

Accomplished Trio In VLT Comedy Leads

Leading roles in "Dark Eyes," the new Very Little Theatre comedy, are taken by three accomplished actresses who have appeared in numerous local pro-

ductions — Florence Shumaker, Gerda Brown, and Katherine Korn. They portray penniless but light-hearted Russian actresses in search of an "angel" to back a play they have written.

Mrs. Shumaker, wife of Prof. L. K. Shumaker of the university English department, had the leading role of Adeline in "Cuckoo's Nest," the cockney maid in last fall's "A Murder Has Been Arranged," and is well known for her comedy parts in campus productions. She plays Tonia in "Dark Eyes," which will play Thursday through Saturday, July 20-22, at the Fairground theater.

Mrs. Brown is equally famed for humorous roles, one of her most memorable being the sharp-tongued Sylvia in "The Women." She also starred in "The Little Foxes," and directed "The Philadelphia Story." In "Dark Eyes," she is seen as Olga, former opera singer who is more interested in cooking—and eating—than in singing.

Miss Korn gives her first sophisticated comedy performance in the new show. She recently

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W. G. BEATTIE, who became emeritus assistant director of the general extension division, state system of higher education, July 1, will continue to make his home in Eugene. He was succeeded as assistant director by Dr. Henry Stevens.

Adair Medicine Man

CAMP ADAIR—Deacon LaVelle (Tecé Edward LaVelle to be exact) likes to tell about the good old days when he was the impresario of a medicine show down in Texas. Whether the colorful deacon actually did conduct such an enterprise or whether it's just another of his tall yarns is a matter of barrack conjecture.

But one thing is certain, no prospective nostrum purchasers ever hung on the deacon's spiel like the audience of GIs who heard him lecture at a recent decontamination course put on by the 70th chemical warfare section.

Entertaining as the course was, it was also instructive. . . instructive in one of the deadliest arms of offense and defense that modern armies have devised. Every unit in the division sent men to it. Capt. Anthony J. Apruzzese is 70th division chemical warfare officer.

NELSON SETS MARK

TOPEKA, Kans., July 13.—(AP)—Byron Nelson, Toledo, Ohio, golf pro, set a new course record at the Topeka country club with a six-under-par 65. The old record was 67.

Harold (Jug) McSpaden, his partner in yesterday's exhibition for Chinese relief, shot a 69.

had the dramatic lead in the campus production of "Dark Victory," and previously appeared in the VLT corn shows, "Aaron Slick from Punkin Creek" and "Love Rides the Rails." She portrays Natasha.

Reservations for "Dark Eyes" may be obtained by telephoning 551-J or calling at the VLT's downtown box office, 1167 Wilamette.



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Rebekahs Install Officers Monday

SPRINGFIELD—Installation of officers was a feature of the Monday meeting of the Juanita Rebekah lodge in Springfield this week. Installing officer for the meeting was Mrs. June Korf, district deputy president, assisted by Mrs. Lillian Black as Marshall.

Officers installed at this time are as follows: Mrs. Sadie Baldwin, noble grand; Mrs. Helen Lammers, vice grand; Mrs. Sherman Potter, recording secretary; Miss Lulu McPherson, treasurer; Ruth Saubert, warden; Wynema Hayes, conductor; Laura Denning, chaplain; Dorothy Mae Ireland, musician; Mrs. Glenn Stone, degree staff captain; Juetta Taylor, right support of the noble grand; Sara Johns, left support of the noble grand; Mrs. Glenn Stone, right support of the vice grand; Mrs. Lillian Black, left support of the vice grand; Edna Swarts, inside guardian; Sylvia Jones, outside guardian; and Myrtle Barrett, color bearer.

Mrs. Leo Lockman, retiring noble grand of the chapter, was presented with the past noble grand pin by Mrs. Sylvia Jones.

On next Monday night the state president, Mrs. Ethel Bailey of Roseburg, will make her official visit.

English Fighter Hits Actions of French People

SPRINGFIELD — Contrary to popular American impression of the French people was the description given in a letter written by S/Cpl. J. Slater, now with the British forces in Normandy, to Sgt. Arlo B Good, with American forces in England. Sergeant Good forwarded the letter to his wife who resides in Springfield.

Cpl. Slater states, "I have no time for the French people here for they will do you harm as soon as your back is turned. They look pretty well off with plenty of clothes, silk stockings, and food, they also are trying to get rich quick from us. They wanted a shilling for two slices of bread, and as you know we only get biscuits in those compound rations of ours, and the meat they are trying to sell us is horse meat that has been blown up by mines in the road."

The letter went on to say that the fighting in France was quite different than that done in the desert because of all of the houses, fields and hedges of the French countryside, which the men used to hide in. "In one town we were in and out five times, but we now have a good hold on the town and are pushing on slowly. Old Jerry is up to his old tricks again with his booby traps. You have to be careful where you tread and what you pick up."

"The Yankees are going pretty well for they must be very well

Fuehrer Keeps His Promise; Germans Land In England

By S. J. WOOLF
NEA Artist-Correspondent
ABOARD A U. S. LST—There are 28 German prisoners on the top deck of this LST on its way back from France. They seem little interested in their surroundings and showed no curiosity when the ship approached a southern base in England.

There are Westphalians, Bavarians, Prussians, East Prussians and Saxons among them. Their ages vary from about 17 to 45. The oldest is a gaunt Bavarian, a dark-haired chap who at times displays a keen sense of humor. There are two or three with whom I try to talk, who are surly and pay no attention to my questions. Their clothing all shows signs of wear, yet they are by no means in tatters. I can not examine their boots closely but they appear to be in good condition.

According to most of them 1933 marked the crest of Hitler's popularity. This dwindled gradually, when many of his promises were not fulfilled. When the war began many of the older people lost their faith, but the Hitler youth greeted it with enthusiasm. Doubt as to the outcome of the war began to spread when Russia was attacked. Today, say the majority with whom I speak, about 33 per cent of the population still follows the Fuehrer.

When this is said I notice the younger of the prisoners shake his head defiantly, but he will not tell me why he disagrees with this and only smiles superciliously.

The square-head from Westphalia says that the Luftwaffe is practically done for; that while there are still numbers of planes, the bombings of factories has made replacements impossible. None of them has seen the rocket bomb and most of them are surprised that it is in use. One of them laughingly remarks that he never believed in its existence and thought Dr. Goebbels was its inventor.

trained in street fighting, still I think it will be a race for Paris."

SPRINGFIELD CHILD CARE GETS GRANT

SPRINGFIELD — A recent report from Washington stated that public works allocations made by the federal works agency on July 10, included a \$17,700 grant for child care in Springfield.

DRILL TEAM HOLDS PRACTICE
SPRINGFIELD — The Juanita Rebekah lodge Progressive 22 drill team will meet Friday evening at 8 o'clock at the IOOF hall for the regular monthly practice.

The committee in charge for the evening includes: Miss Winnie McPherson, Miss Lulu McPherson, Mrs. Gladys Myers and Mrs. Floy Richardson.

ventor. A sad looking peasant type from Frankfurt tells me his name, but asks me not to mention it, as he has a wife and a little girl of seven "at home" and he fears retaliation. For he is particularly virulent in his talk about the Nazis. He says that he had been leading a happy life as a farmer. Although he had little money, he was contented; then he was snatched away and made to fight—for what he did not know.

I asked them when the German people think the war will end. The Saxon pipes up, "Don't you know the Germans have not been allowed to think since Hitler came to power?"

"Even if they did," adds the Bavarian, "they were afraid to say what they thought."

Then, just as we are entering the harbor, he nudges the ribs of the man next to him and says in an undertone, "See, the Fuehrer is keeping his promise. We are landing in England!"

Ex-newsman At Adair Has Poem Published

CAMP ADAIR—A poem by Tech-5 Edmund Arnold, 70th headquarters company, Camp Adair, will appear in an anthology of wartime poetry published early this fall. It was announced by Chaplain H. G. Nance of the faculty of the chaplain's school at Harvard university, who is compiling the volume.

The poem, "Night Bivouac," first appeared in the poetry column of "Army Times." This is the third time Tech-5 Arnold's poetry has been chosen for anthol-

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