGTON (UP) — The Senate Tuesday confirmed President Eisenhower's nomination of Theophile C. Kammholz of Chicago to be general counsel of the National Labor Relations Board.

# Salem CAP Picks Chaplain

Leonard H. Camp, pastor of Garden Road Christian Church for the past two years, has been named squadron chaplain of the Capitol Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol, it was announced Tuesday by Capt. W. D. Garrett, commanding officer.

In other senior member promotions, Lois Alsip was named warrant officer in charge of personnel records, and Robert Suing was promoted to first lieutenant in charge of communications and squadron radio. Among the cadets, Lt. Jerry Gilming and Cpl. James Demers have earned aeronautical ratings as CAP observers. This rating requires 20 hours of airborne orientation and observation flying.

# Salem Firm Wins Contract

D. F. McKenzie of Salem Tuesday was awarded a state highway department contract for grading and rock surfacing 2.67 miles of the Beaver Creek-Greenberry road 10 miles southwest of Corvallis. The contract, for which McKenzie submitted the low bid of \$66,310, also includes one re-inforced concrete bridge 50 feet long. There were five other bidders.

Another contract was let to K. F. Jacobsen & Co. of Portland for grading and paving 3.83 miles of the Damascus section of the Clackamas-Boring road about three miles east of Clackamas. The Jacobsen low bid was for \$148,125. Seven others bid higher.

# Man Charged With Assault

Lester Vernon Monroe, 1019 Seventh St., was jailed under \$50 bond at 9:40 p.m. Tuesday after his wife charged him with assault and battery for hitting her in the jaw, city police reported.

Monroe was arrested on a Polk County warrant issued by Justice of Peace Elmer Cook of West Salem after city first aid men were called to the scene to treat Mrs. Monroe.

# Carrier Named 'Independence'

WASHINGTON (UP) — The Navy Tuesday gave the historic name "Independence" to the fourth new 60,000-ton aircraft carrier that will be started this summer at the Brooklyn Naval Shipyard. The first of the supercarriers, launched several months ago at Newport News, Va. bears the name of Forrestal, honoring the first secretary of defense.

The second of the giant carriers already has been named Saratoga and the third will bear the name Ranger. **TO SEATTLE MEET**  
James I. Poole of Mill City will attend a spring career conference of the New York Life Insurance Co. March 10-12 in Seattle, it was announced by Manager B. M. Downie of the company's Eugene branch out of which Poole works.

# Von Neumann Approved for AEC Position

WASHINGTON (UP) — A mathematical scientist who believes that important discoveries remain to be made in atomic energy Tuesday was unanimously approved as a member of the Atomic Energy Commission by the Joint Senate-House Atomic Committee.

He is Dr. John von Neumann, Hungarian-born researcher who is credited with a major role in the application of high-speed calculating machines to the development of atomic and hydrogen bombs. His nomination to the AEC post by President Eisenhower now goes to the Senate for final confirmation.

A member of the wartime staff at the Los Alamos Atomic Weapons Laboratory and a consultant to all three of the armed services, Von Neumann was a member of the faculty of the Institute of Advanced Study at Princeton, N. J., until his nomination to the AEC last October.

In his appearance before members of the joint committee Tuesday, he was asked by Sen. Pastore (D-R.I.) whether he thought he could serve the atomic program "better as a commissioner than as a consultant."

Replying he thought he could because he'd be working "full time" rather than part-time Von Neumann said "I do think I can be of essential service." He added that he felt scientists could do good work on the commission because "I don't think it's true that all the important discoveries have been made," and that therefore a scientific viewpoint can be of possible assistance in the AEC's overall work. The AEC already has one other scientist, Dr. Willard Libby.

# Denver to Host Potato Meet

DENVER (UP) — A meeting of potato producers in the upper Snake Valley of Idaho will be conducted by the U. S. Department of Agriculture March 16 to nominate representatives to serve on the administrative committee for regulation handling of potatoes in Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon.

The meeting will start at 8 p.m. in the Idaho Falls courthouse. J. W. Gannaway, Fruit and Vegetable Division representative of the department's Marketing Service, said here at least two nominations will be sought for each of the eight committee posts, and a like number for alternate memberships.

Gannaway explained that from the nominations submitted at this meeting and meetings to be scheduled for producers and handlers from the remaining districts covered by the marketing order, the secretary of agriculture will appoint five producers and three handler representatives and their alternates.

Depending on feed and the amount of milk she is producing, a cow will drink from 10 to 20 gallons of water a day.

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