

American Drama Called 'Imitative'

"The most familiar contentions regarding American drama are that it is imitative and devoid of native themes, and, that when it is not sufficiently imitative of the best European traditions, it is somehow awkward and inartistic," said Frederick J. Hunter, assistant professor of speech, in the browsing room lecture last night in the Student Union.

In the lecture which was on "The Patriotic Dialogue in Early American Theater," Hunter said that "the dialogue written in the cause of American independence

before and during the revolution in both short plays and long needs to be reconsidered for both its native subject matter and its dramatic vitality."

Hunter covered the American theater from 1714 to 1778, and used several plays in his lecture which have been previously unpublished.

Four students assisted him by reading parts from Mercy Warren's "The Motley Assembly." These students are: Helen Adams, graduate in theater; Jon Powell, graduate in theater; Bruce Emmons, junior in speech, and Gail Monte, freshman in English.

Hunter stated, "perhaps it is not the time to revive old plays such as *The Disappointment*, *The Motley Assembly*, *The Patriots*, and *The Double Conspiracy*, but it is time to revive the pertinent consciousness which they contained."

For example *The Double Conspiracy* attempts to show that the Tories are doing all in their power to defeat the American cause by undermining the economy of the states. *The Patriots* is about two young gentlemen of fortune who are accused of Toryism.

Discussion leader for the lecture was R. D. Clark, head of the speech department and assistant dean of the college of liberal arts.

Hunter's lecture was given in conjunction with the University's second Festival of Arts, built around the theme "The American Heritage." Next week's lecture will be on the topic, "The Painter Peers more deeply into American Life." It will be given by Donald B. Goodall, head of the department of fine arts at the University of Southern California. Discussion leader will be Wallace S. Baldinger, associate professor of art and curator of the-museum of art.

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Deetz to Back Milk Control Bill

PORTLAND (AP)—A bill to replace the old milk control law repealed by the voters last November will be introduced in the Oregon legislature. One of its sponsors may be Rep. Elmer Deetz, the Canby "gallon jug" farmer who sponsored the repeal initiative.

The new measure has been drafted by the Grade A Producers association, Harry Lane of Stafford, a spokesman for the organization, disclosed Wednesday.

He explained that unlike the old law, the new bill provides only for minimum prices to dairymen. It would not control wholesale or retail prices as the former law did.

Lane, Rogers to Support

Lane indicated that Deetz, a Republican, and Rep. Joe Rogers, Independence Democrat, will co-sponsor the measure.

Under the bill the governor would appoint a milk marketing administrator who would zone the state into marketing areas. Elections would be held in each of these so that producers could decide whether they wanted to come under the law.

Ten per cent of the producers also could petition for an election to determine whether market or distributor pools would be set up in their area.

Minimum Price to Be Fixed

The administrator would fix minimum producers prices after a hearing to determine production costs, feed supplies and other factors affecting the market. Pricing and quota provisions would be similar to those of federal milk marketing orders.

The new bill also contains a provision aimed at the problem of interstate milk. It would empower the administrator to hold joint hearings with agencies of adjoining states or with the US Department of Agriculture.

Stocks Show Loss After Steady Gain

NEW YORK (AP)—The stock market backed down Wednesday after a steady advance of more than two weeks.

Gains were to between 1 and 2 points while losses extended to between 1 and 3 points.

The Associated Press average of 60 stocks declined 70 cents at \$156.10 with the industrial component off \$1.30 and rails down 70 cents. Utilities remained unchanged.

There were 1233 individual issues traded of which 430 advanced and 562 declined with 97 new highs and 3 new lows for 1954-55 registered.

Volume was moderate at 3,210,000 shares as compared with 3,320,000 traded Tuesday.

SU Currents



Early Films Show Scheduled for SU

"The Rise of the American Film" will be the subject for the Sunday movie Feb. 6 in the SU ballroom.

Two "oldies" in this trilogy were produced by D. W. Griffith. One film is concerned with a theme based on "The Pit" by Frank Norris. The other Griffith film, "The New York Hat," stars Mary Pickford and Lionel Barrymore. "A Fool There Was," which was the first film of Theda Bara, the original "vamp," is the third film to be shown.

No admission will be charged for the movie this Sunday, according to Donna Lou Douglas, in charge of this week's show.

Five Acts Featured For Friday at Four

A Friday at Four program will be presented in the SU fishbowl at 4 p.m. Friday.

Performers will be Ken Kesey, ventriloquist; Sharon Beard, pantomimer; Mark Tapscott, singer; The Melodaires, and The Downbeats, a combo.

Coffee Hour Forum Group Meets Today

The Student Union coffee hour forum committee will meet at 4 p.m. today in room 212, according to Gary McMurry, chairman.

Listening In ... On KWAX

- 6:00 Sign On
- 6:03 Dinner Hour Serenade
- 6:45 News Till Now
- 7:00 Sport Shots
- 7:15 UN Story
- 7:30 Philosophy
- 8:00 The Best of Broadway
- 8:30 Guest Star
- 8:45 Sen. Morse Speaks
- 9:00 Kwaxworks

VETS' NEWS

Veterans who, since separation, have either lost or had destroyed their original separation form, DD 214, or discharge papers may have them duplicated by contacting the Veterans Administration Contact office.

For further information, contact Larry Whitson, Officer in Charge; Veterans Administration Contact office, 208 Hampton building, 610 Willamette.

Pi Sigma Alpha Asks Membership Petitions

Petitions for membership in Pi Sigma Alpha, political science honorary, may now be turned into the political science office, Commonwealth 307.

Prospective members must have a 3 point in at least 15 hours of political science courses, three of which must be upper division.

Undergraduates are required to have an overall GPA of 2.75. Graduates must have a 3 point.

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