



SKYSCRAPER FLOOD—Water cascades down the stairs as a New York reporter applauds his way to cover a fire on the 33rd floor of the famous 60-story Woolworth Building. The blaze caused extensive damage to offices and fixtures. The 720-foot skyscraper is the sixth tallest building in the U. S.

Gold Hill

Gold Hill, Apr. 12—Parent-Teachers' Association will meet Thursday, April 13, at the school gym at 8 p.m. The sixth grade mixed chorus will give several selections. A special feature will be the guest speaker, Harold Stiehr, a German exchange student attending Southern Oregon college. The second grade mothers will be hostesses and Mrs. E. H. Cooper and Mrs. Dale Clement will be chairmen of the refreshment committee. The public and all parents are invited to attend.

Home Extension Unit will meet Friday, April 14, at the home of Mrs. Arthur Straus on Sixth Avenue at 10:30 a.m. The demonstration, "broiled meals," will be conducted by Mrs. Lester Thompson and Mrs. M. C. Hancock. All members and guests are requested to bring their own table service and fifty cents to pay for the luncheon unless otherwise notified. Any interested persons are invited to attend.

Al Nutson suffered a stroke Saturday and was taken to Josephine General hospital. At latest reports he was slowly improving.

Walter Miller of Ashland, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Cook, suffered burns while repairing a mill when a tester exploded in his hands. He was hospitalized for some time.

Del Elliott and Fred Swenson, both of Portland, visited their cousin, A. E. Cook and Mrs. Cook and other relatives in Gold Hill last week. The men did not come together nor did they know of each other's presence in Gold Hill until too late to see each other.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Centers received word Monday of the birth of a girl born April 10 to their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Dexter Rivet of Sacramento, Calif. The baby weighed six pounds, 15 ounces and has been named Gayle Melinda. Mrs. Centers will leave Thursday to spend some time with her daughter and family.

Mrs. Marian Centers of San Francisco came here April 9, to visit her nephew and family, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Centers. She will remain at their home while Mrs. Roy Centers is in California.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Straus and daughters will visit with Roy Centers and Joanne and Mrs. Marian Centers while Mrs. Centers is in California.

Miss Betty Levine and Miss Geneva Davis are busy preparing their apartment for comfortable living after spending the spring vacation at their homes north of here. Miss Levine spent part of her time with her parents near Monroe, Ore., and Miss Davis spent part of her vacation at Eugene.

Arthur Straus and Robert Sage attended the Oregon Education Association conference in Portland the early part of last week. Mrs. Maude Coy Robinson also attended the conference.

Mr. and Mrs. James Milton of Homedale, Idaho, visited Mr. and Mrs. Allan McGregory at their home in Rogue River during the spring vacation. Mrs. Milton and Mrs. McGregory are sisters. The McGregories are also enjoying a visit with their son who is in the navy who arrived home April 9, for a visit before going away for maneuvers.

Scores of displaced children of tender years traveling alone are being brought to America by the "ship's mother," the trained nurse and child specialist on the Batery of the Gdynia America Line, assuring them every attention on their first Atlantic crossing.

Premier Earl of England Opens Vegetable Stand to Keep Home for Descendants

By Robert Musel
United Press Correspondent

London, Apr. 12—(U.P.)—The woman who bought a pound of parsnips at a roadside stand in Staffordshire murmured, "Thanks, my lord," as she took the bundle.

The Earl of Shrewsbury and Waterford, Premier Earl of England and Ireland, who also carries the ancient titles of Viscount Ingestre, Earl of Talbot and Baron Talbot, rang up the sale.

Behind him reared the classic bulk of his ancestral home, Ingestre Hall. There the Earls of Shrewsbury and their blood predecessors have lived for 800 years.

Turns to Peddling
The 35-year-old present earl, the 21st of his line, has turned fruit and vegetable peddling in an attempt to save the historic hall for his descendants.

Not all his noble friends have been able to hold on to their ancestral homes. Plagued by mounting inheritance taxes and the heaviest income taxes in the world, they have let them go to pay off old obligations and avoid complete bankruptcy.

Even Lord Rothschild of the banking family finds it difficult to keep his big houses. He has asked permission to pull down moated Rushbrooke Hall, where Queen Elizabeth held court in 1578. It takes five tons of coal a day to heat the historic building and two county councils have refused it as a gift.

Rushbrooke Hall is too isolated to allow Rothschild to follow the example of the princess royal—King George's sister—and others of noble blood and open his home to the public at so much a head.

The Marquess of Bath, for example, admitted 120,000 visitors to his 100-room Longleat house during 1949. That brought him about \$40,000. The Duke of Devonshire had 110,000 tourists tramping through his family seat, Chatsworth, last year.

The Duke of Marlborough, who recently opened Blenheim Castle to the public, hopes to better even these figures. He has a special attraction—the room in which his cousin, Winston Churchill, was born.

Henry Hornby-Strickland has turned over Sizergh Castle, built in 1170, to the national trust to prevent it falling into ruin. He blamed "savage death duties" for taking the home his family had occupied for 750 years.

Other Homes Opened
Among other noteworthy homes recently opened to the public in the hope of saving them for posterity are the Earl of Derby's 400-year-old Knowley Hall; the Duke of Northumberland's 650-year-old Alnwick Castle; Sir Cuthbert de Houghton's Houghton Tower, where King James I knighted the join of beef in 1617, thereby creating sirloin steak; and venerable Adlington Hall, whose great hall is held up by two live oak trees dating from Saxon days.

Other noblemen, like the Earl of Shrewsbury, have gone into a trade or business.

The Marquess of Milford Haven, who recently married an American, helps run a laundry

service. The Earl of Westmorland, once mentioned as a possible suitor of Princess Margaret, has resigned from the army to become a bookie, a respectable occupation in Britain.

Others have become automobile salesmen, cookery school operators, stock brokers and journalists.

Table Rock Estates Again Sponsoring School Contest

Gold Hill, April 12—Table Rock Estates is again sponsoring a contest in the Gold Hill school in grades from the seventh through the twelfth years as was done last year. John Day, a member of the company, informed Arthur Straus, superintendent of the local schools. Every member of each class is eligible to submit an essay.

Three prizes will be given each class, first prize, \$25, second, \$15 and third, \$10, making total prizes for each of the six classes the amount of \$50. Any subject may be chosen on which to write, such as recreation, education, civic improvement or whatever a pupil chooses. Only restriction will be to have the essay place special emphasis on Southern Oregon and the Rogue River Valley.

The contest will close May 5, with all essays placed in the hands of the class teachers or advisors and will be part of the regular English class work. These instructors will choose the six best essays of each class and will submit them to a group of impartial judges who will select the three best essays of the six from each class. Judging will be completed by May 19.

It is hoped that all the children will enter into the spirit of the contest and submit essays. Last year about two-thirds of the children submitted essays.

Navy Calls Off Hunt For Unidentified Sub

San Francisco, Apr. 12—(U.P.)—The navy called off its search today for an unidentified submarine reported sighted on the surface 32 miles west of the Farallon Islands by the pilot of a military air transport plane.

The navy said that a search of the area was negative except for a large school of whales. A navy spokesman said "It is possible that from a high altitude a whale could have been mistaken for a submarine."

Tokyo, Apr. 12—(U.P.)—The Japanese government announced today that Finance Minister Hayato Ikeda is expected to leave April 25 for a three-week tour of the United States.

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Week-Long Drive To Raise Funds For University

A week-long drive to raise funds for an International Christian university near Tokyo, Japan, will be launched at schools in the Medford area on Monday, April 17, according to Mrs. Harlan P. Bosworth, campaign co-chairman here.

Booths will be operating in the schools. Students will sign rosters indicating "votes for peace and good will," and at the same time will give donations toward the university foundation.

Drives Scheduled

Jim Welty, Medford high school student, is arranging the campaign in high schools of Medford and vicinity, and Miss Earline Rogers, Medford, is handling the drive at Southern Oregon college and Ashland junior and senior high schools. They are expected to announce their programs within a few days.

ICU week is a national undertaking by youth, and on Sunday, April 23, closing day of the drive, rosters and gifts will be dedicated in special worship services, prepared in part by Christian young people of Japan.

Near Tokyo
The university is located at Mitaka, 17 miles from Tokyo. Japanese contributed 154 million yen for purchase of the site. Educators of the school will be from many lands. The university will have education, government and social welfare graduate schools of professional caliber and a four year undergraduate college of liberal arts.

A purpose of the school's training will be to encourage and stimulate democratic outlook and action. The university is sponsored by leading educators in the United States and Japan.

Lutheran Church To Sponsor Concert Here

St. Peter's Lutheran church has invited the general public to a sacred concert at the church at 1020 East Main street, Thursday, April 13 at 8 p.m., by the Concordia chorus of Portland. The chorus consists of 30 male voices. All singers are students of Concordia college, most of them receiving pre-ministerial training.

According to the local pastor, Harry H. Young, the concert will offer a variation of sacred music. There will be no admission charges but a freewill offering will be taken.

A total of \$10 million is sought to complete the project. A solicitation outside the schools is planned following the youth drive.

Jackson County Gets Gasoline Tax Money

Salem, Ore., Apr. 12—Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry today announced the apportionment of \$1,992,554.39 in motor vehicle and gasoline tax moneys to the counties of Oregon.

The distribution represents 19 per cent of the revenues to the state highway fund for the first quarter of 1950 from motor vehicle licenses, motor vehicle fuels taxes, motor carrier fees, and fines for violation of the motor vehicle law.

Apportionments by counties included: Jackson, \$88,407.52; Josephine, \$38,780.94; Klamath, \$64,175.88; Lake, \$11,227.27.

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