

At University Theatre

Moss Hart Drama Rewards Playgoers

By PEPPER BERKELEY
Of the Register-Guard

"The Climate of Eden," one of the best-acted, best-produced University Theatre plays in recent years, opened on the UT stage Friday night.

The drama, by Moss Hart, is set in the steamy jungle of British Guiana. The tropical foliage and towering palm

trees on stage presented a great contrast to the snowy landscape outside the campus theater.

Friday night's near-capacity audience was a sign of the high reputation accorded director Horace Robinson and the veteran members of the play's cast.

And if the three enthusias-

tic curtain calls are an indication, members of the audience didn't regret braving the snowdrifts and chilly temperatures for the opening night.

Friday night's acting performances were excellent. From the featured roles to the bit parts, the portrayals were above a layman's criticism.

Cast members with major roles were Karen Higgins, Scott Moir, Irlie White, Dori White, Jane Stevens, J. A. Phillips, and George Lauris.

The fine supporting cast included Tom Ness, Paula Bonnier, William Gregory, Michael Feris, Bill Austin, Margaret Crain, Sue Weber, David Benedetti, Idalah Luria, Jonathan Ramey, Lynn and Laurie Cheatham.

White was cast as a protestant missionary, stationed in the remote wilds of South America for the past 24 years. In these years, he developed his own "world," with its unique culture, traditions, discipline, morals and religion, all shared by his wife, Joan, played by Dori White, and his children, portrayed by Miss Higgins, Moir, Miss Stevens and Phillips.

Humorous, biting satire. It also has moments where Hart contradicts his own message and where situations are obviously contrived. These latter scenes have the effect of bringing the playgoer out of his deep fascination with the production and landing him, with a hard bump, back in his UT seat.

Even with these deficiencies, however, the play—and especially the UT's production of it—is more than worth the price of admission.

Adding greatly to the production was the fine, imaginative set, which reminds a UT regular of the great set decoration work in "Brand," "Rashomon" and "The Enchanted." Robert Eggers designed the set and the lighting.



HELL PLAY "IKE" — Henry Grace, of Hollywood, Calif., supervising set director of a movie studio, has been chosen to play Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower in the film, "The Longest Day." He's shown in a test picture, not in a clip from the movie.

Circuit Court Records

COMPLAINTS FILED
(Jan. 16, 1962)

Calbag Steel Warehouse Co. vs. Phelps Brothers: Suit to recover money.

Northern Yards Inc. vs. Grace C. Nagle and Paul Hovan doing business as Nagle Lumber: Suit to recover money.

Queen Insurance Co. of America vs. June Collier, doing business as Home Bakery: Plaintiff seeks to recover \$1,815.46 it paid to L. O. Meisel for fire damages to his store at 76 E. Broadway allegedly caused by negligence on the part of the defendant. Plaintiff alleges that rags and waste in the defendant's store caught fire on Mar. 2, 1961, spreading to an adjoining store.

(Jan. 17, 1962)

Barbara June Lowman vs. Lloyd Strakbeln: Petition for support.

Union Interchange Inc. vs. Edward J. Phillips: Suit to recover money.

Mona E. Stevens vs. School District 4 and Chester A. Pietka, doing business as Eugene Accordion Center: Plaintiff alleges she purchased a ticket from defendant Pietka for a concert at the South Eugene High School on April 9, 1961. Plaintiff alleges she tripped on a broken sidewalk while going to the concert, and seeks \$22,500 general damages, and \$166 for medical expenses.

Sue M. Davison vs. Vernon C.

Spurgeon and Betty Spurgeon: Suit for damages. Plaintiff alleges the defendants dug two ditches across the right of way to her property one mile northeast of Goshen without her knowledge. She alleges she returned home at night and was injured when her car hit a ditch. Plaintiff seeks \$5,000 general damages, \$144.30 for medical expenses, and \$2,975 for damage to her car.

Lillie M. Woodcock vs. John L. Smith, Beatrice D. Smith, and the First National Bank of Portland: Land sale contract foreclosure.

(Jan. 18, 1962)

State of Oregon for Charles Mae Kennedy vs. Kenneth S. Kennedy: Partition proceedings.

Bernice Dawe vs. Kenneth A. Peterson: Suit for damages. Plaintiff alleges she was injured March 11, 1960, when the defendant's vehicle crashed head-on into the vehicle in which she was riding on Highway 38. Plaintiff seeks \$7,000 general damages, and \$130.40 for medical expenses.

DIVORCE SUITS FILED

Elzior Purdy vs. Charles H. Purdy: Eida A. Morris vs. Tom Oliver Morris; Naomi D. Meier vs. George A. Meier; James S. West vs. Juanita M. West; Charles M. Obeokson vs. Roland E. Obeokson; Lorna Dean Cecil vs. James C. Cecil; Karen Gay Loy vs. Marvin M. Loy; Mary I. Nerseih vs. Norman T. Nerseih.

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Astronomy Group Offers Butte Idea

The Eugene Astronomical Society got on the Skinner Butte construction proposal bandwagon Saturday by suggesting erection of an astronomical science center atop the butte.

Roger Fidler, program director for the society, said the center might include an observatory and planetarium. Society members and civic groups have already indicated an interest in donating a telescope and construction funds, Fidler said.

He outlined his ideas in a letter to Eugene Mayor Ed Cone. The science center thus joins a pioneer museum, a restaurant, an ice skating rink and a tourist railroad on a list of items pro-

posed for the butte. Eugene attorney Charles O. Porter got the wagon rolling last month by suggesting the latter items in a speech before the Eugene Lions Club.

'Unique Attraction'

In his letter to Cone, Fidler said, "It is the opinion of the Eugene Astronomical Society that a science center on Skinner Butte would be an excellent and unique attraction. It would have no comparison along the Oregon-Washington freeway except for the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry in Portland.

"In addition to a tourist attraction it would be a valuable asset to the citizens of Lane County, especially to local schools and youth organizations."

Kovacs' Last TV Show To Be Aired

By JAMES BACON
Of the Associated Press

HOLLYWOOD — A week ago Saturday, a skidding, blinding traffic crash killed comedian Ernie Kovacs.

But the nation's TV viewers will see his last show as scheduled over ABC-TV next Tuesday night—and without commercials.

Dutch Master cigars, an unusual sponsor, will pick up the tab for the half-hour show. Instead of the usual four minutes allotted for commercials, the show will substitute a classic Kovacs' bit—the Nairobi Trio.

The show was taped Dec. 3 and a spokesman for the sponsor said only one premise decided its airing.

"Ernie would have liked that it be seen and enjoyed," the spokesman said.

Kovacs' relationship with his sponsor was unique. He once said that the cigar firm "cared nothing about ratings, formats, critics or cost. All they cared about was me and the way I held that cigar."

The final show, fortunately, is one of Kovacs' better ones. It has a lot of his far-out humor and closes with some candid camera shots of him fooling around with his crew. These were not originally intended to be aired but they will be.

Society member Derald Humber has agreed to donate his 12-inch reflecting telescope, with a value of \$1,500 to \$2,000 to such a center, Fidler said.

Expects Donations

"It would not be necessary for the city of Eugene to pay for the science center," Fidler's letter said. "... It is our opinion that if the city merely set aside a plot of ground on Skinner Butte for this specific purpose, sufficient donations could be obtained to complete construction."

Cone has met with an informal committee of Eugene business and city officials to discuss possible development of the butte. He has said subcommittees would study the various facets of development proposals.

City Officials Receive Gifts of Korean Diaries

Copies of a 1962 Korean photo-diary have been sent to Mayor Edwin E. Cone and several of Eugene's officials by Il Woo Lee, Korea's consul-general at San Francisco.

Lee was the city's guest for the observance of the first anniversary of Eugene's sister city program with Chinju, Korea, Jan. 10.

The diaries, illustrated with numerous photos of Korea, were sent in appreciation of the city's hospitality, Lee said.

School Registering

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