

'Girl Crazy' Played To Capacity Crowd

By MAXINE BUREN
Salem Woman's Editor

Lively and tuneful musical comedy "Girl Crazy" was given before a capacity crowd at Pentacle Theater barn Friday night and kept onlookers in a happy and rhythmic mood throughout the evening. The theater's third produc-

tion for the year, and its first musical comedy, proved to be very good entertainment.

Opening night, as first nights have a way of doing, showed a few rough spots, but those will be ironed out by tonight, and the musical should be even faster moving and more laughable during the rest of its nine-day run.

Comedy Held Sway
Comedy held full sway most of the evening, but a few moments for romance. Chief funny-man was Dick Geer who, as the one-time taxi driver gone west, did a bangup job in every situation the plot threw him into. Blazer-attired Carl Ritchie and bejeweled, red-gowned and blond Althea Ferris were the gambler Slick Fothergill and his wife Kate. The former an old hand at theatricals, gave a smooth performance, and Kate handled several torrid numbers including "I Got Rhythm" with the proper degree of temperature.

Romantic Leads
Romantic leads, Austin Eivers as Danny Churchill, a city boy with a dude ranch, and Harriet Bush as Molly, demure village postmistress handled their more serious parts with a little self-consciousness at first, but soon warmed up.

Two "toughs," Jim Jaqua and Elmer Spencer were just as tough as Coralie Doughton, adding a bit more romantic comedy, was soft. The play has a cast of over 20, which taxed the capacity of the small stage. Except for a few moments, however, this over-population was harmless. The two dancers, June Underwood and Lynn Pyle, were cheated of space during their numbers, and though limited floor space cut down a few leaps and runs, their performance added much to the interest of the production.

Scene Changes
Another problem—that of providing several changes of scenery on an arena stage—was handled cleverly by use of skeleton doors, windows and sets, usually let down onto the stage through a trap door in the ceiling. This part of the performance proved an important item in the evening's entertainment.

Other well known numbers, sung by principals and the chorus were "I'm Biding My Time" and "Embraceable You."

Bob Putnam directed, and Sally Bollinger was the hard working pianist.

A suggestion to the wise: get tickets at Stevens or Dell's Book Store, you'll never get in if you don't.

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An all-out effort to bring the 1956 Northwest Kiwanis convention to Salem will be made at this year's convention by six Salem delegates. Stanley Grove, Chamber of Commerce manager (left), and Dr. Henry Morris, one of the convention delegates, are shown inspecting some of the promotion posters to be used in their campaign at Bellingham, Wash., opening Sunday. (Statesman Photo)

Schmidt Relates Story of Years in Red China Prison

Editors' note: The following story was told to Gerry Pratt, Portland, Oregonian reporter, by Airman Daniel Schmidt, the man whose wife reported she married another man after she thought Schmidt had died in a Communist Chinese prison. Schmidt, a B-29 gunner, was shot down in the Korean War on Jan. 13, 1952, near the Yalu River. He and his wife now are reunited. The story is copyrighted by the Oregonian Publishing Co.

By GERRY PRATT
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DELAKE, Ore. — Danny Schmidt, with the flurry and fuss of his reunion with his wife Una behind him, took time out Thursday night to tell for the first time his story of three years behind Chinese prison bars.

The 146 pound B-29 gunner told

State Rejects Appeal From Contractor

The Oregon State Board of Appeals has turned down an attempt by the George Isackson Co., Portland, to set aside a disqualification of its bid for construction of a new classroom building for Portland State College.

Isackson was not allowed to bid on the \$850,000 project by the State Board of Higher Education. He appealed that rejection to the board consisting of Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry, State Treasurer Sig Unander and Labor Commissioner Norman Nilsen. It was the first such appeal in eight years.

Dr. J. F. Cramer, president of Portland State College, and H. A. Bork, comptroller for the State Board of Higher Education, told the appeals board Thursday that Isackson was disqualified because he had failed to meet completion dates on some previous projects.

They pointed out that the time element was crucial in the PSC job since the building must be ready for occupancy by September, 1956. They said the rejection would not necessarily apply to future bidding.

\$10,500 Stuffed In Shopping Bag Nearly Burned

FLORENCE, Ore. — Attorney Sid Nicholson was burning remnants of papers in the estate of Frank L. Kingston which he was liquidating.

He was about to burn a suitcase when he looked inside and found a shopping bag. It turned out that there were two shopping bags one inside the other. He separated these and there found \$10,500 in \$100 bills.

The money will go to a son and daughter, Charles Kingston, Haslett, Mich., and Mrs. Helen Johns, Kokomo, Ind.

Prize 'Drake' Loses; Egg Found in Cage

YAKIMA — Jim Eddy of Selah listed his entry in the Yakima 4-H Club Fair as a white pekin drake. No one questioned the classification until an egg was discovered in the cage. The judge then wrote on the entry card: "No drake. It laid an egg."

the story from his rustic honeymoon cottage near Devils Lake on the Oregon Coast. At his side while he talked was Una, the wife he almost lost in their matrimonial mixup.

"The air stream grabbed me and spun me like a top. I remember yanking at my rip cord handle with both hands—two strong pulls. Then I blacked out."

Meat Hooks
"Next thing I remember is feeling my shoulders being pulled up as if someone had two big meat hooks jabbed under my arms. That was my chute straps and I was going down easy."

"Hitting the ground didn't give me much of a sensation. I was conscious and I remember the impact. I can't say what I did through the next 11 hours except that I followed survival instructions as they had been briefed to me earlier."

Little Rough
"The rest happened quickly. North Koreans picked me up in a field at 11 in the morning. They were a little rough before tying me up and leading me off to a farm house."

"I was in three prisons—all just about the same. They were full of Chinese criminals. I didn't get to see a prisoner of war camp all the time I was in their hands."

Guards Changed
"For food we got a deep dish once a day brought into our cells. It was built in three layers. On the bottom layer was a cup of boiled rice. On the second was a dish of soup—or dirty water—I could never tell. On top was the main dish, boiled cabbage."

"In December '54 we got a few rumors that things were looking up for us."

"I couldn't learn anything from the guards. They changed them a lot and they didn't know much of our language. I had to be careful after awhile though. I used to tell them what I thought of them now and again and they got so they memorized the words. I used the same words many times," he added.

"The guards would take their words to an interpreter. Then it was 'Schmidt stand up.' And I was in trouble again."

"We walked out of the prison together. It was 11 in the morning and they had given us most of our things back. They kept my pen and pencil—said it was military trophy or something. They had been acting like it was a big joke the last couple of months. I guess they had to be friendly then."

"You know the rest," said Danny reaching for his cup of coffee which had turned cold during his story.

Unfilled Freight Car Orders Up In Past Week

Oregon railroads furnished 83 per cent of freight cars ordered during the week ended Aug. 20, as compared with 94 per cent the previous week. Public Utilities Commissioner Charles H. Helzel reported here Friday.

There were 5,098 cars ordered during the week ended Aug. 20 with 4,210 furnished.

Helzel, in recent orders, directed the South Pacific Company and the Oregon Electric Railway to furnish cars on a quota basis.

The utilities commissioner said the freight car situation gradually was becoming more serious due largely to increased lumber shipments.

Japan 'Must Seek Complete Independence'

WASHINGTON — Japan's Foreign Minister Mamoru Shigemitsu, who a decade ago formally signed his country's surrender to the allies, declared Friday Japan must now work for complete independence.

Although Japan's occupation ended in 1951, the 66-year-old diplomat told a news conference "The time has come when we must go forward constructively toward a complete posture of independence."

"We are going to have to do it by ourselves," he said. His remarks in Japanese were translated by an embassy spokesman.

He said it was "high time we get off to a fresh start for the real reconstruction of Japan."

Shigemitsu said it was this new approach that he particularly wanted to talk over with Secretary of State Dulles and other U.S. officials in a three day round of meetings starting Monday.

Since taking office early this year, Japan's Conservative Democratic Party has stressed its desire for a more independent role in Japan's postwar partnership with the United States.

The previous government headed by former Prime Minister Shigeru Yoshida was criticized as being too pro-American.

Police to Plug Road Caution For Holidays

Leaflets appealing for special driving care to prevent accidents during the Labor Day weekend will be handed to motorists by state police officers as the holiday nears, State Police Superintendent H. G. Maison said Friday.

The leaflets call attention to the critical traffic hazards of the weekend and ask the help of all drivers in preventing such needless tragedies as the five deaths charged to Labor Day traffic last year.

Maison said officers will be particularly alert for accident-producing law violations such as driving too fast, following too close, passing without sufficient clearance, turning without giving a signal and drunk or reckless driving.

Most motor vehicle smash-ups, Maison said, involve a traffic law violation on the part of at least one of the drivers concerned. Strict attention to driving, he contended, makes even unintentional violations less likely to occur and increases the chances for avoiding an accident stemming from a violation committed by another driver.

Milk Probe Report Made In Portland

PORTLAND — A fact-finding committee appointed by Mayor Fred Peterson to investigate the issues of a labor dispute which halted Portland milk deliveries last June, reported Friday.

The committee said clauses demanded by the milk distributors and AFL Teamsters drivers concerning deliveries should not be part of the contract.

The drivers had asked that a clause be inserted stating that the "delivery system to be retained as it is." Employers demanded "deliveries and/or work schedules are the prerogative of management."

Milk deliveries were resumed after the fact-finding committee was appointed.

Wives Warned of Lunch Duplication

NEW YORK — The Bowery Savings Bank branch that serves lunch to its employees has found a simple way to keep the custom from sowing discord at home.

Each Friday night it hands homebound workers a list of the entrées to be served next week. Now each wife knows exactly what not to have for the evening meal.

Youth, 18, Missing From McNeil Island

TACOMA — An 18-year-old inmate was reported missing Friday night from the McNeil Island federal prison.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation identified him as Ollie G. Kelsy, who is serving a three year term for violation of the motor-vehicle theft act.

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New Business Names Filed

Assumed business names filed this week with the Marion County clerk's office were:

Tom's Taxi, Silverton, filed by L. W. Gilmore; Capital Car Wash, Salem, by Ernest A. Reinhard and Gerald B. Hauger; Nita's Nook, Aumsville, by Lyla H. Gruchow; Pat's Tavern, Jefferson, by Hazel Dorcas Thompson; R. B. Corral, Salem, by Bob Brown and Edna M. Barker; Silverton Drug Company, Silverton, by Fred R. and Nola J. Parkinson; Rappe's Radio and TV Service, Woodburn, by Clifford E. and Lucille A. Rappe; Al's Refrigeration, Silverton, by Albert F. DeJadro.

Twins Born to Two Couples

Two sets of twins were born Friday at Salem hospitals.

The first pair, a boy and a girl, were born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Livingston, Monmouth, at Salem Memorial Hospital. The little girl was born at 1:16 p.m. and weighed 5 pounds and 9 ounces. The boy was born six minutes later and weighed 5 pounds and 7 ounces.

Two boys were born just five minutes apart, about 6:45 last night, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Headings, Salem Route 1, Box 443. Both little boys were placed in incubators at Salem General Hospital.

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Man Escapes Jail Detail

Calvin Coolidge Caldwell, Silverton, escaped Friday from a city jail work gang at the Salem Airport, police reported.

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