

Boyer Top Warner Actor

ADAPTED BY BOYER, filmland's "great" actor, \$207,500 last year. Warner Bros. Pictures Inc., company's highest paid employee.

Boyer was disclosed today in company's annual report to stockholders and Exchange Com. Curtis, Warner Bros. was the company's second highest paid employee, earning \$140,000.

place was Errol Flynn.

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with a \$184,000 salary.

None of the company's top-salaried artists the previous year were named in the current report. They were Bette Davis (\$241,083); Barbara Stanwyck (\$223,333); and Rosalind Russell (\$302,500).

Warner Bros. also reported payment of \$42,250 to Actor James Cagney who was listed as "former employee and participant in gross receipts of certain pictures."

Shortages Said Halting School Building Plan

SALEM—(AP)—Materials shortages and high construction costs were given here today by D. A. Emers, educational department official, as reasons virtually every Oregon school district cannot proceed with postwar construction programs.

Emers said nearly all districts are eager to begin building. He recently returned from a tour of the state where he conferred with a number of school district boards. He said the school district building program involved a total expenditure estimated at more than \$40,000,000.

Fiery Lewis Speech Accuses Mine Owners of Injustice

By FRIDERICK C. OTHMAN WASHINGTON—(AP)—It takes no robin, nor any flowering forsythia bush, to tell you spring has come to Washington; the one sure sign is the oratory and the smoke rolling toward the yellow ceiling of the Shoreham Hotel's grand ballroom.

I'm not talking about bituminous smoke; I mean the fumes from the cigars of the men who mine the coal and of those who own the mines.

They are in the ballroom now, as they have been during every spring time I can remember in Washington, calling each other names, making threats, and getting ready for the annual strike in the nation's coal mines.

If this year's strike is averted, old-timers at the press table, where the cloth is white linen and the ash trays are crystal, claim it will be a miracle. Personally, I wouldn't know. What amazes me is how the opponents restrain themselves from poking each other in the nose.

Open Session

Let us consider the final open session, before the boys actually got down to business in the secret meetings, which will decide how far America's reconversion will go this year. Morning long John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, teetered precariously on one of those spindly-legged hotel chairs while a succession of mine owners accused him of exaggerating, of not telling the truth about the mines' safety records.

John L., of the shaggy eyebrows, the impressive baywindow, and the oratorical virtuosity, puffed his cigar, hooked his thumbs in the arm holes of his gray vest, and said nothing. The mine owners' speeches were wooden, delivered from prepared manuscripts. In general, I should say they were dull. When finally they had finished their case, Charles O'Neill of the operators' committee asked Lewis whether he wanted to adjourn for the day.

Lewis Speaks

"No," he said. Ponderously he mounted the stage, where he removed his eyeglasses and delivered such a speech as I do not believe I ever have heard before. Sometimes he whispered. Sometimes he roared.

Some coal mines, he said, are so unsafe that their owners are murderers. He mentioned butchery. He described the agonies of men crushed, burned, and blasted. He told about widows and orphans.

"You cannot escape the facts now or in the quietude of your own bedrooms, visualizing the ghosts of the men who have died so the stockholders can have good dividends and the executives can have good salaries and live in good homes," he cried.

Challenges Owners

Cried, perhaps, is not the word. He belittled that sentence in tones that made the loud-speaker vibrate. Then, in a voice which barely could be heard, he continued:

"What — are — you — going — to do — about — it? Nothing now? Because you've done nothing yesterday?"

The mine owners, who sat on the right side of the room, were impassive. The union men on the left, cupped their ears. Lewis glared at the owners.

"Caesar," he said, "we who are about to die, salute you."

Mine Safety Questioned

He asked the operators what they intended to do about mine safety. They stared at him.

"You condone these conditions by your silence," he said finally after a minute which seemed like ten. "And we protest."

John L. stalked out of the room soon thereafter. His fresh cigar trailed acid fumes behind him.

Ghost Will Get Scared In EHS Show

Thursday and Friday nights at 8 p.m. in the Eugene High School auditorium the curtain will rise on a ghost, quietly playing solitaire in a deserted room. The ghost will be frightened half out of his wits and the EHS Mask and Dagger presentation of "Ghost Wanted" will be under way.

The ghost is out of a job and afraid that he is about to be haunted by a house. This ghost isn't a bona-fide spook. He's Bert Graf, who, after coming out of enough sheets to make any housewife jealous, alternatively wise-cracked and shivered his way through some strong competition to win his role in the first three-act show to be presented by EHS in many years.

Miss Esther Hettinger, director and manager, has revealed the ghost's habitat as a fog-bound island off the coast of Maine. The plot centers around the attempts of two young women to cure their grandmother of a strong case of Voodoitis.

The girls, Ginger (Phyllis Gardner) and Gail (Wanda Rader), assisted by the pseudo ghost Hugo wife jealous, alternatively wise and friend Jeff (Gerald Harris), make a valiant try. Grandma is cured, but... it took the whole cast, a cold and some perfume, a Frankenstein inspired monster and Grandma herself to provide the final solution.

Florence Hawkesworth as the elderly Grandma Kate, who uses heliotrope, is an "old lace" gal who dabbles in the occult with the aid of the Professor (Dick Paris) and Betty MacManiman, his sing-songer with red dress and straight face.

Ida Thomas plays Troddy, the maid who can't always identify her ghosts; Azelia, the fisherwoman with the hip boots and one-half league stride is played by Doreen Pitcher; and Barbara Drago becomes Miss Nora Vane, the irksome lady investigator.

Bradshaw, the sheriff, is played by Leonard Gardner, and Hatcher (Don Pengra) is a handyman with a cold.

Student director for the show is Jeanne Gibson; the stage set was made by the stage design class under the direction of Robert Bannister.

Randolph Page, a World War I pilot, flew the first coast to coast air mail service of the Post Office Department in 1920.

Thief Swipes Suit; Leaves Portland Jail

PORTLAND—(AP)—William A. Mask, 20, facing a general court-marital at Bremerton, Wash., and held in jail here for auto theft, escaped today by talking his cellmate out of a sailor suit.

Mask told the cellmate, William H. Krueger, sailor, that the shore patrol would not release him if Krueger's uniform was wrinkled, so Krueger took his uniform off. Mask put the suit on, answered for the sleeping Krueger's name when the shore patrol entered, and escaped, also claiming Krueger's \$377 cash and rings on the way out.

Krueger borrowed clothes to get out of jail.

SPREAD ATTACK

MOSCOW—(AP)—Generalissimo Stalin's sharp attack on Winston Churchill was spread across half the front page of every newspaper in Russia and broadcast by the Moscow radio to the far corners of the land.

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Writers Must Sign Letters to Editor

The Register-Guard accepts and publishes letters to the editor, provided they are signed by the writers. Frequently letters are received which bear signatures such as Webfoot or some other name not that of the writer. Such letters cannot be published.

On the other hand, if the writer wishes his name withheld and can show a valid reason, the request will be considered. But the name must be known to The Register-Guard. Several letters without the writers' signatures have been received recently.

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McKenzie Boatmen Give Kids Trip, Picnic

VIDA—McKenzie River Guides Association is planning a boat trip and picnic for the McKenzie Boy and Girl Scout troops, Saturday, March 22. The Guides are asking the Scouts to bring written permission from their parents to make the trip. Boats will put in the river at Red Slides Cabins above Blue River at 10:00 a. m. The party will stop for lunch at Stockade. All Guides who are members of the association, have been asked to be on hand, ready for the trip as it will take all of the Guides to handle the number of Scouts wishing to make the trip. The Scout troops are sponsored by the Guides Association.

The big "White Water" boat parade of the Guides, will be held April 14 to which the public is invited. The Guides are also planning a private boat trip and picnic for the families of the Guides, previous to this date.

McKenzie River Active Club has their social meeting for March, Saturday night at 8:00 in the Vida Hall. A special program has been planned in honor of McKenzie River Pioneer Days. Some "Old Timers" on the river have been invited to come and tell about their experiences during the pioneer times on the river.

Following the program the remainder of the evening will be devoted to old time dances. Some "old time fiddle players" and callers have been secured and a real old fashioned dance is promised. All residents on the river are invited to attend the program and dance and the older residents on the river are given a special invitation to attend because the program is planned in their honor.

Mrs. Cecil Beyerlin and Mrs. Howard Kirkpatrick are in charge of the program. All women of the club are asked to bring a pie and the club will provide ice cream to serve with the pie for refreshments.

The St. Patrick's Day dance sponsored by the McKenzie River Active Club was well attended Saturday night. The hall was specially decorated with large shamrocks and green and white paper streamers by Mrs. Dayton Thomson, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Beyerlin and Vic Rosenberg.

Party Postponed

The party for the children to be given by the Vida Community Club Friday, March 22, has been postponed to March 29, because of the school Carnival March 22. The party will be held in the Vida Hall at 7:30 as planned previously.

Vida Community Club met Thursday, Mar. 14 in the Vida Hall. Mrs. Lester Rodebaugh was appointed temporary secretary because of the resignation of Mrs. Jim Rookard. Beginning in April there will be but one business meeting a month, that being the second Thursday. The fourth Thursday will be a social meeting. The next meeting will be March 28 with Mrs. Gladys Storkel and Mrs. E. I. Van Orden, co-hostesses.

Carnival Friday

The McKenzie High School is sponsoring a Carnival at the school gymnasium March 22, featuring House of Horrors, confetti, baseball Throw and many other "fun" booths. The public is invited to come. The following queens and their escorts have been elected: seventh grade, Gloria Phibbs, escort Sheldon Stumpenhous; eighth grade, Darlene Phibbs, escort Bob Seal; ninth grade, Jean Green, escort Rodney Rasumessen; tenth grade, Pauline Church, escort Gordon Montgomery; eleventh grade, Charlotte Gregory, escort Glen Hall; twelfth grade, Anolia Scoggons, escort Bob Harris.

T. R. Powers, Jr., superintendent of the McKenzie River School, was in Portland the past week, attending an executive committee meeting, of the State Principal's Association, of which Powers is president.

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