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Accordion Group Travel Plan Told

Larry Robertson, Portland, northwest manager of Trailways bus line, who acted as master of ceremonies Monday evening for the 11th annual Eve Prentice Accordion band concert, announced that plans are being made to take a group from the band to Victoria, B. C., when the school term closes.

He also announced that Miss Marian Giltner, special service director at Ft. Lewis, Wash., has invited a group from the studios to appear there at Easter time.

Featured as soloists at the concert were six students from Rogue River academy. They are Rose Marie Beltz, Sally Jo Lindgren, Patty Kennaday, Eldene Burgess, Elizabeth Joliffe and Ruth Joliffe.

The senior accordion choir opened the concert with a medley of sacred selections. The junior choir also was presented.

During the evening a wire was read from Miss Vera Humphrey, Eugene, who was closely associated with the accordion group while she was Junior Red Cross director here.

Among the out-of-town guests at the concert were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Freman, Yreka, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. B. Battey, Grants Pass, and Stan Wertz, Glenburn, Calif.

New Orchestra Here Is Named Zephyrs

A recently-organized 17-piece dance orchestra, composed mostly of local business people and teachers, has been named "The Zephyrs," it was reported by members today.

The group is enjoying considerable popularity and has had a number of bookings, they said. John Drysdale, string instrumental instructor at Medford High school, leads the group. Ernie Hood, 207 Vancouver st., is doing arrangements for the orchestra, handles the rehearsals and serves as business manager.

Anyone interested in joining the group, or who has any questions about it, has been invited to get in touch with Hood at his home address.

Great Britain imports about 60 per cent of its total supply of food.

ACCEPTING CORSAGE from Jeanette Vaughn, 6, Mrs. Mamie Eisenhower helps launch 1955 Multiple Sclerosis drive at White House ceremony. Jeanette's mother, Mrs. E. L. Vaughn, is chairman of Rockville, Md., drive. Ralph Gock (background), New York is chairman of Multiple Sclerosis Society. *(International)*

Central Point Water System Survey Voted; Rate Savings Listed

Central Point — The city council at Central Point ordered a comprehensive survey of the water system of the city at a meeting this week.

A Portland engineering firm, John W. Cunningham and associates, will carry out the project at a cost of $400.

The action was approved following submission of an insurance rating bureau report, which told premium savings on various policies if the city could lower its fire rating classificaton.

The city is presently in Class VII. If it became VI, reductions would be 13 per cent for three-year policy dwelling coverage, 12 per cent on dwelling contents and 3 per cent on mercantile property.

The survey is a result of a proposal by the Elk City Water district that the city share in construction of a trunk water main from Medford along Highway 99. Water experts maintain that the line would increase the city's pressure through use of a circular system, and increase the fire protection. During summer months, the city has "less than half the pressure required for fire safety," officials added. The district proposes that the city pay about $40,000 as its share in the main construction.

Further recommendations were also made by the rating bureau, including changes in the fire department and wiring codes.

It was also reported at the meeting that the city is awaiting the Portland bonding attorney's go-ahead before bids are called for construction of the combination fire hall and library building. The transcript of the sale of the bonds to the U. S. National bank at a recent meeting has been sent to the attorney. Each step must be approved, however, in the bonding process.

Police Chief Oran Chastain reported that he had five applications for the position of night patrolman recently held by Bruce A. Bishop, who resigned to become editor of a CIO publication.

Jacksonville Man To Handle Uranium Mines in Colorado

A. C. Van Galder, Jacksonville, plans to leave Friday morning for Lyons, Colo., where he will supervise the production of several uranium properties in northern Boulder county and Laremer county.

The holdings are just south of the Wyoming border and one of the properties is near Berthout, Colo., where Van Galder was born. Mrs. Van Galder plans to join him there next week, and their son, George C. Van Galder, Central Point, is to arrive back Saturday from a business trip to Alaska and then go to Colorado to join in the mining ventures.

Another property which Van Galder will help supervise is near Rock Springs, Wyo.

The atomic energy commission has given authority for shipment of ore from one of the Colorado properties, in which several Medford business men are, interested.

George C. Van Galder will manage the Valentine property near Jimtown, Colo., in Boulder county, on the Lady Bug lode. H. E. Brown of Grants Pass also is interested in this property, Van Galder explained.

A. C. Van Galder will manage five properties in the area and will be interested in three others. He plans to be away at this time for about a month. He operates the Fourth st. garage at Fourth and Apple sts., Jacksonville.

Boy Successfully Matches Wits With Rat; Now Top London Catcher of Rodents

London—(U.P.)—When William Dalton was a small boy, his father took him into the depths of a factory cellar and invited him to match his wits with a rat.

It is part of the 245-year family history that young Will got his rat, and he has been getting them ever since—alive!

Other Daltons Active

Now a brisk and cheerful 60, Dalton is the nearest thing to a hereditary pied piper in these sceptered isles. Whats' more, there are 16 other Daltons active and William briefs them nightly in the drafty offices of the clan as Big Ben bongs midnight.

Then they scatter, sons, brothers, nephews, cousins, to meet again at dawn and recount the adventures of the night over cups of tea. The catch is tallied—living, because the Daltons are rat catchers, not rat killers.

"Make that clear," scowled William. "Anyone, even you, could scatter poisoned potatoes or apples and maybe kill a rat or two. But we Daltons match our knowledge every night against a rat's cunning. No traps, no poison, no dogs, no ferrets."

Eyes Coat of Arms

He raised reverent eyes to the family coat of arms, awarded in the days of Queen Victoria for cleaning the rats out of Buckingham Palace.

"We been in the profession since 1710," he said. "My ancestors caught live rats for the fighting pits where they used to match rats against ferrets or dogs. 'Ere, looka this pitcher."

It was an old print of a dog in hot pursuit of a half dozen rats. The captain read:

"Billy, the celebrated rat killing dog, performing his wonderful feat of killing 100 rats in five minutes and a half. April 22, 1823."

Used for Experiments

The Daltons send most of the rats to laboratories for experiments.

William dropped one bit of intelligence about rats. They uncannily pick out the best things to eat. Once, he said, he was surprised to find they had eaten the cheapest sausages in a warehouse.

"Confidentially," the warehouse owner told William, "the cheaper sausages are better."

PICKING ON THEM

Sioux Fall, S. D.—(U.P.)—An "ice pick vandal" apparently has a bitter grudge against Mr. and Mrs. Carl Callies. Callies reported to police the vandal has slashed and ruined 10 tires on the family car over a period of several months. Officers say he also set fire to a seat cushion in the car.

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