

# James Bronson Plays 'de Lawd, Finds Interpretive Role Difficult

By JANICE KENT

According to James Bronson, who will play the lead in "The Green Pastures," Negro version of the Testaments, the drama pictures God as a very human being. At the beginning of the play, "de Lawd" is taking part in a typical Southern fish-fry which the angels are giving in Heaven. The custard-maker runs makes a miracle." Because heavece is flooded with firmament, out of firmament for his custard so "de Lawd rares back an' the Lord creates earth and since it is such a beautiful place he creates man to inhabit it.

With the creation of man, "de Lawd's" troubles begin. Unlike the angels in heaven, man sins, gambles, brother kills brother, and peace is only a word. Man ignores His commandments. Conditions do not improve with the regeneracy of the human race through Noah and the flood. Finally, God renounces the people of the earth and vows never to set foot on the outcast firmament again.

However, when God learns centuries later that there is still good in man and that in Jerusalem His followers are suffering at the hands of the heretics, He knows that if His children suffer He must also sacrifice and suffer. He sends His only Son to earth to establish peace there.

Bronson, who was last seen on the University stage as Preacher Hagler in "Dark of the Moon," feels that this role is particularly difficult to portray successfully because of the numerous individual interpretations of God. The Negro of "The Green Pastures" sees the Lord as a kindly gentleman, comparing Him to a good preacher and calling Him the Big Boss.

Bronson, senior in drama, has been connected with the Theater Guild as actor and student director. He was assistant director for the recent production, "I Remember Mama." Bronson plans to spend the summer months at the Riverside theater in Bridgton, Maine. Following his ten-week's work in summer stock, he plans to go to New York where he will try his luck on the professional stage.



JAMES BRONSON . . .

## Girls Throw Party At Hendricks Hall

"Gee!" hardly expressed it, but it was all Janet Rattray, freshman in liberal arts, could say when she hurried to the Hendricks living room Tuesday night for a special house meeting.

Instead of seeing the customary smattering of people as she opened the curtains, she was greeted by the girls singing "Happy Birthday" around a huge, three tiered cake glowing with 20 candles.

First of its kind at Hendricks, the surprise party was planned for her by her father through correspondence with the dean of women from the Hawaiian island of Maui.

## Crashing Plaster Misses Studying Target

Heat wave? Well, perhaps; at least that's the only explanation offered so far, when part of the libe's artistic plastic ceiling located in the main second floor study room took a gander last night at 8:15 and barely missed four student immediately seated below.

The most immediate of the concerned was Lloyd Collins, business administration major, who simply picked up the unharmed plaster where it had fallen behind his chair. He said later, "Kinda shocking." The others, Iibby Spiruta, Stuart Stevenson, and Della Martin, blinked, but refused to move after discerning what had happened to them. Anything can happen on a hot day!

## Open House Slated At Y Saturday Night

Immediately following the performance of "Green Pastures" Saturday night, there is to be an open house at the YWCA bungalow for all visitors to the University. The open house will be sponsored by the sophomore commission. Lucretia Prentiss, commission chairman, has announced.

Zeta Sinclair, who will preside, has planned that punch and cookies will be served. There will be a small program followed by a community sing of Oregon songs which will be passed out on mimeographed sheets to the newcomers.

FOR SALE—Standard Underwood typewriter. Good condition. Janice Peterson. Phone 3200.

LOST — Gold-topped Eversharp pen. Bev Bennet. Return to Journalism office.

LOST—Silver identification bracelet Stephens Crest, tennis courts Tuesday. Fritzi Beltz, 1093 Alder.

# A W S Preview Weekend

<b>Friday</b>	
Check in .....	Gerlinger hall, men's lounge 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
<b>AWS Preview Weekend</b>	
Nickel Hop .....	All women's living organizations 9 p.m. to midnight
<b>Saturday</b>	
Check in .....	Gerlinger hall, men's lounge 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Campus Tours .....	To begin at 9 a.m.
Luncheon .....	Gerlinger hall 12:30 p.m. Courtesy of Oregon Mothers Club
Tea .....	Gerlinger hall 3:00 p.m. Courtesy of Eugene Panhellenic
Dinner .....	Living Organizations 5:30 p.m.
"Green Pastures"	McArthur court 8 p.m.
Fireside .....	Y.W.C.A. bungalow Immediately following "Green Pastures"
<b>Sunday</b>	
Church .....	Eugene churches 11 a.m.
Dinner .....	Living Organizations 12:30 or 1 p.m.

# Increased Dorm Rates Effective Summer Term

A \$4 per month increase for board at University dormitories to offset rising costs of raw food and labor was authorized by the State Board of Higher Education at its meeting in Portland Thursday. The increase, authorized for all institutions of the state system, will not go into effect until the summer session.

A marked increase in the cost of raw food since the old rates were set a year ago would require a \$7 per month raise in the rate, the Board explained. However, it was decided to make the raise \$4 only in the hopes that food prices would

decline somewhat over the year.

The increase was recommended by the Inter-institutional Dormitory Committee following a study of financial data supplied by the schools. It will bring the monthly board rate to \$40 at the University and State College and \$39 at the Colleges of Education.

The board also approved a change from a monthly to a per term basis for room charges at all institutions. A slight increase in rates, equivalent to about \$2 per month, to care for higher labor and maintenance costs was approved.

# Methodists to Have Weekend Party

Methodist students of Oregon universities will hold their annual conference on Friday, Saturday and Sunday of this week at the First Methodist church, 1185 Willamette street.

"Building a Faith That Endures" will be the theme of the conference. Dr. James Chubb of Nashville, Tenn., a member of the National Board of Evangelism, will be the featured speaker.

Other talks will be given by Dr. Lawrence Riggs, Dr. Hoffman and Professor Herman Clark of Willamette university, Rev. Thomas Klink of Mt. Tabor church, Rev. Ralph Kleen of Salem, William Genne of Portland, and Dr. E. W. Warrington of Oregon State college.

State officials of the Oregon Methodist student movement are: president, Barbara Husbands, Oregon State college; vice-president, Ruth Walgren, University of Oregon; secretary, Betty Mae Jackman, Willamette university; and treasurer, Bill Tebeau, Oregon State college.

More than two hundred Methodist students from colleges throughout Oregon are expected to attend.

"The Green Pastures" was made into a movie by its author, Marc Connelly, in just six weeks. Rex Ingram played "de Lawd."

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