

Substandard Ore. Libraries Subject Of Portland Meet

Misses Cora Mason, Ashland, and Helen Webster, Medford, librarians of the public libraries in their cities, will be in Portland this week end to attend a meeting of the Oregon Library association's library development committee.

The concern of this committee is improvement of library service for Oregon, which now ranks low among the United States. Some 343,000 residents of Oregon are now entirely without local public library service.

Three counties of Oregon have no tax-supported public library service at all, and many of the others (including Jackson county and Medford, but not Ashland) fall short of the \$1.50 per capita support which is accepted nationally by the American Library association as the essential requirement for minimum service, according to Miss Webster.

Group Working
During the past several weeks the county area subcommittee, under the chairmanship of Miss Mason, has organized groups of interested persons throughout the state to work towards betterment of library service in their areas. At the Portland meeting a study will be made of library standards and of legislation to be prepared for an interim committee study.

Chairman of the library development committee is Miss Eleanor Brown, Deschutes county librarian. Other members include Miss Eleanor Stephens, librarian of the Oregon State Library, Miss Eloise Ebert of the Oregon State Library, Dr. Carl Hintz, president of the Oregon Library association, Henry Drennan, Umatilla county librarian, Miss Carol Trimble, librarian, Douglas county library, and Mrs. Warren A. McMinniece, trustee of the State library, Salem, and also of the Tillamook Public library.



RETURNING TO CAPITAL after tour of Midwest, Vice President and Mrs. Richard M. Nixon are non-committal on storm centering on whether he will be selected by Republican Party as teammate of President Eisenhower. (International)

Singer Eydie Gorme Faces Problems of Voice, Love

By WILLIAM EWALD
New York — (U.P.) — Eydie Gorme, a curvy singer with a voice that has made her a star on "Tonight," owned up today to a double problem—her voice goes sour by day and her love life goes sour by night.

"It's a funny thing," said Eydie, "and it's probably mental, about my voice I mean. But I can't seem to sing as well in the day as I do at night. I think my voice needs time to settle."

Her larynx, in fact, is so sleepy in the morning that Miss Gorme almost never cuts records except in the late, late afternoon. "I get frog," she explained. "I sound awful."

"Once I went all the way to Chicago," said the Bronx-born vocalist, "to audition for 'The Breakfast Club.' It cost me \$500 to make the trip and I still couldn't sing. I couldn't even make the last note of the song."

Happily for Eydie, the peculiar habits of her voice present no problem since she works the night watchman shift on TV. However, as a singing star of the NBC-TV "Tonight" show, her only hours cut into her social life.

"It's wonderful making a lot

of money," said Eydie. "but it almost kills my social life completely. I do get to go out, but it has to be on my terms."

"If I go to dinner, I have to be at the studio by 8 o'clock. And week end dates are very difficult for me to make because I wind up working. I was supposed to see a Broadway show this week end, but it looks as if I won't make it now — I'm scheduled to sing out of town."

Another complication, pointed out Eydie, is the nature of the "Tonight" show. Within the next several months, it's scheduled to wheel out to Texas, California and Las Vegas, Nevada.

Picks Own Songs

Eydie has been with the Steve Allen crew almost since "Tonight" was launched as a local show some two and a half years ago. Before that, Eydie (it's short for Edith, her straight handle) had crooned with the bands of Tex Benecke and Tommy Tucker.

Because of her long hitch with the Allen entourage, Eydie is permitted to pick her own songs and work out their staging. Usually, she and Steve Lawrence, a baritone who also works for Allen, pair off and thrash out their routines together.

Despite their close association, there is no hint of romance between Lawrence and Miss Gorme. Besides, there wouldn't be time. "I can count on one hand the dates I've had with fellows in the past month," said Eydie. "But really, I'm not too concerned about it. But maybe it will make a difference in 20 years."

"By the way, you make me very sad. Why did you bring this up anyway?"

APPLEGATE - JACKSONVILLE Minstrel Show Due Friday

By HELGA MITCHELL
Applegate-Jacksonville — The Applegate Minstrel show is scheduled for Friday, March 16 at 8 p.m. at the Applegate school. Only 500 seats are available and everyone is urged to come early. Admission prices are adults 75 cents, children 25 cents.

Boyd Gibson, principal of the Ruch school, reported that at the last board meeting the present school staff was reelected. This staff includes the teachers, cooks, bus drivers and janitors.

The Ruch school will have two days vacation this week, and various plans have been made by the teachers. Mrs. Ruth Granby, Kenneth Nivens, and Boyd Gibson are planning to go to Portland to attend the Oregon Education association conference. Mrs. Lucile McKemie and Marvin Throne are planning to go to San Francisco, while Mrs. Cleo Shannon and Mrs. Ina Pursell will "just relax."

The Ruch school attended a basketball play night at the Howard school last Friday. Ten schools participated. "Our boys showed up well," Gibson stated.

The Ruch school also played basket and volley ball games at the Griffin creek school last week. The basketball score was 19-18, the volleyball score was 28-25, both in Griffin Creek's favor.

Annette Nelson of Sterling Creek recently suffered an acute attack of appendicitis and was taken to the Community hospital. She came home last Saturday, and will soon be back in school.

A bridal shower for Miss Dorian Phillips of Medford, a former Upper Applegate resident, was held at the home of Mrs. Ben Twiss of Upper Applegate last Monday. All white decorations were used. A 35-year-old white tablecloth bordered with 4-inch Venetian lace was used. The gifts were placed beneath a white umbrella with white streamers. The refreshments consisted of a white cake, ice cream and coffee. Guests attending this event were Mesdames Nelda Hall (sister of the bride), Bea Fossler, Babe Goleman, Mariann Groves, Thelma Hard, Billie Cooper, Mary Eek, Opal Mitchell, Ella Childers, Kitty Fay Hawkins, and Hazel Byrnes. Miss Phillips received many beautiful and practical gifts.

Mrs. France of Highway 238, Jacksonville, took a trip to Sheldon, Iowa, last week, to attend her parents' wedding anniversary.

The 4-H Applegate Fisherman's club took a trip to Butte Falls last Saturday to visit the fish hatchery. Twenty-four youngsters and seven adults participated in this excursion. On their way home, they got sidetracked by some exceptionally good specimens of rocks, and the little fishermen temporarily became "rock hounds."

There will be a Home Extension unit meeting at the home of Mrs. Gopen in the Applegate, Friday, March 16 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 4-H demonstrations will be given.

The last Applegate-Jacksonville headline, "Tobogganist Is Hospitalized" drew the attention of several local people and some out-of-town visitors, who were not informed of Leroy Offenbacher's mishap. As a result, Leroy had many visitors, including Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lee and their son, Danny, La Grande, Ore. The Lees and the Offenbachers were former schoolmates in Jacksonville High school, and hadn't seen each other for a year. The Lees also visited their father, Paul Lee Sr. of Humburg Creek. Friends and neighbors will be glad to know that Leroy is getting along fine now, and will soon be up and around.

Tuesday, March 20, the Little Applegate Knitting club will meet at the home of Mrs. O. Buck. All interested friends and neighbors are welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Sikes, former residents of this area, came for a brief visit from Sacramento. They visited the "Top of the Hill" residences.

Mr. and Mrs. Loftus of the Little Applegate came home last week from Chicago, where they have been since December. They visited their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hoyt of Chicago. On their return trip, they went by way of San Francisco, where they visited their son, Donald. From there, they went to Vallejo, Calif., and visited former residents of the Little Applegate, Mr. and Mrs. Lea Wright.

Mrs. Harley Hall of the Little Applegate was elated when she reported that 25 people attended the American Sunday school at the home of Mrs. Winning-

ham last Sunday. Mr. Wilcox is the assistant superintendent.

Plans are being made for evening adult Bible classes, Mrs. Hall stated, either Monday or Thursday night, depending on the preference of the interested majority. Persons interested in these classes may contact Mrs. Hall by telephoning Jacksonville 9-8439.

Mr. and Mrs. John Byrne of Upper Applegate recently went to San Jose, Calif., due to the death of his sister, Mrs. Harold Watson.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Webb of Upper Applegate are taking a week end trip to visit his brother, Maurice Webb, and family of Sacramento.

Mrs. Veri Walker of Medford visited Mrs. Nellie Rose on the Upper Applegate last Saturday.

Mrs. Joe Farrand of Upper Applegate recently received a phone call from Ferndale, 20 miles from Eureka, Calif. Her daughter, Mrs. Josephine Rocha called to inform her that her grandson, Ronnie, was going to have a tonsillectomy.

Mrs. Ferrand recently had the task of mailing three gifts to her three grandsons in California, who all have birthdays this month.

Mr. and Mrs. George Sample of Sterling Creek went to Yreka, Calif., last Sunday to visit her brother, Fred Tufts.

Mrs. C. A. Day and her five children of Lake Creek visited her mother, Margaret Nussbaum of Highway 238, Jacksonville, last Saturday. Accompanying the Day family were some friends, Mr. and Mrs. Householder and their two boys from Lake Creek.

Mrs. Walter White, who resides on Highway 238, Jacksonville, related how she recently was looking for someone whom she could hire to do some work inside her home. The same day, the new minister of the Ruch Community church paid her a visit, and she asked the Rev. Earl Best if he knew of someone whom she could hire to do her job. Mr. Best immediately offered his services to her, upon which she inquired how much he would charge. To her amazement, he said it would cost her nothing. Then Mr. Best proceeded to work for two hours, putting masonite on Mrs. White's bedroom walls. Mrs. White, who was very much impressed by Mr. Best's generosity, remarked, "I never met a minister who is so kind and helpful."

The Rev. and Mrs. Best re-

Morning Blaze Guts Cathedral, Rectory

Trenton, N. J. — (U.P.) — A spectacular early morning fire gutted St. Mary's Cathedral and its rectory today.

A Catholic priest and a housekeeper were killed and another housekeeper was hospitalized. Four other persons were hospitalized.

The bodies of Monsignor Richard T. Crean and housekeeper Mary Dunell were recovered from the ruins of the church, one of the oldest and largest in Trenton. Missing was housekeeper Mary Brenner.

cently returned from the Multnomah School of the Bible, and are residing at Ruch, where they have started the Community church, which is non-denominational. The first Sunday services were held on March 4, and 46 attended the Sunday school. The following Sunday, they had 62 in Sunday school. Services are, Sunday school, 10 a.m., Worship service, 11 a.m., and a Sunday evening Bible study in the book of Ephesians at 8 p.m.

In recent visits and contacts, several talented individuals were discovered in this area. Among them is Mrs. Walter Rhodes of Upper Applegate, who is a native of London, England. Mrs. Rhodes has written poetry ever since she's been old enough to write.

Mrs. Rhodes was a war bride and came to the United States in 1946, and has been residing in Upper Applegate since 1952. She was a medical secretary in a London hospital, the largest medical teaching center of the world. Her other talents are painting and embroidery. She is employed at the Myron Corcoran Construction company.



TRAGEDY is mirrored in eyes of John L. Twyman, 36, truck driver, who found entire family of his wife and 11 children and grandchildren dead in the ashes of his home at Oxford, Pa. (International)

Minturn Added to List Of Official Candidates

Salem — (U.P.) — James B. Minturn, Prineville Republican who filed for the office of Crook county district attorney, has been added to the official list of candidates in the May 18 primary election.

Elections Chief Dave O'Hara said Minturn's name was inadvertently excluded from the long list of candidates. He was the only candidate of either party to file for the post.

Pelton Dam Opponents To Testify at Hearing

Portland — (U.P.) — Opponents to construction of Pelton Dam on the Deschutes river will voice their views before the U. S. Senate Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce in Washington next Tuesday.

The executive board of the Save-the-Deschutes committee yesterday named Rollin E. Bowles, Portland attorney and committee chairman, to accept the invitation tendered by Sen. Richard L. Neuberger to appear before the committee and give both oral and written testimony.

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