

Around Hollywood

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Hollywood — (U.P.) — Opera singer Marguerite Piazza swiveled to fame by doing a Dixieland strip tease in her nightclub act, but she insisted today it isn't sex appeal that put her over, but "showmanship."

Some nightclub fans who have watched the former diva from the Met unveil her shapely legs might disagree. But even Marlon Brando, Miss Piazza said defensively, congratulated her on not losing "dignity" in her act.

Lost No Dignity
"He came to my dressing room after the show and told me I didn't lose any dignity by my act, even with all the jazz in it," she said. "You can't say sex appeal is the element in it, but showmanship."

Brando, Gregory Peck, Maureen O'Hara and Rhonda Fleming are among the stars so excited about her act at the Coconut Grove that they went backstage to tell her about it. In her routine she first sings opera arias. Then she changes her costume behind a screen to a low-cut dress, split up the side. In that costume she belts out her slightly high-brow version of jazz.

The diva launched her Dixie act at a New York hotel where she collected record business and more press clippings than opera stars usually enjoy. Now she may step on those publicized legs into movies and a TV series.

Talking TV
"I'm talking to CBS about a TV series, possibly light comedy," she said. "Joe Pasternak, the producer at MGM, has mentioned my singing in a movie musical, 'The Las Vegas Story.'"

In person Miss Piazza has the dignity and dramatic speaking voice of the usual opera star. But she also owns the drive of an ambitious woman who admits you can't make much money or achieve popular fame

in opera houses. Whether opera stars like herself and Helen Traubel should kick up their heels in nightclubs is a controversy, she confessed.

"A lot of opera stars don't like to unbend and many people admire the fact they are distant and untouchable," she said. "But other fans do like to see an opera singer display a little bit of humanity."

"I'm not giving up opera," she added. "I sing it in my act. I love opera and think every town in this country should have its own opera. They do in Europe."

"But I'm from New Orleans and I like to sing Dixieland, too. I go from 'Madam Butterfly' to jazz in my show and no singer has done that before."

Iridium Coil Simulates Heat of Jet Engines

Schenectady, N.Y. — (U.P.) — General Electric Company engineers have come up with something to stimulate the white-hot heat of jet engine combustion chambers. It's a six-inch coil of iridium—worth about \$175 an ounce.

The high temperatures, which soon would melt ordinary metals, were generated in a small furnace no larger than a wastebasket.

A tiny electric current was passed through the iridium coil, making it possible to calibrate temperature-measuring probes for use in taking jet engine temperatures.

Five Teachers Courses Slated Spring Quarter

Five college extension classes, offered especially for teachers, will be offered during spring quarter in the Medford area, according to the city schools office.

They include school supervision, special education (speech correction), oral English for teachers, alcohol studies in the school curriculum, and methods and research materials, handwriting.

The classes will start late in March. Details can be obtained from principals of local schools, or from the school office here.

STAR GAZER

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Vets' Tax Exemption Filings Urged Soon

Veterans or widows of veterans who are eligible for property tax exemptions must file applications for the exemptions by April 1, according to County Assessor Robert Fowler.

He said the law covering the exemptions will be strictly followed.

The exemption, totaling \$1,500 applies only to veterans who are certified by the Veterans Administration to have a disability of 40 per cent or more. A new certificate must be furnished each year, together with the application.

Fowler urged veterans to obtain the certificates and file at once. The exemption applies to homesteads and personal property.

Increasing population of the U.S. will require available farm acreage to produce at least 28 per cent more food by 1975 to maintain present American standards of living and eating.

Red Cross Chapter Seeking Support For Fund Campaign

(Editor's Note: This is the first of several articles which will appear in the Mail Tribune during the Jackson County Red Cross fund drive outside of Medford. Based on official Red Cross information, they are submitted by the fund drive publicity committee.)

When people help one another voluntarily, human society is fortified by a strength that comes from the hearts of men and women of good will.

The Red Cross serves as a channel. Across the nation, hundreds of thousands of volunteer helping hands are ready to save neighbors in time of disaster, to help neighbors' sons and daughters with the problems and emergencies that arise during military service, to help keep a life-saving stream of blood plasma and its derivatives flowing to civilian hospitals here at home and to military hospitals here and overseas.

These helping hands are kept active—and in readiness—by the support given by the American people. Since it was founded in 1859 the Red Cross has become such an important part of our way of life that cancellation, or even reduction, of Red Cross services would be a serious matter.

Funds Needed
If funds are not adequate Red Cross services will be curtailed. More than half the blood used in civilian hospitals, and virtually all in military hospitals, is supplied through the Red Cross. Other services are just as important to millions of people throughout the world.

Your contribution to the Red Cross is not a donation. It merely preserves a service that is already in existence here and is serving the citizens of Jackson county every day. In effect, it is payment for services already received.

The Red Cross program needs no justification of war or emergency to show its value. It proves its value year after year by saving lives, relieving anxiety and distress, and reducing human suffering. But in time of international tension and uncertainty the Red Cross program

Pickin' Pears

News and Notes From Camp White

By SID HOLLINGSWORTH

For the past four years, the problem of welding together a working crew to operate the VA Domiciliary center has been in the hands of a man who has devoted much of his life to the game of football, in which he was both a player and a coach.

H. J. Heitkemper, personnel officer, came to Camp White from Barnes hospital, where he had been in personnel work since leaving the Oregon State Board of Education, Division of Vocational education at the close of the last war. During and after the war, he handled delicate industrial relations problems at Pacific Coast plants of Westinghouse Electric corporation.

Athletic Career

His career in football was that of a "tramp athlete" moving from player to coach, at one time with the semi-pro Kansas City Blues, and other at the Knute Rockne school at Oregon State. He was named all conference center and end three years at Columbus college Sioux Falls, S.D., where he started to play.

Heitkemper has a file of interesting testimonials to his record in what was to have been his profession, as coach and director of physical education. He also has quite a background of experience in schools along the Pacific Coast.

There was the time he was employed by the motion picture industry as physical director for about 100 professional children from the studios, including Betty Grable and Mickey Rooney. At nearby Whittier Industrial school, he was head coach of a team that never lost a game in three years. "I really had three teams there," he noted, "an all-Mexican team, an all-colored team, and an all-white team."

Rated Highly

Among his testimonials, is one from R. E. Hanley formerly head football coach at Northwestern university, which states: "I found out that Knute Rockne Notre Dame coach, thought very highly of this chap and in fact all the information that I have been able to gain on him rates him very highly."

"I understand that he employs the Notre Dame system of offense, which is one of the greatest styles of football in the country."

Another letter is from James Phelan, head coach at the University of Washington, saying: "I am familiar with Mr. Heitkemper's record, and feel that he is one of the promising young coaches of the northwest."

Among the assignments he held were those of coach at Elgin, Ore., high school, Milwaukee High near Portland, Pacific Military academy and Junior college, Culver City, Calif., Whittier state, and Hill Military academy, Portland.

assumes even greater significance. The Red Cross is an example of people helping people without parallel in the world's history. In the event of war caused disaster, the American Red Cross functions as an integral part of civil defense. In this time of crisis in the East, it is more urgent than ever that it be able to continue its services and stand in readiness through the year 1955.

Salem — (U.P.) — Gov. Paul L. Patterson has appointed E. W. Kenny of Portland as a member of the Fair Employment Practices Advisory Committee.

Bacteria have no mouth parts and must take food through their cell walls. Therefore it is impossible for them to develop without moisture.

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