

Another tale of Johnny Ray

Do you have a Johnny Ray to tell? The Theater of the Performing Arts members, who will present Johnny Ray in benefit concerts Oct. 6 and 7, are collecting stories, and they'd like to hear from you.

Loise Smith, a member of the theater organization, checked in today with the latest Ray revelation. A woman called from Seaside asking for three tickets — one for her, her daughter, and her granddaughter. Seems the three are all avid Ray fans. Her mother is **Pauline Vinson**, her mother is **Donna Byes**, and her 10-year-old granddaughter is **Ma Byes**.

When Johnny Ray appears on the stage at the Grand, it won't be the first time. He was born in Seaside, and as a young singer performed at the Grand several times.

Johnny is famous for many hits including *Cry* and *The Little White Boat That Cried*. Proceeds from the concert will be used for Grand theater improvements.

The deadline for Johnny Ray stories is Oct. 1. Send them to the Theater of the Performing Arts, 191 High St. NE, Salem, Ore. 97301.

Tickets are on sale at the Mid-



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Valley Arts Council, or can be charged to Visa or Mastercard by phoning 364-7474. Tickets are \$30, \$20, and \$15, and include a post-concert champagne reception at the Execulodge. **Jim Hauge**, director of the Execulodge, is donating Johnny Ray's lodging plus the limousine which will transport him to and from Portland.

Small world story coming up: Shopping in New York recently, **Susan Knowlton Hines**, a Mission Mill Museum board member, happened to drop by Bloomingdale's department store. Her mission was to buy a T-shirt for her daughter, **Celeste**.

And who did she find at Bloomingdale's? Fellow Salem resident **Gerry Frank**, busily autographing the latest edition of his book, *How to Find It, Buy It, Eat It in New York*.

Sen. Mark O. Hatfield will be the speaker at Mission Mill's annual dinner Oct. 13, but Susan couldn't coax out of Gerry whether or not the senator will seek reelection. Hatfield will make the election announcement in Silverton — this is a tradition with him — on Oct. 14.

Trysha Galloway was the high-score trophy winner at the National Dance Competition held recently in Tacoma, Wash.

She also won second- and third-place high-score trophies in the contest. Her winning number was a tap routine in full costume. For her expertise, Trysha brought home certificates and \$200. During the past six months, Trysha has won more than \$500 in prizes.

Trysha, daughter of **Richard and Luann Galloway** of Salem, is 14 and a student at South Salem High School, where she is captain of the freshman rally squad. She studies jazz, tap and ballet with Sally Mack Dance Studio in Portland.

Bob Gormsen came to Salem in 1946 as a student in the U.S. Navy V-12 program at Willamette University. He fell in love with and married **Nancy Wallace**.

Bob also fell in love with Salem,

so much so that he has reconstructed the Salem of 1946 in a book which depicts, block by block, what structures were where. There are many side-by-side illustrations showing what was there in 1946, and what is there now.

The reason for the book, Bob said, is that "As the years slipped by, I realized that there were fewer and fewer people who could recall what the city looked like in 1946. Then it struck me that this information should in some way be preserved and saved for the benefit or interest of future generations who will be living here."

The book makes fascinating reading for lovers of Salem. Copies have been given to Bush House, Mission Mill, and Marion County Historic Society.

Dennis Whitlock of Whitlock's Vacuum and Sewing Machine Center on Court St. in Salem may be the only business on Court not complaining about the street's beautification construction. Dennis reports a record summer business.