

Old Melodrama, 'Ten Nights,' Opens at Very Little Theatre

By WAYNE HARBERT
The evils of excess drinking are being frighteningly exhibited under the poscendum arch of the Very Little Theatre all this week. "Ten Nights in a Bar Room" will run through March 2, closing after a full week of Fairgrounds Operahouse entertainment beginning nightly at 8.

Maybe World War II's smashed cities, sunken ships, invasion beaches of dead men and atom bombs have dimmed the evangelism of the anti-saloon crusade but "Ten Nights" lacks some of the stuff of that other old favorite of VLT audiences, "The Drunkard."

But the distillers of the original plot of "Ten Nights" didn't ease up any character as regrettable and slothful as the drunkard of Ken Griffith or as admirable as Ethan Newman's hero. Maybe the classical "Curfew Shall Not Ring Tonight" of the late Sally Allen is missed in the olio acts in spite of repeated proof of the artistry of Daisy Hamlin, Gerda Brown and Mary Staton Krenk. Certainly the plainness of Jeannette Harbert's nightgown "come-home-dear-father" child is not matched. And of course the lavender butterfly which Mary Graham flew from her shoulder blades between verses is missing because Mary's still out in the Pacific with the Wacs.

Audience Sobered
Most folks who laughed at, and even hissed, beginning with the later acts, the dramatic personae at the first night of "Ten Nights," went away a little bit sobered. But when Gene Herlocker's inn was closed out by a final curtain, the place looked as if it had been shaken by something worse than a Glenwood flood. As landlord of the establishment, Gene served his customers enough spirits stronger than communion wine to adequately provide a tub bath for the busy nude in the picture above his bar.

Slade's hope of getting rich by ditching the quiet security of a miller's life and selling his friends into a drinker's hell did indeed result in his direct dispatching of angelic Little Mary into heaven. But Marie Kenney's suffering and bleeding and weeping, although a bit monotonous in voice tone, did save her father, Joe Morgan.

He was portrayed swimmingly, both before and after, by Dwight Newman, aided especially by good mouthing of a whiskey voice. Even Archie Holman's Sample Switchel was saved by the pining of Dorothy Scott's Mable Cartwright for some knight to sweep her off her good understanding and take her away into marriage. And before he suc-

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Foreign Money In U.S. Totals Into Billions

WASHINGTON—(UP)—Foreign-owned assets in the United States at the end of 1944 totaled about \$14,000,000,000, compared with \$12,739,000,000 in June 1941, the treasury revealed today.

The figures were exclusive of gold earmarked for foreign account which increased in the same period from \$1,916,000,000 (B) to \$3,937,000,000.

Foreign deposits in U. S. banks at the end of 1944 stood at \$4,031,000,000, an increase of \$372,000,000 from 1941. In addition, foreign countries purchased more than \$1,250,000,000 of U. S. government short-term securities.

Deposits of the British Commonwealth amounted to \$1,252,000,000 on Dec. 31, 1944, an increase of \$379,000,000 from June 14, 1941.

The treasury said the increase could be partly accounted for by the conversion of some miscellaneous assets.

Dads' Release Under Study

WASHINGTON—(UP)—Congressional sources said that the Senate military affairs committee has agreed to reconsider a bill which would release all drafted dads immediately.

The committee, it was learned, plans to debate the bill and perhaps vote on it Tuesday despite the frantic opposition of the war department. The measure was sponsored by Sen. Chapman Revercomb, (R-W Va.).

It was believed that the bill would have a good chance of winning committee approval and slipping through the Senate despite the army's official frown.

The committee itself rejected the same bill last winter. Revercomb tried in vain to get the Senate to discharge the committee and bring the bill to the floor for debate.

Later, however, a military affairs subcommittee under Sen. Edwin C. Johnson (D-Colo.), held public hearings on demobilization and recommended the release of drafted fathers by July 1. This recommendation forced the full committee to reconsider its earlier vote against the bill.

Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson has advised the committee that it would not be advisable to release draftee fathers unless the army gets more recruits than it expects. He estimated that 120,000 drafted fathers still would be in uniform on July 1.

Professor to Conclude Winter Lecture Series

Dr. Edwin Guthrie, dean of the graduate school in the University of Washington, and well known educator in the field of psychology, will conclude the winter term lecture series when he speaks on the UO Campus Feb. 28.

Dr. Guthrie has chosen as a subject "Psychological Postulates for Peace." He has specialized in the fields of the psychology of learning and the psychology of human conflict, and is the author of many papers and articles on these subjects.

UNION MEETINGS SLATED
Meetings scheduled for the Labor Temple this week include: Monday, Hall B. 8 p. m., Central Labor Council; Tuesday: Hall C. 8 p. m., Boilermakers Local 314; Hall B. 8 p. m., Painters Local 1277; Hall A. 8 p. m., Machinists Local 1229; Wednesday: Hall C. 8 p. m., Plumbers Local 481; Hall B. 8 p. m., Building Laborers Local 85; Thursday: Hall C. 8 p. m., Auto Mechanics Local 1311; Hall A. 8 p. m., Local Federation No. 14; Friday: Hall C. 8 p. m., Millmen Local 2009; Saturday: Hall B. 10:30 p. m., Carpenters and Joiners Local 2787.

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Junior Symphony Concert Applauded

At a concert of the Eugene Junior Symphony Orchestra presented Sunday, in the School of Music Auditorium, University of Oregon, an innovation in the musical field was introduced by the playing of "Hill Billy" from the "American Suite" (Gould), and "Scheherazade Themes" (Rimsky-Korsakov), according to Douglas Orme, director.

A violin solo by Lois Williams, "Meditation from Thais" (Masse-net), with Nan Mariott, accompanist, was received by an appreciative audience, members of which spoke of the concert as being very well done.

AFL Pledges Logs To Plywood Plant

The United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, AFL, is in a position to furnish logs to the Springfield Plywood Corp. in case the present supply is shut off for any reason, Eldon Kraal, representative of the Willamette Valley District Council, Lumber and Sawmill Workers (AFL), stated Monday.

"We want the employees of the Springfield Plywood Corp. to know that," he said, "before the election Wednesday.

Kraal's statement was made in answer to a CIO press release Saturday which declared that no CIO logs would be furnished the Springfield plant should the AFL win a bargaining election slated for Wednesday. At that time employees will choose whether they will be represented by the CIO-IWA Local 5-248, the Carpenters and Joiners Local 2787 (AFL) or will have no representative at all.

There are enough AFL logs available now to keep the plant operating, and more can be obtained as needed, the representative said.

Cities Face Strike Tie-Ups

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San Francisco today will determine the local policy, he added.

4. General Motors and CIO United Auto Workers officials resumed negotiations with at least three major issues barring immediate settlement of their lengthy dispute, now in its 97th day.

5. In New York CIO Transport Workers' President Michael Quill warned of a strike anytime after midnight Tuesday unless the union was granted exclusive bargaining rights for the city's streetcar, bus and subway workers.

Milk Strikes
A federal conciliator reported after a seven-hour negotiating session last night that definite progress had been made toward settlement of the Detroit milk strike and that opposing parties would not be called to Washington as originally planned.

Meanwhile in Cleveland, 1500 members of the AFL milk and ice cream and dairy employees union voted for strike action unless their wage demands were met. No date was set for the strike, which would shut off deliveries of more than 250,000 bottles of milk a day.

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Engineers Stress Need of New Sewers for Amazon Slope

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the third of a series of articles The Register-Guard will draw from a 60-page report on the sanitary and storm sewer systems of Eugene. The basic plan of improvement has been prepared by John W. Cunningham and Associates, Portland consulting engineers, and covers the sewage problem of the Eugene-Springfield metropolitan area.)

In order to correct deficiencies of a Eugene sanitary sewer system which leaves 24 per cent of the city unserved, engineers planning for the future have decreed the necessity of installing new or larger trunk lines leading down the Amazon and Willamette slopes.

The Amazon interceptor would be entirely replaced if plans of the engineers are followed, and necessary connections and cutovers to relieve the present overloaded condition will be made to the Willamette trunk.

If larger sewers go down soon, they warn, they will not be carrying near their capacities, but the city is warned not to attach storm sewers to them and deny them their eventual duty in serving areas yet to be added.

Amazon Interceptor
The Amazon interceptor would join the Willamette outlet on Polk St. as a 42-inch line. At 15th Ave. and Polk St. it would be narrowed to 36 inches before leading east on the line of 15th Ave. to an inverted siphon under the Amazon at Monroe St. The line would then continue east on 15th Ave. to Washington St. to Charnell St., where it would turn south one block to 16th Ave. At the Jefferson and Lawrence St. crossings, sewage from the Capital Hill district would be intercepted. At 16th Ave. and Charnell the line would be lessened to 30 inches before it extends south for a block and a half, then southeast parallel to the Amazon to Willamette St. From that point, the proposed line would proceed south for a half block to 17th Ave., then east two blocks to Pearl St. where it would be further reduced to 27 inches. It would then go south on Pearl St. to the city limits and in time it would be extended as far as 29th Ave. as an 18 and finally a 15-inch line. With the construction of the new Amazon trunk sewer, storm sewer cutovers which now carry sanitary sewage into the Amazon during flood periods, would be cut.

Engineers estimate the cost of the Amazon interceptor at \$150,700.

The proposed improved Franklin Blvd. or Willamette interceptor would be adequate to serve an estimated population of 8000. The existing trunk is overburdened by storm connections, in-

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