

Operetta By Vocal Students

"Rio Rico," a comic operetta by Don Wilson and Ed Bradley, is to be presented Wednesday night by a cast of over 140 Parrish junior high vocal students.

Under the general direction of Madeline Suko, the two-act performance will be given in the Parrish auditorium. A professor on a treasure hunt meets a group of ancient pirates to weave a plot of South Sea intrigue for the theme of the comedy.

Principals in the cast are Mike McClain as the wealthy financier who backs the expedition, Ann Fallin as his daughter who is chaperoned by a maiden aunt, portrayed by Carlene Johnson. The inventive professor, Jim Brown, comes in contrast with Terry Salisbury.

Other in the cast are Helen Lewis, Arlene Haverland, Velva Clark, Denny Jones, Phil Wheeler, Robert Bowsby, Ken Schrecongast, David Filler, Fred Fate, and Rocky Kubler. Six specialty dance numbers ranging from a group of mermaids to the Gay Nineties will add variety.

Deen Green is the dramatic coach, with Bruce Stewart and Bob Voigt in charge of the stage. Scenery and props are handled

by Leona Golz and Gene Nolan. Tickets for the two-hour operetta may be purchased at the auditorium or from any Parrish student.

9-Year-Old Case Goes On Trial

Portland (AP)—Trial of a three million dollar damage suit filed by Montgomery Ward against 54 public carriers opened in Federal Court here Monday.

Montgomery Ward attorneys said the train and truck companies failed to provide transportation to and from the store during a six-month strike in 1940 and 1941.

Judge James Alger Fee is trying the case which was filed nine years ago.

There has been extensive pre-trial testimony.

Humorist Skadden Addresses Students

William E. Skadden, a humorous man with a serious message, spoke to Salem high school students Monday afternoon on "The Road Ahead."

Skadden, who was under the sponsorship of the Knife and Fork club, was introduced by

Kaiser Buys Perlite Mine

Portland (AP)—The Dand and Russell perlite mine and processing plant on the Deschutes River has been purchased by the Henry J. Kaiser Co., Kaiser officials reported Monday.

Perlite is a volcanic glass which, when processed, produces a light weight plaster aggregate that is high in fireproof and sound absorption qualities.

The officials said the location, 13 miles south of Maupin, has enough perlite to keep the plant in operation 50 years.

The price paid was not disclosed.

Thousand Homeless
Manila (AP)—Fire destroyed most of the business section of Tuguegarao, capital of Cagayan province, Monday night. The reported damage was \$1,500,000. About 1,000 persons were left homeless.

Drought Cuts Beef
Canberra, Australia (AP)—Commerce Minister John McEwen said Tuesday he did not believe Australia would be able to export beef to Britain this year because of a drought in the north.

Air Shows But No Plane Fights
Washington (AP)—Come rain, hail, strike in the oil industry, shows at the nation's military air bases next Saturday will go on—but without plane flights.

The defense department has grounded aviation phases of the annual Armed Forces day celebrations, so there will be none of the engine roar and blast, none of the spectacular air dashes and fly-pasts of previous years.

Secretary of Defense Lovett last week, in view of the current fuel shortage, canceled all flying activities previously scheduled by the army, navy and air force in observance of Armed Forces day.

Lovette said aviation activity should be limited to open house and fixed displays. However, aircraft can be flown to a center for use in a ground display.

Pratum — Ron Shmit has started building a new house on his property on Garden road in the west end of Pratum school district.

Surface Division Men Leaving for Cruises
One officer and three enlisted men from the Organized Naval Reserve Surface division will leave Salem next week-end for two-week cruises.

The officer taking his cruise is Ens. Albert E. Miller, 555 North Winter street, Salem, who goes to the instructor training center at the 13th Naval District headquarters Seattle.

Two of the enlisted men Jack L. Ayres, SA, Lebanon, and Robert D. Meier, SA, Sublimity, report May 18 aboard the USS Brannon at Tacoma.

The third enlisted man, Leonard A. Dankleek, PNISN, 393 West Mandrin avenue, Salem, reports May 17 at the 13th Naval district classification school at Seattle.



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