

Imbler Seniors Present Drama Friday Evening

By Mrs. Ray Wilson (Observer Correspondent)

IMBLER (Special) — The senior class play "Paying the Fiddler" was staged in Wade hall Friday night. The cast more than lived up to expectations in cleverly enacted roles and took full advantage of every opportunity in makeup and characterization. The cast follows: Mrs. Sarah Castle (Grandma) competent and willing to give advice, Roberta Brock, Henry Castle Sr., a business man with worries, Clifford Skeen; Mrs. Helen Castle, his extravagant wife, Florence Beem; Irla Castle, their modern daughter, Doshia Graybeal; Henry Castle Jr., their pampered son, Leo Munson; Lindy Craig, a distant relative, Jacqueline Berryman; Bob Eaton, the young man next door, Dorman Jackson; Brown, the detective, Carol Wagener. The play was coached by Prin. J. W. King and Benjamin Raskopf of the High school faculty. The music was furnished by the Hit and Miss orchestra. The girls quartet composed of Marjorie Perry, Ethel Pratt, Dorothy Richeson and Winona Westenskow entertained between acts and solos were rendered by Marjorie, Ethel and Winona. Ben Chasick played the accompaniment for the quartet numbers and Miss Eucclair of Elgin for the solo numbers.

The Woman's club met Wednesday afternoon at the home of Lucy Westenskow. Mrs. Chas. Cleaver was leader and she reviewed one of the works of Kate Douglas Wiggin. Those present were Mesdames Gaskell, Cleaver, Berry, Hazen and Ruth and Lucy Westenskow.

Darwin Keenan and Howard Wilson accompanied Harry Johnson to La Grande Sunday. The boys took dinner with Darwin's grandmother, Mrs. Conrad.

A school board meeting is being held tonight to set a date for a school election to elect a director to serve until the June election. After the date is set notices must be posted at least ten days before the election.

E. J. Hazen left today for Pendleton where he will work for awhile as a relief operator for the Union Pacific.

Ivan Bingaman will operate the large garden tract this year located just south of Imbler, formerly run by Allie Watson.

Chats With Parents

A CRITICAL MOMENT
By Alice Judson Peale

Three-year-old Andy made himself a train by hitching one behind the other, his express wagon, his push car and a large wooden box.

As he turned the corner from the sidewalk into the garden path, the wheel of the push car caught in the gate.

Still seated in his express wagon, he tugged and pulled. The car became only the more firmly jammed. He got out and pulled at it. He climbed back into his wagon, becoming more and more angry as he continued to push and tug in vain.

He was about to give away to a fit of temper when his mother came to his rescue. Quietly she took him by the hand and showed him how to get the wheel loose from the gate. She moved it part way and let him move it the rest. The train went on its way with Andy beaming at its head.

Next time a toy won't behave as he wants, Andy will be less likely to waste his energy in anger. Instead he will examine it carefully to see what is the matter and make it act right just as mother did.

It is for just such moments that a mother should keep an eye on her child's play. If she can reach him before his helplessness in the face of some difficulty throws him into a tantrum, she will be helping him to learn self-control and to acquire a purposeful instead of a merely emotional response to obstacles.

The emotional, headstrong child often has great difficulty in learning to cope with the resistance of merely inanimate things.

He is likely to develop the habit of indulging in futile rages unless he is painstakingly taught a more sensible way of behaving.

A mother writes that her 6-year-old son has become suddenly an over-quiet, shut-in child. She ascribes this change to the fact that the family has moved recently into a new neighborhood where there are no children near his own age.

She wonders whether the right play materials might not help to engage his attention once more in wholesome activity as well as attract possible playmates even though they live at some distance.

The right play materials are desirable in any case. It is doubtful, however, whether in themselves they would cause other children to come a long distance to play.

Six-year-olds are not generally allowed to wander far from home unless some grownup will take the responsibility for their safety. Companionship, under the circumstances, will be hard to provide unless definite arrangements are made with the mothers of other children.

Perhaps the best thing for this mother to do is to invite playmates for different days of the week and be ready herself to devote considerable time to the supervision and extra work which their presence will surely necessitate.

Her task will be made easier when the mothers of the other children return her hospitality and she can leave her child at the homes of others on two or three days of the week.

Although good play materials and companionship are a help in meeting almost every childhood problem it should be remembered that every sudden change in a child's behavior should not be ascribed simply to the lack of them.

Always it is possible that some physical cause, some shock, an over-severe punishment, or some happening that has given impetus to feelings of guilt, inferiority, and jealousy may be at the bottom of it.

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True Hitler Strength To Get Test At Polls of Five German States

By Louis P. Lochner

BERLIN (Special) — Tests in five laboratories of Germany's popular feeling will soon give what politicians consider the first authoritative answer to the question: "Exactly how strong is Adolf Hitler's national socialist party?"

With the presidential election out of the way, attention has turned to balloting on April 24 for legislatures in the states of Prussia, Bavaria, Wurttemberg and Anhalt and in the "state-city" of Hamburg.

Nazi Expectations

The Nazis claim that the 80 per cent increase in their presidential vote, recorded in March, was not a true index of their actual strength. The "Hindenburg tradition" and veneration for the 85-year-old executive kept from the Hitler column many who, they say, will not hesitate to vote Nazi tickets in the state elections.

The anti-Hitlerites rejoice that when the Nazis nominated Hitler they put forward their best vote getter; that as soon as local personalities and issues are in the foreground, Nazi strength is bound to dwindle.

Furthermore, goes the argument, the Hitler presidential run, when measured by pre-election claims, was a failure and the big element which likes to ride the band wagon will desert the Hitlerites in the state voting.

Whatever picture the state elections produce is bound to have an influence upon federal politics. Chancellor Bruening will then know definitely whether the nationalists are right in claiming that the federal parliament elected last September, and which would normally expire in 1933, no longer represents the will of the German people.

Prussia is Front Line

He expects to be able to gauge also whether dissolution and federal diet elections are likely to create merely new turmoil without changing the practical aspects of the present line-up.

First in importance in the coming tests is that which will be conducted in Prussia. This state comprises two-thirds of the republic's territory and its 38,000,000 people outnumber the 24,000,000 in the rest of the Reich.

The parties which want to remake Germany, both the Nazis with their plans for a fascist dictatorship and the German nationalists of Alfred Hugenberg who still hope to restore the monarchy, make no secret of the fact that they would consider the political capture of Prussia the longest step toward realization of their aims.

Braun's Fate At Stake

To Hitler and Hugenberg, sworn enemies of Marxism socialism, the present Prussian government is anathema, especially Otto Braun, the premier, and Karl Severing, minister of the interior.

Severing as head of the police system, directed the recent raids on Hitler headquarters in all the chief cities of the state.

Braun has held his post, with two brief intervals, since 1920. He ran for the presidency in 1925 and polled 7,836,670 votes.

Next to Prussia in importance comes Bavaria, second largest state in the republic and home of Hitler.

Other States Watched

The presidential vote indicated, however, that Bavaria is not exactly aflame with Hitler's ideals. It gave Hindenburg 2,547,459 votes on the first ballot and Hitler 1,261,897 and the latter's home city of Munich gave him only 89,897 as compared with Hindenburg's 220,615. Yet these figures reveal that the Nazis are likely to win 40 seats in the new state diet as compared with their present representation of nine.

Similarly in the former Kingdom of Wurttemberg, although the state gave Hindenburg an outright majority on March 13, Hitler's vote indicated that the new state government is likely to contain a considerable Nazi element.

Anhalt, with its 350,000 inhabitants, is too small in itself to figure prominently in federal affairs, but this year its vote will be watched as a possible further reaction to the Hitler chemicals in the body politic.

So too will there be interest shown in the analysis of Hamburg's ballot, for the great shipping center numbers 1,225,111 people within its borders, including a huge labor element.

Taps Toes and Typewriters



Dancing fingers and dancing toes has fair-complexioned Miss Irene Zilaby, of Vienna, now famed as one of the most agile and accomplished tap dancers on the European stage, shed formerly was Austria's champion stenographer—with a shorthand speed of 100 words and a typing speed of 80 words a minute.

Blooming Pretty, Eh?



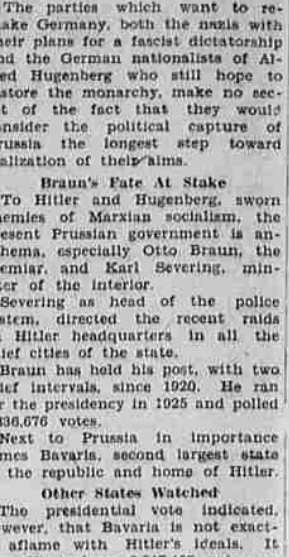
You need no further proof that it's cherry blossom time again at the nation's capital. Here Miss Evelyn Dell poses prettily behind a natural frame of the lovely blooms which draw thousands of visitors to Washington every year.

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Fighting Brush Fire at Lindbergh Estate



A widespread brush fire, forming a flaming half-circle about the Lindbergh estate at Hopewell, N. J., for a time menaced the famous flier's home. But Hopewell firemen, aided by state police, newspaper men and Col. Lindbergh himself, succeeded in halting the blaze. The picture shows fire-fighters beating out the flames.

Oregon Export Trade In 1931 At \$31,722,986

WASHINGTON, April 18 (Special) — Exports of merchandise from Oregon were valued at \$31,722,986 during 1931 compared with \$52,339,619 the previous year, according to statistics made public today by the department of commerce.

Wheat ranked first in order of value among the state's exports during the twelve-month period amounting to \$7,851,110 compared with \$19,049,241 during 1930 and was followed in order by wheat flour, \$5,709,778 and \$5,564,291; boards, planks, and scantling, \$3,200,452 and \$3,432,750; and apples in boxes \$3,180,400 and \$3,282,252.

Other leading exports with comparative values for 1930, were: milk and cream, \$1,895,954 and \$3,225,101; canned and prepared fruits, \$1,811,824 and \$1,587,738; logs and heavy timber, \$1,497,020 and \$1,340,037; and sawed timber — softwoods, \$1,403,375 and \$2,485,163.

Fresh, canned, and pickled salmon, hides and skins, dried and evaporated fruits, hops, wool bathing suits, wood manufactures, non-metallic minerals, metals and manufactures, machinery and vehicles, and chemicals and related products were included among the diversified products sent from the state to foreign countries during the year.

Domestic Felicity

A man is so unreasonable that he can get a heap more pleasure out of earning money for a good cook to spend than he can for a good bridegroom to blow in.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

MRS. LENA BRADY GETS SURPRISE OF HER LIFE

Macon, Ga. — "Nothing ever surprised me more in my life than my quick and remarkable improvement after taking Sargon," stated Mrs. Lena Brady, well known Macon, Georgia, woman. "An actual gain of sixteen pounds and the best health I have had in years is what the Sargon treatment did for me. The Sargon Soft Mass Pills ended my constipation and my skin has cleared up wonderfully. These wonderful medicines acted just like magic in my case." Red Cross Drug store. —Adv.

Sport Slants

By Alan J. Gould (Associated Press Sports Editor)

The manager of one of the pennant contending big league clubs, faced this spring with the familiar problem generated by the eighteenth amendment, adopted somewhat unusual methods.

One day he gathered them about him in the clubhouse and remarked, in effect:

"Boys, I'm not going to give you a prohibition lecture, read the riot act or set up a flock of fancy rules. I take it for granted, first, that each and every one of you wants to keep his job by doing the best he can at all times.

"I don't see any particular harm in taking an occasional drink or two. I may feel like a few myself now and then. The only thing I am going to ask is that, first, you be careful of the stuff you take; and, second, that you exercise enough good judgment to keep out of trouble and in condition.

"I'm going to keep an eye on the situation but I am also going to leave it to every man to take care of himself, until I discover he can't."

So far, this particular club has had little or no trouble along this line.

POP TODAY'S DRINK

The old days when it was considered the thing to do for ball players to hold high festival in the nearest brewery have just about vanished.

They hang around the soda fountains instead of the poolrooms, now, partaking of mild games of chance or even milder beverages.

Bridge is more popular than poker or black-jack. Golf in the morning is preferred to the gay life at night by an increasing number of athletes.

Old-timers may regret the growth of all these so-called softening influences of modern times. They would like to see a mode swash-buckling spirit manifest, at least on the field.

But the players now hardly can be blamed for reaching the conclusion that too much drowsiness or

eccentricity does not fatten the bankroll in the long run.

Art Shires paid the penalty of being too colorful and is now more or less on probation while attempting a comeback. Dizzy Dean was allowed to come back for another test with the Cardinals only by promising to behave himself and obey orders.

The days when a Rube Waddell or Bugs Raymond could defy law and order, and get away with it right along, have disappeared.

RAYMOND WARMS UP

Speaking of Raymond recalls a yarn I heard this spring. Bugs, then pitching for the Giants, was handed a ball by John McGraw and told to warm up in the bullpen.

He was cold sober when he left the bench but came back a half hour later with a silly look on his face and unquestionably under the influence of liquor. To McGraw's indignant demand for an explanation Raymond revealed he had stepped outside the park, sold the baseball for around 75 cents and used the proceeds for refreshments in the nearest saloon.

Which House Is Yours?

This Home Needs a New Roof

This Home Needs a New Bathroom

This Home Needs New Floors

This Home Needs an Attic Floor

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