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Melodramas Of The Rails

It is almost the season for one of the VLT's annual "corn shows" (old time melodrama with "olio" effects), and therefore we are intrigued by an article in "Tracks", the magazine of the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad on the subject of railroad melodrama.

"Climaxing the fourth act was the rescue of the hero, a Civil War veteran, who had been bound to the rails by the villain. Laura, the Belle of Society, was his saviour. After she had untied the vet, and the train had rushed harmlessly by, he rose and delivered one of the most anticlimactic speeches in theatrical history—'And these are the women who ain't to have a vote!'"

Cheers, tears, stomps, whistles! It seems that at the first performance the roaring train parted in the middle, revealing the stage hands who furnished its motive power. The audience roared but clung to its illusion. And Daly knew he had found a sure thing for theatre.

Then came a flood of railroad shows—"The Railroad Strikers, or The Starving Working Men" (about 1870, long on social preaching but short on thrills); "Across the Continent"; "Formosa, of the Railroad to Ruin"; "The Railroad King, or The \$100,000,000 Will" (a satire on the Vanderbilts); "The Railroad of Life" (with John Drew, Otis Skinner et al.); "A Railroad Ticket"; "Railroad Jack"; "The Ninety and Nine"; "The Limited Mail"; "A Railroad King"; "A Railroad Slave" etc etc etc.

To be sure, there are lots of plays in which ships, airplanes, and stages, and even motor busses are featured but we are inclined to agree with Mr. Timmis that:

"Plays with trains in them will probably always be popular. We may be more sophisticated than people were in the Seventies and Eighties, but a whistle's moan, the sound of a locomotive bell still stirs an audience." Critics are inclined to dismiss most of the American plays prior to 1920 as unimportant. But it is not mere accident that so much of the writing took the form of melodrama.

American history through the century of industrial growth was melodramatic, and railroad history the most melodramatic of all. Terribly crude, by our standards, were most of the dramas of that time, but the writers caught the "mood" of their times. Today we are not so sure of the boundaries between virtue and villainy or that virtue is always victorious.

So VLT is going to do another "corn show". We could hope that the choice might be "The Limited Mail" because it has a gruesome sawmill scene as well as rampant railroad trains. We do not agree with those who think VLT should not waste its time on such "vulgar" entertainment.

(The VLT people are quite brazen; they usually make a fine profit out of these shows for their Building Fund.) However, when played "straight", as VLT usually has played these old shows, they are in our opinion, a very interesting form of "art", a certain elemental strength. They should never be "burlesqued". This nation has "a strong moral upbringing" and it struggled through a long adolescence with

very dim "social concepts" feelings about personal conduct and its "rewards" and "punishments". Many of these old plays are the "folk drama" of a nation growing up.

Speaking of good luck, there is only one Friday the 13th in 1947 on which to have bad luck.

Hangers are plentiful again—those things invented so that husbands would have some place to forget to put their clothes.

WASHINGTON LETTER BY PETER EDSON Register-Guard Washington Correspondent

Boxing the Political Compass WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 — (NEA) — Sixteen varieties—more or less—of what used to be loosely called "Liberals" are today running around on the Washington political landscape. They are organizing societies and changing their names faster than you can keep up with them. The result is that there seem to be more Liberal parties at work in America today than there used to be in a prewar French Chamber of Deputies.

The strangest thing about this new rash of Liberal cults is that none is on speaking terms with the others, and each is convinced that all the others are wrong. Time probably was when all these elements were at rest within that great amalgam of liberalism known as the New Deal. But somewhere in the proceedings—probably in the November elections—the darn thing must have reached a critical mass and exploded.

High-priced, scientific interpreters of the election results all explicated that the Liberal movement was therefore dead. It isn't dead; it has just disintegrated.

If you box the political compass today you have to allow for more movements than there are compass points. That's particularly true over on the left. Nothing To It (?) You can't just divide politicians up as Northerners, Southerners, radicals on the left and conservatives on the right, in four neat and easy quadrants. Instead of reading the compass card in the usual directions of "north, north by west, north northwest, northwest by north, northwest, northwest by west, northwest west, west by north, west", you have to substitute the names of these new political movements to see which way each is going.

In place of north and south, you have Northern Liberal and Southern Liberal. In place of west, on the left, you have Radical. In place of east, on the right, you have Conservative. Then in between you fill in the 28 other political points till you have the compass card complete.

For instance, "Northern Liberal, North Liberal by Radical, North Liberal North Liberal-Radical, North Liberal-Radical by North Liberal, North Liberal-Radical, North Liberal-Radical by Radical, North Liberal-Radical Radical," and so on around to "Southern Liberal" and up the other through the Conservative quadrants. It's admittedly pretty confusing till you get the hang of it, but you have to do it if you want to know about politics.

When you get ready to fill in the points on your card with the names of real people and "movements," the real fun begins. Start with Governor Stassen of Minnesota—he's a Northern Liberal. So, probably, is Sen. Wayne Morse of Oregon. Maybe he's one point left, as North Liberal by Radical.

One point to the right would be Sen. Robert A. Taft of Ohio, North Liberal by Conservative. Taft is a Liberal, all right. The National Home and Property Owners' Foundation has just called him one, because of his Liberal housing policies. Now Turn South

Down at the other end of the compass is Sen. Harry Byrd of Virginia, a Southern Liberal. Oh yes, he's a Liberal—a Virginia Liberal. C. B. (Beane) Baldwin, vice chairman of what used to be the National Citizens of America, is also a Virginia Liberal. Instead of being a Southern Progressive Radical-Liberal, Baldwin now classifies as a Southern Liberal-Radical Progressive. See the distinction?

Due southeast you can probably put in people like Gov. Ellis Arnall of Georgia, who is a Southern Liberal-Conservative. Phil Murray and Jack Kroll of the CIO-PAC seem to be over to the northwest, as Northern Liberal-Radicals.

Harry Bridges is 'way over to the left, due west, as a Radical. But Joe Curran, who isn't speaking to Bridges now, is a couple of points off, as a Liberal-Radical Radical.

When it comes to getting a bearing on this new ADA, or Americans for Democratic Action, headed by Leon Henderson, Wilson Wyatt, Chester Bowles, Elmer Davis and a number of other ex-administrators of ex-war-time agencies, it takes all the Radar and celestial navigation in the book to get a fix on 'em. They're Liberal Liberal-Radicals. On the other hand, Henry Wallace and Joe Davidson and Frank Kingdon, in the reorganized PCA, are Liberal-Radical Radicals.

Hereafter, when you call anyone a "Liberal" you'd better tell him what kind of a Liberal you think he is, and smile.

SOCIETY, WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS By ANN CONNELL

Senior Nurses Don Formal Dress For Sunday Tea

A formal tea as a farewell to Sister Mary Dolores, who for several years has served as director of the School of Nursing at Sacred Heart Hospital, was given Sunday afternoon from two to four o'clock, at the home of the student nurses, on Hilyard Street. Sister Dolores left Monday for a new station. Daffodils and white carnations were the table centerpiece, and bouquets of the same flowers were used around the rooms.

Girls of the senior nursing class were in charge of the tea, greeting guests, pouring and serving. They wore formal attire. Approximately a hundred guests called during the afternoon.

Girl Scout Observer Attends UN Sessions

Lane County Girl Scouts have just learned that their national organization is represented at the United Nations meeting by an official observer, Mrs. Alfred R. Bachrach, who also serves as member of the board of directors, the executive committee and the International Committee of the Girl Scouts. The United States Department of State has invited each of those national organizations with international aspects in their programs to appoint such an official observer to the United Nations. Mrs. Bachrach has urged that Girl Scout leaders direct the efforts and thinking of over a million Girl Scouts toward international friendship and understanding, which she says form the foundation of peace.

F. E. O. GROUP MEETS WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Chapter AM of F. E. O. Sisterhood will meet at the home of Mrs. F. G. Havemann Wednesday afternoon, not Thursday as announced, for one-o'clock dessert. Assistant hostess will be Mrs. T. R. Greenwood.

WRC INITIATES THREE

Thirty-two members were present for the meeting of Women's Relief Corps recently. Three candidates were initiated and balloting was held for two other candidates. The relief committee reported twenty-five calls on shut-ins. Eleven dollars was collected for relief and ten dollars for child welfare.

NAVY MOTHERS

Navy Mothers Club will meet for business Wednesday from two to four o'clock at 1165 Pearl St., at the home of Mrs. J. L. Elfensohn. All Navy mothers are invited. Officers will be installed.

GROUP MEETS FRIDAY

Social Club of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans will meet Friday afternoon at two o'clock at the home of Mrs. Belle Lamars, 110 Fifteenth Avenue East. Mrs. Bert Rogers will be co-hostess.

Recipe

PARSNIP CROQUETTES

3 parsnips
1 tablespoon lemon juice
2 tablespoons butter or margarine
1 egg slightly beaten
2 tablespoons cream
1 teaspoon salt
1-8 teaspoon fresh ground pepper
flour
1 egg
2 tablespoons cold water
bread crumbs
Wash, scrape and cook the parsnips in boiling salted water until tender. Drain and mash. There should be one and a half cups of pulp. Place pulp in sauce pan and add lemon juice, butter or margarine, the slightly beaten egg, cream, salt and pepper. Stir and cook over flame until hot. Cool and shape into croquettes. Beat the other egg with cold water and then dip croquettes in flour, then in egg and last in bread crumbs. Fry in hot fat until golden brown. Drain on unglazed paper.

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Club Calendar

Wednesday St. Mary's Episcopal Guild, church, all day. Wednesday Bridge Club, with Mrs. H. S. Durgin, 2 p.m. Blue River Chapter, OES, McKenzie River Temple, 8 p.m. Newcomer's Group of Women's Faculty Club, tea, Gerlinger Hall, 3:30 p.m. AAUW, Art Group, with Mrs. L. W. Hill, 2 p.m. Railway Trainmen Auxiliary, Airport Homes Recreation Hall, 7:30 p.m. WRC Needle Club, with Mrs. John Rogers, 2 p.m. Women's Council, First Christian Church, church, all day. Dorcas Society, Seventh-Day Adventist Church, Dorcas Room of Church, 10 a.m. Chapter AM, PEO, with Mrs. F. G. Havemann, 1 p.m.

Garden Club Meets Tuesday, Clubhouse; Other Groups Listed

Arrangements utilizing driftwood, rocks, dried materials such as weeds and grasses, will be shown at the meeting of the Eugene Garden Club Tuesday evening at seven-thirty o'clock at the clubhouse. Chairman of this part of the program is Mrs. Arthur Ruhndorf. Pictures of Eugene gardens, in colored slides, will be shown. They are from the collections of Ray Boals, Sam Mosher, Frank Nombels and others. Mrs. W. B. Riddisberger is in charge of this part of the program. Herb group of the Garden Club has postponed its meeting from Thursday of this week until next week, when a potluck luncheon will be held at the home of Mrs. Charles Wester. Craft Group will meet Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock, at the clubhouse. Members are to bring patterns for garden accessories, such as aprons, gloves, kneeling pads, carrying baskets, etc. They also are asked to bring scissors and paper for cutting patterns.

BUSINESS GIRLS TO HEAR TALK BY MISS COLEMAN

Y-Pongo Club young business girls, meeting at the YMCA-YWCA Community Center Tuesday evening for its semi-monthly dinner session, will hear a talk by Miss Dorothea Coleman on "Achievements of the United Nations." Group discussion will follow. Miss Coleman, who is working for her master's degree in education at the University of Oregon, is a former lieutenant colonel in the Women's Army Corps. Officers will be chosen for the coming year at the business meeting of the club, Miss Margery Krens, president, in charge.

PROGRAM ARRANGED FOR FORTNIGHTLY CLUB

A program on "Textile Arts in the Home" has been arranged by Mrs. Emerson Abbot for the meeting of Fortnightly Club Thursday afternoon at the Osburn Hotel. Mrs. Edward Thurston will assist Mrs. Abbot. Mrs. C. L. Johnson, legislative chairman, will make a report on proposed legislation, both state and national matters. The meeting is set for two-thirty o'clock.

HOSPITALITY CLUB

Those taking honors at Hospitality Club card party Monday evening were: pinocle, Mrs. Jeanette Bates and Mrs. J. T. Jaeg; auction, Mrs. Roy B. Wilcox and Mrs. A. T. Fuerst; contract, Mrs. Erna Mower and Mrs. Henry Pape. January 29 the club will sponsor a card benefit at the Osburn Hotel for the March of Dimes and other civic purposes. The committee is Mrs. Edwin Peterson, chairman; Mrs. C. J. Daniel, Miss Gertrude Mourer, Mrs. T. E. Furnish, Mrs. F. M. McAllister, Mrs. Harry Garreit and Mrs. Edna Allen.

AMARANTH PAST MATRONS ELECT NEW OFFICERS

Past Matrons of Amaranth elected officers at their meeting Monday evening which was held at the home of Mrs. Clarence Elkins. Those elected were Mrs. Elkins, president; Mrs. Howard Stenshoel, vice-president; and Mrs. Edith Thornton, secretary. The next meeting will be a

GETCHELL CLUB

Getchell Club of Royal Neighbors of America will meet Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. F. Davis, 2301 Riverview, one-thirty o'clock.

Advertisement for Dr. H. Rockstein, Optometrist, featuring 'Stylized Glasses' and 'Springfield's Own Optical Center'. Includes an illustration of a woman wearing glasses.

Advertisement for Nestlé's coffee, featuring the slogan 'Wake up to Nestlé's... in your coffee!' and 'There's country cream in every drop!'. Includes an illustration of a woman and a coffee pot.

Large advertisement for Army enlistment, titled 'PEOPLE ARE ASKING THESE QUESTIONS ABOUT ARMY ENLISTMENT'. Includes a list of questions and answers, a table of pay rates, and the slogan 'A GOOD JOB FOR YOU U.S. Army CHOOSE THIS FINE PROFESSION NOW'. Includes an illustration of two men in military uniforms.

Food Shipments to Europe Handled by Non-Profit Agency

Information relative to sending food packages to relatives and friends of United States citizens who are in Europe may be obtained from the Lane County Chapter of the American Red Cross, it was announced Saturday by Mrs. Cora Pirtle, manager. A non-profit organization approved by the President's War Relief Control Board and created by 24 American agencies engaged in foreign relief has been established under the title of Cooperative For American Remittances to Europe, and is known as CARE, Mrs. Pirtle said. CARE is a non-profit organization through which individuals or groups may order standard food packages for delivery to designated relatives, friends, groups, or organizations in Austria, Czechoslovakia, Finland, France, Italy, The Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Greece, and the American and British zones in Germany.

Called the 10 in 1 because it was originally designed by the U. S. Army to feed American soldiers in groups of ten, the food package provides 40,000 calories and weighs about 30 pounds. It contains solid meats, stews, hashes, cereals, biscuits, fruit jam, pudding, vegetables, sugar, candy, cocoa, coffee, beverage powders, evaporated milk, preserved butter, cheese, and miscellaneous supplies including soap, chewing gum, matches, and other items. The cost of a package is \$10, which covers contents, shipping and delivery. If a package cannot be delivered within a reasonable length of time, full purchase price will be refunded. Application blanks may be obtained at local banks, and will also be distributed by relief, fraternal, professional and social organizations. Cooperatives, churches, labor unions and lodges will also be supplied with blanks. To buy a package, the purchaser must obtain a food remittance application blank, fill in his name and address and that of the beneficiary. A cashier's check or money order for ten dollars is then purchased, and then check and application are mailed to CARE, 50 Broad Street, New York, New York. No agents are authorized to accept payments. Lane County residents may obtain additional information on the relief program at the local Red Cross offices, or by telephoning Eugene 63.

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Army Seeks Linguists For Service in Japan

In an effort to supply trained linguists of the Japanese language for duty in Japan, the War Department has authorized enlistments for the Military Intelligence Language school, according to Sgt. Lewis T. Hammack, in charge of the Eugene Army recruiting station. Applicants must enlist for not less than a two-year period, have a basic knowledge of both spoken and written Japanese and English and be a high school graduate. Training will consist of an intensive course in the Japanese language plus the study of racial characteristics, customs, civil affairs and military terms, Hammack said. Successful graduates may apply for commissions in the Army. Full information may be obtained at recruiting headquarters, basement, Post Office building.

SANTA FLOODED

SANTA CLAUS, Ind. — Postmaster Oscar Phillips is glad that Christmas 1946 is a thing of the past. He and his helpers had their hands full. Some 4,500,000 pieces of mail flooded the tiny, southern Indiana town, a new record, Phillips says.

TEA SCHEDULED

Women's Auxiliary of Episcopal Church will hold their Epiphany tea Friday afternoon at two-thirty o'clock at the home of Mrs. Edward Gray, 1259 Twenty-second Avenue East.

CALL FOR PICTURES This is the season when all used society-page pictures are filled away. The women's editor reminds readers that if any wish to retrieve pictures used in the past two years, they may get them by calling at her desk.