

Jim Bronson, EHS Choir Add To Success of 'Green Pastures'

By LeJEUNE GRIFFITH

James Bronson as "de Lawd" and the Eugene high a capella choir under Glenn Griffith shared honors in the Horace W. Robinson production April 19 of "The Green Pastures." Bronson handled his difficult role with simplicity and sincerity, two essentials of the character of Mar-Connelly's Negro "Lawd."

The choir was a happy addition to the production. Spirituals were rendered with the precision of a much smaller group than the 125-voice choir. Only once were the players' voices inaudible due to the singing. The darkness between the scenes was less noticeable because of the music.

Clifton G. James as Pharaoh came closer to playing his role in terms of the deep south Negro than others in the cast. There was a lack of attempt by most of the actors at imitating characteristic speech patterns and movements of the southern Negro. The southern white was more closely resembled—due in

part to the pale make-up which made actors look almost white under the lights.

Robert D. Over as Noah was convincing in his role as the second father of mankind. Alan Foster played Moses with the tenderness and feeling of a humble man. One of the play's fine scenes was the ascension of Moses after being left behind by the children of Israel.

Marie Di Loreto and Lee Sieveke as the Biblical vamps, Zeba and Cain's girl, handled their parts well. Anne McGeorge added much life to the Babylonian night club scene with her slave dance.

The pace of the play was slow. The delay in picking up cues and extra long dramatic pauses, rather than the slowness of southern speech, was responsible for much of the loss of proper tempo.

There were several exceptional scenes in the play. The scene in Pharaoh's court was an audience favorite. Other fine scenes were the meeting of Adam and Eve, "de Lawd's" renunciation of his people, the defense of the temple by Hez-drel, and "de Lawd's" debate with Himself as to visiting the earth after His having renounced the children of Israel.

The stage crew under Edwin L. Clark is due much praise for the difficult job of adequately handling such a large production. Costuming honors go to Marilyn Wherry, and the stage design class is due applause for the sets.

That a play of such magnitude was attempted should be cause for rejoicing by all who like fine entertainment; that it was highly successful should be a source of pride to all who were connected with the production.

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Phi Kappa Sig Initiates at UW

Twenty-two University men were initiated into Phi Kappa Sigma in a special ceremony at the University of Washington chapter of the fraternity in Seattle last Saturday.

The representation of the University in the fraternity will complete the Phi Kappa Sigma chain of western chapters, which extends from Vancouver, British Columbia to Los Angeles, California.

The local chapter which will soon receive its charter was organized largely through the efforts of Dr. Frank G. Black, associate professor of English, and Glenn F. Sweeney, veterans' adviser.

Men who were initiated in Seattle are Robert M. Allen, William Dale Anderson, Gordon W. Burbee, James B. Cassell, Donald M. Cassell, Edward F. Coles, Oliver G. Deutschmann, Arthur B. Elbon, Vernon F. Flake, David R. Goss, Wilbur E. Larsen, Eugene C. Mallicoat, Fred A. Matthias, James R. McLeod, Keith R. Murphy, Jack C. O'Dell, Ronald O. Phillips, James W. Pratt, Robert O. Reeves, Walter B. Van Orden, Gordon E. Wilson, and Allan L. Zurflueh.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

Junior Weekend queen and her court are to meet on the library steps at 3 p.m. tomorrow to pose for a "Lemon Punch" picture.

Newman club elections, 6:45, YMCA.

Deutsche Gessellschaft meeting at 7 p.m. on the Gerlinger sunporch.

Important Kwama meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Gamma Phi Beta house.

Meeting of all girls on probation, all girls who received below a 2.00 last term, and all scholarship chairmen with Mrs. Golda P. Wickham on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in alumni hall, Gerlinger.

Coronation committee meeting at 7:30 p.m. at Susan Campbell hall. The Junior Weekend queen and court are invited.

Petitions for Phi Theta Upsilon are due at the Alpha Omicron Pi house at 5 p.m. today.

Phi Theta Upsilon meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Alpha Gamma Delta house.

Christian Science organization meeting at 7:45 p.m. at the YWCA.

YWCA cabinet meeting at noon at the YWCA.

Wesley foundation council meeting at Wesley house at 4 p.m.

Wesley house players meeting at 7 p.m. for tryouts for parts in "Here Comes Charlie."

Westminster house luncheon at noon. Those wishing to attend must register at Westminster house by 9 a.m. Speaker: Dr. Harris, "What Can a Student Believe?"

Community roundtable from 9 to 10 p.m. at Westminster house.

Skull and Dagger meeting at 7 p.m. at the Delta Tau Delta house.

Junior Weekend float parade committee meeting at 4 p.m., Wednesday at the Kappa Kappa Gamma house.

House managers meeting at 6:45 p.m. at the Sigma Chi house.

John Wesley Johnson was the first president of the University of Oregon.

'Young Egypt' Speech Slated

"The Situation in Egypt" will be discussed by Ahmed Hussein, leader of the Young Egypt party Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in McArthur court. Hussein is brought to the University under the auspices of the One World club and Dr. V. P. Morris, dean of the business administration school.

The Young Egypt party is a movement founded by Hussein while a junior at the University of Cairo. The party's aims are to bring about not only political independence from Great Britain, but also self-sufficiency for Egypt, socially and economically. Although the country was granted theoretical independence some 20 years ago, British troops still occupy Egypt and exert influence in many ways.

With Party 12 Years

Hussein, a lawyer, has been working with the party for 12 years and during that time has developed the group into a strong movement backed by 12,000 actual members. It is sanctioned by the Egyptian government and King Farouk I and has aided materially in improving the standards of the people.

Imprisoned several times for his beliefs, Hussein was held during World War II by the British.

Currently he is touring the United States speaking to college groups. His trip was made possible by the donations of Egyptians who wish to see the cause presented to the rest of the world.



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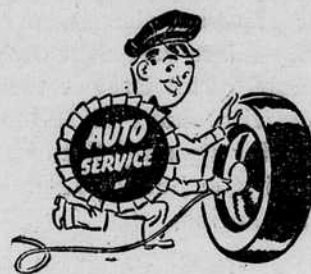
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