

Of St. Mark' Brings Real
ry Of War's Effect On People

GLENN HASSELROOTH
know Quizz West: He's the
who got drafted about
ago. Couldn't been
30 at the time. His folks
know Nell and Deck West
Route 3—they couldn't see
sense in it at the time. But
and Zip to do the
and they were proud of
son. Not that he was
ager or any smarter than
of the feller learnin' to
diers... I can remember
day how proud they were
he said he was going to get
to someone he'd met in
ork, and it turned out to
pretty little Janet Feller
ved only two miles down

Simply, "The Eve of St. Mark"
is what happens to an ordinary
young fellow and his ordinary
family caught up in the at first
unbearable drama of war. How
he and others like him and those
who love him meet its problems
and, somehow, manage to win and
keep alive the most important
things they are fighting for, poses
emotions based on such diverse
elements as gaudy comedy and
unsung soldiers' deaths.

Alan Foster, as Quizz, managed
beautifully in his role. He seemed
affected at first (as were the rest
of the characters in Scene I, possi-
bly due to first night jitters) but
showed a fine feeling for the
poetic simplicity of his lines as
he took the part in stride.

As one of his southern buddies,
Pres Phipps came near to stealing
the show. His slow drawl was be-
lievable to his audience so that
they knew what he meant when he
said "I got a hankerin'," and
when he refused in that cave in the
Philippines, to give in to

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lord. (Kennell-Ellis photos, Willshire engraving)

malaria or to retreat to safer isles.
In the "older" roles, Margie Rob-
inson was outstanding as Quizz's
mother, possibly because she was
able to accept the weight of age so
convincingly without becoming
lachrymose. As poignant was
Norma Baker, as the unsophisti-
cated and passionate but whole-
some young farm girl who knew
that Quizz was the love of her
life and was glad she kept her
love pure.
For a modern tragedy, "The Eve
of St. Mary" abounds in a not
unwanted portion of earthy com-
edy, expressed without any minc-
ing sidesteps by Helen Holden
and Betsey Steffen as a couple of
janes "on the verge of the pro-
fessional." Harold Larson, Richard
Landis, Roy Dyer, Earle Russell,
and Saule Barde as hard-talking
young men in O. D. who didn't
try to goldbrick in the last act
when they would have had a
chance to do otherwise.
Smaller parts were carried nicely
by William Countryman, Rob-
ert Over, Clinton Hill, James
Whisenand, Nisma Banta, and

University Graduate
To Be Navy Expert
On Japanese Language
The U. S. Navy has picked a
former University of Oregon
graduate assistant in Romance
languages to become one of its ex-
perts in the Japanese language.
Donald Castanien, seaman, first-
class, USNR, has been chosen to
study Japanese at the University
of Colorado, according to word re-
ceived by Dr. Leavitt O. Wright,
professor of Romance languages at
University of Oregon.
This promotion will place Cas-
tanien in line for a commission as
ensign in the navy. Dr. Wright
said. He received his initial train-
ing and first class seaman rating
in the U. S. naval reserve at Far-
rington, Idaho. While at the Uni-
versity of Oregon, he was a graduate
assistant in the language depart-
ment in his senior year. He was a
member of Phi Beta Kappa and
other national honor societies.

Peter Chioloro. If there was a
hammy line in the script, the cast
gave no hint of it.
As with all "Orson" Robinson's
productions, the settings fitted the
demands of the drama. Projected
simply against black curtains to
give graphic suggestion to the var-
ied places depicted, the seven
sets were done by his set design
class, with probable honors going
to Jim Bronson's pier and Kay
Richards' cave.
The lighting seemed chalky on
occasion (a minor defect which
may be changed for subsequent
showings) but on the whole
showed the dramatic sentiment of
the director by highlighting and
shadowing faces to focus the mood
of the audience. The business was
played down to almost underem-
phasis, and the movement was de-
veloped to give a breadth not eas-
ily obtainable on a small stage.
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Holland Dance Hall
To Reopen Thursday
The Holland night club will re-
open its doors Thursday night af-
ter being closed down several
days due to bad weather and pow-
er conditions.
L. D. Erickson, proprietor of the
club, stated that everything would
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Morse Says Public
Is Tired of Strikes

DENVER, Jan. 28.—(P)—"The
public is tired of strikes and it
demands that they end," Wayne
L. Morse, dean of the University
of Oregon law school and public
representative on the war labor
board said here yesterday.

Morse is in Denver aiding to set
up one of the 12 regional boards
planned by the WLB.
"The public also is tired of eco-
nomic pressure to settle disputes
between labor and industry," he
said. "These regional boards seem
to be the best way of answering
this public demand."

Morse added that the new
boards would speed action on
labor-industry disputes and place
such matters in the hands of board
members who are familiar with
local conditions.
He predicted the regional labor

set-up would continue to operate
after the war.

Farmer Truck Appeals
Will Be handled

F. B. Harlow, chairman of the
Lane county farm transportation
committee, and other members of
the committee will be stationed
at the office at the gate of the
county fairgrounds Saturday of
this week and Monday and Tues-
day of next week to help the
farmers prepare their appeals in
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of war necessity on trucks and
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have not made their original ap-
plications. Others who have been
asked to furnish additional infor-
mation have not yet come in.

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