

### Lenten

#### Guideposts

## The Lord Gave Her A Sign

By JOHN LEWELLEN

The place, Chicago. The time, the 1890's — the Depression is still on the setting: a theatre jammed with job-hunters — a WPA dramatics project is screening talent for "The Hot Mikado," a musical with an all-Negro cast.

In the crowd of applicants as a big, vital-looking Negro woman with an anxious face, Her name is Mahalia Jackson.

She is not worried about her singing ability, she is worried about being in a theatre at all. Since early childhood she has been taught to believe that singing in a theatre or night-club is wrong, but an elemental force has driven her here, against her principles, against her moral judgment. She is hungry.

For months her only income has been from singing gospel songs to church audiences at 10 cents admission, or "pass the plate."

MAHALIA IS THE last to be called and she sings magnificently, her great voice full of faith and yearning.

Mahalia walks home. She feels sure she has won, but there is no gladness in her heart. She needs the money; her husband and her friends need the food it will buy.

But she knows, also, that if she accepts the part she will be violating her own principles. "Oh, Lord," she prays, "help me. If You don't want me to do this thing, give me a sign, I beg of You. . ."

When she gets home, her husband runs out to meet her, to give her the good news. He has landed a job selling 20-cent-a-week insurance policies from door to door. But to Mahalia it is more than a job—it is a sign from the Lord, proof that He will take care of those who keep the faith. When the WPA people call to tell her she has won the audition, she astonishes them by turning down the part.

THAT WAS A quarter of a century ago, and although many other offers have since run as high as \$10,000 a week, Mahalia never yet has sung in a night-club or in any place not appropriate for her sacred music. And she has never been hungry, either.

The career of the world's greatest gospel singer, as the critics call her, began obscurely in a church 47 years ago on a Mississippi levee near New Orleans.

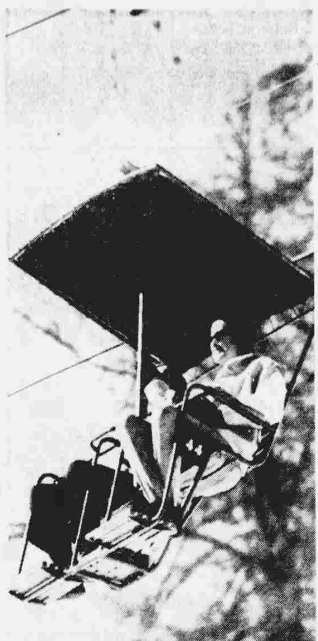
Her father was a dock worker and a barber who served as a minister on Sunday. Mahalia's mother died when she was six and from then on she was raised by her uncle and aunt, who were childless.

Economic necessity made Mahalia leave school after the eighth grade and go to work. When she was 16 she moved to the South Side of Chicago, joined the Greater Salem Baptist Church, and promptly became the featured singer in a quintet which toured various churches throughout the Baptist convention.

Mahalia says, "Even when I was just a little kid you could hear my voice up and down the levee!"

SHE KNEW HARD times in Chicago, working as a hotel maid, and later packing dates in a factory for \$7.50 a week. Slowly, her reputation grew. There began to be times when she made as much as \$25 on a

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(AP Photo)

## Riding High

Monaco's Princess Grace rides in a double ski chair with companion (left) as she enjoys the scenery at the French Alps winter resort of La Colmanne.



(AP Photo)

## Man Arrested

### Bombing, Stoning Mark Mill Strike

HENDERSON (AP)—Stone throwing, a car tipping and a bombing greeted the beginning of another week of work at strike-ravaged Harriet-Henderson Cotton Mills today.

Police arrested one man, striker Bennie G. Edwards, in connection with one outbreak of early morning violence. They hinted other arrests would be made during the day.

The total of workers returning to the plants since they were reopened last Monday reached about 275 today. Management issued a weekend warning which, in effect, told the employees to return to work or risk losing their jobs.

The third blast since the reopening occurred at about 2 a.m. Police said some sort of explosive was set off in front of the home of plant electrician Jack Orr. No one was injured, but a number of windows were broken.

Two other explosions occurred last week. In another pre-dawn incident, the home of another mill employe, Jack Griffin, was stoned. Police said eight or 10 window panes were broken.

As the plant gates opened, several autos carrying returning strikers in work were stoned. Sheriff F. A. Cotrell said some 30 strikers rushed the auto of Ernest Vaughan, who managed to squeeze past them and get inside the mill gates.

Harvey Gupton's auto was turned on its side and then set upright. Neither he nor his two women passengers were believed injured. Edwards was arrested in connection with this incident.

The normal area troop assignment of some 20 state highway patrolmen were available in the strike bound area. John D. Cooper Jr., president of the jointly-owned mills, issued an open letter over the weekend telling the strikers, in effect, to return today or run the risk of losing their jobs.

Between 400 and 500 members of the two locals of the Textile Workers Union of America attended a meeting Sunday in the Vance County Courthouse. Boyd Payton of Charlotte, regional director, told the members not to be fooled by the announcement that striking employes would lose their jobs if they did not return today.

The strike began last Nov. 17 when negotiations over a new contract broke down. Officials said the bone of contention was management's insistence on elimination of a provision calling for arbitration for the hours when the workers and management. The mills employ 1,200.

# Hodges Would Retain Uniform School Set up

## Two Pulled To Safety Off Beach

SEASIDE (AP)—Two boys, one injured by a 35-foot fall, were pulled up a rugged 100-foot cliff from an Oregon beach last night in a daring after dark rescue race against incoming Pacific Ocean tides.

The two lowered a rope and climbed down the face of the rugged cliff to the beach below. But they were unable to climb back up their wet rope.

One, Charles Kenney, 17, Netarts, Ore., climbed almost to the top but then started sliding. He slipped faster and faster, finally falling the last 35 feet. He suffered an injured shoulder and a cut hand. The other, Ron Mankins, 18, Tillamook, Ore., had remained below.

Dr. and Mrs. Donald J. Kangas of Portland, leading a hiking party in the rugged coastal area some 20 miles down the coast from here, saw the boys fall and signaled they would go for help.

A 16-man rescue party reached the area from nearby Nehalem. Dr. Ralph Perkins was lowered in the darkness.

"We arranged that I should use the boy's rope as a signal," Dr. Perkins said, explaining he was to tug on it. "But I lost it in the dark going down."

Perkins said the two boys were stranded. This became apparent to the rescuers above, who lowered state policeman Dave Wilson to the beach — just as the tide began closing in on the narrow strip of rock and sand.

Kenney was taken to a Tillamook hospital, where he was treated in good condition.

## FOOD LIFT WILL HELP MIGRANTS

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP)—A Las Vegas restaurant today begins today for 700 migrant workers camped near a stream 65 miles northwest of here.

Gov. Grant Sawyer last night declared a state of emergency because the workers are without food or housing.

The workers came to the radish, onion and tomato fields at Moapa a month ago, but because of a boll weevil invasion of cotton fields in Arizona. They are camped out without work and without food.

Air National Guard planes loaded army tents and the Red Cross and civic groups organized food donation drives for the workers.

State health director Wally White is flying to Moapa to investigate possibility of an epidemic of bad water. The workers are getting all their drinking water from the small creek.



(AP Photo)

## Honors Awarded

Gen. Carlos P. Romulo, left, Philippine ambassador to the United States, and Dr. Arthur A. Schuck, right, chief executive of the Boy Scouts of America, are shown with Freedoms Foundation president Kenneth D. Wells, at Valley Forge, Pa. They accepted top awards among 604 prizes given for advancing the American way of life and freedom during the past year.

## Psychologists Too Aloof About Love?

GALESBURG, Ill. (AP)—A psychologist said today that psychologists don't pay enough attention to love — at least professionally.

But, Dr. Harry F. Harlow of the University of Wisconsin told a Knox College audience, love has a "most interesting and fascinating" for human beings, and it isn't "the exclusive property of adolescents and adults."

Dr. Harlow, who is doing research work on love for the National Institutes of Health, said he has been concerned primarily on what it means to babies.

Baby monkeys, he said, love a soft, warm, smooth-textured parent device which provides a handy feeding arrangement. If they are introduced to it early enough in life.

But, Dr. Harlow said, there's a "big mistake" that could stand explanation by scientific means.

The trouble is, psychologists are accepting a "guesswork" evaluation of love.

## Leaders Hail Graham Rally

MELBOURNE (AP)—Protestant church leaders today hailed the anti-communist crusade as a big boost to Melbourne's religious life.

Anglican Archbishop Frank Woods said the American evangelist had made a good impression on the clergy and the public here in response to "the most remarkable week of the 20th century."

## Governor Against Constitutional Change

RALEIGH (AP)—Gov. Hodges said today the state should retain its constitutional provision for a "general and uniform system of public schools."

In another comment on a revised Constitution proposed by a special study commission, Hodges said he did not think it "sacred" that North Carolina should restrict its governor to one term and refuse a second successive term.

Hodges quickly added, however, "Under no condition would I be interested in succeeding myself as governor" if the Constitution was amended to permit a second successive term.

Hodges said at his weekly news conference he would reserve comment on the rest of the Constitution Commission's recommendations until he addresses the General Assembly in about two weeks.

DEFINITE FEELING In a statement, the governor said, "In my opinion we should definitely retain the present constitutional provision for a general and uniform system of public schools" subject only to our present constitutional provision for local option.

The Constitutional Commission, in its report released last Monday, asked that the phrase "and uniform system of public schools" be deleted in view of recent federal court school integration decisions under the South.

Hodges said he agreed with Supt. of Public Instruction Dr. Charles F. Carroll who was apprehensive of the deletion last week of the public's attitude toward the school system.

Hodges said he expressed "strong reservation" about deleting the phrase when the commission brought it to his attention last month.

Guards posted on Sunday night said they saw no sign of any outdoor fires in the mountainous region. Authorities said it would be difficult to survive outdoors for more than 24 hours.

Some 20 air National Guard and Civil Air Patrol planes and two helicopters scanned the area.

An estimated 40 Civil Air Patrol groups and numerous volunteers ploughed through the deep snow for signs of the men or the plane.

The missing Piper Comanche is equipped with the latest-type satellite search work but no distress signals were picked up. The plane had enough gasoline for two hours of flying when it took off Saturday and ran into snow squalls.

FATHER OF SKIER Dr. Miller is chief pathologist at the Mary Hitchcock Hospital in Burlington. He is a professor of pathology at Dartmouth Medical School. He is the father of two children, one of whom, Ralph Jr., was the state champion skier.

Dr. Quinn is an instructor of medicine at Dartmouth Medical School. He also is the father of two children.

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