

Fair and Warmer Proves To Be Hilarious Comedy

By EILEEN SCOTT ROSS

Cast members of "Fair and Warmer," second of the three plays brought to Salem by the 20-30 club, played to a half full house at the high school Sunday night.

In the three-act comedy by Avery Hopwood, Robert Paquin took the lead of the well-meaning but dull husband who resorts to "wine, women and song" to arouse his wife's jealousy, thus regaining her love. Joining him in this endeavor is a naive neighbor, played by Kathleen Claypool, and the adventure results in misunderstanding tempered with slapstick.

Peggy Deane took the role of the bored wife, and Irving Karasi, played the former suitor who returns to court her again and prompts the stuffy husband to hilarious action. Further complicating the jealousy motive are Frederic Meyer as Miss Claypool's husband, and an overly friendly maid played by Ruth Elliot.

The audience, generally quite responsive, was especially amused by a routine in the second act in which Paquin attempted to drink champagne from Miss Claypool's open-toed slipper. The various conflicts are resolved with reconciliation on all counts and a newspaper item promising that tomorrow will be "Fair and Warmer."

"Peg o' My Heart," last of the group of plays, is scheduled for April 25. The series is presented by the Civic Drama Guild of New York and sponsored locally by the 20-30 club with proceeds planned for the purchase of playground equipment.

Portland, March 6 (AP)—Two armed hold-up men were shot to death here last night after a quick-thinking woman camouflaged a call for help with an innocent-sounding request.

Using a gun he'd never fired before, Eugene Archibald, 60, killed two intruders in the little suburban grocery store that he, his daughter, and his son-in-law operated.

Police identified the dead robbers as Henry Douglas Smith, 36, Portland, and Jay W. Harris, 25, West Linn, Ore.

Archibald and his family told the following account: Mrs. Lauriel Behrens, 25, was taking her turn waiting on trade while her father, Archibald, and her husband, Marvin, played cribbage in the apartment back of the store.

She had just taken down a can of sardines for two customers when the customers suddenly drew guns and said, "Okey, baby, let's have the money . . . is there anyone else here?"

Mrs. Behrens raised her voice enough to carry into the back room. "Yes, my father and husband are in the kitchen. Leave enough money so we can open in the morning."

The men at their cribbage game heard her, and realized what was happening.

Archibald walked into the store and fired at the man nearest him.

The other man was standing at the cash register, one hand in the till and the other on his gun. He fired at Archibald.

Archibald ducked, getting the bullet in his wrist. Simultaneously he fired, shooting the bandit through the head.

The elderly grocer was taken to a hospital. "I always figure," he said, "that when anyone comes around with a gun they ought to be taken care of."

He had bought his gun as a precautionary measure, but had never fired it before.

Registered Holstein Has Production Test

Brattleboro, Vt.—Nugget Selgis Ormsby, a registered Holstein-Friesian cow owned by C. J. Berning, Mt. Angel, Oregon, has completed a 339-day production test of 619 pounds of butterfat and 16,611 pounds of milk made in herd improvement registry. This cow was milked twice daily and was five years four months when she began her test period. Testing was supervised by Oregon State college in cooperation with the Holstein-Friesian association of America.

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Collects for Defense—Helen Maciolek, private secretary to Dr. Hermann N. Sander displays money and checks which have been sent into the Sander defense fund campaign which have been sent into the Sander defense fund campaign which has been launched in Manchester, N. H. Dr. Sander is on trial Borroto. (AP Wirephoto)

Edgar Lee Masters, 80, Author Of Spoon River Anthology Dies

Melrose Park, Pa., March 6 (AP)—Edgar Lee Masters, 80, poet-author of "Spoon River Anthology," died early today in a convalescent home. He was stricken with virus pneumonia three days ago.

Masters, one of the nation's best known poets, had been more or less an invalid since an attack of pneumonia in December, 1943. His second wife, Ellen, 30 years his junior, was with him when he died. He also was survived by their son, Hillary, 21,

a Washington newspaper man, and two children by his former marriage.

The couple came here three years ago. Mrs. Masters is head of the English department at Ogontz Junior College for Girls in nearby Rydal, Pa.

"He had not really been well for several years but he always looked forward to when he could resume his writing," Mrs. Masters said. "Then he contracted virus pneumonia. He died in only a few short days."

Masters was a successful Chicago lawyer when he turned to poetry at the age of 45. He published "Spoon River Anthology" in 1914 and six years later retired from his law practice to devote himself to literature.

Although Mrs. Masters said she had believed her husband was 81 years old, "Who's Who in America" lists his birth date as August 23, 1869, in Garnett, Kansas.

An artist friend found the poet alone in a New York hotel in 1943 suffering from pneumonia and malnutrition. Since he had no financial resources he was placed in a charity ward in a city hospital. He was temporarily separated from Mrs. Masters at the time.

When Masters' condition was called to the attention of the "Authors' League," that organization provided funds for him to be moved to a private hospital. In 1946 he received a \$5,000 fellowship from the Academy of American Poets.

Attending the meeting were Mrs. F. Nekuda, Mrs. B. C. Hall, Mrs. J. Barnes, Mrs. F. Hons, Mrs. D. Dodd, Mrs. A. Katka, Mrs. P. Wellbrock, Mrs. P. Zielski, Mrs. O. Noren, Mrs. F. Barth, Mrs. R. Tuers, Mrs. R. Finch and Mrs. H. Christensen. The club will hold the April meeting at the home of Mrs. Dodd.

Membership Drive For Concert Series

New requests will be filled as cancellations of previous memberships are received, it is announced by Salem Community Concert association in starting its annual membership drive this week.

Cancellations, however, have not been as numerous as expected, according to Guy Hickok, association president. The association, too, is limited in memberships because of the small auditorium available for concerts.

Memberships are sold only during the drive, no tickets being available during the concert season.

Annual meeting for association workers is slated for March 27.

Examinations Given Pupils at Turner

Turner — Thirty-five first graders and screened pupils were given physical examinations this week by the Marion county department of health. Examining physicians were Dr. B. I. Knapp and Margaret Dowell. Volunteers assisting during the clinic were Mrs. Wallace Riches, Mrs. Albert Robertson, Mrs. Roy Hatfield, Mrs. Marjorie Mitchell and Mrs. Carl B. Wipper.

Journal Want Ads Pay



Albert Lebrun

Ex-President Of France Dies

Paris, March 6 (AP)—Albert Lebrun, 78, one-time farm boy who twice was elected president of France, died today of pneumonia.

Death came at 7:30 a.m., Paris time, in his home here. He had been in retirement since 1944.

Lebrun had been seriously ill at his home for the last 10 days. He is survived by a son, Jean Lebrun, and a married daughter, Mme. Jean Freyssonard.

Lebrun was one of the few statesmen ever to be elected president of France twice. But he did not finish his second term because the Germans interned him in 1943. Since the war, he has spent much of his time in a Paris nursing home.

Lebrun, who was born to peasant stock in the village of Mercy-Le-Haut in Lorraine on Aug. 20, 1871, was educated for a military career. But he gave up soldiering to become an engineer and later a statesman.

In 1911 he joined the cabinet when Premier Joseph Caillaux

appointed him minister of colonies. Later he served as minister in governments headed by Raymond Poincare and Georges Clemenceau.

After the First World War he was elected to the senate and the upper house of French parliament. He became vice president of the senate in 1928, and president in 1931.

He succeeded to the presidency of the Third Republic a year later on the death of Paul Doumer.

High School Students Hear Scientific Talk

Monmouth — The Monmouth high school students heard a program sponsored by the National Assemblies when Robert T. Edgar presented "The Cyclops of Palomar." It was a non-technical lecture-demonstration of the great 200-inch telescope on Mt. Palomar in California. Following this program Edgar talked to the students of the general science class and other students who were interested in this subject.

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