

Local Thespians Convincing In Roles of the Seven Days

By SUSAN MCCARREL
Life with Father in the 1880's was riotous. And when the incidents are transferred to the stage by the Very Little Theatre as "Life With Father," it loses none of its original charm.

The first production opened Friday to run through Saturday, then Wednesday through Saturday at the fairgrounds theatre.

The gay trials and tribulations of the six Days are familiar to

movie and theater goers from "way back"—Father's consternation at Vinnie's lack of money-sense, Clarence's first moon-eyed love affair, Vinnie's soul-searing struggle to get Father baptized.

Father's Show

Lindsay and Crouse's top-notch Broadway play is all Father's show—and Ethan Newman as bombastics ultra-conservative Clarence Sr. did complete justice to the role. His "Father" was entirely natural and he knew his role inside out. His difficult scenes with the minister (Gene Herlocker) and God were particularly fine.

Daisy Hamlin as Mother Vinnie Day brought serenity into the tempestuous household. She was always the charming mother, the devoted—if confused—wife, the gracious hostess. Her lovely cost-

umes by Francis Newsom added greatly to the production.

Children Do Well

The Day children, complete with high-collared costumes, were an asset to the attraction, in spite of the fact that the two younger boys had never before been on stage. Jerry Stuart enacted Clarence Jr. with a polish bespeaking dramatic experience and Alan Wendel was an ambitious John. Howard Schureman and David Doty were the lovable Whitney and Harlan.

Other outstanding performances were given by Gerda Brown as Delia, Adele Griffith as Cousin Cora, Dawne Caldwell as Mary and Genevieve Tugman as Maggie, with Ken Griffith, George Spelvin, Jeanne Poul, Billie Harnden, Gene Herlocker and Dorothy Tomlin Chase.

"Life With Father" moved slowly, except when Father Day was before the footlights, but subsequent performances should help in stepping up the pace. And a great disappointment was the lack of red hair in the family. Lightning and sound effects added greatly to the over-all fun and the general atmosphere of the 1880s was nicely presented.

There will be a Sunday performance at 8:15 p. m. Reservations may be made by phoning the theatre box office at the fairgrounds. "Life With Father" will continue for four more performances beginning Wednesday evening.

LOOKOUTS REPORT

The following committee appointments, to hold office for one year, have been made by Paul W. Davis, president, with the approval of the executive board:

Historian, Esther McClintic; membership, Martha Ray; chairman, Clifford Johnson and Stella Bentz; advisory, Dr. R. T. Burnett, chairman, Mrs. Tina Beech and Miss M. Ethel Taylor; greeting cards, May Horne; flowers, Cora Martin; telephone, Jessie Zinser, chairman, Elma Ledon and Emma Letson.

Thirty-one people attended the prayer meeting last Tuesday at the home of Paul Davis, 556 Tenth Ave. W. A group of young people from Cottage Grove gave several vocal selections which were enjoyed by those present.

All Lookouts and other handicapped people are invited to attend these Tuesday evening meetings. Transportation will be furnished those requesting it by calling Paul Davis, telephone 6510.

Mrs. Hallie Spencer, a member of the Lookouts, had to move out of the house she lived in for eight years as it was sold. She is now living at Coburg but would like to come back to Eugene so she can resume her business of ironing and so earn her own living. If anyone knows of a small house or lower apartment at reasonable rent, please call 1279-RX or 7178.

Treasurer's report for Oct. 1, 1948—General Fund: brought forward, \$62.11, expenses, \$3.57, balance, \$58.54. Building Fund: brought forward, \$287.79. Ambulance Fund, brought forward, \$26.05. Grand total, \$372.38.

Driver Settles On Seven Counts

Seven traffic law violations incurred since February were settled for in municipal court this week by Robert M. Fields, 277 Fifth Ave. W.

Bail bond totaling \$102 was forfeited by Fields in payment of fines and Judge John L. Barber, Jr. ordered an additional five-dollar payment to cover the cost of warrants served on Fields.

The charges against Fields included two violations of the basic rule, three charges of using a noisemaker muffler, a traffic light violation and a charge of driving without license plates.

Postmaster Holds Cash Found in Front of Office

A small amount of cash has been found in front of the New Postoffice Building, Acting Postmaster Ethan Newman reports.

Anyone who can identify to the postmaster's satisfaction the amount and the number of bills lost may claim the money at Newman's office.

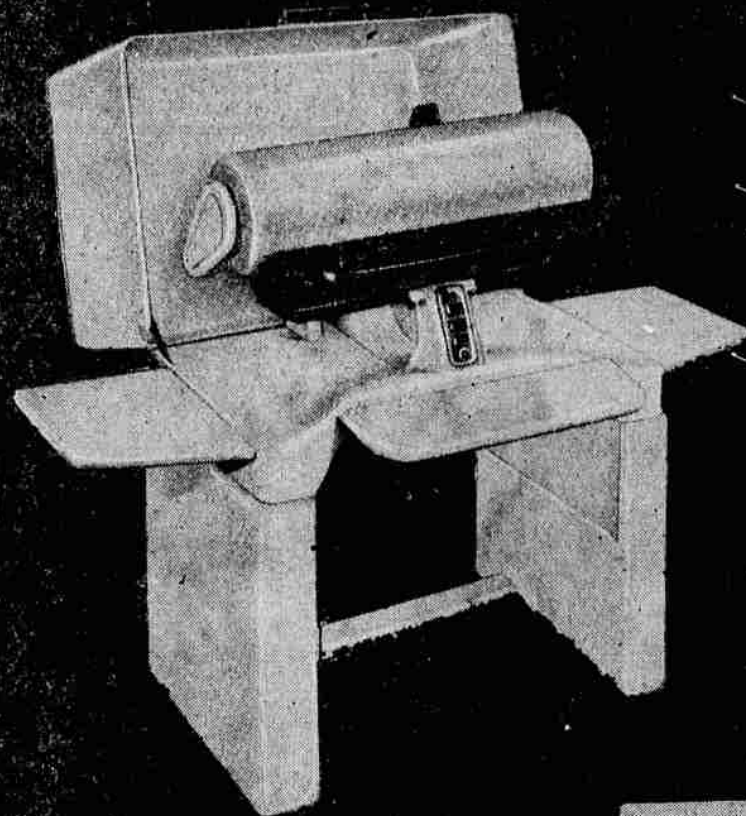
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