

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON SINGERS, an outstanding choral group under the direction of Max Risinger of the School of Music, will give an hour and a half concert performance in Mills School Auditorium on Thursday, March 26. The concert, planned to please the entire family is being sponsored by the Fine Arts Committee of the Oregon Centennial Commission. Music will be in keeping with the observance of Holy Week, as well as including "Listen to the Mocking Bird," and other light melodies. There is no charge and the public is invited to hear this fine group. Curtain time will be 8 p.m.

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U.S. Tests Bomb Shield For Exploding Rockets

WASHINGTON (AP)—Three nuclear bombs exploded by the United States beyond the earth's atmosphere formed an electronic shield that circled most of the world.

A responsible official outside the Defense Department said the tests at tremendous altitude were an effort to spread a shield through which missiles could not fly.

Defense Department officials confirmed Wednesday night that the blasts had been set off secretly last September, for both military and scientific test purposes. But they declined to discuss the military angles.

Other sources reported, however, that the tests explored the possibility of generating at an altitude of about 300 miles a diffusion of neutrons which would offset the nuclear reaction in missile warheads.

The shots were fired from naval craft in the South Atlantic late in September — more than a month before the United States started a one-year suspension of nuclear tests pending negotiations with the Soviet Union on halting all such testing.

Deputy Secretary of Defense Donald Quarles and Dr. Herbert York, director of Pentagon research, gave some details of the test shots after newsmen learned of them from other sources.

They said the explosions were of very low yield in radiation and would not disclose the altitude at which the tests were made. York said there was no radioactive fallout on the earth from the tests.

York said the main objective of the blasts was to test important theories about the trapping of electrons by the earth's magnetic field. He said the detonation of the bombs released electrons into space above the earth's atmosphere, and that the trapping of these by the earth's magnetic field created the great sheet that eventually circled the globe.

The nonmilitary part of the test, York said, was to find out more about the nature and origin of the Van Allen belt of radiation.

The Van Allen belt is a mysterious radiation band beginning at about 1,000 miles above the earth and extending, with some intermissions, up to at least 12,000 miles. It is named for its discoverer, Dr. James Van Allen, State University of Iowa physicist.

York said the phenomenon created above the earth's atmosphere by the September tests consisted of a sheet of electrons which was "an artificial version

of the natural effect" from the Van Allen belt.

The electronic sheet created by the bombs, York said, extended around the whole world except for breaks over both the North and South poles—a pattern similar to the Van Allen belt.

York would not disclose the depth of the artificial sheet or say how long the phenomenon lasted.

The Explorer IV satellite sent back some data on the tests. This information is to be released later.

Sources outside the Pentagon who had been informed of the tests said it was significant that about the time they were made there was a sudden reduction in the Nike-Zeus program to develop an antimissile missile. However, there was no clear indication as to whether this pointed to possible future development of a program aimed at producing a high altitude shield against missiles.

Quarles said results of the tests are being studied by many scientists. He termed the experiment "an exploration of the unknown in an area that may have considerable importance."

While Defense Department officials did not say so, presumably the studies of the man-made radiation belt are designed in part to help find practical means of protecting future space travelers against adverse effects of the natural Van Allen belt.

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THESE THREE BEAUTIES on Main Street are appearing while on duty at the Spudnut Shop in Centennial frocks and bonnets, and the way appears to be paved for other groups in Klamath Falls to follow suit in the immediate future. Rumors flying about town say yardage counters are being besieged by anxious shoppers who plan to get on the band wagon. Left to right are Mrs. Walter Clerey, Mrs. Roy Goeing, waitresses and Mrs. R. F. Davenport, owner-manager of the shop.

Fisher Ends TV Program; Looks Forward To Future

By VERNON SCOTT
HOLLYWOOD (UPI)—Singer Eddie Fisher, dispossessed of his television show by his sponsor and his life's savings by his former wife, today looked forward to a future of work — and maybe marriage to actress Elizabeth Taylor.

The boyish-looking 30-year-old crooner closed out his regular TV program Tuesday night by warbling a medley of the songs that made him one of the country's most popular singers and lifted him from the streets of Philadelphia to the center of one of film-land's most sensational triangles.

Raven-haired Liz Taylor, 27, watched from a special booth off-camera as Fisher performed. She later accompanied him to a small party.

"It is the need of something," he said after the program. "I'm a little bit sad and a little bit relieved. I feel a little bit peculiar. "But I've got the future to think about."

Fisher lost all his savings to his former wife, actress Debbie Reynolds, 26, last month when he signed a whopping property settlement with her to clear the way for her to get an uncontested divorce, according to his business manager.

But Fisher has a 12-year contract with NBC which could pay him upwards of 7 million dollars if the network can find work for him. His latest sponsor explained he wasn't picking up the option to Fisher's show because it had dropped in ratings.

And he has a five-year contract with the Tropicana Hotel in Las Vegas calling for a million dollars. He starts a four-week engagement at the hostelry April 1, with Miss Taylor expected to take up residence nearby.

Friends say Fisher probably will stay over for an extra two weeks, long enough to get a Nevada divorce, and then marry the sultry actress. (His California divorce won't become final until next February.)

ESP VS. AT&T

EVANSVILLE, Ind. (UPI)—The management of radio station WFOA here is conducting an experiment to see if listeners can communicate by extra-sensory perception. A spokesman said Tuesday night "it's still too early to tell whether ESP will replace AT&T."

NEGOTIATE CULTURAL PACT

LONDON (UPI)—A Communist Chinese delegation is in Baghdad to negotiate a cultural agreement with the Iraqi government, the Communist Peiping Radio reported Tuesday night.

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SCOUT NEWS

Boy Scouts of Klamath Falls Troop Four went to Varney Creek for an overnight winter camp out Friday, March 13.

First Class and merit badge skills were taught.

Scouts participating were Don Aschenbach, Dean Guyer, Richard Eastburn, John Detroit, Herbert Amos, Don Plowman, Terry Eccles, Ben Tomlin, Jimmie Beene, Mike Shufelt, Ronnie Patsch, Ed Silani, John Haldiman, Clayton Davis, Scoutmaster Bill Green and Assistant Scoutmaster Ray Aschenbach.

Earlier in March boys of Troop 4 toured the Klamath Falls Southern Pacific facilities. They were accompanied by Trainmaster C. E. Alward.

GRANGE NEWS

Control of obnoxious weeds, increased old-age payments, Fish and Game Department activities and narcotics were items on the agenda of a meeting of the Siskiyou Pomona Grange held at Hornbrook March 14. The measures were passed on to the Legislative Committee.

The meeting was called to order by Pomona Master Albert Cedros. Hornbrook Grange unit received \$10 for hosting the meeting. Scott Valley Grange unit got \$10 for traveling farthest.

Present were Rodney Gregg of Mt. Bolivar Grange, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Hill, of Happy Camp Grange; Mr. and Mrs. George Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Robur Costello, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Lewis, Frank Hayes, Gertrude Parks, Myrtle Brown and Mazie McFall of Scott Valley unit; A. P. Williams, Hazel Coggins, Mary Baulin, Goldie Casterline, Cades Clark and Albert Cedros of Greenhorn Grange, and Rose Sylvia, Mary Truphemus and Estella Severns of the Greenhorn unit.

Members of Hornbrook Grange served dinner. Members present were Bertha Bradley, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Shirar, Agnes Sylvia, Goldie Quenell, Ida Chapman, Frank H. Ward, Mr. and Mrs. John Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lowe and Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Rines.

Next meeting of the Siskiyou Pomona Grange will be the evening of May 8 at Dorris.

TREE PLANTING

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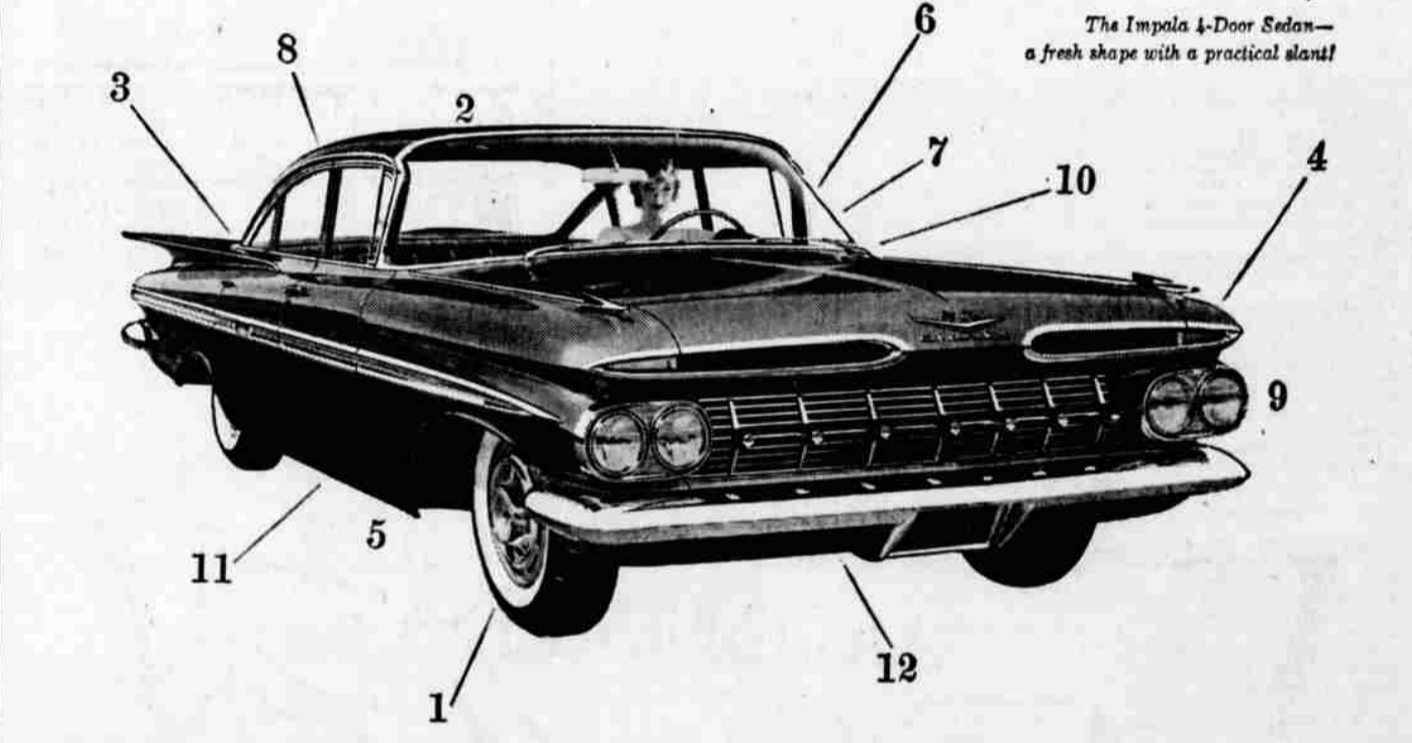
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