

Children at Oregon State School for Deaf Get Understanding, Professional Teaching

By DICK HUMPHREY
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Salem — Oregon State School for the Deaf is a study in light and shade.

Some of its students are housed in the brand new boys' dormitory, Lindstrom hall, while the older girls are housed in the old main building which has been here since the school moved to its present location in 1910.

But the 235 students ranging in age from 4 or 5 to 18 or 20 are fortunate in one respect. They are getting understanding and professional care and education unlike some of Oregon's estimated 4,500 children who have enough hearing loss to require medical attention.

Their parents have recognized a handicap and taken steps to deal realistically with it.

The school, started in 1870, is open to any Oregon school child with a hearing problem. About 40 per cent of its students are really deaf, that is they have no usable hearing, and the remaining 60 per cent are hard of hearing from a

mild to severe extent. When a child comes to the school at age 4 or 5, unable to speak or understand speech there can be a real problem even with modern diagnostic equipment in determining exactly how great his hearing loss is or, indeed, if he is not retarded rather than deaf. How can the clinicians be sure of a child's reaction when sound, amplified thousands of times, first reaches his ears? It takes time.

Greek Ship Sinks After Collision

Vera Cruz, Mexico — The 2,800-ton Greek ship Los Caribes exploded and sank here Sunday just four minutes after it collided with the German freighter Schauenburg. All 18 crewmen were rescued.

The Los Caribes, carrying a cargo of 2,600 tons of sulphur, was rammed in the starboard side by the 6,000-ton Schauenburg in the narrow channel at the entrance to this Gulf of Mexico port.

But here the old canard of the deaf child being a "dummy" must be disposed of. Superintendent Marvin Clatterbuck who has had 17 years experience at the school says deaf children's intelligence is just like that of the rest of the population.

Of course, the key to a deaf child's progress is special training in speech and language and lots of it.

The youngest children spend several years in the pre-school building learning "tongue gymnastics," breathing exercises, speech sounds and how they combine into words and sentences.

Then in a "prep class" they start to read and write. Imitating the teacher, they learn to read lips.

Major Interest Sought
By the time a child is 7 or 8, he is usually ready for regular first grade work. Cub Scouts, 4-H and other activities including special speech and language courses.

In the fourth grade when the child is about 12, vocational training is started in the old shop building and it

continues two years until an evaluation is made to find a major interest the child can concentrate on.

The girls usually take typing and homemaking.

Not all the training is vocational. The major aim of the school is either to return the children to the public schools, prepare them for college, or give them a way of making a living.

Some do return to public schools with hearing aids or improved ability to communicate. Others stay to complete the 10 grades of academic instruction offered.

Seven graduates are now studying at Gaullaudet college for the Deaf in Washington, D. C.

When they reach their teens, the students enter into sports competition with high schools, learn to drive and acquire many of the skills that hearing youths do.

With improved teachers, teaching aids and transistorized hearing aids much is being done to aid Oregon's deaf children despite deficiencies in the physical plant which are being remedied as fast as possible.

But lip reading is still no substitute for hearing and it is a tough battle to learn to speak normally.

A few children never do learn and are forced back on antiquated sign language, the historical language of the deaf.

Most of the children pick up signs anyway to use for their private communication and amusement—and even poke a little fun at the hearing world. After all, they're children first and only secondly deaf.

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Indefinite Delay Granted Beck On His Tax Trial

Tacoma, Wash. — U.S. District Court Judge George H. Boldt Friday granted former Teamster President Dave Beck an indefinite delay in his income tax evasion trial, scheduled to begin May 5.

Boldt said determination of a new trial date would depend upon the progress of pre-trial activities by the government and Beck's attorneys.

Both defense and government attorneys requested the postponement.

Beck's attorneys cited continuing publicity about the ex-labor boss and the Teamsters' union as the reason for their request for a delay. Such publicity made it impossible to obtain an impartial jury.

The government's postponement request stated that justice department attorneys needed more time for research.

Because of Beck's complicated business deals, the case is expected to involve hundreds of witnesses and at least 1,000 government exhibits.

Beck is accused of evading \$240,000 in income taxes from 1950 through 1953.

The postponement was the third granted by Judge Boldt to give the attorneys more time to prepare their cases.

Newspaper Executives Discuss Ways To Put Out Better Daily Newspapers

By JEROME F. BRAZDA
United Press Correspondent
New York — An estimated 1,500 top American and Canadian newspaper executives gathered in New York today for four days of speeches and discussions about how to put out a better daily newspaper.

The 72nd annual convention of the American Newspaper Publishers Association opened today at the Hotel Waldorf-Astoria with executive sessions on labor problems in the publishing industry.

Highlights of the convention will include: —Speeches by representatives of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

—An address by ANPA President William Dwight.

—A report from the ANPA legal staff on Canon 35, the ban on news photography in the courtroom.

—Discussions on rising costs.

—All-day discussion session Tuesday will include topics related to editorial, mechanical and advertising problems.

The ANPA said suggested topics indicated intense interest in "the major problems of rising costs of operation and reduced revenue."

Tuesday's sessions are divided into three groups — for newspapers under 10,000 circulation, those between 10,000 and 50,000 and those with circulations of over 50,000.

Executive sessions for members with circulations under 10,000 will be presided over by Robert M. Speidel of the Visalia, Calif., Times-Delta and Clyde E. Moffitt of the Fort Collins, Colo., Coloradoan.

Byron C. Vedder of the Champaign-Urbana (Ill.) Courier and Edwin F. Hearne of the Salisbury (Md.) Times will chair the sessions for papers between 10,000 and 50,000 circulation.

Chairman of the committees in charge of the Tuesday sessions for the two groups under 50,000 circulation is Edward J. Hughes of the Port Chester, N.Y., Item.

Sessions of the over-50,000 group will be headed by Joyce A. Swan of the Minneapolis, Minn., Star and Tribune.

Discussions will include such diverse topics as the use of vending machines to sell papers, the fight for freedom of information, use of tele-

Professor Named To Race Group

Salem — Dr. W. R. Todd, professor of biochemistry at the University of Oregon Medical School, was appointed to the State Racing Commission by Gov. Robert D. Holmes Friday.

Dr. Todd, who has served as racing commissioner chemist since Feb. 25, 1947, succeeds Dr. Frank R. Menne who resigned to move to Wisconsin.

The new commissioner, a Democrat, is immediate past president of the International Association of Official Racing Chemists. He has been associated with the commission for more than 11 years.

He will fill Dr. Menne's unexpired term which runs to Jan. 16, 1963.

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June Engineering Graduates Due Tougher Time Finding Jobs

New York — Engineers in the Class of '58 can expect to be absorbed by industry, but it may take a little more time than in past years.

A United Press spot check of some major engineering schools reveals that the June crop will not, for the most part, be able to walk off the campus and into a job. Production cutbacks have tightened up the job situation.

One student who is completing college on a scholarship provided by a large chemical company recently learned the bad news: sorry the company has no opening for him at present. He's still looking.

Various authorities report the larger companies no longer are hiring "spare" engineers as they did in recent years.

Walter Kelly, director of placement for New York University's School of Engineering, said the number of firms interviewing June graduates is down from 200 to about 150.

"Most of the cancellations came from the aircraft group, but there are a few suppliers involved, too," said Kelly. "Those that are interviewing appear to have cut their manpower requirements considerably," he added.

"In general, graduate engineers last year averaged

three to five offers, some as many as 12. This year, the top graduates get three to five offers. The others start from scratch," said Kelly.

There is no significant change in engineers' salary. Last year's starting average, \$465 a month, is expected to hold up for this year.

William Cavanaugh, executive secretary of the Engineers Joint Council, said 34,500 bachelor degrees will be awarded in engineering this June. This is 2,500 fewer than had been forecast.

Herbert P. Catlin, director of placement at Rensselaer

37 Employees Back At Longview Fiber

Longview, Wash. — Longview Fiber Company Saturday announced that it was recalling 37 employees to their jobs Monday after a period of curtailed production that had lasted since January.

R. P. Wollenberg, vice president for operations, said the company would restore three of its five primary production machines to a seven-day week. Resumption of operations on the three machines, he said, resulted from a seasonal upturn and would be for an indefinite period.

Polytechnic Institute, Troy, N.Y., reporter, "There is a good deal of holding back as far as hiring goes. Employers as a whole are being more conservative and selective."

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Volcanic Water Likely Power Aid

Calipatria, Calif. — Testing continued Saturday at a possible huge underground basin of volcanically heated water which could provide enough steam power to supply all of southern California with electricity.

Discovery of the basin was announced Friday by geologist Robert Cypher and drilling expert R. B. Mitchell, both of Long Beach, Calif.

The men said the basin was tapped at a depth of 4,700 feet during oil exploration drilling by the Kent-Imperial company of Grand Rapids, Mich., in the northern Imperial valley near the Salton Sea, about seven miles north of here.

The basin promises to offer a "limitless and powerful supply of steam energy" once it is harnessed, they said. They believed the basin water was heated by a volcanic pool of molten rock located about 10,000 feet below the surface. Molten rock usually is not found above 50,000 feet, they said.

Company officials said they plan to drill 50 wells in the near future at a cost of \$100,000 each. Each well was expected to produce 25,000 horsepower an hour.

Father Ships Body Of Girl To Mother

Buenos Aires — Police today feared for the life of a six-year-old girl whose father killed her sister and shipped her body to their mother, his estranged wife.

Mrs. Ernesto Raul Rodriguez received a suitcase by express on Saturday. In it she discovered the body of her eight-year-old daughter Marta Dora and a note from her husband.

"I'll make you happy by getting rid of Marta Dora," it said. "I'm leaving this world in order that you may go on living with the man that has replaced me. I forgive you all the suffering you have brought upon me."

Police said the couple had another daughter, aged six, who remained with the father when the mother left the family a few months ago.

Ready Market Set For Calif. Fruit

Sacramento — Fred W. Read, general manager of the State Fruit Exchange, predicts that California fruits and vegetables will find a "ready market" this year.

He made the prediction after a six-week, 8,000 mile tour of the southern and eastern market areas.

The shortage of some vegetables has already resulted in fantastic prices in short supply. Read said. Competent observers in Florida told Read that the cold weather hurt the citrus industry there so badly that it will take three years to get back to normal.

Oslo, Norway — Theodore Bull, 87, who founded the Bull Iron and Steel Co. of Norway in 1907, died here Friday.

Donald O'Connor One Big Plus in Saturday Night 'Red Mill' Video Show

By WILLIAM EWALD
United Press Correspondent
New York — I suppose the easiest way to sum up the Saturday night CBS-TV spec "The Red Mill," is to write it off as a minus show with one big plus—Donald O'Connor.

It was a pretty curious animal—a mixture of 1905 Broadway type of 1938 television type schmaltz. Strangely enough, it was the 1906 schmaltz that held up best, particularly tunes like "In Old New York" and "Every Day is Ladies with Me."

The plot was reworked to include such bricabrac as a couple of pampered movie stars (played by Elaine May and Mike Nichols), a pair of narrators (played by Harpo Marx and Evelyn Rudie) and new songs like "We're On Our Way to Brussels," (playable, presumably, at 78, 45 and 33 1/2).

What resulted was a vehicle almost as foolish as Jack Benny's Maxwell, and I might add, twice as creaky.

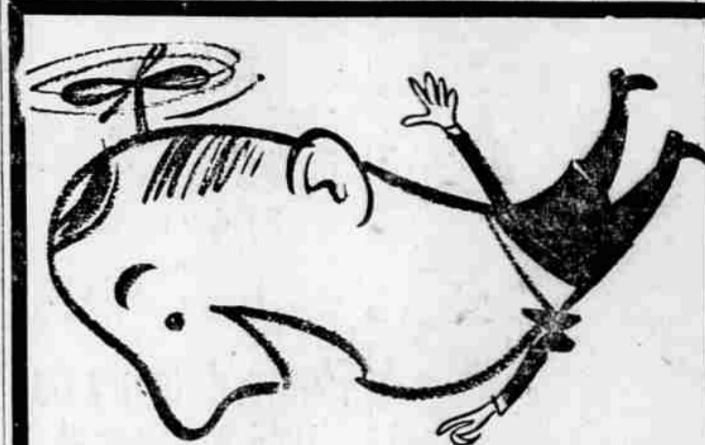
Elaine May and Mike Nichols, two clever comedians, were simply miscast. Their very hip deadpan humor was out of place in the very square surroundings. Some of their lines were pretty funny—Miss May, for example, complaining that the air conditioning in her car was off and observing, "I have to be kept at a constant 70 degrees." But still, it was a little like watching two dizzy

gillespies sitting in with Lawrence Welk.

What saved "The Red Mill" from going completely under was the talent of Donald O'Connor. He is, to put it plainly, a pro. Even in the sappy soup of TV's "The Red Mill," O'Connor bulked large as solid meat. His dancing has a sense of style, and his singing has charm, although his voice is merely adequate.

Extra Something
But beyond that, O'Connor has that extra something more which I guess can only be described as "presence." He shoots spark into a stage when he bounces on.

"The Red Mill," incidentally, was etched on video tape last week because of the strike of CBS technicians. The texture of most of the scenes was good, but there were jerky transitions between some scenes. And just to sum up, what went on during some scenes was pretty jerky, too.



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Operations Slowed At Pulp Company

Salem — Operations at Oregon Pulp and Paper company here will be cut back from six to five days a week starting Monday.

Mill Superintendent G. R. Cranor said the cutback was the result of "prevailing economic conditions."

The plant will remain on its 24-hour a day basis and layoffs will be held to a minimum, Cranor said.

No Concern Held for Winston Churchill

London — Sources close to Sir Winston Churchill said today he may have a bad cold but it is nothing to worry about. They said the British weather could give anyone the sniffles.

Reports that Churchill's doctor, Lord Moran, visited him several times last week had raised fears the 83-year-old statesman had been stricken by new illness.

Russ Said Ready To Match U.S. Capital

Jerusalem, Israel — The newspaper Yedioth Ahronot quoted Soviet Embassy Commercial Attaché Vladimir Balchenko Sunday as saying Russia was willing to match American capital investment in Israel.

The newspaper said Balchenko told a group of industrialists in Tel Aviv on Thursday that Russia "is giving favorable consideration to the broadening of her commercial and industrial ties with Israel."

"It is untrue that only American capital is able to develop Israel — Russian capital is just as able and willing" the newspaper quoted the attaché as saying.

Nylon Blood Vessels

London — Chinese surgeons have used nylon blood vessels in successful attempt to treat high blood pressure. Radio Peiping said Sunday.

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