

Opening Night Crowd Finds Convict' Show Entertaining

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The audience never got a chance to rest at the "Con-Glomerations of 1952" which opened Friday night in the auditorium of the Oregon State Prison.

For more than two hours there was a little bit of everything put on—a little culture, a little corn, a little pathos, and lots of humor and music. An opening night crowd of close to 800 lapped it up, and repeatedly called for more.



RARE TWO-A-DAY
Preparing for "Cool Fan Tonic," her second opera in one day, soprano Eleanor Steber vocalizes in Metropolitan dressing room after singing in "Otello."

Written, directed and produced by the inmates, the "Con-Glomerations" featured in specific acts: a boogie routine, a rope twirling act, a trumpet "duel" with one man playing two trumpets, a couple of quartets, a violinist, a Dixieland jazz routine, a hill billy band and a bunch of square dancers.

But that wasn't all there was to it. No act got a chance to perform by itself; too much went on around it. Every corner of the stage had something going on all the time.

There were shows within the show, some cutting up by the cast, some rascals for impromptu laughs, and some clever impersonations and excellent acting.

The show was laid in a roadside tavern with a bunch of "professional" troupers stopping by for a rest. Out of the two acts which resulted, there came music galore, more than enough to satisfy, with a Western band furnishing much of the background, and spelled by a jazz band.

There were many stars in the show, but few could be singled out. Particularly well-received were the four "women" in the show; one a waitress (with the beginning of a 5 o'clock shadow and a tattoo on one arm), two floozies, and a hillbilly miss; the Texas rope twirler, the boogie-woogie dance routine, and a quartet which entertained during intermission.

The opening night audience also saw little 12-year-old Edwina Holce, crippled since birth, crowned as Queen and Mistress of ceremonies. She's the young lady who has entertained the inmates before. She sang three numbers at Friday night's show.

During intermission Jack Chesbro, of the Oregon Heart Association, which will get the proceeds from the show, introduced some of those who have made the show possible.

"Con-Glomerations" will run tonight, and from April 21 through 26. Tickets are on sale at Stevens and Son, Jewelers in Salem, J. K. Gill box office in Portland, and may be purchased at the door of the prison.

Record Crowd Sees Cannery Union's Show

More than a thousand were on hand Friday night to view the 4th annual Cannery Scandals, held in the Leslie Junior High School auditorium.

Officials said the crowd was the largest in the show's history. Entertainment drawn from the Cannery Union membership, included tap dancing, singing, pantomime acts, a comic skit, baton twirlers, a ventriloquist act and the Oregon State Employees Association choral group. Dancers appeared also from the Paul Armstrong dance school.

Master of ceremonies of the two-hour long show was E. S. Benjamin, secretary of the Cannery Union local. Proceeds from the show will go to the schools for their noon lunch program.

Eagle Aeries Incorporate

Articles of incorporation were filed Friday by the Willamette Aerie 2081, FOE, Salem, and Yaquina Aerie 2219, FOE, Toledo, with the State Corporation department.

Filing for the Salem group were Charles C. Gruver, A. P. Martin, Roy Kapperman, and others. They filed for \$150,000. Filing for the Toledo group were Otto D. Dirks, Earl Walkau, Jesse O. Martin, and others. They filed for \$75,000.

"It has been a custom that Aeries of their size file for incorporation in order that business purposes might be handled more comfortably," Gruver explained.

AUMSVILLE PAVILION DANCE
Every Sat. Nite—Ten Miles S. East of Salem
Music By LYLE AND HIS WESTERNERS
Broadcast KSLM 7:30-8:00 P. M.

Big Carnival Dance Tonite
Over Western Auto 239 Court Street
Square Dancing 8 to 9
Regular Dance 9 to 12
Dick Johnson's Orch.
Adm. 60c (Incl. Tax)

LEAP YEAR DANCE
WED. NITE 7:45
Music by POP EDWARDS
CRYSTAL GARDENS SALEM OREGON

Miami Swindle Still Kidnap, Attorney Rules

MIAMI, Fla. (AP) — A 10-mile taxicab ride by a six-year-old boy and the payment of a \$15,200 ransom by his frantic father added up to a kidnap charge Friday for the unknown perpetrators of a smoothly-enacted swindle.

The kidnapers never actually had young Richard Richter in their custody but they made his wealthy jeweler father, Daniel Richter, believe Thursday that he was buying his son's safety with the \$15,000 in jewels and \$200 in cash he left in a bus station locker.

Glenn C. Mincer, state attorney, said such circumstances added up to a kidnaping under Florida law. He said he would obtain indictments charging unknown persons with the crime, and if captured the perpetrators would face a death penalty.

The Richter family owns a downtown Miami jewelry company and a Miami Beach ocean-front hotel.

Police said the swindlers carried out a carefully prepared plan. The boy, Richard, was lured from school and picked up in a taxicab in the belief his mother was ill.

Another conspirator called the father, said they had his child and demanded the jewelry and money. Arrangements were made for delivery at a bus station and the whole thing was completed within an hour.

The boy was found safe at the hospital. The cab driver said he was simply following orders given the Yellow Cab Co. by phone.

African Hunter Shows Movies Of Congo Trip

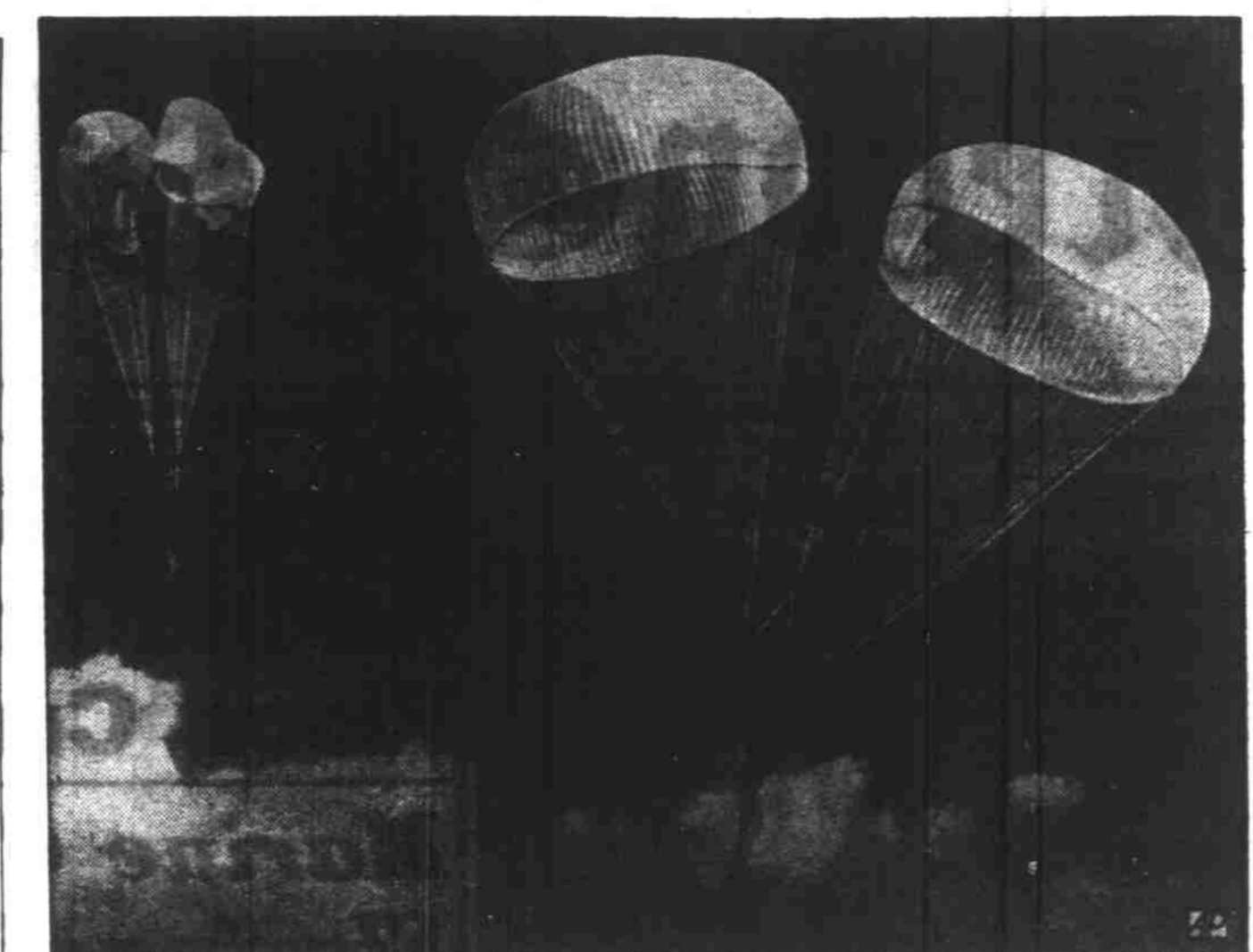
A capacity audience Friday night was taken "on a trip to the zoo without a cage" by big-game African hunter James T. Mone-Smith, guest speaker for the Salem Knife and Fork Club.

Mone-Smith addressed the group at their guest night in the Parrish Junior High auditorium and showed his technicolor film "Action in Africa." The film was an "on the spot" record of his latest trip into the Belgian Congo.

Members of the club elected to the board of directors at the business meeting preceding the speaker were J. A. Inglis, Dallas; Rev. Brooks Moore and Robert L. Jones, both of Salem.

The final meeting of the year for the club will be held at the Marion Hotel, May 12. Speaker at that time will be William D. Skelton, a humorist from Illinois, who will develop the subject, "Marry and be Merry."

Cottonwoods Dance Every Saturday Night
Tommy Kizziah And His WEST COAST RAMBLERS
Hear Them on KSLM Tues. & Sat. Eve.



EQUIPMENT FROM THE SKY—Twin parachutes, each 100 feet in diameter, float down with heavy equipment in air drop by USAF cargo planes to a UN ground unit in Korea.



DRAWING ONE—Will Rogers, Jr., playing role of his famous humorist father in a Hollywood movie, draws a drink between scenes for actress Jane Wyman who portrays humorist's wife.

Extra Sessions Promised if Funds Missing

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Truman said Friday that if Congress balks at voting the money he thinks is needed for national defense, he will keep it at work all year, calling a special session every day if necessary.

He said "dangerous and destructive" attempts to cut funds for the defense program and for foreign aid will imperil the nation's security if they succeed.

And he accused those who seek to make blanket cuts in these programs of risking the lives of American soldiers in a grab for election year headlines.

At one point, in speaking of the threat of a new move by the Russians, Truman said "there is only one real language they understand and that is this—" and he held up clenched fist.

Truman spoke at the dedication of a new national headquarters for Amvets. He departed from his prepared text to make the remark about keeping Congress in session throughout the year.

He said he will see to it that the slash of about six billion dollars which the House has voted in his \$2 1/2 billion dollar request for the defense establishment is put back.

He said this will be done "if I have to call a special 'Turnip Day' session of Congress" every day from now to New Year's Day. This was a reference to his call, in the speech in which he accepted nomination in 1948, for a special session of Congress to meet on July 26 of that year. Truman noted then that July 26 is known as "Turnip Day" in Missouri.

LADY HAM DEPARTMENT
WEST HARTFORD, Conn. (AP)—Because of the increasing number of young women "hams," QST, the publication of the American Radio League, has added a special department directed to them. It stresses the idea of "keeping up with the girls," and is conducted by Eleanor Wilson, owner of radio station WJON, Walpole, Mass.

The population of Rotterdam is about 875,000.

Three Chimney Fires Three Firemen Busy

Three fire fires were snuffed Friday by the efforts of the Salem fire department.

One fire at 971 S. 22nd St., burned about a three-foot hole in the roof near the chimney. Another at 2308 Rex St., and still another at 1865 S. 12th St. suffered no reported damage other than fire charring.

Yamhill County Jail Yields to Escapes Again

McMINNVILLE (AP) — Three county jail prisoners picked their way out through a brick wall to freedom early Friday. It was the third time in recent months prisoners had gone through the same 64-year-old wall.

Sheriff W. J. Jones said the three who escaped were Leon Rice, 26, of Boswell, Okla.; Jack Ballard, 28, of Boswell; and Morris Dale Chenevere, 18, Saginaw, Mich.

Jones said the three men simply cut through old plaster in the wall, then dug out mortar between the bricks, lifted the bricks out and crawled into the county clerk's office. From there they went out a window.

Scotts Mills Hunters Face Game Charges

Five Scotts Mills residents were arrested Friday by State police on charges of game violations. Three were cited to Marion County District Court and two to the Silverton Justice court.

Charged with hunting deer during closed season were Vernon Leonard Wolfard, 20, and Daniel Eugene Harrison, 18. Charged with illegal possession of venison was Walter Wayne Edgell, 51.

A charge of hunting grouse during closed season will be answered by 18-year-old Raymond Lewis Moles Jr. and his 17-year-old brother.

State police stated that there had recently been quite a number of cases of hunting out of season.

Fifth Annual Registered and Commercial Aberdeen Angus Show and Sale
22 Registered Females—20 Bulls Also 50 Commercial Females
Some with Calf at Side
JUDGE: James Gestrige, Elk Grove, Calif.
AUCTIONEER: Walter Palmer, Los Angeles.
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April 20-21, Klamath Falls, Ore.

NLRB Decides In Favor of Salem Mason

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A National Labor Relations Board trial examiner recommended Friday that a Portland, Ore., man—who claimed he lost a job because he was not a union member—be compensated by the union for lost wages.

The worker, Lee A. Parker, a cement mason, said he was discharged from a construction job at Salem, Ore., because he was not a member of the AFL Plasterers and Cement Masons Union.

Services Set Monday for Lucas Infant

GERVAIS—Services for three and one-half month old Richard Merrill Lucas will be held in the St. Louis Catholic Church Monday at 7 a.m. with interment at Belcrest Memorial Park in Salem.

The baby died in his sleep Friday, apparently from natural causes. He hadn't been noticeably ill, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Lucas, Gervais Route 1, reported.

He is survived by the parents; a sister, Nadeen Lucas, Gervais, and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Lucas, Gervais Route 1. Arrangements are being handled by the Ringo Funeral Home in Woodburn.

Canal Break Cuts Redmond Water Supply

REDMOND, Ore. (AP)—This city's water supply was dangerously low Friday as a result of a break in an irrigation canal—the city's only regular source of water.

The break, in the Central Oregon Irrigation District main canal, occurred Thursday. Water was pumped into the city's reservoir from the Deschutes River. But capacity of the pumps is 800 gallons a minute while water was being used at a rate of 1700 gallons a minute.

Hollywood
Salem's only home-owned Theatre
Hollywood Kids Matinee Today — 1:00 to 4:00 P.M.
3 CARTOONS — SERIAL
Special Matinee Feature "WIZARD OF OZ" in Technicolor
also Benson's Birthday Cake for

Lynn Dee Woodward, Frank Miller, John Gallagher, Jimmy Reimann, Robin McAlpine, Dick Kuykendall, Nancy Shuter, Daryl Page, Jerry Henne, David Ernst, Jimmy Coulson, Dennis Ness, Richard Overman, Ella Mae Donaldson, Jack Bond, Ruth Scheldegger, Bob French, Billy Laird, Suzanne Morris, Douglas Smith, Mary Beth Sullivan, Alexandria Bradford, Dixie Shepherd, Sally Plessinger, Joann Schmar, Jeffrey Witeman, Bob Funderburk, Larry Emmons.

"You Never Forget You"
Color by TECHNICOLOR
Co-Feature "JOURNEY INTO LIGHT"
Starts Tomorrow — Cont. 1:45

Week End with Father
Color by TECHNICOLOR
Co-Feature "The Tanks Are Coming"

Army Frills In Germany On Way Out

By BRACK CURRY
BONN, Germany (AP)—Free servants and special trains for American soldiers in Germany are getting the axe soon, official sources said Friday.

If the Pentagon doesn't do the chopping right away, these sources averred, the State Department will.

The U. S. High Commission, a State Department agency, has decided to cut by 45 million dollars a year the German-financed frills and frills that hark back to the Army's role as a conqueror.

Despite Army protests, the cut is to be made next week in the "occupation costs" budget.

The Germans have asked that occupation costs of the United States, Britain and France be trimmed to provide more funds for arming Germans in the projected six-nation European army.

Thousands of free servants provided for soldiers from non-coms to Generals will be fired, excursion trains to Army resorts abolished and other occupation privileges curtailed.

But the GI and his officer still will be among the richest classes in Germany. Both will get tax-free cigarettes at 10 cents a pack, Scotch for \$3.20 a fifth, cheap rents and low-priced food in special Army stores.

The High Commission officials stressed that the Germans now must be treated as equal partners of the West rather than as a conquered people.

They said too that public resentment among the Germans was mounting against the luxurious living of U. S. soldiers here.

The Army argued free servants were needed to maintain property occupied by Army families, said most Army people cannot afford to hire servants, and declared "American housewives in Germany should not have to do menial work because of the unfortunate effect on prestige and morale."

State Department spokesmen maintained that, in the end, the American taxpayer paid for the frills here because U. S. aid supports the West Germany economy.

Youthful Check Writer Blames Radio Example

A 15-year-old Keizer youth, who told the Marion County sheriff's office that he was following the example of a radio character, was certified to juvenile authorities Friday for obtaining money under false pretenses.

He was apprehended by a sheriff's deputy as he was attempting to cash a check for \$50, the sheriff's office said. The youth had already cashed \$35 worth of fictitious checks.

The sheriff's office said the first statement signed by the youth was a figment of his imagination. The second statement brought admission of the two check attempts and the information that he had used on the checks the name of a radio character who had done the same thing.

He was arrested on a district court warrant.

GAS DIVIDEND DECLARED

PORTLAND (AP)—Directors of the Portland Gas and Coke Co. Friday declared a dividend of 20 cents a share, payable May 15.

"Blossom Day" Week-End

RIB ROAST OF BEEF
Baked Premium Ham
FAMOUS BUFFET
All You Can Eat FOR 99c
HI-CHAIRS (Children Under 10 - Just 44c) HI-CHAIRS
BLOSSOM DAY WEEK-END MENU FOR LUNCH and FOR DINNER
Assorted Breads - Potato Chips - Wheat Crackers - 15 Varieties of Delicious Salads - Relish Sticks - Cold Cuts - Pickles - Cottage Cheese - Hot Boston Baked Beans
RIB ROAST OF BEEF With Buttered Noodles - Mashed Potatoes - Savory String Beans
BAKED PREMIUM HAM With Fruit Sauce - Escalloped Potatoes - Savory String Beans
Hot Home-made Cloverleaf Rolls
Coffee At Your Table by the Silex-Full
Home-made Chocolate Cake a la mode - Ice Cream - Sherbet - and Hot Boysenberry Sundae
ALL YOU CAN EAT FOR 99c
11:30 A. M.-3:30 Week Days—12 to 8 On Sundays
Nohlgren's
With Mary Barton's Organ Melodies

The Green Room



One of the sitting rooms in the newly renovated White House is the Green Room, which features a hand tufted rug—including the seal of the President—which was reproduced from an old Aubusson rug which was originally used here but now is too frail for use. Walls and draperies are of silk damask. All old pieces of furniture have been restored and refinished. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman).

Farmer Finds Body of Man Near Turner

The body of a Robert Brown, about 55 or 60, was discovered Friday night near Turner in an old shed used for housing animals.

The man had been there for about three or four months and had apparently died from natural causes. The only bit of identification found on the body was a receipt from the Tum-A-Lum Lumber Company dated some time ago indicating that he might have at one time been employed by this Washington firm.

Several newspaper sections, mostly the classified portions, were found near and around the body.

Brown was discovered Friday by a farmer who lives nearby. Officials believed him to be a transient who had crawled into the shed to gain shelter from the weather.

Sun Probable For Annual Blossom Day

It will be touch and go and no one will be positive until it arrives, but from every indication Salem can observe the 38th annual Blossom Day under sunshine.

The Weather Bureau reported that rains, which began Friday, will continue through today, "probably" disappearing by Sunday morning.

Rain or sun, however, Salem Cherrians will be on hand to direct motorists into the two scenic

Kids Show Today!

Cartoons! Serial! Prizes!
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2 Big Features!

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DOORS OPEN AT NOON!
NOTE: A suitable western feature will replace "Model and the Marriage Broker" on the Kid Show Today!

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"MA & PA KETTLE AT THE FAIR"
—And—
"THE TREASURE OF LOST CANYON"

CAPITOL

"THE BATTLE OF APACHE PASS" In Technicolor!
—And—
"THE STRANGE DOOR"

GRAND

LAST DAY!
"FLYING LEATHERNECKS"
"Model & the Marriage Broker"
TOMORROW!
"Lone Star"
"The Sell-Out"

STATE

"FRANCIS GOES TO THE RACES"
—And—
"SADDLE TRAMP"

SALEM

ENDS TONITE!
Open 6:45-Start 7:25
Richard Widmark
"RED SKIES OF MONTANA"
In Technicolor
—
Mild Gaynor
Dennis Day
"GOLDEN GIRL"
In Technicolor
Open Rain or Shine