

Entertainer Drops Nice Tunes for Naughty Ditties

By VIRGINIA MACPHERSON

Hollywood, Oct. 11 (AP)—Ruth Wallis, a nightclub entertainer who has the movie stars driving clear across town to snicker at her naughty ditties, said today she doesn't like to sing 'em—but nobody'll listen to her "nice, little tunes."

Columbia Basin Plan Considered

Washington, Oct. 11 (AP)—The army's plans for flood control and navigation projects on the Columbia river must be considered at the same time as reclamation phases of the program, witnesses told the senate interior committee yesterday.

The witnesses, including Kirby Billingsley, Washington state Columbia basin commissioner, asked the committee to include \$175,000,000 of reclamation projects in the omnibus rivers and harbors and flood control authorization bill now before the senate.

World War I Vet Disability Pay Upped

Washington, Oct. 11 (AP)—President Truman Monday signed into law legislation increasing disability and dependency payments to World War I veterans by more than \$100,000,000 a year.

The new law provides complete compensation instead of 75 per cent for veterans whose illness or disability is presumed to have been service connected.

Medical Society Suit Dated to Start Oct. 18

Portland, Oct. 11 (AP)—The government's anti-trust suit against the Oregon State Medical society was set today to open in federal court here October 18.

The government contends that the Oregon Physicians Service, a prepaid medical plan sponsored by the medical society, constitutes a monopoly.

The medical society, the Physicians Service, and a long list of individual physicians are defendants.

Public Health Department Reports to Council on Polio

Poliomyelitis, or infantile paralysis, has been a serious threat in the city health office informed the city council Monday night through the monthly report of City Manager J. L. Franzen.

The report indicated that every known measure is being taken to block the disease.

One new case was reported from Salem Memorial hospital Tuesday. The patient is John Crawford, 22, of 444 North 14th. His condition is definite but not critical.

Four cases are now in that hospital. Dale Esch, 453 Gerth; Stuart Clark, 3 1/2 years old, who was admitted Oct. 6; and Miss Nell Beedle, 16, of 1570 Park, who has been in the hospital over a month, are all in favorable condition.

"The community is fairly well informed as to the nature of the disease," the report said. "The medical profession is lending a hand through their private offices in allaying unnecessary fear. As far as organized community effort is concerned, skeleton plans are ready to be expanded in the event of need."

"Adequate sewage disposal and a safe water supply have been cared for. It is reassuring to know that the city will not be expected to go to great expense in spraying for fly control as a means of stopping polio. Flies have been more of a problem this year than in previous years."



End of Grain Race—The four-masted bark Pamir arrives at Falmouth, England, carrying a cargo of 4,200 tons of grain after a stormy voyage of 127 days from Australia.

Oregon's Creed Used at Pomona In Prexy's Talk

Claremont, Calif., Oct. 11—The creed of the state of Oregon served as the stepping stone for the opening convocation address of Pomona college, Claremont, Calif., delivered here this week by Pomona's president, E. Wilson Lyon.

President Lyon, who spent a part of his summer vacation touring Oregon, referred to the following inscription which he noted in the state capital in Salem. He titled his text "Confident in Their Liberties," a phrase drawn from the creed.

"In the soul of its citizens we find the likeness of the state, which if they be unjust and tyrannical then will it reflect their voices, but if they be lovers of righteousness, confident in their liberties, so will it be clear in justice and freedom."

He emphasized the high importance of liberal arts education, but contended that students should make full use of educational opportunities to develop self-directed individualism as a lever against communistic dominance in world affairs.

Unless students take up this challenge, President Lyon explained, it is doubtful that the American people will be able to remain "Confident in Their Liberties."

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Charles Laughton Admits He's Blustering, Untidy

By PATRICIA CLARY

Hollywood (AP)—The mean men of the screen all insist that in private life they're too gentle to swat a fly. The great lovers all claim to stay home nights and play with their children.

But the blustering, untidy Charles Laughton admits that, in real life, he's blustering and untidy.

"Every time we get a new villain in Hollywood," Laughton rumbled, "they put out reams of stories about him in the fan magazines. They want to prove that he's really home-loving and kind to children."

"This frequently may be true. But I don't think anybody believes it or cares."

For years after he appeared as "Captain Bligh," Laughton said, he tried to persuade people he was really a gentle, quiet chap.

"They couldn't have been less interested, or less convinced," he said.

"On the screen I generally have been cast, mostly by my choice, as a wicked, blustering or untidy character. Now I am ready to admit that in real life Charles Laughton is all of those things."

"I often bluster. I find it gets me my own way. I am notoriously wicked, especially to bores. And everybody knows I'm only happy when I can take my coat and tie and shoes off. If he were to let himself go, he added, he could be a lot more evil in real life than he really is."

"I purposely go in for villainous roles on the screen," he said, "to find an outlet for the evil aspects of my character. They appear in my own life considerably diluted. This makes life a lot easier on my wife."

Laughton is planning a tour of 50 American cities this fall to read selections from great books, including Shakespeare, Dickens and the Bible.

This will give movie, whether a chance to judge, he said, whether he's as villainous a man as he says.

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Insects Peril Western Timber

Seattle, Oct. 11 (AP)—The Society of American Foresters was warned yesterday that tree-killing insects present a serious peril to the western timber industry.

Clyde S. Martin, president of the organization, said more than 2,000,000 acres of Washington and Oregon forest lands were being killed by the spruce worm.

He said a mixture of DDT and oil was sprayed on 160,000 acres in Oregon this year and that more than 500,000 must be

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sprayed next year if the pest is to be controlled. "Forest losses from insect pests are at least five times greater than from fire in Washington, Oregon and California," Martin declared.

Martin spoke at the opening session of the society's national convention. More than 800 delegates are expected to attend.

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