

The Missing Years

Dick West, Hooked for Life, Extends Best Anniversary Wishes To Baghdad

By DICK WEST
Washington — I always have been kind of a nut about Baghdad. I have never been there, but that isn't necessary. All you have to do is read the Arabian Nights and see a couple of old Rudolph Valentino movies and you're hooked for life. Actually, I'm not certain that the Valentino movies had any connection with Baghdad. But they are linked in my memory along with magic carpets and Ali Baba.

At any rate, Baghdad is celebrating its 1,000th anniversary this month, and I thought you might like to join me in wishing it a happy millennium.

In truth, Baghdad is much older than that. One thousand is just as good a round number to use for a celebration.

A pamphlet published by the Iraq Embassy here gives the birthday of Baghdad as 762 A.D. when it was chosen as the capital of the Abbasid Caliphate during the reign of the Abu Jaafar Al-Mansur.

Durante Arrested After Auto Crash

Chicago — Comedian Jimmy Durante was arrested on three counts Sunday after his rented auto touched off a three-car collision.

Police said Durante was driving on an expressway when his car struck one driven by Craig Braverton, Peekskill, N.Y. Braverton's car was shoved into one driven by Patrolman Ray Goodman.

Braverton was shaken up. Durante was taken to police headquarters where he was charged with having no driver's license, driving too close, and damage to city property. He posted a \$25 bond and said he would not appear at a booked appearance in traffic court March 14.

Durante put on an impromptu show for the policemen during the proceedings and actually spent more time posing for photographers with his hands in cuffs and signing the bond.

Florida To Present Operation Alphabet

Tallahassee, Fla. — Florida officials have announced plans for Operation Alphabet, a project aimed at teaching a quarter of a million adults in Florida who own television sets how to read and write.

School Superintendent Thomas D. Bailey said Saturday the 1960 census revealed that 261,433 Floridians over the age of 25 couldn't read or write.

Operation Alphabet will present 100 half-hour television programs teaching the basic skills and will be aired on the state's educational television stations and three commercial channels.

On the Air

By ELEANOR WIESE

Just as sure as Christmas comes every year, so do new and old versions of Dicken's "Christmas Carol." But the production to be presented Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. on KMED-TV is a "Christmas Carol" with a big difference. It's an animated cartoon version.

This time Scrooge is played by the nearsighted Mr. Magoo (with the voice of Jim Backus). Backus in his voice characterization seeks to maintain the conception of Scrooge inspired previously by such noted performers as Lionel Barrymore and Basil Rathbone.

The animated version retains the seriousness and the humor as Dickens wrote it. A musical score by songwriters Jule Styne and Bob Merrill has been added which follows the spirit and mood of Dickens' story.

In addition to Jim Backus, other voice characterizations are provided by Jack Cassidy, Morey Amsterdam and Les Tremayne.

FOCAL POINT, 4 p.m. daily KMED-TV. Monday: Representatives of the Medford Ministerial association will talk about the evening concerts and nativity scene in Old City Park. Tuesday: Alcohol education in schools will be discussed by Gordon Rainey, Portland, and Helen Thomas, Phoenix High School. Wednesday: Excerpts from a film on successful auto sales made for national distribution by Digger Carlson, Medford auto salesman, will be shown. Friday: The Crater High "Lavaliers," directed by Norman Carothers, will present a Christmas concert.

ANDY WILLIAMS SHOW, 10 p.m. Thursday KMED-TV. Betty Davis will sing the title number from her current movie, "What Ever Happened to Baby Jane?" and joins in dances and folk songs.

CLOSE-UP, 7 p.m. Friday KMED-TV. "The Unpaid and the Unsung" will examine politics at the precinct level, and the activities of volunteer workers involved in campaigns leading up to the Nov. 6 elections in San Francisco. The program will focus on the Republican Party's precinct organization in that city.

LEONARD BERNSTEIN, 7:30 p.m. Friday KBES-TV. "What Is Melody?" Bernstein will conduct the New York Philharmonic in works illustrating his theory that melody is not just a tune, but can be a theme, a motive, a long melodic line or a musical phrase. Selections include the prelude to Wagner's opera, "Tristan and Isolde"; the first movement from Mozart's Symphony No. 40 in G. Minor; Paul Hindemith's Concert Music for Strings and Brass, and the final movement of Brahms' Symphony No. 4 in E. Minor.

MIRACLE ON 34th STREET, 11:15 p.m. Friday KBES-TV. The delightful and humorous story of a Santa Claus (Edmund Gwenn) at Macy's. Too bad most children will be in bed for this one.

DAVID BRINKLEY'S JOURNAL, 8 p.m. Saturday

4-H NEWS
Eight Crazy Stitches
Marthanne Goodwin, president, called to order the December meeting of the Eight Crazy Stitches 4-H club. The 4-H pledge was given.

Each member brought a Christmas gift for a boy or girl at the Fairview home.

Goals were set for the coming year. Improvements and goals from the past year were discussed. Our next meeting will be at the home of Suzi Lind Jan. 7.

Refreshments were served by Margaret and Marthanne Goodwin.

Suzi Lind, Reporter

Telephone Workers Approve Contract

Portland — West Coast Telephone Co. announced here Saturday that its 1,365 employees in three Western states have approved a new two-year contract.

The workers, represented by the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, approved the pact by a vote of 217 to 232. It will cover workers at 73 exchanges in Washington, Oregon and California.

The contract provides wage increases and more fringe benefits including higher medical payments by the company, a spokesman said. He said it was expected to cost the company an additional \$480,000 per year.

The agreement was retroactive to Dec. 1.

SBA To Open Field Office in Medford

The Small Business Administration will open temporary offices in Medford starting Thursday, Dec. 20, at the Red Cross chapter house, 80 Hawthorne ave.

John E. Horne, Washington, D. C. SBA administrator made the announcement after Jackson and Josephine counties were declared disaster areas due to the Dec. 2 flood. Inquiries should be addressed to the field office at Medford or to the Portland office of SBA, 921 Southwest Washington st., Portland 5.

Chicago — Manufacturers' sales of confectionery and chocolate products were an estimated \$95.1 million in August of this year, 6 per cent above sales for August, 1961, according to William P. Markert, executive director of the candy, chocolate and confectionery institute.

Information regarding eligibility and application forms and procedures for filling them out may be obtained at the Medford office. It was noted.

Purpose of Loans
The purpose of the disaster loans is to help restore, repair, rehabilitate and replace the damaged property to as near pre-disaster status as possible. The loans are limited to homes, business and non-profit organizations. Terms are geared to the borrower's ability to repay within the shortest reasonable time, but by law may not exceed 20 years.

Farmers and other agricultural operators should contact the county agents in Medford or Grants Pass or write directly to Farmers Home Administration, 208 Southwest Fifth ave., Portland.

SBA officials noted that insurance funds will be used, such collateral as they have or are in a position to furnish.

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