



STUDENT OFFICERS at Altamont Junior High for this year are, seated from left: Frances James, second vice president; Virgil Bigby, president; Jerry English, first vice president. Standing, from left: Trudy Evans, secretary; Betty Yancey, treasurer; Marilyn Metler, news reporter.

Lanza's Troubles With Tax Matters, Weight Reported

By BOB THOMAS
HOLLYWOOD — Two years ago, Mario Lanza, a Philadelphia boy with a golden voice, was on easy street.
His film "The Great Caruso" was one of the top money makers of all times. He earned \$1,000,000 in one year, more than half of it from photograph records. He was the hottest property in show business.
Today at 33, he is in debt to the United States government and has virtually no savings. He is faced with the job of rebuilding a career that has been at a standstill for 24 months.
What happened? How did he get into such poor shape, both financially and physically? That's what I aimed to find out.
Before you shed any fears over Lanza's plight, let me add that he is living very well in a huge mansion with his pretty wife Betty, his four children and a crew of servants. He has been eating well too, and that has been one of his troubles.
"Look!" said Mario, stripping off his dark blue sport shirt. He flexed the muscles in his huge chest.
"Is that fat? No, not on your life. That's muscle. I've always had a 50-inch chest, no matter what kind of shape I was in. It's just this I've got to get rid of—and I'm making rapid progress."
He patted the spare tire around his belly, which is still considerable.
He is touchy about his weight problem, but he denied reports that he was addicted to spaghetti and other Italian dishes. "It is not the pasta that gives me trouble," he said. "I am a great steak man."
Why did he eat himself into such size?
He said it was because of the emotion problems that beset him. One of the major causes was disillusionment over his finances. He claims his money frittered away because of handling by his former manager, Sam Weller. Weller denies it. The courts will decide who is right.
Lanza said he was also upset by his troubles with his studio, MGM. These started after "The Great Caruso."
"We had hit a high mark with that picture," he said, "and I wanted to maintain that quality. But when I reported for work, I found out they wanted me to star in an Army picture. 'Because You're Mine.'
"Who wanted to see an Army picture? People were tired of war. I tried to tell the producer that. But he just said, 'I know show business; you need a change of pace.'
Lanza did the picture and it was not a success. His relations with MGM worsened. After he failed to report for the start of "Student Prince," the studio slapped a five-

million-dollar damage suit on him. The suit was later settled and his voice was used in the film.
"I couldn't work for a year and a quarter," he said. "I even had to give up my radio show for Coca Cola. They had offered me a fabulous deal to sign up on a long-term contract and be their ambassador throughout the world."
"Sure, I had my troubles. They printed all kinds of lies about me, but I never answered them. I have never believed in washing dirty linen for the public view."
"I got fat. But you'll notice I never paraded myself in public. Show business is a world of illusion, and I never want to destroy that illusion."
That was the reason he gave for not opening up to the fact that old recordings were used for his TV debut on the "Shower of Stars."
He still has no regrets about the incident, declaring he was caught between a doctor who wouldn't let him sing and a network that wanted him to appear.
He'll make his second TV appearance on "Shower of Stars" this Thursday. He'll sing a "Tosca" aria and "Some Day" and you can bet your boots that no recordings will be used.

PLAYERS RESIGN

ADRIAN, Mich. (AP)—Seven burly football players resigned in a body from the Adrian College football team. They turned in their jerseys and said they were going home. The reason? Homesickness.

Saw-Dust Trail

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Up in Western Canada was a saw-dust trail in a rebuilt exhibition hall. In the crowd that attended, was a new England college woman who heard for the first time that Jesus was God and that He came to die for our sins and that He arose from the dead to give us new life.
At once, the woman believed the Message of sin blotted out and new life given. And should she go to the front and kneel down as a believer in the new life? At last she arose and started forward. Then came a peace and assurance not of this world. They filled her heart and she knew that she was of the saved. Her years have been filled with trial but she has been upheld in it all. Today she sends out a great beam thru the tumbling waves. This Message sponsored by a Portland Lumber Manufacturer & Wife. Adv.

Patterson Favored To Win In State Governor's Race

(This is the fourth of six stories about the candidates and issues in Oregon's general election campaign. This is about the races for governor and labor commissioner.)
By PAUL W. HARVEY JR.
SALEM (AP)—The contest for governor of Oregon, overshadowed by the struggle for United States senator, hasn't developed any clear-cut issues, and Gov. Paul L. Patterson, a Republican, is heavily favored to win.
Patterson, like his Democratic opponent, former Mayor Joseph K. Carson Jr. of Portland, never has faced the voters in a statewide election before.

Both candidates are pitching their election bids on promises of more industries for Oregon.
Carson, a lawyer as is Patterson, says Patterson is responsible for the large unemployment each winter, and that Carson would get new industries through low-cost public power.
But Patterson, pointing out that he has a state development commission working on the problem, says he's doing all he can, and that the unemployment problem is greatly exaggerated by the Democrats.
Democratic leaders aren't very optimistic about Carson's chance because they recognize that Patterson is very popular. His smashing victory in the primary election, over Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry, is proof of that.
While Carson is all out for public power, Patterson hasn't mentioned where he stands on the power issue. However, some time ago he did say he supported the Eisenhower-McKay partnership plan.
Patterson was somewhat disappointed when he didn't get the endorsement of the state AFL and CIO organizations. He points out that in the 1953 Legislature, he opposed the bill to limit picketing to organizations which have contracts with the employer being picketed. He did sign the bill, however, with the explanation that he just wanted a court test of it.
Patterson's supporters point out that back in the 30's, when Carson was mayor of Portland, he was a conservative Democrat, and wasn't considered a friend of labor.
Carson says he wants to do away with "useless boards and commissions," oppose legislation to restrict labor, would fight a sales tax, wants bigger old age pensions, and better schools.
Patterson, accused by Sen. Wayne Morse of "straddling" the issues, said he would support a sales tax only after all other kinds

of taxes had been explored.
Patterson said his short administration has increased college education facilities, obtained lower freight rates for wheat, and "has done a realistic job" in running the state on a sound, economical basis. His slogan is "honesty and integrity" in government.
Patterson, then president of the State Senate, unexpectedly became governor on Dec. 17, 1952, when then Gov. Douglas McKay became Secretary of the Interior.
Another man who was disappointed, and somewhat angered by labor's endorsement, is State Sen. S. Eugene Allen, Portland.
Allen is the Republican candidate for labor commissioner, and the backing of labor went to his Democratic opponent, Norman O. Nilsen, Portland plumber.
The reason Allen is sore about this is that he was editor of the AFL's Oregon Labor Press for 17 years, and was credited by labor with having a perfect voting record for labor in the last Legislature. Allen thinks this is a stab in the back, and he takes to task his former AFL cohorts for becoming too wedded to the Democrats.
Allen resigned recently as secretary of the Restaurant Owners Assn. He also has been chairman of the Portland school board.
Allen, because he is much better known than Nilsen, is a heavy favorite to win. However, he's worried about his chances.
In the primary election, Allen defeated H. E. Barker, Salem labor leader, for the Republican nomination. Now Barker has bolted, asking his supporters to vote for Nilsen.
There aren't any issues in this contest. Both candidates say they will work for the benefit of all, and let it go at that.
Nilsen worked for the State Labor Department for five years as state director of apprenticeship,

Strike Lowers Food Supplies

LONDON (AP)—Britain's waterfront strike, which has idled 44,000 of 76,000 cargo handlers in this maritime nation, entered its fourth week today with no settlement in sight.
The National Federation of wholesale grocers warned that stocks of imported bacon, cheese, butter, eggs and tinned fruits were running low and said the situation would become serious if the work stoppage continues until next week-end.
The strike has paralyzed the big port of London and crippled operations at six other important ports, including the key freight-handling cities of Liverpool and Hull. More than 300 ships are idle in the ports. Cargoes worth an estimated 120 million pounds (335 million dollars) are being held up.
A committee of government ministers which has been keeping an eye on essential imports scheduled another meeting for today. It was expected the group would recommend the use of troops as stewards if the strike continues beyond Wednesday.
The dockers walked off their jobs in support of a demand for the right to refuse overtime work.

Ike To Give Radio Address

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower will give the nation his view tonight of economic conditions, a major issue in the campaign for control of the next Congress.
In a nationally televised talk billed as "nonpartisan," he will address the National Security Industrial Assn., a group representing some 500 firms engaged in defense production.
The address will be televised by NBC and broadcast by NBC and ABC radio.
It is scheduled for 10:30 p.m. EST.

Senator Attends Russian Musical

MOSCOW (AP)—U.S. Sen. Margaret Chase Smith (R-Maine) spent a musical Sunday in Moscow. She attended a recital by the Red Army chorus in the afternoon and went to a ballet performance at the Ballet Theater last night.
The senator said she had received no reply as yet on her request for an interview with Premier Georgi Malenkov. She said she plans to leave the Soviet Union Thursday.



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