

Mixture of Laughs, Jazz Promised at Rhythmania

A bundle of jazz tunes mixed with a batch of laughs—that's the prescription for hot new musical comedy "Rhythmania," the second annual run Monday night in the University Theatre. More than 70 persons have a ticket to the two-hour musical, scheduled to run through next week. Three organizations—the Very Little Theatre, the University Theatre and Local 689, American Federation of Musicians—are sponsoring the show. Talent is being pulled from all these sources, and other persons in the community who have a specialty in the field. The show's directors thought they would utilize.

There is George Hopkins, the director of the University of Oregon School of Music who will be featured soloist in the presentation of George Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue," and Gerald Smith, Eugene's young ballet dancer who will perform her specialty to the tune of the Rosenkranz Waltz.

"RHYTHMANIA" is two years in the making, having been prepared for the first time last year by the Very Little Theatre. It was the brain child of the University Theatre, which passed the show to the VLT for some special content variation.

Mary Krenk of the VLT did the script for the first show and also the dramatic direction. And when the show was over, instead of being the programs and sitting back to wait, Krenk and some of her cohorts went to work to put out a bigger and better "Rhythmania" for 1952.

Bigger it is—the rest will be up to next week's audiences. The musical outgrew last year's quarters in the VLT and moved into more spacious University Theatre.

The show's 19 separate scenes testify to the use which the bigger stage has been put by the director Howard Ramey.

THE CAST ALSO has grown. The nucleus is the dramatic cast headed by Fred Warner, who plays Caesar Augustus Tranquillo, Don McDonald, who plays Zither, Barbara McCorkle and Jerry Krenk. They are supported by Jerry Hettinger, Jean Near, Winkiebach and David Doty. This group carries the dramatic part of the show. They are citizens of the mythical United States of Rhythmania, and are one way or another connected to the Bureau of Modern Music there.

Warner plays Mr. Nocturne, an outlandish "square" who thinks that Bach, Beethoven and Brahms are the latest things in music. When he is replaced as director of the Bureau of Modern Music by Cuthbert, as Caesar Augustus Tranquillo, Rhythmania has to find out what modern music really is.

TRANQUILLO dusts off the tunes which Mr. Nocturne has assigned to the attic, and this is the audience comes in for a series of jazz from the "St. Louis Blues" to "Rhapsody in Blue."

In addition to 15 familiar tunes, there are two originals. The song, "I Found Something New in New York," was written by Will Roadman. Mary Krenk will sing it in the first act.

The other original, "There's No Rest in a Restroom," is by Ted Ramey, with lyrics by Director Ramey. It will be sung by a black quartet of piano movers—Sue Stone, Wally Bullard, Ted Simpson and Charlie Sweitzer.

TWO BIG DANCE numbers will be featured at the end of the production. A chorus line of eight girls will do the Charleston to "Yes, That's My Baby" in Act 1. An Afro-Cuban finale arranged around the theme song by Ralph Ramey will top off the show. In the chorus line will be Peggy Smith, Barbara Lee, Phyllis Knapp, Muriel Newsom, Fran Ramey, Bea Perrin, Ruth Landon, Rita Robbins, Bea Perrin is the director.

Other numbers in the show will include the "St. Louis Blues" with Hamilton on the clarinet, "Wang Wang Blues" sung by Barbara McCorkle, "At the Jazz Ball" and "Ballin' the Jack," in addition to Hopkins playing "Rhapsody in Blue" accompanied by the show's orchestra, directed by Edmund Cycler.

MUSICIANS taking part, who are both from the musicians' local and the University, include: James Arnett, Elmer Johnson, Ellsworth Huffman, trumpets; Peter Peters and Larry Trullinger, trombones; Robert Fox,

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CAESAR AUGUSTUS TRANQUILLO gets a light from his man Friday, Oliver Zither, as they prepare to turn over some more of the ancient practices in the Bureau of Modern Music of the United States of "Rhythmania." The scene is from "Rhythmania," the musical comedy story of jazz which opens at the University Theatre Monday. The players are Winslow Cuthbert, as Tranquillo and Don McDonald as Zither. "Rhythmania" is a joint production by the Very Little Theatre, the University Theatre and Local 689, American Federation of Musicians.

Hungry
BAUVAIS, France — (AP) — Robert Brusi, a 51-year-old shepherd, stabbed his wife Tuesday because she had not prepared him a large enough meal. The meal consisted of a steak and six eggs.

Fred Yahn, George Dayton and Billy Hamilton, reads; Darrell Renfro and Max Morse, percussion; Dick McClintic and Don LaBare, basses; John Struben, flute; Ralph DeCoursey and Ted Charles, piano; Jim Baker, guitar; Larry Maves, Dorris Saunders, Douglas Orms, Mary Lou Watts, John Drysdale, Shirley Foster, and Roberta Lathrop, strings.

There will also be a "Hyperion Chorus"—about a dozen female voices led by Marjorie Scobert Wilson.

ASSISTING Krenk on the production staff are assistant directors Sylvia Cuthbert and Florence Hawkesworth; Howard Ramey, technical director; Dwight Newman, production supervisor; Katherine Scott, ballet director; Bea Perrin, dance director; Edmund Cycler, orchestral conductor; Ralph DeCoursey, arranger; Fred Yahn, musical coordinator, and Marjorie Scobert Wilson, choral director.

There is also a nine-man crew which is kept busy moving scenery for the many changes. Reservations for the six-night production may be made at the University Theatre boxoffice from 1-5 p. m. daily through Sunday and from 1-8 p. m. on playing dates. The boxoffice telephone is 5-1511, ext. 401. Seats are \$1.50.

Marines to Get Stronger Voice

House Approves
Military Measure

WASHINGTON — (AP) — A compromise bill giving the Marine Corps a stronger voice in military policy was passed Thursday by the House and sent to the Senate. House passage was by unanimous voice vote.

The measure was worked out by a group of Senators and House members from separate bills passed previously by the chambers. It aims to strengthen the Marine Corps.

But the joint Senate-House committee discarded House-approved provisions to make the Marine commandant a permanent member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) and to set a minimum strength of 220,000 enlisted men for the Marines.

The compromise bill was worked out Wednesday. It now goes back to both House and Senate for final action.

House Armed Service Committee officials said these were the main points of agreement:

- The Marine commandant would sit with the Joint Chiefs as a "co-equal" on matters affecting the Marines, with the same voice and same right of appeal as other members. He now is an adviser. The Senate bill proposed to give him a consultative status.

- The maximum strength of the Marines would be 400,000 men, plus officers, and the proposed minimum would be eliminated because no other service has one. The ceiling has been approved by both houses.

- For the first time, the law would specify the organization of the Marines into three combat divisions and three air wings. These would not necessarily be maintained at full strength continuously. House conferees originally proposed four divisions and four air wings.

Father of Quads Sports Flowers, One for Each

WEYMOUTH, Mass. — (AP) — A 39-year-old ex-Marine walked jauntily out of South Shore Hospital Thursday with four carnations to honor his newborn quadruplets.

Three of the flowers were red for the boys. A white one was for the girl, first-born of the quads. John J. Manning said his wife insisted he take the flowers from a bouquet at her bedside.

He saw her briefly earlier, while she was still in the delivery room. "How are the babies, John?" she asked. "Are they all well?"

"They're lovely. They're marvelous," the father said. "They're beautiful. They're all healthy."

But the weary 27-year-old mother had dozed off by then.

"Now I've got three bus drivers," chuckled Manning, who is president of South Shore Coach Lines, Inc.

The three prospective drivers and their sister were reported in "pretty good" condition.

All were in humidity cribs—incubators with the temperature around 80.

None wore a stitch—not even diapers.

The quads must wait until Friday sometime for their first meal. It probably will be glucose from a medicine dropper.

The quads have a brother and two sisters—Dennis, 4, Mary 3, and two-year-old Anne Marie.

No Swimming
SILVERTON — (AP) — The swimming pool here is going to be closed afternoons for the rest of the berry season. City Manager Robert Borland said the closure would encourage the kids to pick berries.

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3-Year-Old Explorer Gets Finger Stuck in Drain

ALBANY, Calif. — (AP) — Three-year-old Sherry Whippo was taking a bath. She wanted to see where the water went. So she stuck her fingers through the grating on the drain.

There they stuck.

Mrs. Whippo couldn't get them out. She called a doctor. He failed.

The doctor called two policemen. They failed.

They called six firemen. Ditto!

Eight neighbors squeezed into the bathroom to give advice.

Finally someone thought to call a plumber.

He came fully equipped. He saw a hole through the ceiling of the downstairs apartment . . . cut the drainpipe in half . . . curled a shield around Sherry's fingers . . . and sawed through the remaining pipe.

At last Sherry was freed.

Sherry went to bed. Everybody else went home.

Fellowship in Music Given at University

A \$1,500 annual fellowship honoring the late Maud Densmore has been established by her brother, Professor Harvey B. Densmore, of the department of classical languages at the University of Washington.

To be known as the Maud Densmore Music Fellowship, the award will be for graduate study at the University of Oregon's school of music. Mrs. Densmore, who passed away in December, 1931, was for many years chairman of the Women's Choral Club, active in Mu Phi Epsilon, and interested in all musical affairs in the community.

The first award, going to the

Youth Awarded Year at Harvard

Michael McCloskey, a student body president of St. Francis High School last year, has been awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to Harvard University, he said Friday. The Harvard award came on the heels of a \$500 scholarship awarded him earlier by the State Federation of Labor.

McCloskey, who earned a perfect "4-point" grade average at St. Francis, was editor of the St. Francis News a year ago, and was named outstanding boy of the graduating class. He is also an Eagle Scout and attended the Scout Jamboree at Valley Forge two years ago. He is working part time this summer at the Register-Guard.

He will study pre-law at Harvard. He didn't know Friday whether he would attend Harvard law school after his undergraduate work, or return to Oregon for law school. The \$1,000 regional scholarship he won is renewable for the next three years if the winner's grades are kept up, he said.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John McCloskey, 1865 Villard St. His father is an associate professor of English at the University of Oregon.

Oregon Fair Board Cancels Horse Show

SALEM — (AP) — The State Fair Board announced Thursday that there won't be any horse show this year at the state fair, to be held Aug. 30 to Sept. 6.

The horse show has been held annually since 1932.

The state fire marshal condemned the horse show grandstand, and the commission decided it wasn't worth the money to fix it up in order to hold the show.

Fair manager Leo Spitzbart said the horse show lost \$3,453 last year.

Instead, a rodeo will be held, with the rodeo sponsors putting up a \$5,000 guarantee.



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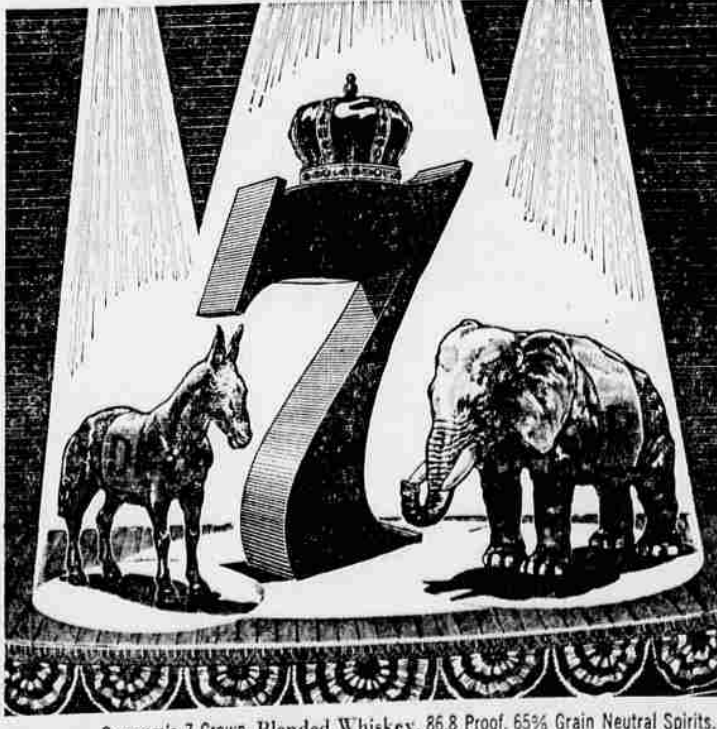
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