

Bogart Wins Academy Award, Still Considers It 'Nonsense'

By ALINE MOSBY

Hollywood, Calif. (AP)—Humphrey Bogart said today he hadn't changed his opinion that Academy awards don't prove anything—even though he won an Oscar last night in one of the biggest upsets in Hollywood history.

It was no surprise however, when English actress Vivien Leigh became a two-time Oscar winner with an award for her role as a faded beauty in "A Streetcar Named Desire."

The star-studded crowd at the 24th annual awards presentation gasped and applauded when Bogart nosed out favored candidate Marlon Brando to snare the award for playing a snare-soaked riverboat captain in "The African Queen."

Truckers Given Rate Increase

Washington (AP)—The Interstate Commerce Commission on Thursday approved the full six per cent rate increase sought by Pacific Northwest motor freight carriers.

The increase, matching a rate hike approved for Western railroads last year, was authorized for some 250 trucking companies belonging to the Pacific Inland Tariff Bureau and operating in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, California and Utah. It is effective on one day's notice to customers.

In granting the full six per cent rate boost, the ICC overruled an examiner who had recommended four per cent and the Office of Price Stabilization which had asked the commission to hold any increase to not more than two per cent.

The ICC said the carriers had proved their case for a six per cent advance on the basis of increased costs for labor and materials in the past year.

Republican Women Plan Organization

Aurora—Thirty-one persons gathered in the Women's Civic hall, Canby, during the week to hear Mrs. Roy Bishop, president of the Republican Women's Federation of Portland, speak, and to formulate plans to organize a Canby-Aurora unit of the federation.

Organization will be perfected after the state convention in Portland, which Mrs. J. J. Emrich will attend from here.

The meeting this week, was arranged by Mrs. J. R. Vinyard with Mrs. A. W. Meyers of Jennings Lodge introducing Mrs. Bishop. Two candidates, R. R. Cooke of Estacada, for county commissioner, and Miss Shirley Field of Portland, for joint representative, were present.

Hostesses with Mrs. Vinyard for the St. Patrick's tea were Mrs. G. W. White, Mrs. W. H. Blair, Mrs. Bertha Lee, Mrs. D. G. Clark, Mrs. George Cately, Mrs. L. A. Shaw, Mrs. W. H. Thompson, Mrs. San Amundson, Mrs. Louis Lent, Mrs. Howard C. Belton, Mrs. I. C. Nieland and Mrs. Elizabeth Perketl.

Consolidation Studied

San Diego, Calif. (AP)—Possibility was seen today of a merger of the Atlas Corporation, the Consolidated-Vulite Corporation, and the Kaiser-Frazer Corporation. "Legal and independent engineering and financing experts" are studying and evaluating "the advantages and disadvantages of such a combination," a joint statement by the heads of the three firms disclosed yesterday. The statement advised that further information on the merger would probably be announced within 30 days.

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Clubs Put Out Premium List

The premium list for the Salem 4-H club spring show is in the mail to all Salem 4-H club leaders and members. James Bishop, city extension agent, announced Friday.

The show, the second of its kind exclusively for city 4-H club members, is scheduled for May 22 to 24 in Salem. Space for displaying the exhibits has not yet been obtained, Bishop said. However, cooking contests and demonstrations will be held in Hogg Brothers kitchen on Saturday, May 24.

4-H members in Salem now number 400 in 40 different clubs. Most of these young people will exhibit their projects at the spring show, although members of forestry, rabbit, entomology, garden, rose and flower and food preservation will exhibit at the fall show in August.

Spring show exhibits include clothing, knitting, cooking, dramatic arts, woodworking and electricity. Exhibits are to be brought in the evening of May 21 and judged on May 22, 23. A style revue for girls making dresses will feature the Friday evening program May 23. Saturday, May 24, will include contests in cake baking, muffin baking, stitching, woodworking, and cooking judging for members, and both team and individual member demonstrations in most projects.

Thirty-one leaders, from Salem's nearly 50 adults actively leading 4-H clubs, will conduct the spring show by serving on committees. Mrs. Francis Wenderly, president of the Salem 4-H leaders association, is general chairman for the show.

Officials Worry Over Parking

Portland (AP) City officials met here Friday to plan what to do in case mass transportation workers strike April 1.

The big problem is how to handle the influx of automobiles expected in the downtown area if streetcars and buses quit running.

City Commissioner Ormond R. Bean said there might be 30,000 drivers trying to fit themselves into 20,800 parking places. He called the police chief and traffic engineers in to talk it over.

Negotiations for a new contract continued between the Portland Traction Company and the AFL Motor Coach Employees Union, but both sides said no way had been found to break a deadlock.

Logging Industry to Discuss Many Issues

Spokane, Wash. (AP)—Arguments on two issues affecting the logging industry will be presented at the three-day intermountain logging conference beginning here Monday.

The questions are "is the lumbering industry contributing more than its fair share toward the development of the national forests by sustained production of timber?" and "are highway use restrictions justified?"

About 1,000 highway officials, regional foresters and logging representatives from Washington, Montana, Oregon, and Idaho have indicated they will take part in the discussions.

Rate Increases to Household Truckers

Charles H. Heltzel, Oregon public utilities commissioner, granted rate increases Thursday to truckers who haul household goods.

Heltzel said the boost was granted to meet increased costs. He said the amount of the increases was short of what the truckers asked.

Off-Track Betting Has Often Been Tried; Never Legalized

Editor's Note:—One of the effects of the senate crime committee investigations was a plea, from some sources, for legalized gambling. The United Press surveyed the issue in a world-wide basis and starts today a three-part series revealing these findings.

By RAY AYRES (United Press Sports Writer)

New York. (AP)—A special committee of the New York state legislature today advocates a "thorough" investigation into the possibilities of legalized off-track betting.

Coal Dealer Blames TV for Short Weight

London (AP)—A coal dealer cited television Friday as the reason he short-weighted six customers.

Said counsel for the defense: "The men who filled the sacks did the jobs hurriedly, as they had accepted an invitation from a housewife who was a customer to watch the King's funeral procession on her television set."

The dealer was fined \$25.20.

State Workers Seek Pay Rise

State workers asked again Thursday for a pay boost.

A 5 per cent increase was asked by the Oregon State Employees association in a letter to the state civil service commission.

Association Secretary Forrest V. Stewart said 63 per cent of the state's employees quit last year because they were not getting enough pay.

Even more will quit now that spring work is opening up more jobs in private industry, he said.

He said food costs have gone up 11 per cent since employees got their last increase in November, 1950.

The association, which originally asked the increase three months ago, proposed that the boost be granted by moving each employe up two steps on the civil service scale.

Garden Club Will Affiliate

Keizer Garden club met March 18 with 31 present and voted to affiliate with the Salem Garden Council.

Virgil Ballentyne and T. C. Danen were appointed delegates to the council.

Ernest Iufer, well known landscape architect, discussed landscape planting in relation to the home and illustrated his talk with colored slides. Club members especially enjoyed his pungent comments on some of the errors in landscaping as illustrated.

Local gardeners received much information on the way to use plant materials to get the desired tie-ins with the architecture of the buildings.

The next meeting will be on April 15 at which time donated plants and seeds will be sold.

Until the 18th century linen manufacture was one of the most extensive of European industries.

(The first dispatch explains just how off-the-course betting might work in the United States, and how it works in Europe. The second will present the stand of those forces favoring legalized off-course betting. The third will present the stand of its opponents.)

This is simply a new chapter in an old story.

In 1946 the voters of New Orleans, in a referendum, voted seven to one for legalized off-course betting, yet could not get necessary approval from the legislature. In 1950 a Denver race track tried to set up "branch betting offices" around the state, yet was blocked by the association of track owners.

Up to now, every move in the direction of legalized betting has been blocked.

What is off-the-course betting? Betting at the race track is legal in 24 states. Betting away from the track is legal in only one, Nevada. Off-the-course betting proponents say simply that betting, legal at the race track, should not be illegal across the street from the race track.

Off-course betting is proposed in two ways. One, that the race tracks themselves be allowed to set up branch offices throughout the city or state involved. Two, that bookmakers be licensed in the same manner as liquor stores and then permitted to operate independently of the race track.

In France, a blend of the two systems has been in effect for years. Most of the betting is done, however, through the track's network which feeds right into the betting machine on the course.

In Britain bookmakers are permitted to operate only on the track—but a technicality evades this issue.

The technicality is established credit. A man goes to the track and gives the bookmaker a sum of, say \$50. He is permitted to write or wire or telephone the bookmaker any bets until the \$50 is used up. Technically, the bet was made at the track since that's where the money was handed over to the bookie.

This does not eliminate illegal gambling.

It takes a rich man to be able to establish credit in lump sums. To take care of the poor man, the bookies employ "runners" who move about the city collecting bets and delivering them to the track.

These "runners" often are arrested. But their bookie bosses pay their fines and actually are permitted to deduct these fines from their income tax as "business expense."

Portland Traffic Toll 16

Portland (AP)—The Portland traffic toll reached 16 here Thursday when Harry E. Day, 52, succumbed to injuries suffered when struck by a car on March 12. There were nine fatalities at this time last year.

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Filer Rites at McMinnville

Dayton—Funeral services for Emmett Sylvanus Filer, 69, Dayton, city recorder, will be held Saturday, March 22, at 3 p.m. at Macy and Son's Chapel of Flowers. Mr. Filer passed away in McMinnville, Tuesday, March 18, following two years' illness.

He was born March 10, 1883, at Lexington, Neb., the son of Lillie Wade and Emmett V. Filer. He came to Dayton in 1905, where he was associated with his father in a grocery store. For several years he was employed by the Miller Mercantile company store in Dayton.

In 1924 Mr. Filer in partnership with the late John Shipley, bought the Miller Mercantile store at Dayton and operated it for 22 years as the Shipley and Filer store.

In 1920 he was married to Lena Dower, who survives. Besides the widow he is survived by one son, Martin, Portland; two daughters, Mrs. Bernard Lippens, (Audrey), Chamberlain, S. D., and Charlotte, a Linfield college student; one sister, Mrs. Elmer Baxter, (Hattie) Coos Bay.

Rev. H. C. Ryan of the Pioneer church, Dayton, will conduct the regular funeral service, followed by a Masonic ceremony in charge of Jacob Mayer lodge No. 108, A.F. & A.M., of which he was a member and past master. He also was a past patron of Electa chapter, No. 29, O.E.S.

Mr. Filer had served a term as mayor of Dayton, city councilman, and as a director of the Dayton school boards. At the time of his death he was City Recorder of Dayton.

He was a member of the Evangelical United Brethren church.

Interment will be in the IOOF cemetery, Dayton.

Funeral bearers are Warren Dundas, Will Ditto, Arthur Mosgrove, Leigh Freeman, Clare Heider, and Everett McDonald, Portland.

New Officers Elected By Salem Elks Lodge

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Combined with his Carnegie hall debut they established the Duke as America's king of modern music which title he still holds today.

Ellington's concert-dance will begin at 9 on March 22 and last until 1 a.m.

Misses Goal

Cambridge, Eng. (AP)—Joseph Kester died Friday at the age of 104, 10 years short of the goal he set himself at his recent birthday party.

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