

Margaret O'Brien Credits Television For Change From Child To Adult Roles

By WILLIAM EWALD
United Press Correspondent
New York — Margaret O'Brien, the cornball of all the cornball images ever manufactured by the movies may well have been the one of Margaret O'Brien, standing alone, solemn-eyed and straw-hatted, with a mammoth hollow of a strain station. It was, oh sob, a heart-tugger.

It is an image that Miss O'Brien, a lady pushing 20, regards now with some distaste. It is an image that TV is helping her to bury.

"One of the most difficult things about having been a child actress is trying to convince people that you are no longer a child," said Miss O'Brien as she fluttered her dark lashes at a plateful of manicotti. She had been rehearsing for a "Kraft

Theatre" opus, "Come to Me." She said she was hungry.

Out of Awkward Age
"The wonderful thing about TV," she said between forkfuls, "is that it has given me a chance to get out of the awkward age—something the movies couldn't do for me. No movie producer could really afford to take a chance at handling me an adult role."

"But TV has changed all that—and all within the past few weeks. It started with a 'Suspicion' show at the beginning of the season in which I played a woman. Then there was a 'Playhouse 90' and a 'Climax' in which I played wives. In this 'Kraft,' I get another chance to act—I'm playing an ugly sister who's not quite right in the head. 'I'm far more fortunate than

the child movie stars who came before me—and all because of TV. Shirley Temple never had anything like TV to make that transition to adulthood. Neither did so many others."

Miss O'Brien, who won an Academy Award at seven and who earned \$5,000 a week at the peak of her career, looks back with some detachment on her roles in such Flickers as "Meet me in St. Louis," "Journey for Margaret" and "Jane Eyre." She did the straw-hat bit in "Music for Millions."

Child Acting Half Good

"In terms of my career, I think being a child actress is half good and half bad," she said as she worked through some garlic bread. "It's harder to get people to accept the fact you're older, but it's good because it helped me as an actress."

"People think because I started at four-and-a-half I was a born actress. But there's no such thing as a born actress. You have to work to be any good. I can remember as a child the endless hours and hours of rehearsal just to get a scene or even a line right."

She ordered brandy pudding and tea for dessert and tackled both with dainty gusto.

"Regrets. No, I have no regrets at all about spending my childhood as an actress. My mother made sure that I played with the other kids in the neighborhood and I got the same kind of allowance that they did."

"If I had a daughter of my own with talent I'd offer her the same choice my mother offered me. If she enjoyed acting, I'd let her act. If she didn't, she wouldn't have to. But I don't think there's anything necessarily bad about child actors. I don't think you have to become spoiled. The only important thing in life is not to be pushed into anything. That's what makes the difference."

Grange Notes

CENTRAL POINT GRANGE
The Central Point Grange will meet in regular session Friday, Dec. 6.

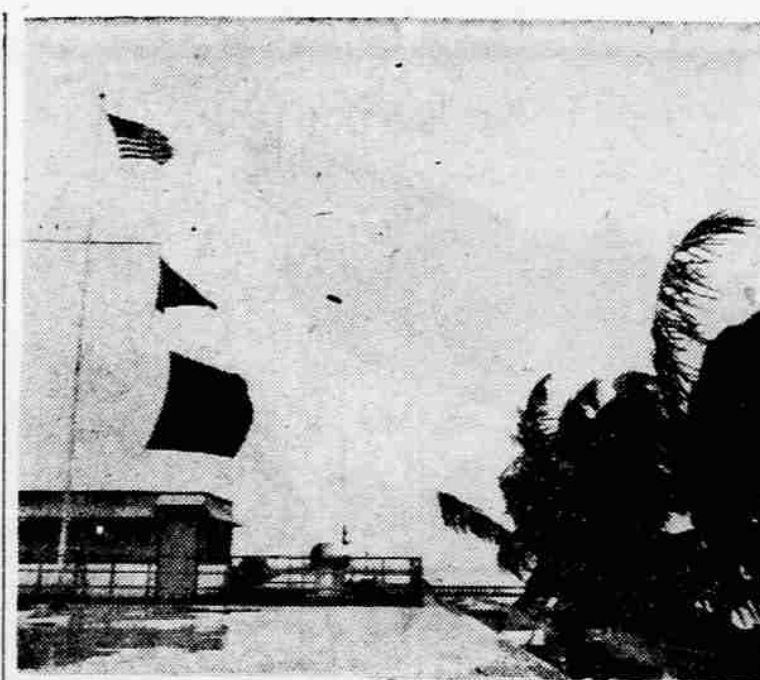
The recreation committee advise low heels for mixers and square dancing which will follow the meeting. Benton Boyce will furnish the music.

JUVENILE GRANGE

At the last regular Juvenile Grange meeting held on Nov. 15 the following officers were elected for the coming year: master, Carol Foote; overseer, Russell Frink; lecturer, Frankie Mengel; steward, Jack Arrell; assistant steward, Bobby Kuest; chaplain, Janet Barber; treasurer, Judy Gebhard; secretary, Carolee Kuest; lady assistant, Judy Frink; gate keeper, Ray Arrell; Ceres, Meredith Jensen; Flora, Bobby Jane Darras; Pomona, Elaine Young; and musician, David Foote. Installation will be held Dec. 15 at 1 p.m. in the Central Point Grange hall.

Juveniles will meet Friday, Dec. 6, at 8 p.m. They will have charge of the display table for subordinate Grange for this meeting and each Juvenile is to bring a homemade Christmas card or something he has made at school to display.

The Christmas party for the Prospect Home Extension Unit will be held at the home of Mrs. Willard Huffman Wednesday, Dec. 11, at 10:30 a.m. A



HURRICANE LASHES ISLANDS—Royal palms wave wildly in Honolulu as heavy winds and rains lashed the city. Hurricane Nina, Hawaii's first recorded hurricane, bypassed Honolulu despite the flag warnings flown over this waterfront building.

PROSPECT 300-Pound Bear Killed

BY GENEIL SPRUILL

Prospect — Harley Pressley and Chuck Hooper of Prospect and John Galauch of Shady Cove had a successful bear hunt in the Union Creek area Nov. 24. Two hours later the hounds treed a bear. Then what they thought was going to be fun turned out to be quite an ordeal. Galauch shot the bear from a distance of 70 yards below the tree. Pressley was at the base of the tree.

Galauch seriously wounded the bear but the bear came down the tree toward Pressley and dogs. Pressley then emptied his six shooter, but it did not phase the bear.

The bear then charged Pressley, but was distracted by the hounds, which were mauled while Pressley was reloading his gun.

Galauch rushed in and killed the bear which weighed approximately 300 pounds.

Jack Ross of Prospect left Nov. 29 for Portland to accompany his brother, Don, of Brookings who has been confined to a Portland hospital due to a lung ailment.

A six-foot culvert three miles south of Prospect on Highway 62 has been completed, and will now take care of flood water.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Shoemaker and son, Gary, of Yreka, Calif., former residents of Prospect, were visitors over the Thanksgiving holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mather.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ross and three children spent the holiday week end in Bend at the home of Mrs. Ross's parents.

Visiting in Prospect at the home of her parents during holiday week end was Mr. and Mrs. James Martin and son, Billy. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Canary.

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—THREE

EX-PRISON CHAPLAIN DIES

Baltimore — The Rev. Joseph J. Ayd, 76, professor emeritus of sociology at Loyola college, died in his rectory offices here today of a heart attack. Father Ayd was chaplain of the

Maryland Penitentiary for 38 years and had accompanied more than 50 condemned men to the death chamber. He won commutation in 11 cases and once won freedom for a man condemned to die.

Hollywood — Producer Jack L. Copeland thinks "Hell's Five Hours" will be shot in the proper atmosphere. He said the film would start production next Monday in the city of Los Angeles steam plant in the San Fernando Valley.

ILLINOIS VALLEY Bloodmobile Sets Visit

By HELEN BOTTEL

Cave Junction—The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at Cave Junction Nov. 13 for the first time in more than a year.

Mrs. Henry Floyd, Red Cross chairman for the valley, said the local quota is 125 pints. Donors are asked to be at the American Legion hall between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13.

Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Stem visited Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Saylor and daughter, Allyson, of Scotia. They also visited their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Stem, and their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sutton, of Eureka.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Liss were honored last week at a farewell party given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Piper. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Petsch, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Owens, Mr. and Mrs. Don Fulk, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Meredith, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Steimer, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Mann, Mr. and Mrs. Wes Vahrenwald, Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Meyer, all Illinois Valley, and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Whitcomb of Grants Pass.

Mr. and Mrs. Casey Piller of Kerby were called to Eugene Monday by the death of Piller's step-father, Edwin Schultz, who died of a heart attack.

Mr. and Mrs. George Savage had as Thanksgiving dinner guests their daughter, Mrs. Leroy Welsh and granddaughter, Charlene Welsh, of Mountain Home, Ida., who will stay at the Savage home in Kerby until after Christmas. Other Thanksgiving guests were Mr. and Mrs. Bud Savage.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Strickland have moved back to the Illinois Valley. They spent several months in Grants Pass this winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Johnson of Siskiyou Mountain camp had as Thanksgiving dinner guests Mrs. Johnson's parents, Mr. and Mrs.

Jess Gilchrist of Gold Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Baldwin and son, Jimmy, of Crescent City, George Stanley of Gasquet, Calif., and Carl Wieting and his nephew, Jim Billi, who was home from Oregon State college for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Turnbull and son, Darell, were Thanksgiving guests of Mrs. Hattie Evitt and her son, Jay.

The Ed McDonalds spent Thanksgiving with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Silvan Emerson, at Willow Creek, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Skrecky and sons, Douglas and Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. John Wilber and Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Wilber were Thanksgiving dinner guests at the Earl Boyd home on Westside rd.

At the Cecil Wilhelms' for Thanksgiving were Mr. and Mrs. Bud Hoskins and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Boyd and family spent the holidays at Santa Rosa, Calif., at the home of Boyd's cousin and family, Mrs. E. J. Berthaud.

Mrs. Jack Spitz, chairman of the child welfare committee for the American Legion auxiliary, said about \$50 was gained for local children's aid at the auxiliary card party Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Wilson included in their Thanksgiving dinner party at Shadowcroft lake Mr. and Mrs. Bill Burch and son, Jim, of Cave Junction; Miss Lura Black, special education teacher for city schools in Eureka, and Miss Charlotte Thompson, school nurse at Crescent City.

Jewel Brewer was elected Noble Grand of Marguerite Rebekah lodge 111 at a recent meeting. Officers include Edith Heidenreich, vice grand; Sophia Bunch, secretary, and Lena Payne, treasurer. Installation will be in January.

Holiday guests at the Paul Glines home in Cave Junction were Mr. and Mrs. Alan Markley and the Glines' son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Holm. Gary and Thomas, and Miss Myrna Kellogg.

Mr. and Mrs. Les Henry and son, Jack, spent Thanksgiving at Salem with Mrs. Henry's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Bennett.

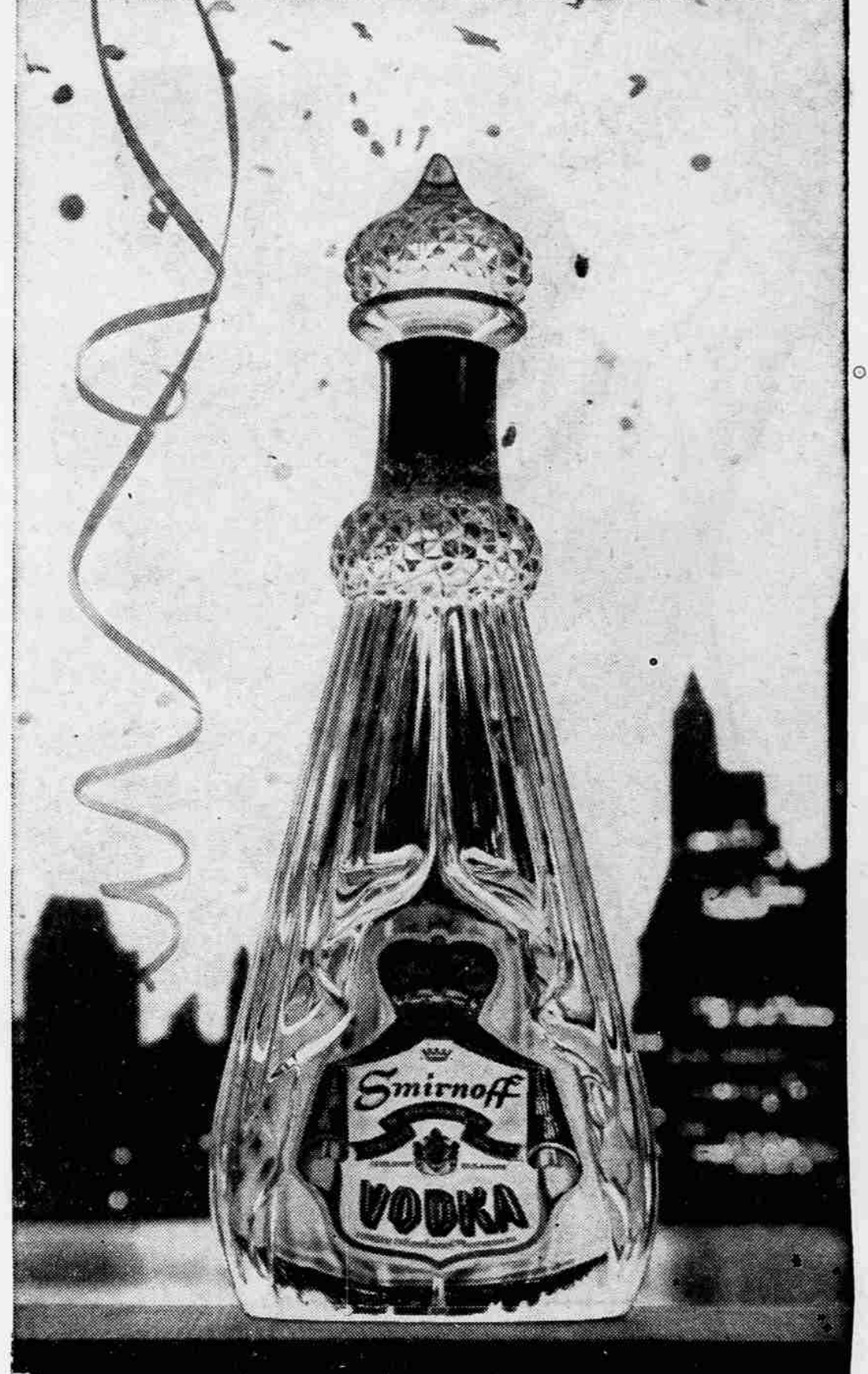
Mr. and Mrs. James Allen of the Siskiyou Aerial project had as Thanksgiving guests Mr. and Mrs. Richard Tubman of Grants Pass, Bob Scofield of Galice and Miss Nada Derry of Roseburg.

Logging trucks belonging to Pat Whiteley and Rudy Smith received considerable damage Monday morning as the result of a collision on the Bill Sowell logging road in back of Grayback camp.

A two-day excursion into the rugged area above Canyon creek made a fine weekend for several Future Farmers of America, their advisor and friends. On the camping trip were Ralph Burns, FFA advisor, his son, Ralph, Bob Shawhan and his son, Ken, Leland Rosenberg, Clark England, Gerald Gibbons and Dennis Bottel.

Thanksgiving guests at the E. W. (Jiggs) Morris home were Mrs. Morris' brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. George F. Bell, and children, and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Hoff.

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