

Janet Blair Keeps On As Nellie Forbush

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(For Bob Thomas)
HOLLYWOOD — One of the easiest jobs in show business undoubtedly is understudy to Janet Blair in the road company of "South Pacific."

ing that she is pneumonia-halt every time she washes her hair during the show, that's quite a record.
I asked her how she liked seeing the country city by city.
"God is testing me," she says. "There's no one who hates travel more than I. I love visiting the various cities and meeting the people but I detest the constant packing and unpacking."

"I gave up pictures," she says, "because I was always getting parts where I'd be the girl who said 'Oh, Red' in a Red Skelton picture."
She tried for heavier roles but always got the stock answer. "Too young or too much the all-American girl type. Then she went back to Broadway to test for the lead in Irving Berlin's "Miss Liberty."

GOP Women Back Nixon

PORTLAND — Mrs. George T. Gerlinger of Portland, who says she represents an organization of 3,000 Oregon Republican women, Monday joined the ranks of those supporting Sen. Richard Nixon of California in the controversy over his acceptance of a \$18,000 expense account.
"We beg you not to fall into the trap prepared for you to discredit the honorable Senator Nixon. Do not deal with this political problem as you would with an army subordinate. If you let him down and with him the whole Republican Party will start in next on you. And we won't have an Republican candidate for the top of the ticket. Your hesitation in standing by him has given aid and comfort to the enemy. I speak for more than 3,000 members of the State Republican Council of Oregon Women, Inc."

Grapefruit Too Late

OKLAHOMA CITY — Gov. Fuller Warren presented a convincing sales talk for his Florida grapefruit, but there was one thing wrong.
His customer, Oklahoma Gov. Johnston Murray, couldn't appreciate the teeth-building qualities of the citrus fruit, which his visitor extolled.
Sadly clacking his false choppers Monday, Murray told Warren, who is on a goodwill tour, "You're just a little late for me."

At the audition the producers did cartwheels. They told her she was set for the leading part of the French sur.
"I walked out of the theater and up Broadway like something out of a B movie," she recalls. "Then I got to my hotel room and the phone rang. They had reconsidered. I was great but too much the all-American girl type. Sorry."

Next came a call from Hollywood for a Bing Crosby movie. Although it had only been months since she had been told she was too young, she was turned down for the Crosby part because someone decreed she was too old for the part.

At a theatrical crisis in her life, she gambled her whole bankroll and created her nightclub act with the Blackburn twins. It went over and led to her success in "South Pacific."

Does she ever suffer from complex?

"I've never had a complex," she says. "I've just had a few nibbles during the run of the show here."

"Believe me, I know every filling station restroom in the nation!" Rodgers and Hammerstein tell her she can stay with the show for 10 years. They expect it to tour that long. The road company makes millions more than the Broadway version, often playing auditoriums filled with 5,000 people. Janet doesn't think she will play the show that long, though. She'd like to get back in pictures, and she admits to a few nibbles during the run of the show here.



ALL THAT'S LEFT of Cres-Dell Lodge, located on Oregon 58, is a pile of charred rubble. The two-story lodge building burned to the ground Sept. 13. Cres-Dell was owned by William C. Nolan.

Scouts Hike 65 Miles Across Skyline Trail

Oregon's Cascade Skyline has nothing to cause quills among a group of Klamath Scouts who recently hiked some 65 miles along the Skyline Trail and piled up requirements for a dozen merit badges and experiences for an many diaries and log books as they could pack.

They caught several fish — all medium sized — and it was getting pretty dark when they quit at 8:30. The record shows some pea soup the lads were sipping up didn't seem to agree. Everything else did, though.

It was here that Steve Swendenburg of the Forest Service, with the group since it started along the trail, hiked out to return to duty. And it was here U.S. Foresters Bob French and Walt Lovell hiked in to continue the trip with them. The latter pair continued all the way to the Crater Lake National Park boundary.

Starting out with a trip Saturday up Pelican Route by Forest Service truck, the trek continued under walking conditions Sunday with a hike up 9,000-foot Mt. McLoughlin under leadership of Senior Scout Leader Jim Craig of Explorer Post 104. Saturday night they spent as guests of the forest service at Lake of the Woods.

Wednesday the Scouts hit the trail early. Up at 5:30, Craig's log says.
"We knew there was a good trail ahead," he wrote.

—though not as many as they expected—and other inhabitants of the Skyline Woodlands.
Following their map, the Scouts found at one point it showed they were about a quarter of a mile from Stewart Falls, right on the National Park boundary. It was more like five miles, they decided.

Others making the climb in closed Crew Leaders David Landis and Stan DePuy of Post 110 and 104 respectively; Bill Jacobs 104, Victor Blinn 113, Willard Robinson 104, and Post 104 Advisor John Heilbroner.

"It was a good place to see where we were going," the log said, "and where we'd been." From here the trail was the source of one rogue river, too.

Down into the canyon the Scouts went — a 10-mile hike with full packs that day — and sat down. The log says "We just looked at each other."
That night French and Lovell walked back out of the forest to return to their jobs. Like Swendenburg, they had spent their days off with the hikers. At the road they were met by John Heilbroner, who took them home.

Duane Prather 109, Ross Tomlin 104 and Bobby Montgomery 104 started the hike with a nice trail and didn't make it to the top. Meanwhile Bill Clinton and Don Smith, both members of Post 109, went hiking.

"They climbed up to Snow Lakes at 6,000 feet . . . a hard slope, and then continued on up to 7,000-foot high Devil's Peak and looked in on the lookout there. The ranger was not in at the time, but they reported they could see more than 100 lakes from there."

Friday, after Thursday's marathon, the boys just didn't seem to get going. They started late, and hiked until they saw Baldpate and the park boundary. Then they moved on to the highway, passing wildflowers. Craig marked in his log at this point the sighting of grouse and birds. They ate lunch at Cold Springs, and then started upward.

The McLoughlin or Mt. Pitts hike started from Four Mile Ditch and was six miles to the summit. They made the 9,600-foot climb in four hours and 20 minutes, starting from about the 4,000-foot mark.

"They ate at the top, then made their way the eighth of a mile back to the trail. They continued upward, covering the switchbacks and across a snowfield. A couple of boys made it across, another slid down the hill and the rest decided to go around."

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On top they found the battered and abandoned lookout building which faces the blasts of wind and weather atop the desolate, barren peak. Also they found a metal box and register left by the Observators at Eugene which is replenished annually by Boy Scouts from Medford. They stayed at the summit for 45 minutes.

Then they dropped into the Seven Lakes Basin. They stayed at Grass Lake that night, tried some camping but couldn't raise anything. That day the boys were on the trail once again by 8:30, after a 5 a.m. reveille, and made the first five miles in fast time. There was still a long hike ahead, and they knew it. The second five miles took them over the mountaintops of Ruhl, Ethel and Maude—all of 'em snow and steep.

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It took only two hours to get back down when they were taken by car to Four Mile lake and had supper and camped for the night. Heilbroner left them at that point.

All along the way Foresters Lovell and French warned the Scouts about "that Great Oregon Desert" they must cross before reaching the boundary of Crater Lake National Park. Later when one of the scouts asked where this "desert" was, he learned he was right in the middle of it . . . a pumice flat about two miles across.

Several evening programs also are scheduled.
The trip was held within Klamath County, though at points it skirted closely the county line. It made several of the boys eligible for merit badges, especially the hiking badge which requires five 10-mile hikes and one 20-mile trek to complete.

Monday morning the boys hit the trail late after a slow breakfast and a mountain climbing sleep. It was 11 a.m. to the summit, they were under way, but made up for lost time in a hurry. Leaving Four Mile Lake they moved along the Skyline Trail and past Woodpecker and Badger lakes.

Except there in the desert, the boys found abundant wildlife. They put sprigs of lupine in their hats. They saw several deer

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Portland TV To Carry Nixon

PORTLAND — Sen. Richard Nixon's explanation of his finances—personal and political—will be broadcast Tuesday night by Portland's new ultra high frequency television station, KPTV.
The half-hour program, which is to originate in Los Angeles, is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. (standard time), Charles White, KPTV commercial manager, said.
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