



How British Sub Is Being Raised—The salvage vessels Ausdauer (left) and Energie get into position in the Thames estuary off Sheerness, Eng., for start of salvaging operations by which sunken British submarine Truculent is being raised. Truculent was raised 54 feet from bottom but operations were suspended because of damage to lifting gear of one of the salvage vessels. The submarine was sent to bottom with loss of 64 lives after collision with Swedish tanker Divina. (AP Wirephoto)

Independence Seeks Queen

Independence — The city of Independence received an invitation to participate in the 1950 "Miss Oregon" pageant at Seaside next July, and if the invitation is accepted some local girl will have the opportunity to compete for the title "Miss Oregon" who will represent the state at the "Miss America" pageant in September at Atlantic City.

A franchise for participation in the fourth annual "Miss Oregon" pageant to be held at Seaside on July 21, 22 and 23, has been sent to the Chamber of Commerce, with the hope that the chamber will sponsor a local contest to pick one who will represent Independence at the Seaside pageant.

The "Miss Oregon" pageant is open to girls between the ages of 18 and 28, inclusive, who are residents of Oregon, and who have never been married. Providing the invitation to participate is accepted, the winner will go to Seaside with all expenses paid, to compete for the title "Miss Oregon." At Seaside she will be judged on a basis of her talent, her personality, her appearance in formal dress, and her appearance in a bathing suit, each having equal bearing on the final score.

Two Oregon girls have been among the winners in Atlantic City, in the three years that Oregon has sent a representative to that event. They have won scholarships, one to the University of Oregon and the other to the San Francisco Conservatory of Music. Eleven of the girls who took part in the 1949 contest at Seaside were offered scholarships to Pacific university.

Highways Break Up in State

Portland, March 17 (AP)—Oregon highways are deteriorating faster than they are being replaced, State Sen. Paul Patterson, Hillsboro, told the Oregon State Motor association annual banquet Wednesday night.

He said the state faces "an expenditure of \$750,000,000 more to bring Oregon highways up to an acceptable standard. We motorists are going to have to prepare ourselves to pay for these improvements if we want them."

That means still higher auto license fees and gasoline taxes, he predicted.

Dr. E. B. McDaniel was re-elected president of the association for the 23rd time.

Mr. and Mrs. Berg in Tournament Lead

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Berg jumped into a 15-math-point lead in the first half of the open pair championship bridge tournament being conducted by the Elks Bridge club.

Closely grouped for next position are Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Lewis, Mrs. John S. Bone and Mrs. Edward E. Roth, and Mrs. George D. Henderson and Mrs. Leona Taylor in order.

The 16 teams entered in the annual event will play the final session Friday evening, March 24, at the Elks club. Last year Mr. and Mrs. Lewis tied with Mrs. W. E. Kimsey and Mrs. Ellis H. Jones for the honor. The regular weekly tournament will be held Monday evening, starting another special series.

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Lora Lee Must Give Up Films To Catch Up on a Happy Life

Hollywood, March 17. —(AP)—Tiny Lora Lee Michel left her lucrative screen career to begin catching up on the "happy, normal life" a judge said she has missed.

The nine-year-old actress played with other children in juvenile hall, completely unconcerned that her days as a \$100-a-day starlet were over.

Judge A. A. Scott made blonde Lora Lee a ward of his juvenile court and made it clear that she gets them. She definitely will not act in another picture while under my jurisdiction."

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Michel, the retired actress' foster parents, agreed wholeheartedly with Scott's decision.

The strange case of the "poor little rich girl" came to Judge Scott's attention for a second time this week when she ran away from her home with the Michels Monday night. Scott recently rejected the claim of Lora Lee's natural mother, Mrs. Lena Brunson of Nederland, Tex., for her custody. At that time, he implicitly ordered that Lora Lee be kept off the screen.

Lora Lee fled the Michel home in her pajamas and bare feet. She took refuge in the home of the Rev. Alfred Sundstrum in nearby Burbank. The girl told officers her foster parents had mistreated her and repeated charges that they kept her underfed to keep her small for screen roles.

Scott immediately held two talks with Lora Lee "to get to the bottom of this whole matter." He apparently did.

The judge said he was satisfied the Michels had not mistreated Lora Lee—particularly after the girl changed her original stories and told Scott "I love them."

"Because Lora Lee is a problem child, without question, we expect to have considerable difficulty in finding a home to suit her needs," Scott said. "But she must now be allowed to live the life of normal childhood and to associate with children of her own age."

The jurist said a "psychological study" will be made of Lora Lee before anything else is done in the matter.

The Michels filed a petition asking Scott to help plan Lora Lee's future—the one without any movie-making in it.

The judge said he may have



Stories Conflict—Child actress Lora Lee Michel, 9, who charges her foster parents starved her so she'd stay small enough for movie roles, gives a look of approval as she drinks milk in juvenile hall at Los Angeles. Judge A. A. Scott, attempting to learn whether the \$100-a-day actress is telling the truth or acting, said he was concerned about the differences in the girl's stories. "Lora Lee is a precious, emotional child who could get a lot of people in trouble," Judge Scott said. (Acme Telephoto)

Laurel and Hardy To Try Luck in Paris

Hollywood, March 17 (AP)—Neglected by Hollywood, Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy will go to Paris to make their first picture after a five year screen absence.

"The deal sounds like the best we've had in years," Hardy said today. "We have a good story, and that's important."

"We've had many Hollywood offers, but none have included good stories."

The comedians will leave next month for Paris, where the film will be made in English and French.

Lora Lee placed in a private school but added whatever is done "no one, not even the press, will know what my future plans are for her."

Mrs. Michel still must face trial on March 21 on previous charges she mistreated Lora Lee.

Choir to Sing At Silverton

Willamette university's a cappella choir has scheduled a concert in Silverton on March 30 at the Silverton high school auditorium according to concert tour, plans announced by choir officials.

The 60 voice traveling group will be selected from a choir of 84 under the direction of Melvin H. Geist, dean of the college of music. The Silverton concert is sponsored by the local Jayettes as a benefit for the welfare fund. The co-chairmen for this project are Mrs. William Duncan and Mrs. Harlan Moe.

The choir will begin its 1950 tour at Silverton, and will travel as far north as Vancouver, B.C. The choir has toured extensively throughout the Pacific northwest and has appeared in four northwest collegiate choral festivals and at the Northwest Music Educators conference in Spokane. It has sung in the Washington state capitol and presents an annual program of Christmas carols in the Oregon capitol. It forms the nucleus of the Salem Oratorio society and appears frequently in community musical programs. It appears annually in invitational concerts in Portland.

Sand Point Station May Go to Reserve

Seattle, March 17. —(AP)—Navy undersecretary Dan A. Kimball reported plans Thursday to re-tour the Sand Point naval air station here to a reserve status by the year's end.

The Times Washington, D. C., correspondent said Kimball had advised Rep. Henry Jackson of the plan to devote the base to member of reserve units.

The dispatch quoted Kimball as saying the 1,452 civilian jobs at the station will be reduced to 97. He told Jackson that efforts will be made to transfer the personnel to other naval installations.

Kimball wrote Jackson: "This transfer focuses added interest on the need for the permanent development of the Whidby Island naval air station."

The dispatch said Kimball estimated the Sand Point cutback will save \$2,000,000 yearly.

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