

Pendleton Paper Wins First Place

Portland - (UPI) - The Pendleton East Oregonian Wednesday won first place in the 1961 Newspaper Citizen Leadership contest sponsored by the Consulting Engineers Association of Oregon.

Editor and Publisher J. W. Forrester Jr. accepted the \$150 first prize awarded for stories and editorials to acquaint Pendleton residents with the need for new swimming facilities to replace a 40-year-old pool.

Second place was awarded to the Lake Oswego Review for its support of expanding sewer systems, better library facilities and an improved water system.

The Oregon City Enterprise-Courier's campaign to pass a \$350,000 bond issue to improve the sewer system won third place.

Americans Will See Italy's 'Funny' Man

By WILLIAM SUNDERLAND
United Press International
Rome - (UPI) - Americans will soon get a chance to see Alberto Sordi, the "funniest man in Italy," in his first English-language film.

Sordi is a veteran of more than 100 films, many of which have been shown and re-shown to the delight of Italian audiences. But most Americans have never even heard his name.

The 40-year-old comic, who made his first film at 16, will get his chance in the United States this April when "The Best of Enemies" goes before the American public.

In this wartime comedy, Sordi co-stars with David Niven. "The Best of Enemies," Sordi's first English-language film, already has scored a laugh-filled success in London.

Off the screen, Sordi, a

bachelor, is a serious, intelligent and articulate man.

"The problems of trying to appeal to an international audience as a comic are tremendous," he said in an interview. "But I think 'the best of enemies' has shown that I can put myself across in English."

Expression

As a comic, Sordi depends more on an expression of the face, a word or a phrase than on slapstick. He specializes in tragicomic situations.

"In every day life there is a combination of both tragedy and comedy, and many times they come together," Sordi said. "These are the parts I want to play. No situation comedies, or hanging from a 30-story ledge by my fingertips. I want to act what is true to life."

An example of such a part is his role in "Everybody Home," a story of the con-

fusion and bitter days near the end of World War II when both the Germans and the Americans were shooting at the Italians. Sordi plays a bewildered officer who is caught between the two forces and has no idea of what to do.

Sordi said: "I learned to be a comic the best way - by working with and learning from other comics. When I was 13 I won a contest to dub in the Italian voice for Oliver Hardy in the Laurel and Hardy films."

"From there I went to films and later I had a popular radio program. But my aim was always to become a film personality."

With Fellini

Sordi has teamed up with director Federico Fellini - who made "La Strada" and "La Dolce Vita" - for a number of films, all of which

have had a tremendous success in Italy. But the only movie of his that has been shown in the United States was "The Great War," in which he co-starred with Vittorio Gassman. The film and Sordi did not score any great success abroad.

"My voice was dubbed in English, and they did it with a sort of Brooklyn accent," Sordi said. "It just wasn't funny."

"I've learned some English now and I'm still studying. With my own voice and expression it should go better."

Sordi's private life is somewhat of a mystery, particularly in a country where the press specializes in reporting every action of its screen idols.

Four years ago he purchased a villa, complete with swimming pool and 100-seat

Rate Reduction Petition Filed

Portland - (UPI) - The Portland Freight Traffic Association has filed a petition with the Interstate Commerce Commission for suspension of freight reductions on steel.

The reductions would be applicable to Seattle and the Puget Sound area without corresponding reduction in Portland and Spokane.

The petition requests the ICC to investigate the proposed freight rate reduction on steel moving from California and Utah points to the Pacific Northwest.

A spokesman for the association said the reduction would put the Portland-Vancouver movie theater. He lives there with two sisters.

As to his romantic life, Sordi said: "Sure, I'd like to get married. But I want a WIFE - and those are hard to find in the film world."

area at a competitive disadvantage. He said the reduction, if there is one, should be extended to Portland.

GRADUATED

Pfc. Richard S. Lingren, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert S. Lingren, 2385 Table Rock rd., Medford, was graduated last month from the aviation familiarization school at the Navy Air Technical Training center, Memphis, Tenn.

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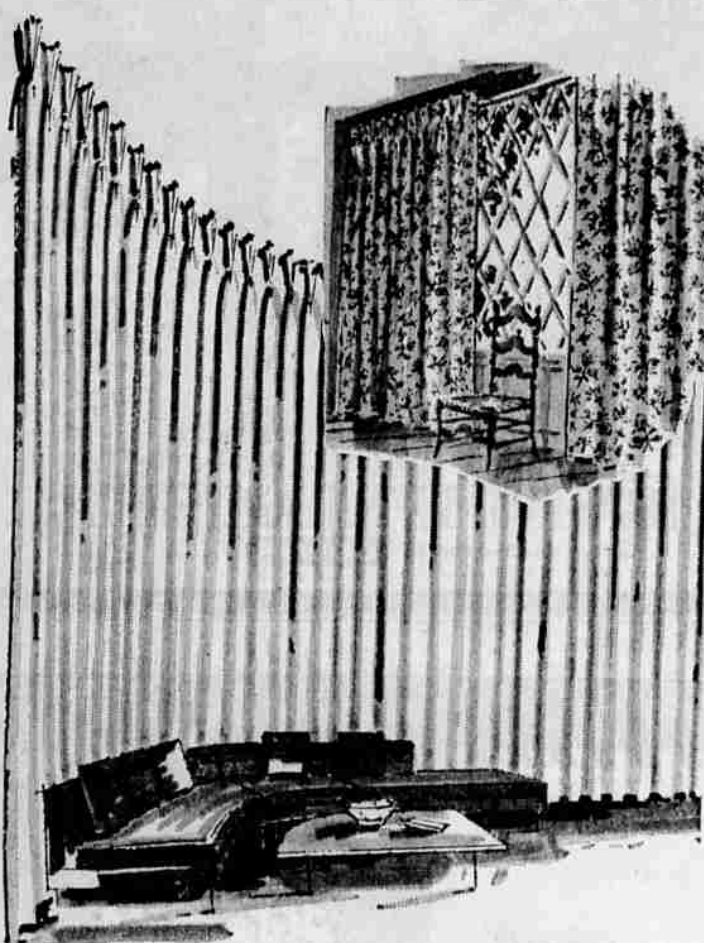
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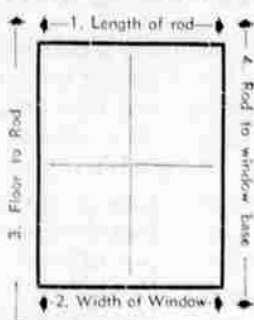
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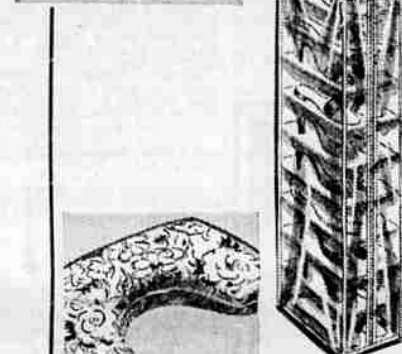
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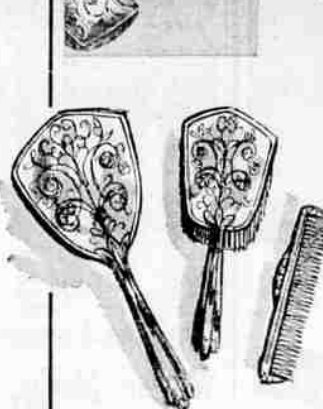
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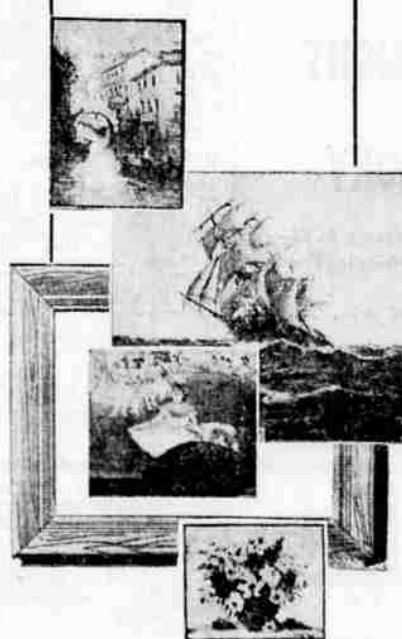
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