

Senior Class Play Enjoyed By Audience

By SHIRLEY MACK
Playing their roles with a consistent air of thorough enjoyment, members of the Roseburg high school senior class presented "Our Hearts Were Young and Gay" by Cornelia Otis Skinner and Emily Kimrough Friday evening in the senior high school gymnasium.

Before a large and enthusiastic audience, the young actors showed good results of the weeks of practice on their part and the work of their director, Marie DiLoreto. Pat Mears and Jan Elliott were captivated in their interpretation of the dramatic Cornelia and drolly humorous Emily. The dance pantomime of Emily in their hotel room and Cornelia's monologue in the last scene provided moments of special hilarity.

Simple stage settings made a good background for the amusing antics of the two romantic 19-year-olds, both on their way to Paris and during their stay there. The frequent costume-changing was accomplished with no interruption of the play's fairly swift movement. And the costumes thereby involved were a bright and authentic touch to the play's time and mood.

Good portrayals of blustery Otis Skinner and his typically-twittery wife were given by Durward Boyles and Ernestine Wallen. Bill Van Horn and Bill Sumner kept well in character through all three acts as the young medical students attached to the two teen-agers seeking "emancipation."

In general, the gay story was told with surprising swiftness and good feeling for characterization on the part of the entire cast—compliments to the young actors, the technical staff, and Miss DiLoreto.

Metal Trades Strike Threatened Monday

PORTLAND, April 1.—(AP)—Negotiations continued today in an attempt to avert a strike of 1,500 metal trades workers in Oregon Monday.

Sessions between union and employer negotiators will follow tomorrow, if necessary.

The strike is threatened over new contract demands. The unions seek a pay increase of 15 cents hourly, an increased night differential, a health and welfare program and eight paid holidays.

Crafts involved include machinists, boilermakers, sheet metal workers and pipe trades. Their contracts expired last night.

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Reedsport Man, Woman Honored By Chamber

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will attend the national jamboree this year.

Dr. Gilbert Main Speaker
Featured speaker for the occasion was Dr. James Gilbert, dean emeritus of economics, University of Oregon, who spoke on "1929 and '49—A Comparison and a Contrast." Dean Gilbert traced the factors which led up to the panic of 1929 and the ensuing depression and compared them to business and economic developments of the past few years.

One of the evils which he said occurred in both years was installment buying, which he termed "a stimulant and not a tonic," to business evils. However, he was optimistic of the outlook for the future. Although a recession will be noted, he forecast a big normal level of prosperity for 1950, one that will be only slightly less than was noted in 1948.

Safeguarding Factors
He said the following factors will tend to safeguard against a repeat of the crash of 1929 and a serious depression:

1. The stock exchange is not as inflated as in 1929 and that our "falling stock exchange" is, paradoxically, a favorable economic sign.
2. Banks are more able to finance emergencies because of higher reserve levels and federally-insured deposits.
3. The present nationwide unemployment in a sure guard against a failure in public purchasing.
4. We now have a successful, operating public works system which was planned in preparation for post-war unemployment.
5. G.I. insurance premium payments and the maturing of war savings bonds will go into trade channels, thus boosting business.

Introduced By Ex-Student
Dr. Gilbert was introduced by L. J. "Butch" Thompson, vice-president of the Lower Umpqua Chamber of Commerce and one-time student of the former economics professor.

Preceding Dr. Gilbert's address were brief talks by well-known residents of the coastal city. Howard Hilsdale, former chamber of commerce president and vice-president of the Port of Umpqua commission, traced the history of the port development and outlined some of the proposed projects in developing off shore commerce and harbor entrance, as well as other port projects.

Students Honored
Six awards were made to grade school students of Reedsport and Gardiner who participated in the port commission-sponsored essay contest. The theme was "The Value of Harbor Development." Reedsport winners included Carol Perkins, fifth grade; Rand Richmond, sixth grade; and Caryle Briskin, fourth grade. Winners from Gardiner were Lynn Prentice, sixth grade; Joan Edwards, fifth grade; and Alice Laskey, second grade.

Serling was the first of the speakers to open the program and, as chairman of the board of education, welcomed the audience to what he termed the "first purely civic function" to be held in the

The Weather

Cloudy with showers today, tonight and Sunday.

Partly cloudy today, tonight and Saturday.
Highest temp. any April 96
Lowest temp. for any April 25
Highest temp. yesterday 78
Lowest temp. last 24 hrs. 54
Precipitation last 24 hrs. 7
Precipitation from April 1 30.32
Precipitation from Sept. 1 0.08
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new high school. He announced further plans for landscaping of the school grounds and purchase of additional equipment and told the group that tentative plans for adult evening classes were being studied as a possibility for next year.

Mayor Gives Welcome
The crowd was officially welcomed to Reedsport by that city's mayor, Tom Lillebo, who also briefly outlined future plans of Reedsport's city council.

A number of persons, representing chambers of commerce throughout Douglas county, were introduced prior to the banquet. Representing the county court were Judge and Mrs. D. N. Busenbark, Commissioner and Mrs. Lynn Beckley and Commissioner and Mrs. R. G. Baker. Roseburg Chamber of Commerce representatives included President L. J. Thompson and Mrs. Harold Schmeer, Harold Hickerson, Tom Parkinson, Percy Croft, and Warren Mack, News-Review reporter.

Filipino Island Under Army Grip

MANILA, April 1.—(AP)—President Elpidio Quirino tonight placed all of Luzon—chief island of the Philippines—under military control as a result of continuing outbreaks by the Communist-led Hukbalahap guerrillas.

Maj. Gen. Mariano Castaneda, commander of the Philippines army, was placed in direct charge, with the Philippines constabulary to operate under army orders.

President Quirino said his orders were not a proclamation of martial law.

Only today government forces attacked the Huks on the slopes of Mount Arayat in central Luzon after new raids by the guerrillas on two more towns.

The death toll rose to 54 since the Huk raids flared March 29. This included 11 Huks killed in the Arayat fighting and eight residents of two towns raided last night and early today—San Clemente in Tarlac province and Aliaga in Nueva Ecija.

Students Vote To Withdraw

HENDERSON, Tenn., April 1.—(AP)—The bitter skirmish between the student body and the 76-year-old president of little Freed-Hardeman Junior college was on again today.

At a mass meeting last night, students voted 170 to 21 to withdraw from school and head home. Many were in tears during the balloting.

The school was the scene of a student strike last February which ended with a public apology from President N. B. Hardeman and his announcement he would resign by May, 1951. He later changed his decision to resign.

The nub of controversy in the early dispute was Hardeman's alleged "abuse" of two ministerial students he accused of spreading scandalous gossip.

The current flareup concerns the status of Mrs. Lottie M. Petty, former assistant dietician. Dr. Hardeman says she resigned. The students contend she was fired for supporting their strike.

Baker On Leave, Miller To Take Sanitarian Post

La Verne S. Miller has been named to fill the position of county sanitarian, during the six-months leave of absence granted to Claude Baker, effective today.

Baker is leaving April 6 for Portland, and will go thence with two other men to Alaska, via the Alcan highway, where they will be engaged in mining work.

Miller originally from Florida, graduated from George Washington university, at Washington, D. C., majoring in zoology, and last fall took additional work in bacteriology at Oregon State college.

A veteran of World War II, he served in Hawaii for 13 months and then in the European theatre through the close of the war period. He has been in Oregon since last June, but had previously lived here for short periods. He and his wife, a former Salem girl, reside at 421 1/2 E. Second Ave. No.

Baker, who has been sanitarian since November of 1946, became interested in a gold mine about 60 miles south of Fairbanks, Alaska, during the war, while on construction work in that vicinity. He has not been to the mine for two years, and is going at this time for the purpose of prospecting and doing further development work. He has two working partners who will accompany him, and Mrs. Miller.

They expect to go by a landing field on Grunstroke creek, near where the mine is located.

Baker first came to Douglas county in 1936, as educational advisor for a CCC camp at Tiller. Mrs. Baker is county welfare administrator.

Wilson Brothers Backed By Women

VANCOUVER, Wash., April 1.—(AP)—Utah Wilson got support today from the women in his life—that is, from his wife, his mother and his mother-in-law.

"I'll stick by Utah until I find out what the outcome is going to be," said his 17-year-old wife between puffs on a cigarette.

"I just know that my sons are not guilty. I feel it in my heart. The boys' records are being held against them," said the mother, Mrs. Eunice Wilson.

The mother-in-law, Mrs. Gladys Cline, said she didn't see how Utah could have become mixed up in the case.

Meanwhile the "boys," Turman, 24, and Utah, 21, — both with long police records — were held in Sacramento for Washington officials to come and get them on kidnap-slaying charges in the Jo Ann Dewey case.

Utah's wife of less than four months said his arrest came as a "complete surprise."

Staying at her mother's apartment, she said Utah just hadn't found work. He usually went fishing in daytime, and generally returned home at night, she said.

Their honeymoon was delayed after their Dec. 4 wedding, but recently they "stayed in a Portland hotel for a couple of days. It was supposed to be a honeymoon," she said, adding that it turned out "to be a disappointment."

"I don't know where they were the night she was abducted. They told me they were going to Silverton — yeah, to see their father."

"She had another thing to say. 'My name is Cline with a C and not a K like it was in the papers. I don't mind making the front pages, but I'd like to have my name spelled right.'"

Mrs. Cline volunteered that the blood found in the Wilson's car might have come from a dog that Utah ran over. He picked it up from the street and put it in the car, she said.

How about the button police found in the car and believed might have come from Jo Ann Dewey's coat?

"Why, Lucille (Utah's wife) and other women have ridden in that car. It might have been theirs," Mrs. Cline said.

The mother of the boys insisted, "all my boys are good boys."

Turman has been working in a mill and working hard. Utah has been helping me on my 10."

Turman has been working in Mrs. Wilson said Utah was about 12 and Turman 16 when they quit going to church.

"They said church and Sunday school weren't for them. That's when both began to get into trouble. They ran around nights and did things I didn't know about. But when I questioned them later they would always tell me what they had done."

"They had come back to this community to live. They were determined to live in the place where they had gone wrong and prove to our neighbors, they could lead a decent life," she said.

Toledo Mill Workers To Vote On Strike End

TOLEDO, Ore., April 1.—(AP)—The AFL Lumber and Sawmill Workers union will vote here tomorrow on a proposal to end the two-week-old strike at the C. D. Johnson Lumber Co.

Details of the proposal, submitted by the company, were not disclosed. Hubert J. Hill, union business agent, said union negotiators received it from company officials and were referring it to the 700 workers for decision.

The strike idled Oregon's largest lumber mill. It began in protest over discharge of three mill workers.

Truman Ponders Natural Gas Bill Signing, Veto

WASHINGTON, April 1.—(AP)—President Truman was confronted by a sharp division among Democrats today as he considered whether to sign or veto a natural gas bill which squeaked through the House by a two-vote margin.

Brushing aside opposition "risks of a grab" by big interests, the House last night sent the bill to Mr. Truman by a 176 to 174 vote. The measure would prohibit the Federal Power commission (FPC) from fixing the price of gas delivered to pipelines by independent producers.

The bill was approved only after Speaker Rayburn (D-Tex.) made a personal appeal for its passage. "In my opinion," he said, "this bill will not raise the price of natural gas to any consumer by one red cent."

But other Democrats shouted that the measure would take an extra \$100,000,000 a year from consumers, principally in the north and east, and hand it over to special interests.

"Horse thieves have been hanged for lesser crimes!" cried Rep. Dingell (D-Mich.).

Senator Douglas (D-Ill.) vetoed the bill.

However, Rep. Priest of Tennessee, assistant Democratic floor leader, said the Federal Power commission, in requesting the legislation, had informed him it was in accord with the President's program. The Senate passed it last Wednesday, 44 to 38.

In the final House vote, more Democrats voted against the measure than voted for it; it was supported by 97 of Mr. Truman's party members, opposed by 116.

The bill experienced a perilous moment before its passage. With the vote still unannounced officially, opponents had a lead of six votes, 178 to 172. But four members who had balloted against it changed their votes. They were Reps. Shafer (Mich.), Wilson (Ind.) and Latham (N. Y.), Republicans, and Moulder (Mo.), Democrat.

TWO BURNED IN FIRE

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Maupin of Coquille were burned to death when fire destroyed their home on First Ave. in Coquille at 3:30 a. m. today. Their six-year-old son managed to escape and told the Coquille firemen "Mammy and daddy are in there," according to information brought here by L. J. "Tick" Malarkey, who was there shortly after the fire. Mrs. Maupin is a daughter of Earl Schroeder, Coquille jeweler.

Sen. Ferguson Calls For Talks On U. S. Policy

WASHINGTON, April 1.—(AP)—A suggestion that President Truman could salvage the nation's bipartisan foreign policy by inviting Republicans to join in decisions on world problems was advanced today by Senator Ferguson (R-Mich.).

Ferguson's proposal was made to reporters as other Republicans pulled out the stops in a bitter counter attack on the President's assertion that at least three GOP senators are sabotaging foreign policy by attacks on the state department.

Calls For Showdown
One of these, Senator Bridges of New Hampshire, called for a showdown. American policy "is presumably aimed at Russia," Bridges said, adding: "I believe it is time to tell the American people the truth about this policy and how we are losing the cold war."

Ferguson said there is no reason why the President couldn't call in Republicans as well as Democrats "when there is a decision of major importance in the offing."

"These policies should be discussed fully with senators," he said. "Even with some of those opposed to them. Certainly the secretary of state could talk to senators about them, and at times the President himself."

Discussion Lack Noted
Ferguson said that until recently he has found very little disposition on the part of administration officials to discuss problems with Republicans in advance of decisions.

Bridges' statement was made in response to Mr. Truman's assertion at a Key West, Fla., news conference Thursday that Bridges and Senators Wherry (R-Neb.) and McCarthy (R-Wis.) were helping the Kremlin by attacks on the state department.

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