

CHURCH OFFERS INDIAN PAGEANT

By Jean Deshaizer

SPRAGUE RIVER.—On Saturday evening, May 16, the community was treated to a beautiful pageant, "The Vanishing American," put on by members of the Williamson River church. This account was brim full of vivid color and harmony as it took the audience in fancy back through the ages to the old order of things as they were when the white man first came among the Indian tribes in America.

The first scene portrayed the quiet industry of the camp life; the women weaving their beautiful baskets and exquisite bead work, while the men lounged about, ever on the alert for nature's signal that danger or an enemy which might threaten their home.

We saw the Indian messenger, fleet footed and slender as he brought news to his chief of the lost white emigrants.

The war dance too, lost none of its vigor or gracefulness, though given by men of both the older and younger generation.

Part of the women's work was to grind the seeds of the Wocus into meal. This process was accomplished by the use of a stone pestle and a hollowed rock for a bowl.

It was explained that often a large, flat tablet of stone was used and the seeds rolled or crushed with the pestle.

How very different things are today, when women of all races are spared this crude way of obtaining meal and flour for their families' consumption!

The love scene by Rainbow and Strong Heart, and the Indian solo dance by Chief Cornstalk, led up to the Indian hand game which many have heard of but few have seen.

The Indian children were early taught to dance, the main idea being to strengthen the leg muscles for in those early years, no means of travel was used so much as travel by foot.

The early tribes were deeply religious as the tableau gave evidence, where the grandmother was shown instructing a very

young listener in the mysteries of the Great Spirit, a lesson which we might all do well to follow.

An interesting feature of the evening came when, during the wedding dance, three members of the cast came down into the audience and chose partners with whom to continue their dancing.

A duet and tableau, "Red Wing," a solo, "Red Skin," and "Hiawatha's Melody of Love," gave evidence beyond a doubt of the intrinsic quality and beauty of harmony in the Indian voices. They are full and mellow without being loud, and the slight minor note in their music lends an individuality all its own.

One of the outstanding features of the evening came when Medicine Man Crowfeathers sang "America," in the Klamath tongue. It is known to be one of the most difficult feats to fit the Klamath language to American music.

Clayton Kirk acted as spokesman for the evening and during the entertainment he gave us brief accounts of legends concerning points and landmarks in this particular vicinity.

Especially interesting were those relating to "God's Buttes," three distinct tables of rock formation located on the Sprague River-Chiloquin highway, and the legend explaining why the spotted loon lost his beautiful long tail feathers.

In closing, the entire cast sang a couple of songs, thus terminating a most colorful and interesting evening.

Poppy as Memorial Flower Recalls War Scenes

The idea of the poppy as a memorial flower for World War dead sprang up following the war as naturally as the wild flower itself grows in the fields of France and Belgium. The poppy was the one touch of beauty which survived in the devastated battle areas. It bloomed along the edge of the trenches, beneath the tangled barbed wire, about the gaping shell holes and among the fresh graves. The soldiers of all nations came to look upon it as the living symbol of the sacrifices of their dead comrades.

Colonel John McCrae, a Canadian soldier soon to lie beneath the poppies himself, first gave expression of the poppy idea when he wrote:

"In Flanders fields the poppies grow,
Between the crosses row on row—
And Miss Molna Michael, Y. M. C. A. overseas headquarters worker was so inspired by its message, she bought silk poppies and distributed them to the men attending the 25th conference of the Y. M. C. A. then in session in New York, and poppies were

day was begun in 1921. At first silk poppies made in France by French widows and orphans were used but soon the manufacture of paper poppies by disabled American veterans was begun and the crepe paper poppy made by American disabled men in government hospitals and poppy work-rooms became the standard American Legion and auxiliary flower. In 1924, the Legion turned the poppy program over to the women of the Legion auxiliary and through the local unit the poppies will be offered to the people of Klamath Falls, on Saturday, May 23.

Court Rules "Long" Bread Loaves Legal

OLYMPIA, Wash., May 20. (UP)—By authority of the supreme court Washington bakers Tuesday baked loaves of bread in any shape they chose. The court reversed a state department of agriculture ruling limiting lengths of one pound loaves to nine inches. "It would be preposterous to say that the mixture of more air into a loaf of bread would be adulteration," the court held. "It also is absurd to say that because a one-pound loaf is 12 inches long it is not as good as a one-pound loaf nine inches long."

DIES AT ALTURAS

ALTURAS, May 20.—Horace Lyle Stimers, aged 38 years, died at the general hospital here, May 18, 1936. Death was the result of dismemberment from sleeping sickness suffered more than 10 years ago. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. George R. Stimers of Oakland and brother of Floyd Stimers, prominent rancher of Cedarville.

Poverty in the United States is much worse than it is here because they have no organized machinery to deal with it. . . . the United States is 50 years behind us in housing reform.—Herbert Morrison, Labor member, British Parliament.



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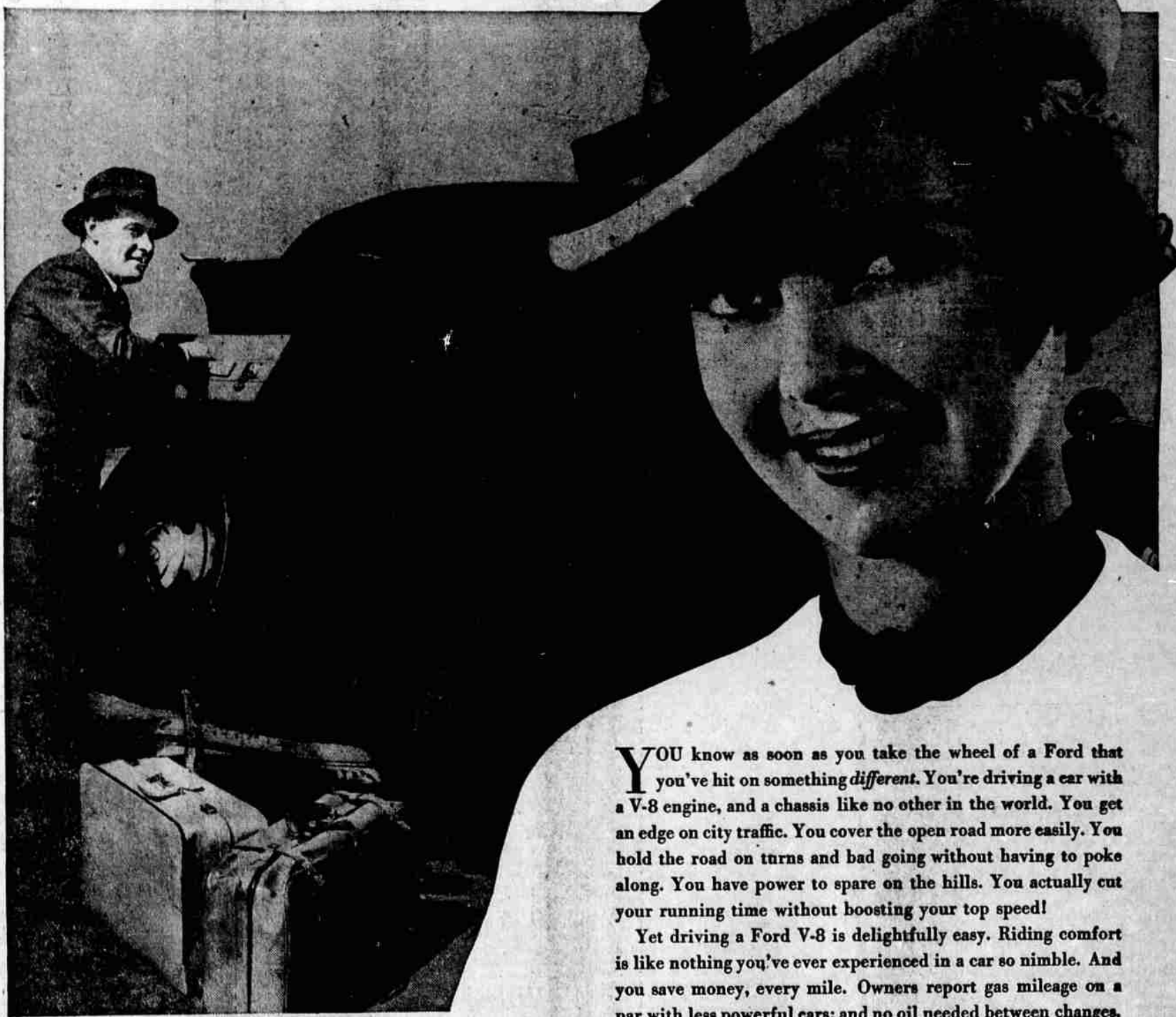
Pair to Die Despite British Intervention

SAN FRANCISCO, May 20. (UP)—Alexander Mackay and Joseph Kristy, condemned San Quentin convicts, must die Friday morning for participation in an abortive escape plot January, 1935, in which they kidnaped members of the state board of prison terms and paroles, Chief Justice William Waste of the state supreme court informed Governor Frank Merriam Tuesday.

Neither Mackay, a British subject, nor Kristy has any further legal hope of escaping the gallows, Justice Waste said, following the court's rejection of correspondence drawn up by British government officials in which they argued the death penalty should not apply in Mackay's case.

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