



Comedy with conviction. **Live Matinee** executes its final shows of the season with an all-new show of live comedy on stage at Cinema 7 (Atrium Building—99 West 10th). Friday evenings May 6 and 13 at 8 and 10 pm. Saturday matinees only May 7 and 14 at 2 pm. Absolutely no children under 12 allowed.

Book Review

Conversations with Pioneer Women

Collected by Mike Helm of Rainy Day Press (a one-man operation), Eugene, OR, 1981.

Conversations with Pioneer Women is much too short. This book, made up from the 58 Lockley Files, may have been the last effort to gather memories and views of people who are nearly all gone. All of the recollections in this book were originally published in the first three decades of the century in the *Oregon Journal*. The women quoted came West as immigrants, or were born here.

Their memories reflect the hardships and dangers of the crossing of the continent, the agony of jettisoning prized possessions: "A man named Smith had a wooden rolling pin that it was decided was useless and must be abandoned. I shall never forget how that big man stood with tears streaming down his face as he said, 'Do I have to throw this away? It was my mother's. She made awfully good biscuits.'" (Lucy Ann Deady, 1923); the heartbreak of children dying on the trip, of disease or accidents, with only the most crude medicine: "My brother and I both took the cholera. Mother gave us all the hot whiskey she could pour down us and put flannel cloths soaked in whiskey, as hot as we could bear them, on our stomachs. This cured us." (Marilla R. Bailey, 1926). Cholera struck many of the wagon trains. "Mother took the cholera. Father did not know what to do, so he had her drink a cup of spirits of camphor. People said it would kill her or cure her. It cured her." (Abigail King, 1928)

The pioneer women grew up early, married young—often a result of an arranged marriage—and early became aware of the harsh realities of frontier life and Indian warfare: "When my father came back from the war, he gave me the scalp he had cut from Peu-peu-mox-mox. Mother used to make rag dolls for me and would sew the scalp on the doll's head for hair." (Emma Howard, 1928)

They were especially aware of the changing patterns of American life, especially the role of women. Mrs. Ester Adams recalls that: "I was married when I was 14 years old and before long I had a family of 11 children." (1923) Mrs. Wittiva Mickelson observes that "A good many of the young women of today are a pampered self-indulgent lot." (1924) Mrs. Sarah Loughton remembers that she used to love to ride wild horses when she was a girl. "In fact, I liked to do all the things a man could do without much comment, which were considered very improper for a girl to do." She notes that the "... young women of today have a much easier time than when I was a girl." (1922) On that same theme, Mrs. Harriet Bailey observes that "Girls of my day and generation were trained to be wives and homemakers, not to drive cars and play contract bridge." (undated)

Conversations with Pioneer Women is Volume 1 of *The Oregon Country Library*, followed by Volume 2, *Conversations with Bull-Whackers* (published) and Volume 3, *Visionaries, Mountain Men, and Empire Builders* (to be published).

—Gerald Reed



Chef's Holiday

by George Nissen

Getting the Best Bargain

Times are tough, and now that I have revealed the hidden bargains at The Courtside, Scotts and Something Special, I thought it only fair that I mention others. They exist, but let's go a little further than Eugene's Downtown Mall.

Some of the other bargains are at **Debs**, 7th and Polk Streets: 95 cent breakfast of two eggs with hashbrowns and toast or two pancakes; **Woody's** at 6th and Adams, across from Safeway, has two eggs and four pancakes for 99 cents with a waitress who is someone out of "Alice" on television—I mean someone who is tops on service. Her name is Melody (she says) and your coffee never gets cold. Not that the waitresses at Debs let the milk sour or the grass grow on your plate.

Heading west from downtown, I may have uncovered the best bargain of all: the location once occupied by Sambo's at 7th and Almaden is now the **Season's Restaurant**. Not just a "buck breakfast" do you get, but "Two Country Breakfasts for the price of one" at \$3.45.

You get two eggs, four strips of bacon or four sausage links with hashbrowns, toast and jelly or pancakes. If you have a child under 12, they can choose from the child's menu for free with the "Two-fer" special.

I ordered a lunch special to try that at \$3.25 with grilled cheese sandwich, fries and soup. The cheese broccoli soup was excellent, the fries large, the coffee good and refilled often by Carol, my waitress of the time, whose charm made the high quality even more palatable. In short, the food was good.

The offer expires May 15, so don't procrastinate.

It appears that the management and employees care. They are meeting the challenge of opening in tough times.

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Saturday

Children

A Children's Art Festival will be held at Ida Patterson School.

"Create a Machine," a free workshop for kids, will be held 10 am-noon and 1-3 pm at WISTEC. Call for reservations.

For a treat for young science fiction buffs, see *Science Fiction Script-writing Contest* listing under Radio today.

Concert Music

An Elegant Evening of Harmony, 7:30 pm, Soreng Theatre, HPAC.

The OSU Chorus' **Mom's Day Variety Show** featuring the internationally recognized choir performing Israeli folksongs and dances, bluegrass, barbershop and beautyshop quartets, comedy skits and popular songs. Many door prizes. Tickets \$10, sponsored by KEED 1450 and Friends of Extension. 687-4243. 7:30 pm, Lane County Fairgrounds Conference Theatre, 13th & Madison.

The Eugene Opera presents Donizetti's "Don Pasquale" in a new English translation by Gimi Beni which transfers the action to the period of industrialization in late 19th-century England. This new version of the classic comic love story makes its West coast premiere at 8 pm in the HPAC. \$6.50-\$18; discounts for students and seniors; 50% discount prices for university students at EMU main desk. 687-0020, 687-5000.

Films

Films at the U of O tonight are: *Star Trek II—The Wrath of Khan*, EMU Ballroom, 7 & 9:30 pm; *The King of Hearts*, 180 PLC, 7 & 9 pm; *It Happened One Night*, 150 Geology, 7 & 9:15 pm. All films \$1.50/\$1.

Woman's Eye View, a festival of films by and about women, today presents *Mädchen in Uniform*, the 1932 German classic directed by Leontine Sagan. The film was seen as a plea for humanism and was banned by Goebbels. Also showing will be *Comedy in Six Unnatural Acts*, Jan Osenberg's 1975 satire on the stereotyped images of lesbians in a Hollywood. At the Portland Art Museum, 1219 SW Park Ave, Portland, 8 pm. \$3 general, \$2 seniors and children.

Theatre

Live Matinee presents its final shows, 2 pm today. See 5/6 for details.

On the Edge, see 5/5 listing for details.

Look Back in Anger continues at the U of O. See 5/5 for details.

The Me Nobody Knows continues. See 5/6 listing.

Workshops/Classes

Healing Yourself is Loving Yourself Now, a workshop to accelerate the natural healing processes within you. A day of Reiki, angel cards, bodywork and self-affirmation given by Rohn Kessler, 484-6104. 9 am-3 pm, 2826 Floral Hill Drive, \$25.

Advanced Woodburning Workshop at the EMU Craft Center, dealing with clean cutting techniques and tool sharpening today, 5/14 and 5/21, 11 am-1 pm, downstairs at the Center. 686-4361. Wheelchair accessible.

Citizens' Lobby Workshop, 10 am-noon. See Announcements.

The Spring Conference of the Oregon Association for the Education of Young Children, with keynote address by Dr. Betty Jones of Pacific Oaks College, features over 30 workshops of interest for parents and teachers. The theme: "Keeping UP with the Kids in the 80's." To register, call 686-4591 or 344-2247, \$7 students, \$9 OAEYC members, \$14 non-members. At the EMU, U of O. Childcare provided.

Speakers

See Connie Sandhorst under Dance Music.

Meetings

Citizens Party statewide meeting in Eugene. Call 344-1836 for more info. 1134 Van Buren St., 11 am.

Citizens Action for Lasting Security (CALS) holds a strategy meeting, planning for a nuclear free world. Includes potluck meal 5-6 pm; films, *In the Nuclear Shadow*, *What Can the Children Tell Us*, *The Road to Global Sanity*. 1832 Columbia St., 543-8548.

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