

On the Air

By ELEANOR WIESE

The seasonal television shake-up continues with new shows replacing many of the old.

Tonight Judy Garland makes her long-heralded debut as a TV regular and Patty Duke and Inger Stevens premiere in new series tomorrow.

So far the new schedules look good—hopefully a step forward from the cliché-ridden past.

In watching some of the new shows last week, I was struck anew by the obvious fact that excellence in TV, as in so many efforts, can be produced only if the team behind the show is excellent.

The delightful and talented Danny Kaye, who conveys a feeling of sharing his fun with his audience, nevertheless needs strong behind-the-scenes talent. The skill of his writers was apparent in their clever baseball skits inspired by "My Fair Lady" and "The Music Man." And the baseball ballet "West Side Story" style displayed the genius of the choreographer.

40 Acres Around Stables Released

The bureau of land management has released the 40 acres of land around the Lily Glen riding stables at Howard Prairie lake from a grazing lease, according to a letter read by County Judge Earl M. Miller Friday.

The letter from District Manager Donald J. Schofield indicated the land can now be used for purely recreational purposes. He also advised the county court that if it plans to seek withdrawal of any other land for recreational purpose, application should be made to the BLM by January of the year in which the withdrawal is sought.

While the land was still considered under grazing lease, the county court could not start digging the well as requested by the Jackson county parks and recreation commission. Judge Miller said the county court could make plans for the well now, but did not say how soon the actual work would start.

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Co-Managers Are Named for Station

The announcement of co-managers for radio station KSHA in Medford has been made by Robert Thomlinson, Eugene, general manager of Pacific Adult Radio stations.

New managers are Phil Holman, who has been in the radio business for 18 years, and Dick Woodcock, formerly associated with Snyder's Dairy and Pepsi-Cola Bottling company. Holman has been with the local station for nine months and has lived in the Rogue valley for five years.

The local station, one of four PAB affiliates, is at 27 West Main st., broadcasting during the daytime with 1,000 watts of power. Its programming is principally music, including classical.

Social Science Class Added to Schedule

ASHLAND — History of American Thought and Culture, a new social science course offering, will be offered Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Mrs. Mabel Winston, registrar, has announced.

Dr. Frederick Roentgen, associate professor of history, will instruct the class.

The course is in addition to evening classes previously announced. Anyone wishing a night schedule may contact the registrars office.

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

A FAMOUS British author confessed to Winston Churchill that he was terrified of speaking in public, and shunned personal appearances and autograph parties like the plague.

"No need whatever for you to be that way," Churchill assured him. "Do what I do. To this day, when I get up to speak, I make a point of taking a good look around the audience. I say to myself, 'What a lot of silly fools!' And then I immediately feel better."

A merchant marine captain, under orders to pick up a cargo of poultry, was sorely worried lest he fail to complete the job before the tide went out. He found himself counting his hatches before there were chickens.

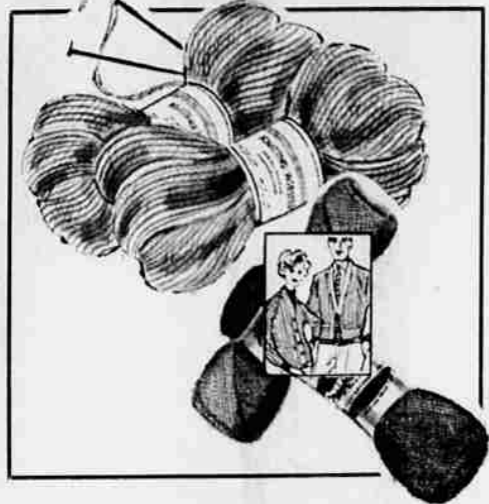
An IBM executive, proceeding across 57th Street in Manhattan, noticed a painting by Titian in a push art dealer's window. Next door was another, and farther down the block he saw still a third. "Heavens," exclaimed the IBM exec. "There are morticians in this town . . ."

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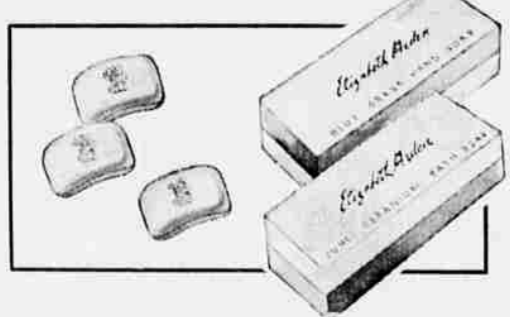
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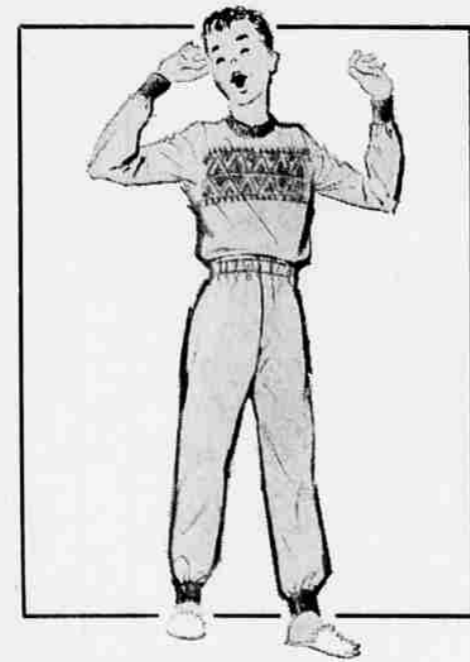
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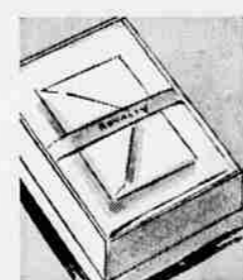


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BIRDING

By JOSEPH HICKS

During the fall migration, bird population is at its highest peak. It is estimated that only one third of this number of birds will survive the autumn migration and the winter season to return in the spring for the nesting season.

Species that nest two and three times each year, such as mourning doves, house sparrows, robins, and starlings have a survival rate lower than the average, otherwise their populations would pyramid. The same reasoning pertains to California quail and ring-necked pheasants with their large broods of 8 to 16 young per brood.

It would be interesting to actually count the number of swallows in mid-September in this valley. The electric lines throughout the valley hold resting swallows by the thousands. If a search is made at the same time in the fields, one finds almost as large quantities of house finches, Savannah sparrows, lark sparrows, lesser and American goldfinches. A more diligent search in the foliage of trees will disclose migrating warblers, vireos, and other small birds including families of chickadees and white-breasted nuthatches.

Only a few shore birds were observed during August and September. A greater yellowlegs was feeding along the Rogue river on Aug. 25. On the same date Mrs. L. Tompkins saw three immature Wilson's phalaropes near Modoc rd. A forster's tern was flying above Hoover lake on Sept. 13.

Hoover lake area has been almost void of waterfowl during this summer. In early September, scattered along the lakes, there were only a few mallards, some green winged teal, a pair of gadwalls, and about six wood ducks.

While there is a scarcity of shore birds and waterfowl here, there is a tremendous concentration of both of the above in the Klamath Falls area.

On Sept. 16 there were hundreds of avocet and dowitchers at the Lower Klamath Falls refuge. Ducks, mostly mallards, and geese dotted the lakes in this area. Pelicans and common egrets also were very much in evidence. Klamath lake, north of Klamath Falls, had little or no waterfowl this summer. Now there are many western grebes, and an occasional pied-bill grebe on the lake.

O. Kannasto again reports seeing the two sand bill cranes in the marshy field west of Howard lake. This pair has apparently spent the summer in this area, as Kannasto saw them three or four times. From the reported size and coloring they are larger "grass canadensis" species and not the "little brown cranes."

There is a possibility that two black vultures were in the vicinity of White City on Aug. 28. Mrs. W. Mitchell telephoned me that she had observed them with white feathers near the tips of the wings, black heads, and smaller tails than the turkey vulture. These vultures were circling overhead among a group of about 10 mature and immature turkey vultures.

If these vultures were actually black vultures, they are far from their environment of Ohio, Maryland, Texas, to Chile and Argentina. If anyone else saw these vultures, please give me a call.

In the summer I put away my bird feeders as they attract house sparrows who interfere with other nesting birds. The two titmice who have lived in my yard for six years, make themselves known in the fall with their cheery call. Recently I put up two feeders, one with suet, and the other a horizontal fruit jar for the titmice.

As I have not banded the titmice I am not sure it is the same pair that comes each year to the feeder, but again this fall they showed no hesitation in entering the jar and taking the peanuts and sunflower seeds. Last year both chickadees and titmice used this feeder. There is a 1/4 inch entrance hole to the jar, which permits entrance of the smaller birds. Junco and sparrows avoid this feeder, perhaps they assume it to be a trap.

For the suet feeder, I use large chunks of suet, obtainable at the packing houses or Grocceria. It attracts many species including acorn woodpeckers, scrub jays, golden crown and white crown sparrows, Audubon's warblers and bush tits. Both of the feeders are suspended from a horizontal rope tied between two trees. This keeps cats and dogs from pouncing on the feeding birds.

In addition to my slides of local birds, I now have 50 or 60 color slides of some of the wild flowers found in this area. Mr. and Mrs. L. Gentner and A. Butler helped me with the difficult determination of the common and latin names. Groups that desire to see either of these sets of slides should contact me.



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