

## Gloria Swanson Thoroughly Impressed With Documentary Film on Illiteracy

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Home — (U.P.) — At the little theater of the American Embassy I saw a documentary film entitled "Christ Did Not Stop At Eboli." It was jointly produced by Italians and Americans. How much more effective "seeing" is than "hearing." This film of 33 minutes showed the illiteracy of Southern Italy in a manner I will never forget. A few Sundays ago I heard

Dr. Frank Laubauck, who in saintliness is likened to Albert Schweitzer. He was referred to by St. Paul's Canon Shreves as "a missionary with a difference" because he has made it his mission in life to combat illiteracy and bring learning throughout the world. The figures he gave were shocking. It is hard to believe that more than one-half the population of this Earth cannot read or write. In Asia the figure is as high as 90 per cent. This man with a mission used to have to knock on doors and beg to be allowed in. Now government heads are inviting him, for he has risen above political or religious differences. It was a moving sermon he gave, but today it was topped by seeing rather than hearing. This short documentary film moved me to tears—seeing elderly peasants struggling to write like a kindergarten five-year-old—seeing closeups of their gnarled, wrinkled hands forming words and then the sparkle in their eyes when instead of an "X" they can write their names. It brings a lump to your throat. Think how narrow their horizons must have been although they may have lived 30 to 80 years. Think what the written word has brought us, who are more fortunate. We have lived a thousand lives in and through literature. The past and the future have been brought to us in the know. Not reading or writing must be related to the agony of being deaf and dumb—being unable to express one's desires, dreams and aspirations must be akin of nightmare. **Great Crusade** If women with time on their hands are bored, and there are many (personally I don't understand the word "bored" except in the company of a bored person), why don't they join this great crusade? We still have illiterates in our country even though school is compulsory. Naturally it is the exception rather than the rule. Copies of the film I saw can be obtained from the American Friends Committee headquarters in Philadelphia. Women could raise money for this cause, to help the Italian "National Union for the Struggle Against Illiteracy." Or if that is too tame, they might join in helping Dr. Laubauck. He often goes to fascinating countries such as New Guinea where there still are cannibals. These bored girls would not have to have a new hat every two seconds or even bother with their canasta cards. In trying to help build a more equitable and understanding world, they might not even find time for the ugly word "bored."

## Quotes From the News

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Washington—President Eisenhower on Vice-President Richard M. Nixon running again this year: "If anyone has the effrontery to come in and urge me to dump somebody I respect as I do Vice-President Nixon, there will be more commotion around my office than you have noticed yet."

Chicago—Aerophysicist Darrel C. Romick on the possibility of scientists building space stations large enough so that even the families of workers could join them: "Imagine the view they would have from their living room window."

Minden, Ia.—Registrar Winnice P. Clement on turning down two dozen prospective white voters in Webster Parish (county) because they could not interpret the federal Constitution: "They want the Negroes to interpret the Constitution. That's right and it's the law. But if the Negroes have to do it so do the white people. That's only being fair."

New York—Aatherine Lucy, first Negro student at the University of Alabama who was expelled last week, in denying a Communist North Viet Nam report that she had written criticizing the United States:

"I am an American and I believe in the American system of government. I am also a Christian and I believe in the teachings of the Christian religion. My understanding is that Communism rejects democracy and religion. Accordingly, I have no interests in such an ideology. In my struggle for recognition as an American student, I have approached it in the American spirit and without the help of any enemies of our country."

Leesburg, Fla.—F.C.W. Kramer Jr. on the 200 snails he is shipping to Hawaii to wage war on giant snails in vegetable gardens:

"These cannibal snails are so mean they will not only eat other snails, but each other as well. We had to pack them in egg cartons and give each snail a stateroom of his own for the air voyage over the Pacific."

## ROGUE RIVER EAT Club Has Turkey Dinner

By MRS. MYRTLE WHIPPLE  
Rogue River—The E.A.T. hobby club met March 1 at the home of Mrs. Art Smith in Griffin Creek district. A turkey dinner was served. All members but two were present. Mrs. Ivan Smith, who was a house guest of Mrs. Floyd Smith, was a visitor.

After the hobby gifts were exchanged members held a short business meeting and spent the afternoon visiting.

The Rogue River Hobby club meeting planned Feb. 28, was postponed on account of weather, as was the Rogue River Garden club meeting.

Monday there was eight inches of snow on the ground. Mr. and Mrs. Jones have purchased the Robinson place on Cedar st. The Jones are managers of the Homestead cafe.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Smith of Vancouver, Wash., spent several days last week visiting Smith's brother, Lloyd Smith, and wife. Also visiting at the Smith home is Smith's uncle, Bob Hollins of Post Falls, Ida.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Miller entertained at dinner Thursday night. Guests were their daughter, Mrs. Betty Rhoten, and husband, of Wimer. It was Betty's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Breeding were dinner guests Wednesday of Mr. and Mrs. James Whipple. Robert Hargitt left Sunday for the Naval base at Oakland, Calif., after spending some time with his family here.

The woman's association of the Community Presbyterian church met Friday at the Fellowship hall to sew. A sack lunch was held at noon.

John Carter from Parks Air Force base, Oakland, Calif., has been home for about two weeks but expects to leave Seattle March 10 for Fairbanks, Alaska, where he will be stationed for two years.

Bob Petrie, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Petrie, is home on a 10-day leave from the Navy.

Mrs. L. T. Robinson of Robinson's Rogue River Grocery underwent major surgery at Sa-

cred Heart hospital in Medford Tuesday, and is progressing as well as could be expected.

Mrs. Roscoe Hargitt and baby are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hargitt, prior to leaving March 9 to join her husband in Germany.

Mrs. Lee Campbell and son, Hugh Holte, of Grants Pass visited recently in Portland with Mrs. Campbell's brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Nevell Powell.

March 5 was the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Miller and on Sunday their daughter, Mrs. James Rhoten and husband, arrived at the Miller home and prepared a dinner for the Millers.

Recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Campbell of Rogue Variety store were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Turner of Newell, Calif.

## Frost Forecaster Expected Here Soon

Roy Simpson, meteorologist from the U. S. weather bureau at Pomona, Calif., is expected to arrive in Medford March 15 for orchard thermometer testing and frost forecasts.

He will remain in the valley until April 15, when Meteorologist Earl Rogers, Pomona, will arrive for the remainder of the frost season, according to County Horticultural Agent C. B. Cordy. Cordy asked orchardists to bring thermometers to his office so they will be ready for testing when Simpson arrives. Frost forecasting begins about March 22-25, depending on the weather and bud development.

The forecast service has been done for the past 30 years by Roy Rogers, Pomona, now retired, who is recovering from a December heart attack, Cordy said.

Washington—(U.P.)—The Army engineers board for rivers and harbors has deferred action on a navigation project for Yaquina bay and harbor at Newport, Ore.

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