

High Adventure' Film Of Tibet Interesting To Critic; Radio Recalled

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New York — (U.P.) — The last time I went to Tibet and met the Dalai Lama, it was with Jack Armstrong, the All-American Boy.

That was back in the 1930s in the days of radio (a gadget which once had a great vogue) and I remember as a child listening breathlessly to Mr. Armstrong and his adventurous entourage as they scaled the Himalayas and met Ronald Coleman on his way out.

Ever since that blessed time, Tibet has had a special place in my heart. I have always thought of it as forbidding, brooding, inscrutable—a little like Charlie Chan with snow—and I hoped it would remain untouched by human hands and the camera eye.

Well, Tuesday night Lowell Thomas and Lowell Thomas Jr. touched it and strangely enough, I didn't mind at all. The Thomases, who seem to get around as much as Bob Hope, took CBS-TV viewers of "High Adventure" on a tour of Tibet and introduced us to the Dalai Lama.

Best of Season
Although the films were muddy, the color watery and the sound track mushy, I would say the one hour show

was the best "High Adventure" of the season.

Unlike the other shows in this series, the film footage was not new. The Chinese Communists invaded Tibet about eight years ago and the Thomases got in and out before the invasion.

The Thomases, I should point out, had a terrible time getting into the country since Tibet is almost as inaccessible as Greta Garbo. They crawled over the Himalayas, fumbled their way across San Luis Rey type bridges and wound by muleback over roads spun thinner than spaghetti.

Their troubled journey was well worth the effort. Lhasa, the capital of Tibet and their final destination, was a pretty fascinating burg: population 20,000 citizens and 20,000 Buddhist monks.

There were shots of a New Year's celebration that showed Tibetan soldiers in ancient armor, a brush with one monastery, the largest in the world, where 10,000 monks live, and a quick look at a primitive medical college where the student doctors learn to frighten away disease by blowing on horns, sort of a penicillin in three-quarter time.

Lamas, Yaks Distinguished
We also got a couple of quick peeks at the Dalai Lama, who is the big wheel in Tibet. The Tibetan lama, incidentally, is not to be confused with the Tibetan yak, which is a beast of burden, source of butter, milk, cheese, yak hairs and yaks. The Tibetans, as a matter of fact, look upon it as a kind of yak of all trades.

Anyway, the Dalai Lama was host to the only real disappointment of the evening, but I can't blame the Thomases for that. He looked like an ordinary 15-year-old boy which he was at the time and I guess you can't blame the Dalai Lama for that either, though I'd like to.

The elder Thomas, I should add, broke his hip in eight places (all of them in Tibet) on the way back which made for some pretty interesting film footage as the junior Thomas struggled to get him out.

But that was almost a decade ago and Thomas the elder is in pretty good shape nowadays. At least I hope he is—on next month's "High Adventure" trip he's taking us adventurers into the interior of Australia.

The Channel swim: Patti Page's one-hour "Big Record" will be sliced to half an hour as of March 26—CBS-TV hasn't picked a gap-filler yet. Bob Hope took off for London and Moscow Tuesday—he's trying to wangle permission to film an NBC-TV show in Moscow. NBC says Hope already has lined up a Russian ballet company, choir, and the Russian clown, "Pop-off."

Mary Costa, the blonde who does the commercials on CBS-TV's "Climax," wants to pull out of the show next season. Beginning March 31, a new CBS-TV quiz, "How Do You Rate," moves into the first half of Arthur Godfrey's morning show slot. Tom Reddy will emcee.

Schrunk Proposes Charter Revision

Portland — (U.P.) — A proposal to bring Portland's city charter up to date rather than vote in a city manager form of government at this time was made Tuesday by Mayor Terry D. Schrunk.

Mayor Schrunk's proposal, offered in rough draft form, would call for a \$35,000 a year special tax levy for two years to finance a charter revision study by experts.

The proposal had the oral support of three city commissioners. The fourth, Commissioner Stanley W. Earl, was out of the city.

The council could act on Thursday to tack the measure on the special election ballot for the May 16 election containing annexation measures.

JAPANESE PAINTER DIES
Tokyo — (U.P.) — Japan's foremost painter, Taikwan Yokoyama, died of bronchial pneumonia at the age of 89.

They'll Do It Every Time

By JIMMY HARLO



APPLEGATE VALLEY Power Petition Talked

By MAUDE ZIEGLER

Applegate Valley — Discussion of the state power initiative petition will be given by legislative speakers at the meeting of Upper Applegate Grange Friday, Feb. 28, according to Mrs. Anna Scott, Grange lecturer.

The power development subject has become an issue throughout the state, Mrs. Scott said, and advised that everyone in the community should hear the topic explained before signing a petition to place the issue on the November ballot. The meeting will open at 8 p.m.

Mrs. Roland Smith will be hostess to the Little Applegate Sewing club Thursday, Feb. 27. Plans will be made for the annual family dinner, and all members are urged to attend.

Mrs. Mike Loftus left recently for Chicago, where she will remain indefinitely owing to the illness of her sister, Mrs. Tom Hoyt.

Mrs. Maude Port of Eugene and her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Baughman, of Ashland, attended Ruch community church Sunday and were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wingham. Mrs. Port is spending a few weeks in Ashland with her sister, Mrs. Edwin Dunn.

Mr. and Mrs. David Redhead of Klamath Falls visited here recently while en route to Livermore, Calif., where Redhead has accepted a position in the electronics division of a government plant. He recently graduated from the Oregon Technical Institute at Klamath Falls.

Mrs. Charles Duvall and daughter, Mrs. Donald Razor, of Medford have returned from Portland where they were called by the illness of Mrs. Razor's sister, Mrs. Clem Palmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Straube have returned from several days' business trip to Merced and other California points.

Miss Emma Lou Johnson spent the week end here with her aunt, Mrs. Fletcher Spencer.

Boyd Gibson has been elected as principal again for the coming school term at Ruch. Mrs. Cleo Shannon has returned as teacher of the second and third grades after two month's absence on account of illness.

Two ladies were honored with layette showers here recently. Mrs. Don Fossen was

given a surprise shower at her home which was attended by 20 guests. Mrs. Truman Hard of Medford received many gifts at a shower given by women of the community at the Grange hall Saturday. Those attending from Medford were Mrs. Ira Fitzgerald, Mrs. Bill Fitzsimmons, and Mrs. Francis Huckaba and daughter, Mrs. Frank Burwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wolf Stein of Eagle Point visited friends here a few days ago. They will man the Dutchman Peak lookout again this summer.

Mrs. Willis Scott attended the Founder's Day program of the Prospect Parent Teacher association Tuesday and Saturday and was a guest of the League of Women Voters in Medford.

Cpl. James Keen with the United States Marine Corps at Twenty Nine Palms, Calif., visited recently at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lyonel Keen, near Jacksonville.

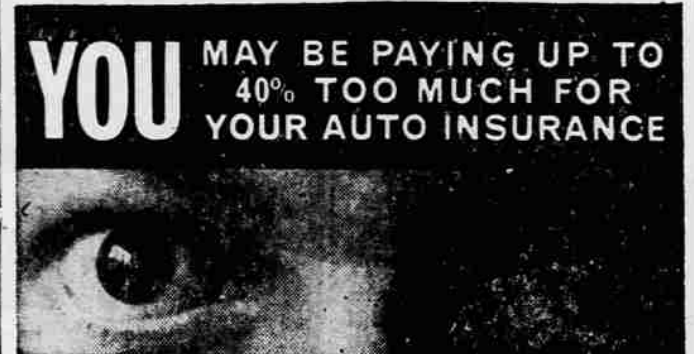
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Kime of Medford were among those visiting in the community Sunday.

Rural Reflections on what the youngsters are doing: Robert Straube, recently assigned the job of feeding dairy calves every morning, believes he won't have much time left by the time he cares for his 4-H lamb which he expects to get in another couple of months. Jim Mitchell knew the height of ecstasy one day when he made his customary phone call to the latest information before taking off on an outdoor trip, and heard the weather attendant address him as "Sir." Harold Lamb, noting the miniature windshield wipers on little foreign cars, says he intends to invent wipers for his spectacles.

Beef Commission Vote Completed

Salem — (U.P.) — Voting on whether to establish an Oregon Beef Commission ended Monday night. The Agriculture Department said it would allow at least two days for mail votes to arrive and that it expected results would be known Friday.

Washington — (U.P.) — The House Post Office and Civil Service committee has approved pay raises totalling near \$1 billion for about 1,500,000 postal and white collar government workers.



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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—ELEVEN

Student Breaks Leg

By MRS. H. H. CHAPMAN

Hornbrook — Leonard Bear, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bear, and a student at Southern Oregon college in Ashland, suffered a broken leg last Friday afternoon, shortly after returning home from school for the week end.

He was unloading a "cat" off a flatbed truck in Emory Parshall's corral when the "cat" tipped, and caught his right leg, breaking the thigh bone just below the hip joint. He was taken to the hospital in Yreka by his brother, Ermin, and a neighbor, L. F. Madison.

Later he was transferred by ambulance to the Rogue Valley hospital in Medford in order to be under the care of an orthopedic surgeon. He underwent surgery on his leg Monday morning, and expects to remain in the hospital for at least another week.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Funk were honored Saturday evening at a farewell dinner given by members and friends of the Hornbrook Bible church. Forty-three persons attended the fried chicken dinner, after which a purse was presented the Funks.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Funk have been active in church and Sunday school activities during the seven years he has been stationed here. He is track foreman for the Southern Pacific railroad in this area, and is being transferred to another station effective March 1. He will be replaced here by the present track foreman at Hills.

Mrs. Marshall Horn returned home last Friday after a two-month's visit in San Francisco with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James Cobain, and in Marysville with a niece and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Phillips. En route home she was an overnight guest in Dixon, Calif., with Mr. and Mrs. James Hodge, who moved there last year after many years residence in Hornbrook, where they were Mrs. Horn's neighbors.

Eddie Mason who is stationed in San Diego, Calif.,

with the Navy, spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Mason.

A two-week vacation for Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Burns ended with their return home last week. Their trip took them through central California where they visited friends or relatives in Oroville, Millbrae, Belmont, Redwood City, Chico and Anderson. An aunt and uncle of Mrs. Burns, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Lucas, are visiting at present at the Burns' home. They are en route to their home in Tillamook, Ore., after spending the winter at Santa Barbara, Calif., and in Arizona.

Others returning last week from a vacation in the south were Mr. and Mrs. George McCann. They drove to Tucson two weeks ago for their annual try at the sport of wild boar hunting in that area, and also made a short side trip into Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Stickley of Salem were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Madison. Mrs. Stickley is Madison's sister.

Latest word on the condition of Mrs. Mary Cardoza is that she is showing steady improvement and may return home sometime this week.

Mrs. George Sloan is a patient at the Siskiyou General hospital in Yreka where she underwent major surgery Tuesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Smith and daughter, Dorothy, drove to Roseburg, where they spent the holiday week end visiting their son and brother, Bob, who is employed there.

The Rev. Harold Coleman of the First Methodist church in Yreka conducted the Sunday morning services at the Hornbrook Methodist church due to the illness of the regular pastor, the Rev. E. V. Hargreaves of Montague.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Samain of Grants Pass were Sunday visitors at the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bennett, and children, Doug, Benny and Marsha.

Portland Fire Not To Cut Gas Service

Portland — (U.P.) — Portland Gas and Coke Company officials said today a spectacular fire which destroyed a unit of the firm's electrode pitch manufacturing facilities would not affect natural gas services to some 90,000 customers.

The fire broke out shortly before 11 a.m. Tuesday and sent smoke and flames high into the air from burning creosote. Firemen managed to save nearby tanks containing benzol and other inflammable material.

Gasco officials did not immediately estimate damage but said the polymerized pitch unit cost \$200,000 to construct in 1948. The unit distills pitch from creosote for use in a carbon binder for electrodes in aluminum reduction plants.

Highway 99 Slide Disrupts Traffic

Salem — (U.P.) — U.S. Highway 99 was open to one-way traffic only about three miles south of Canyonville due to a slide, the State Highway Department reported Tuesday.

The Paulina secondary highway was closed due to high water as was the Baker-Homestead highway in the Roblinette area.

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