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GOVERNOR SNELL'S BIG MOMENT

To nearly every man, and this includes politicians, comes "a big moment," and this is "the big moment" in the career of Oregon's Governor Earl Snell. He has it in his power to make himself, or some other person, United States Senator in succession to Charles L. McNary. The governor must DO, and a great deal depends upon the manner of his doing. He can establish himself as "a strong man," or can come out of it "a heel." Small wonder that Governor Snell is saying little, listening much, because it is generally recognized that he must act promptly and with decision. Let us consider some of his possible choices:

A. Renounce personal aspirations for the present, and appointment at once of the most impressive Republican he can find with the hope of gaining for this new senator some portion of McNary's "seniority rights" in the Senate, and consolidating behind this man the support of the party at the May primaries and at the finals in November. This would establish Snell as "big hearted and broad minded" and make him outstanding as a party leader, but the hardboiled think it is more likely the sun will rise in the west hereafter.

B. Resign and make a deal with his successor in the governorship (Steiwer) to appoint Snell at once to the Senate. But this sort of deal carries a bad odor and requires a brazen front which for Snell is not quite in character.

C. Appoint a "fill-in" who would be pledged to stand clear after the November election. (There are several acceptable nominees).

D. Resign at once and appoint a "fill-in" who would agree to stand clear as soon as the primaries have been held so that the Republican choice at the primary (Snell himself or any other) could then be appointed to salvage what he could of McNary's seniority without waiting for the scramble with other "freshmen senators" at the new Congress.

This last choice is being urged on Snell by some very astute politicians and it seems like the best for a man of Snell's temperament. It would make it possible for Snell to resign the governorship at once and offer himself in the primaries, but it would leave the field wide open for all other Republican hopefuls. Politically this is important because it would free Snell from the charge of having "hogged the field" or having used the governorship merely as a stepping stone.

The newspaper has reservations as to Snell's fitness for the U. S. Senate in these times, or as to whether he is the best possible successor to McNary. But it will be a long time before any man can rise to position comparable with that which McNary had achieved in Washington, and as one of the hardboiled's points out:

"Patriots are damn scarce, and there is always the question as to whether the so-called Big Shot could get enough votes to wad a shotgun. Snell is at least a vote-getter."

It is no secret that Earl Snell has shaped his whole political career with the Senate in mind. Had McNary lived to the end of the term, the situation would not have been so embarrassing. This did not happen. The choice must be made now and soon. It is legitimate for Snell or any other man to aspire to the toga. But Snell is in the difficult position of a man elected to the highest office of the state of Oregon and this gives him official as well as personal responsibilities. The people will not like intricate manipulations. They will respect straightforward action.

If Snell wants to try for Senate the best course seems to be to give up the governorship and get into the race, but opening the field wide to all fair competition. Snell can make or break himself by the way in which he proceeds. It is his "big moment," the one which will establish his stature.

DAVE HAZEN OF THE OREGONIAN

Literally thousands of the "great" and "near-great" have been presented to the people of the Northwest through the process of interview by The Oregonian's Dave Hazen. Death has come to Dave Hazen. The brethren of the newspaper business will mourn his going. They will miss his presence at many a gathering, his gentleness and courtesy and shy friendliness. But we shall miss most his "vignettes" of people. Although Dave Hazen did not seem to attempt "description and characterization," he was a master craftsmen of persuading the interviewed to describe and characterize themselves in their own words which he reported faithfully. Dave Hazen did not need to say that Senator Blimp was a pompous "stuffed shirt." He let Senator Blimp make that apparent. The writings of Dave Hazen will have a certain historical value. They are a gallery of pictures of people—in their own words. We salute a man who brought honor and dignity to the difficult craft of reporting. He gained no Pulitzer prizes, but he earned respect and affection.

THE AMAZING MAZE

In connection with the coming congressional investigation of Washington's fabulous and labyrinthine Pentagon building, we shall await Rep. Albert Engle's report on his five-months' investigation there with an interest slightly tinged with skepticism.

It takes most people that long just to find their way out, once they're in.

The maple sugar season is just around the corner. There's something sweet to look forward to.

The Japs have found out that the Far East question rates a label, "China—Handle With Care."

Let's not put off what we should put over today—buy Fourth War Loan Bonds!

OLIVE BARBER'S OBSERVATIONS

THE NEIGHBORHOOD PARTIES

The Pumpkin-rollers' ball has become a bi-monthly event in our neighborhood. Entirely unplanned and unorganized, these community gatherings started because we have too little gas to go to town for our amusement, as we did before the war. But so enjoyable do we find them, I think we'd continue was the supply of gasoline unlimited.

In those pre-war days, dances were favored by the young people while shows drew the oldsters. Some just stayed home, as was too frequently the case with the Barbers. I say "too frequently" for there's not one of us but needs some social outlet. We may lose sleep (that commonest of all farmer excuses for not going out at night) but even so, we work with lighter hearts and greater gusto the next day.

These gatherings of ours defy all rules laid down for the making of a successful party. For one thing, ages range from six months to 65 years. Too, there are few who have the interest of a common occupation. You'd think loggers, farmers, mill workers and office people might find it hard going, but they don't.

No routine is followed, the nearest being that we eat our potluck supper shortly after we arrive. The rest of the evening we may sing, play pinochle (I admit this knowing some will disapprove) or we just visit. Attendance runs around 35. It could easily be 60 were our houses large enough to accommodate that many. No invitations are issued; just before we go home some one makes the announcement that we're to meet at her place in two weeks.

It came as a surprise when a newspaper asked that I send a write-up of our social venture. Such gatherings, it was said, were too rare and should be encouraged since they not only provide economical pleasure but also aid, so it was thought, in the juvenile delinquency problem.

So far, I've not written the article. Though I enjoy them hugely yet our activities have a simplicity not in keeping with what most folk have in mind when they "throw a party." The young people giggle and carry on at games in one room while the older people, as I said before, play pinochle or visit. All of us take part in the singing. Maybe some woman will have brought a paper and pencil game she's thought would prove entertaining. If there's a piano in the house, Frank takes his drums. Once, when I knew the hostess had linoleum-covered floor, I took the pup—to the vast approval of the children and the poorly restrained consternation of the adults.

You see for yourself there isn't much to write about. But may goodness! It's fun to do!

SOCIETY, WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

By MARIAN LOWRY

SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY HONORED

A party was given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Ackerman on their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary, Feb. 20, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Beier, with Mrs. Earl Sutherland and Mrs. L. E. Heiser as co-hostesses.

The serving table was lighted with white tapers in crystal holders and centered by an arrangement of pink and white carnations. The wedding cake was also in pink and white with silver bells.

The entertainment of the evening was a mock wedding and games.

A gift of sterling silverware was given to Mr. and Mrs. Ackerman by relatives and friends.

Those invited were: Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. R. Barnette, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Heiser, Mr. and Mrs. W. Reese, Mr. and Mrs. R. Hege, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Leavitt Jr., Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Bealey (Portland), Mr. and Mrs. W. Head, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Ackerman (Jefferson), Mr. and Mrs. O. Erickeson, Mr. and Mrs. Ace Tompson (Klamath Falls) M. McKinnon, Klamath Falls), Otto Nichols; Pat Turner, Portland; Zeke Taylor, Salem; Mr. and Mrs. L. Groves, Mr. and Mrs. O. V. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ralston, and the honored guests and hosts.

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QUOTA CLUB GIVES FOUR SCHOLARSHIPS

Four University of Oregon sophomore women have been awarded scholarships to cover spring term tuition by the Eugene chapter of the Quota International, women's service club, it is announced by Mrs. J. C. Lamb, chairman of Quota's service committee.

The awards were made on the basis of outstanding scholarship to Miss Kay Hill, Eugene; Miss LaVerne Erickson, Oregon City; Miss Aleanor Patterson, La Grande; and Miss Frankie Werst, Portland. Last year when Quota club inaugurated the plan, it was decided to give one scholarship at the end of winter term to an outstanding sophomore woman for her spring term tuition. This year, however, through the gifts of individual club members it was possible to award four such scholarships, although Mrs. Lamb said this is not a precedent for future years.

Miss Hill is a sophomore in prelaw and is interested in speech activities, having just taken second place in the Inter-American Affairs extemporaneous speech contest. Miss Werst, who is a sophomore in music, is a member of Phi Beta, music honorary, and works as a lifeguard in the Gerlinger pool. Miss Erickson, an art student, is employed as a receptionist at the campus YMCA. The winner from LaGrande, Miss Patterson, a journalism major and an Emerald reporter, plays the clarinet in the university band, and finds time to work on the side.

The service committee of which Mrs. Lamb is chairman was aided in its selection by Miss Janet Smith, campus employment secretary. Members of the service committee are: Mrs. Earl Byrom; Mrs. Frank Hill; Mrs. A. N. Townsend; Mrs. Ray Smith; Miss Mardelle Edwards, Miss Thelma Schafer. Mrs. Gertrude Graham is president of the Quota club.

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HERE FROM MEDFORD

Mrs. C. C. Hunt of Medford is visiting here for a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. P. Inman.

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NEW WAVE RECRUIT REPORTED HERE

Newest WAVE recruit from Eugene is Miss Ethel Elaine Cleeton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willis T. Cleeton, 1622 Ferry street, reports Chief William E. Bell, recruiter in charge of the Eugene U. S. navy recruiting substation.

Miss Cleeton graduated from Eugene high school in 1940.

Since February, 1943, she has been employed here.

Miss Cleeton has a brother who is a private in the U. S. army, now serving overseas.

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Miss Doris Doreen Casebeer, a graduate of University high school in 1941, has enlisted in the WAVES and has reported to the WAVES indoctrination school at Hunter college, New York City, it is reported by Chief William E. Bell, in charge of the Eugene U. S. navy recruiting substation, which handles WAVES applications in this area.

She attended Behnke-Walker Business college in Portland, majoring in secretarial accounting. She was active in school affairs at University high school as president of the sophomore class, treasurer of Girls' League, president of the senior drill team, and a member of the Girls Athletic association.

She is a member of the First Presbyterian church, Portland.

Miss Casebeer joins her brother in a full-time war job, Albert L. Casebeer, who is a sergeant in the U. S. army, now stationed at Camp Claiborne, La.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Casebeer, Portland.

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FROM CALIFORNIA

Miss Karolyn Koepke of Los Angeles, formerly of Eugene, arrived Friday to be here for a week or ten days. She is to be one of the bridesmaids for the wedding of Miss Barbara Huntington and Lt. John Clayton, Jr., next Saturday evening.

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ADVISERS MEET

Sorority Alumnae Advisers group held its meeting the past week. The group has decided to meet but once a term.

Plans for next year's rushing were discussed. The schedule is about the same as for last fall, except the period will be longer, the advisers were told.

Attending the meeting were Mrs. C. L. Schwering, dean of women; Mrs. Lloyd C. Thomas from Gamma Phi Beta; Mrs. V. D. Callison of Pi Beta Phi; Miss Betsy Steffen of Delta Delta Delta; Mrs. Eldon Woodin of Kappa Alpha Theta; Mrs. Floyd Westerfield of Alpha Delta Pi; Miss Lorraine Davidson, president of active Panhellenic group; Miss Lora Case, past president of Panhellenic; and Miss Dorothy Rowland of Alpha Delta Pi.

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RETURN FROM PORTLAND

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Collett have returned from Portland where they visited their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Cauller, and their new granddaughter, who has been named Nedra Jonelle Cauller. The baby, born Feb. 25, is the first grandchild of the Colletts.

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SANTA CLARA CLUB

The Santa Clara Women's club is to meet Friday afternoon at one o'clock in the church basement.

Mrs. James Cadman, Mrs. Tony Reinholtz, and Mrs. Harry Ditter are hostesses for the meeting.

DELTA KAPPA GAMMA MEETS AT DINNER

Gamma chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma, women's honorary in education, held its March meeting at the home of Mrs. Robert Wilson, Saturday evening.

Dinner was served at six o'clock and following the business meeting, Miss May Murphy and Mrs. Alvia Whetherell, both of Roseburg, were initiated. Guest speaker for the meeting was Dr. J. F. Cramer, city superintendent of schools, who spoke on the army's educational program.

Beside the Eugene chapter members, six members from the Cottage Grove chapter, and five from the Roseburg chapter were present.

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WOMEN MARINES LEAVING

Two women marine corps privates have received orders for their transfer to Camp Lejeune, N. C., to begin training on March 8. They are Misses Aby May Schrader, 560½ Thirteenth Avenue west and Marybelle Jane Stas, 257 15th Avenue east.

According to Sergeant L. L. Pittenger of the local recruiting office, they will leave from Portland with twelve other women reservists by train March 3.

Private Anna Kendler Peterson of the marine corps women's reserve, 338 Sixth Avenue west, has received her orders to report to Camp Lejeune, New River, N. C., for duty.

She will leave in time to enter the class beginning March 22. Seven other women marines will accompany Private Peterson on her trip east.

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WEDDING REPORTED IN WASHINGTON, D. C.

Announcement has come to Eugene friends of the marriage of Miss Juanita (Nita) King, formerly of Eugene, to Keith Harding of Rutledge, Pa., seaman guard stationed at the navy yard in Washington.

The bride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larrey King, left last June for Washington to work. While in Washington she visited Betty and Gene Rowell, graduates of Eugene high school now living in Washington, Gene being stationed there after returning from overseas duty. Mrs. Harding also visited her father, Larrey King, who is in the navy in Gulfport, Miss.

The bride will be in Rutledge, Pa., with Mr. Harding's people while he is away.

Her mother, Mrs. Larrey King, and her brother, Billy, are moving to Weatherford, Texas, to live with Mrs. King's sister.

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MISS PAULINE HOLBROOK AND JAMES L. COOLEY WED

CRESWELL. — Of interest to Creswell friends is the wedding in Portland, Sunday, February 20 of Miss Pauline Holbrook, youngest daughter of C. V. Holbrook of Creswell, and James L. Cooley of Burns, Rev. H. Mueller officiating. The attendants were Mrs. R. L. Clark of Portland and Mr. Holbrook, father of the bride. A dinner followed the ceremony.

The couple left for a few days at Seaside after which they will be at home in Portland where both are engaged in defense work. Guests at the wedding were Mrs. Ralph Helseth of Eugene, Mrs. R. L. Clark, Mrs. John Maki, Mr. and Mrs. T. Kurtz, and Mrs. Lillian Adams of Portland, and C. V. Holbrook of Creswell. The bride is a graduate of the Creswell high school, later attending the University of Oregon.

WASHINGTON LETTER

By PETER EDSON
Register-Guard Washington Correspondent

DRAMA IN THE HIMALAYAS

First personal experience story of American pilots forced down while flying "the hump" of the Himalaya mountains on the aerial Burma road from China to India comes from C. J. Hosbert and Charles Hammel of Philadelphia. Both survived the crash and lived to tell the tale, but the story of their return to civilization, through the mountains, easily ranks as one of the classic thrillers of the war.

Hosbert had been an original volunteer Flying Tiger. Hammel was a veteran of African desert flying. On the Burma air route, they flew a Douglas C-47 transport for the Pan-American, Chinese National Airways Corporation, the line that since the start of the war has made a record of escaping the Jap Zeros by flying only in bad weather.

On their last flight from India, they took off in a pea soup fog, which, at 12,000 feet was a lake of water and at 18,000 feet was six inches of ice on the wings and windows. All this obscurity made them safe from Zeros. Another 1000 feet, another 20 minutes and they'd be over the hump. Hosbert pressed his hand against the window to melt the ice and did make a hole through which he squinted—to see a peak rise dead ahead. He grabbed the controls, banked the plane, missed the cliff by inches, but then the bottom of the cabin scraped the side of the mountain and the plane crashed.

Plane Buried in Snow

The Chinese radio operator was instantly killed, his neck broken. Hosbert had a broken left ankle. Hammel's face was cut and his right ankle was sprained so that at the high altitude, in the below-zero cold, it took him nearly an hour to move the 25-foot length of the cabin to get parachutes for blankets and the six tins of emergency rations.

By morning the plane was buried under two feet of snow, beyond possible recognition by rescuers. They crawled out in dazzling sunlight and, five miles away, 5000 feet below, saw the timberline. But they had no idea where they were.

The next day they made sleds out of floor boards, splinted their legs with strips of parachute cloth and tied themselves to the sleds. The sleds upset and sent them spilling, rolling in the snow, down the mountain. That way they made progress, rolling. Just before nightfall they reached timberline, and running water—a stream they could follow to civilization.

For eight days they hobbled down the mountain, subsisting on one bite of food, morning and evening, to end at a series of steep falls over sheer cliffs. Then Hammel spotted a vine climbing-rope that led to a trail, clearly blazed by notched saplings. They followed that trail for three days.

Reach Refuge

On the 13th day they came to a clearing in which were the burned ruins of a hut, and that night came to another hut in which were two old blind women and six naked children. By sign language they tried to put over the idea they were fliers who had crashed in the mountains. The children brought them gourds, from which they were to dip boiled cracked corn, peppers and spices in a hot kettle which one of the old women took from the fire and passed to them, holding it in her bare hands.

With food in their stomachs, they slept for 18 hours on the hard bamboo floor, to be chewed awake by hundreds of wood ticks. At the end of the third day, one of the children disappeared, to return later with three men right out of the stone age, who squatted before them, smiled, jabbered, touched the fliers' clothes, explored the zippers on their jackets, marveled at flashlights, watches, pencils and flying boots.

The men took them to another hut and there they stayed for two weeks, until, one evening, an old Tibetan trader appeared. Hosbert and Hammel could not leave with them, but three days later, to his son, they gave a note: "We are two American pilots. We crashed into the mountain. We will come to your camp in five days."

It took 18 more days of hiking to get out of these mountains where, actually, no white man had ever been before. From the time of their crash to their return to civilization six weeks had elapsed.

They had covered 150 miles. It was 45 minutes flying time.

Slight Increase Seen In State Draft Quota

SALEM, Feb. 28—(AP)—Oregon's monthly draft quotas will not be increased materially by the national drive to add 1,500,000 more men to the armed services by July 1, Col. Elmer V. Wooton, state selective service director, has announced.

"Oregon deferments have been few compared to some other states," he said, adding that the burden of supplying men probably will fall upon states which have been too liberal with deferments.

Salem Sergeant Honored

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28—(AP)—The extraordinary courage displayed by Staff Sgt. Leonard D. Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Davis, Salem, Ore., amid the pyrotechnic inferno of eight tons of exploding artillery shells, has won him a silver star.

The action occurred in the Sicilian campaign. The artilleryman's 155 mm. howitzer battery was dueling with a German 150 mm. battery when the enemy scored direct hits on two four-ton ammunition trucks.

The entire area for a radius of 100 yards was filled with exploding shell fragments and enemy projectiles were dropping at the rate of one a minute.

"Sgt. Davis leaped in a blazing communications truck, drove it out of the danger area and extinguished the blaze," the citation accompanying the award said. "His cool and dauntless courage under fire saved the truck with its vital signal equipment."

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Underwood Presents New Violin Artist

By NORRIS YATES

The sparkle and gaiety of Mendelssohn combined with the different type of liveliness affected by Earnest Bloch provided an hour and a half's entertainment Sunday afternoon at the winter term concert of the University of Oregon symphony orchestra. The concert was held in the University's music auditorium under the baton of Rex Underwood, professor of music and regular conductor of the University symphony.

Sharing honors with Mr. Underwood was Miss Marilyn Olson, freshman from Everett, Washington, who played the first movement of the Mendelssohn concerto for violin and orchestra. The other numbers on the program were the Concerto Grosso for String Orchestra, with piano obbligato, by Bloch, and Mendelssohn's Symphony No. 3 (the "Scotch" symphony).

Miss Olson distinguished herself by the cleancut sparkle and fluidity of her playing, especially in the moderato passages. In the slower passages some of her self-confidence at times deserted her, but she did a good job of expressing the "gay sobriety" of Mendelssohn in his less volatile moods. In the cadenza Miss Olson gave much attention to the climactic effects obtainable, with amply justifing results.

The orchestra proved itself capable of much power, color and tonal variation. Mr. Underwood obtained adequate results with a minimum of gestures and "show," and he at all times held the most complete and effective control over the musicians. His choice of a program was well calculated to exploit the vigor and youthful enthusiasm which proved to be one of the orchestra's distinguishing features.

A noteworthy aspect of the concert was the self-confident performance of the unsupported strings in the Bloch Concerto Grosso. The full-blooded and pulsating rhythms of this contemporary work were well-handled despite the noticeable lack of violas and basses with which Mr. Underwood has been forced to contend this year.

Incidentally, the piano obbligato of this work was played with a nicety of feeling and proper sense of subordination to the orchestra by Miss Elizabeth Schaefers, of Eugene.

The orchestra expressed itself most fully in the "Scotch" Symphony of Mendelssohn. The dash, gaiety, and rich tonal patterns of this work afforded opportunity for every group of instruments, as well as the full ensemble, to play a prominent part. This year's lack of instrumentation was again noticed, especially in the woodwinds, where an unbalance caused by the deficiency in number of double reed instruments occasionally marred the effect of certain of the more sustained passages.

Lenten Thought

BEYOND DEFEAT

"And not only so, but we glory in tribulation also." Romans 5:3. Read Romans 5:3-8.

They found these lines on the body of an Australian soldier in the last World War:

"Ye that have faith to look with fearless eyes,
Beyond the tragedy of a world at strife, rise and know that out of death and night shall (come)
The dawn of ampler life; Rejoice—"

He might have been reading these verses. They are a trumpet call across the hills of time. They turn challenge into triumph and build a ladder to climb by out of any crisis of the soul or the world.

But it does not come all at once, the Apostle said, this singing triumph over tribulation. It is a discipline of the spirit which ascends through trials to endurance and through character to hope, and through hope to the supporting love of God—and so to peace. Not easy, never, but, oh, the glory of it. They are beyond defeat who have learned this secret and fear no foe with God at hand to bless.

Prayer: Almighty God, seeing that we have so little power to help ourselves, so establish us, we beseech thee in faith and courage that we too may so glory in what challenges us that no calamity may injure our souls nor any sorrow corrode our hearts, but that instead, we may triumph in tribulation and share the victor's crown. Amen.

COMMITTEEMAN NAMED

PORTLAND, Feb. 28. — (AP) — George Reinmiller, Portland attorney, has been appointed national committeeman pro tem of the Young Democratic clubs of Oregon. Nels Peterson, president, named him to succeed Ethan Newman, Eugene, now a marine.

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Fan Fare

By Glenn Hasselroeth

At the McDonald:

THE DESERT SONG

You have to keep reminding yourself that this is an old-style musical "comedy," with its face lifted, to get full enjoyment out of this. Because of the very aura of unreality, it may be another hit.

Sigmund Romberg, who wrote the music a generation ago, is no Jerome Kern, Rudolf Friml, or even a Richard Rodgers, but the songs in "The Desert Song" are among his sentimental best. They include the title duet, "Romance," "One Alone," "The Riff Song," and a make-over of an old theme called "Long Live the Night."

They are rendered (yes, we know that isn't the perfect word) by Dennis Morgan and Irene Manning, in the lead roles carried in the early Vitaphone version by John Boles and Carlotta King. Faye Emerson has the part of the drowsy-eyed native which brought fame to Myrna Loy.

Miss Manning, whom you may remember from "Yankee Doodle Dandy," has not trouble hitting the high notes and may be a good bet for the Chicago Tribune's Saturday evening Theater of the Air. Her coloring is not particularly startling, so Technicolor does little to enhance her beauty—which is not half bad for a girl who can warble, too. Morgan sings tenor, straight from the diaphragm.

The desert scenes would have made a beautiful travelogue. But Bert Glennon's photography doesn't really add excitement. He seems selfconscious of the angles for his camera, especially in the cafe, where almost every shot is framed with some piece of Moroccan architecture.

Since most of the attention goes to the music, scenery, and settings, nobody bothers much about the plot. Yes, yes, we're sure of it now, there IS a plot. Something pre-war. . . .

Christian Science

"Christ Jesus" was the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, February 27.

The Golden Text was, "No man hath seen God at any time: the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him" (John 1:18).

Among the citations which comprised the Lesson-Sermon was the following from the Bible: "And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: and the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord" (Isaiah 11:1, 2).

The Lesson-Sermon also included the following correlative passages from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy: "Jesus' spiritual origin and understanding enabled him to demonstrate the facts of being,—to prove irrefutably how spiritual Truth destroys material error, heals sickness, and overcomes death" (p. 315).

Dogs Becoming Fewer?

The number of 1944 dog licenses written by deputies in the office of the county clerk and by the dog control officer is approximately 1000 less than the number written in 1943 up to this time, Walter B. Dillard, county clerk, said Monday.

The number issued at this period last year was about 4500 as compared with 3500 now, the clerk said. A year ago upwards of 100 applications were received daily in the few days prior to the deadline but now the number is not more than ten or a dozen a day.

Wanted—Man to work in Cleaning Plant. Steady work. Electric Cleaners.

Russia Will Fight Japs, Says Duranty

PORTLAND, Ore.—(AP)—Russia will fight Japan when she joins with Germany, Walter Duranty, correspondent considered the leading interpreter of Russian affairs for the English-speaking world, said here.

He said also there was no need to fear from Russia in the present war world.

Duranty, stopping here on a speaking tour, said the Russians are getting more nationalistic all the time, and on that he based his belief they would fight Japan.

"The Russians haven't forgotten the sneak attack on Port Arthur," he said. "There isn't a Russian village that didn't lose someone in that war."

Russia wants peace, the correspondent said, not territory, he said although they don't openly admit it, they have strong nationalism, and have swung widely from the world revolutionary idea.

The granting of self-government to the 16 republics in the Russian union reveals that the United states "will be partners and not prisoners" Duranty said.

Victory Garden To Be Radio Topic

Beginning Wednesday, there will be a weekly 15-minute program featuring talks on victory gardens and the family food supply to be given over radio station KORE in Eugene.

The time is being donated by this station in the interest of the war effort and the program each week will be under the direction of Dan Young, assistant county agricultural agent.

On this program there will be discussions of family garden preservation and kindred topics and anyone interested is invited to send questions to Office box 1227, Eugene, if they want them discussed over the radio.

On the first program to be given Wednesday at 9:30 a. m., Fletcher, county agricultural agent, and Miss Nellie Lyle, county home demonstration agent, appear. The program will be given every Wednesday morning at 9:30.

Sugar Cut Explained

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28—The six per cent cut in the civilian sugar supply ordered by the food administration will be offset by trimming allowances for non-essential food manufacturers, the OPA has announced. Individual consumer rations will be cut, it said.

The civilian sugar supply in 1944, the WFA said will be reduced below 1943 figures to meet increasing demands for use of sugar in making industrial alcohol needed in the production of synthetic rubber and other war essentials.

For the three months beginning April 1, the OPA said, industrial users will be cut to 70 per cent of their 1941 base requirements compared with the 80 per cent allotment they have been receiving. Bakers and cereal manufacturers of drugs and medicines were excluded from the order.

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