

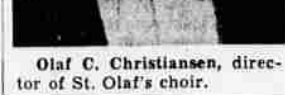


Getting in Step—Nina Warren, daughter of California's governor, gets hula lesson on arrival with parents in Honolulu. She and father visited islands as convalescents.

St. Olaf Choir Student Goal

To many college students, the highest of their collegiate experiences is winning a place on the football team. Many schools are known the nation over for their football or athletic teams. At St. Olaf the students vie for honors by winning a place in the college choir. Hundreds try out each year. Competition is extremely keen.

Most schools have choirs. This Minnesota school has a special one. This choir is one whose fame has spread throughout this country and abroad. The history of this choir dates back to the days when college glee clubs performed only the lightest musical literature, and taste in the choral field was at a low ebb. This choir is responsible for the tremendous growth of "a capella" singing. It paved the way; it set the standards; it has continued to maintain the standard of the highest in artistic achievement in the performance of the best in choral literature.



Olaf C. Christiansen, director of St. Olaf's choir.

25 Students In Contest

Twenty-five students at Salem high school have entered art work in the annual scholastic art contest to be held at Meier & Frank company in Portland, February 11 through 23.

In addition to the regular fields of art there will be a special section of photography in the art contest.

Winners of the contest will receive gold keys and be eligible to enter the national contest in Pittsburgh. Prizes for the national contest will include cash and scholarships from firms manufacturing art supplies and similar industries.

Those students entering work for Salem high are Pat Powers, George Remington, Fred Rogers, Marvel Coleman, Jay Backstrand, Barty Bates, Danny Miller, Lois Monk, Doris Herring, Pat Rath, Sally Roper and Jack Schrader.

Other include Jack Stryfeler, Roger Weaver, Frank Anderson, Chuck Bartlett, Pat Burres, Duane Forman, Dan Keefe, Nancy Lidbeck, Mike Malone, Robert McDowell, Johnny Meusch, Jim Shull, and Jack Eyerly.

College Enrollment Drops 12.4 Per Cent

Portland (P)—A drop in enrollment of 12.4 per cent at state colleges was reported Monday by the state board of higher education.

That is a normal drop for the winter term, officials said. They listed the total enrollment at 11,938 — Oregon State 4,645, Oregon 4,085, Oregon College of Education 450, Southern Oregon 561, Eastern Oregon 432, Vanport 908, Dental School 306 and

Defaults on Vets' Loans Decrease

Washington (P)—The Veterans Administration reported Tuesday that the government has lost only \$13,591,000 as a result of defaults on the \$16,043,000,000 worth of veterans home loan mortgages it has guaranteed.

Since the program got under way in 1944-45, the VA said, 2,643,000 loans had been approved up to Dec. 23, 1951, and claims had been paid against the VA guaranty on 12,588.

Officials told a reporter the number of new defaults per month has been decreasing steadily since July 1951, with the December total of 4,047 being the lowest for any month since December, 1948.

The number of claims paid as a result of defaults since the program was started amount to slightly less than one-half of one per cent, the officials said. They added that the net amount paid on the total initial principal of \$16,043,000,000 amounts to less than \$1 on each \$1,000 of principal.

Taft Isn't Sure If He'll Vote for His Brother

Cincinnati (P)—Sen. Taft is undecided whether he'll vote for his younger brother's election as republican nominee for governor of Ohio—and brother Charlie says that's the way it should be.

Sen. Taft appeared on a television show Sunday and was asked by a reporter if he would vote for Charles Taft in the Ohio May primary.

Taft replied that he "wasn't sure." He added, "I think the republicans of Ohio should decide the question without any influence of any kind from me."

Monday night the Cincinnati attorney and churchman said, in a statement:

"He's doing exactly what I suggested he do. I said I was running on my own record and not on his. He's taken the same position and that's quite all right."

Rep. Mack Back In U. S. After World Trip

San Francisco (P)—Rep. Mack D.-III, who flew in Monday from Honolulu on the homeward leg of his globe-girdling flight in a small single-engine plane, says American prestige in the Orient is low.

Mack began the flight as a good will tour last Oct. 7.

He said that he found American prestige highest in Turkey and lowest in the Orient, "although, generally, people all over the world are beginning to appreciate our efforts."

The sugar-producing island of Antigua in the West Indies has some of the finest beaches in the Western Hemisphere.

Covered Wagon Centennial On

Portland (P)—Oregon's Covered Wagon centennial got underway here today with at least three major events on the schedule already sold out.

The premiere performance Wednesday of the Universal-International film "Bend of the River" was sold out last week.

Tickets also were gone for the square dance tonight at the Portland armory under the auspices of the Willamette Valley Square Dance Callers association. And all 800 tickets for the Portland Retail Trade Bureau banquet today, where Gov. Douglas McKay will be toastmaster, have been sold.

The movie stars of "Bend of

the River," filmed last summer on Mt. Hood, were to arrive today for a series of personal appearances before the premiere. The public will have a chance to get a glimpse of the stars headed by James Stewart, during the premiere torchlight parade from the Multnomah hotel to the Broadway theater at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday.

The centennial will wind up Wednesday night with a formal ball sponsored by the Royal Order of Rosarians at the Masonic temple.

The north magnetic pole of the earth is that region where the magnetic force is downward.

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Hoss Arrives in Europe; Interviews Local People

By DAVE HOSS
(Special Correspondent)

Frankfurt, Germany, Jan. 18.—Thirty-one hours by air from Salem to Frankfurt and every minute filled with something new and interesting.

First off, for the benefit of the proof-reader on this, it is being typed on an Italian-made typewriter in the Scandinavian Airlines office in Frankfurt and the keys are somewhat different than our American machines.

Arrived in Frankfurt about 8:30 p.m., most military offices were closed but advance arrangements permitted me to check into the Park Hotel, now returned to the Germans, but operated entirely for the military for use of dependents and correspondents.

Large, comfortable rooms with

an oversized bath-tub, much to my delight. A 14-hour sleep compensated for some 18 hours of catnapping. A typical American breakfast of ham and eggs at the nearby Basellhof hotel, an air transient center, started Thursday off in fine shape.

A taxi trip to the press facilities section with Lt. Robert Hansen in charge, and I signed my life away for the proper credentials, PX and ration card to enable me to subsist throughout EUCOM, or the European Command.

Lt. Hansen then directed me to several public information offices. We segregated the names I had in geographical order. Soon the phones were humming with calls to each unit, and this morning at 11 we began our first interviews.

Pfc. Wanda Mills, whose grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Johnson of 1130 Dorval Ave., Salem, was first on the list. Wanda is serving as an ENT (eye, nose, throat) operating assistant in the 97th General Hospital. Having been here only a few months, she said she hadn't found time to do much sightseeing, but merely seeing the people and the country had been extremely interesting.

Wanda has hopes of returning to the University of Denver and studying to become a nurse when she finishes her army tour of duty.

Next guest was Pfc. Maynard Windsor, whose wife, Margaret, and seven-week-old son live at Rt. 1 Box 132 Aumsville, Oregon.

Maynard has only been overseas two months and hauls mail for the Frankfurt military post. At home he worked the C. and K. Logging Co. and hopes to return to this work when he finishes his hitch.

Maynard said he immediately noticed the lack of waste and complete utilization of logs and byproducts here.

Another thing that impressed him was the great amount of hand labor in reconstruction work going on all over the town. Frankfurt was badly bombed during the war and in almost every block you can still see signs of devastation.

Further recording sessions for our Stevens and Son "Overseas Reports" have been set for later this afternoon.

I'll try to send you more news of what our Willamette Valley are doing and thinking about here in Germany. Until next time, Auf Wiedersehen...

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