

INFORMATION



"Sort of a dull day—everybody knows everything!"

Youthful Actor Grabs First Juvenile Oscar Nomination

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HOLLYWOOD (UP)—A dark-haired, big-eyed boy named Sal Minee has one big hope: To break the Oscar jinx against juveniles winning an award.

Sal is only 17. He got the biggest surprise of his life—and so did Hollywood—when he passed up older actors and snared a supporting actor Oscar nomination for playing Jimmy Dean's pal in "Rebel Without a Cause."

"The Bronx is in an uproar!" grinned the youthful New York actor today. "Sure, I hope to win. I don't know why young people aren't often nominated—except they don't often get top roles."

Sal has a long tradition to break. Mickey Rooney was nominated for an Oscar in 1939. Jackie Cooper in 1931, Bonita Granville in 1936, Ann Blyth in 1945 and Brandon de Wilde in 1953. Not one of these juveniles won the Oscar. If Sal wins, he'll be the youngest victor in Oscar history.

To make up for the jinx, the academy's board of governors down the years has voted special awards to young talents.

"But I'd rather be nominated among the older actors and lose

than get a special award as a minor," Minee said.

Sal was a dark horse in the Oscar race. He wasn't even invited as a possible nominee to the telecast where the nominations were announced. He heard about the honor at the home of Universal-International studio's school teacher where he lives when working in Hollywood.

"We were eating dinner and we tuned in on the nominations," he said. "When they called my name I hollered 'Oh, no!' I was so excited I dropped my dinner on the floor."

Sal still has a welfare worker chaperoning him on the set. He's in his last year of high school at the MGM school. Next year he hopes to enter Columbia University.

"Who shall I take to the Oscar award ceremony? Anita Ekberg?" he speculated. "I'll have to rent a tuxedo."

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Recreation Director Gives Report On Local Parks Use

The park and recreation facilities of Klamath Falls were used by a total of 718,493 persons in 1955, reported City Recreation Director Bob Bonney at a meeting of the City Park Board in the city hall Tuesday.

The board also announced that bids for bleachers to be built at the municipal swimming pool have been advertised and will be opened at the regular city council meeting March 12.

A committee was named by the board to set up scheduling rules and policies for the use of Genna Stadium by Oregon Technical Institute, Klamath Union High School and Sacred Heart Academy for this spring's baseball season. Members of this committee are John Van Doren, Martin Brauner, Glen Bowen and Bob Bonney.

A parks and recreation advisory council with 29 members representing all the activities of the city's recreation program was named by the board. A list of the members will be published when the formal invitations have been sent out and acceptance or rejection received from those named to the council.

A letter of petition from 167 residents of Klamath Falls protesting the lack of indoor recreation facilities in the city was read to the board.

The petitioners asked the board to study the possibilities of obtaining more indoor recreation facilities for both teenagers and adults. The board indicated that a study of the problem will be made.

T. J. O'Harra and Ernest Bishop tendered their resignations from the local girls softball commission. Mrs. Robert Abbey, member of the board, Warren Rock and Warren Bunyan were named to

the commission by the board. Hold-over members of the commission are Floyd Wynne and Clayton Hammon.

Bert Smith, who has been secretary of the commission, resigned his post but he will remain as an ex-officio member of the commission due to his status as a mem-

ber of the State Girls Softball Commission.

Recreation Director Bonney reported that \$991.17 has been spent this season for sledding guards on the city's streets. The normal expenditure for guards runs from \$276 to \$350, Bonney said.

The board authorized Bonney

and Bert Smith to attend the Oregon State Softball Association meeting in Portland March 25. The city representatives will bid for the state girls' softball tournament at this meeting.

Bonney was also authorized to attend the meeting of the governor's committee on the National

sports festival. The meeting will be held in Salem on March 13.

The Moore Park ice skating rink was open for 12 days in 1956, Bonney reported, with a total of 11,800 skaters using the rink.

The Kiwanis Club's plans for the Kit Carson Way Park are nearing completion and will be submitted to the board in the near future, it was reported.

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