

Religious Drama Shows Put on at Reed College

A religious drama, described in the press of the county as "The American Passion Play," will be shown for the second season in Portland August 4 to 8 at 8:30 p.m. on the campus of Reed College.

The play is named, "The Gift of God," and the author as well as producer of the play is the Rev. Dr. Louis Harrison Kaub, who is Minister of Family Life of First Methodist Church, Portland.

The play is different from many similar productions in that the part of Christ is not played by a visible actor although Dr. Kaub says, "He is there!"

Dr. Kaub wrote the play originally for a youth group in his church in Bayard, Nebraska, but the play outgrew its original purpose and over 50,000 persons from many parts of the United States and from foreign countries have already seen it.

Dr. Ralph Walker of First

Baptist Church, Portland, who saw the Oberammergau Passion Play in Europe and then saw the Portland production, declared that, "Parts of it were superior to the European production."

The play is non-sectarian in purpose and is intended as "an adventure in worship" through drama, according to Dr. Kaub, who has seen it through twelve performances on the "Old Oregon Trail" and now through the Portland performances.

The Reed College bowl will seat 12,000 persons and the people attend with their own seating equipment, chairs, cushions and blankets. Ample parking facilities are available.

The play is designed to "make vivid the leading scenes of the New Testament, from the birth of Christ to the resurrection," said Dr. Kaub.

The cast is now being trained under the direction of the coach, Robert H. Jackson, of the drama department of Grant high school and under Dr. Kaub.

Mr. Jackson is especially interested in religious drama and besides he has toured in road shows with two Shakespearean companies, having played leading roles.

At the conclusion of last year's performance in Portland, Mr. Jackson said of it, "I am really impressed with the grandeur of the play, especially the interpretation of Judas, Peter and Barrabas."

One hundred fifty persons participate actively in the production on the "stage," which is elaborate in design and includes a "Judgment Hall" of Pilate. Dr. Kaub has gone to great pains to make all props and costumes authentic.

One hundred persons participate in the choir, under the direction of Jess S. Foster, who is President of the Portland Methodist Choir Directors' Association.

The parts of the Three Wise Men are played by men with "strong solo voices" and the "angelic choir" provides a special musical emphasis of distinction, as required by Dr. Kaub's experienced judgment.

Dr. Roy H. Fedje has been named Director of the production and Mrs. C. H. Van Meter is the Executive Secretary with headquarters in the First Methodist Church, 12th and Taylor streets.

Rugged Travel Report Made

Too much speed over the Alaskan highway means punctured gasoline tanks.

This is the report brought back to Salem by Albert W. Siemens, son of Mrs. Helen W. Siemens of 1162 South 13th street who recently made the round trip to Anchorage, Alaska.

Siemens and four male companions, driving a 1951 automobile made the round trip via Calgary and Edmonton, or the Alaskan highway as it is generally known, in two weeks. Driving distance was 6700 miles which included several side trips. By driving straight through the one way distance is 3200 miles.

Three punctured gasoline tanks and a blown out tire were blamed directly on trying to travel too fast over rough gravel roads with rocks up to the size of baseballs, states Siemens.

The four men alternated at the wheel and took advantage of the long hours of daylight to cover the maximum amount of miles each day. Cost of each individual was approximately \$150, and, explained Siemens, one had to watch his expenses to make it at that low mark.

Prices at Anchorage were, on the average, about twice those in effect in the United States. Prevailing wages of \$2.50 to \$3 an hour do not hold much appeal for the job hunter because of the high cost of living, states Siemens.

Clackamas Allotted \$93,200 for Schools

Washington (AP)—Clackamas county, Ore., school district No. 1 at Milwaukie was allotted \$93,200 Monday by the government for school construction.

The Federal Security Agency's office of education said the government had set aside altogether \$17,000,000 for school projects in federally-affected defense areas.

The 82nd Congress appropriated \$185,000,000 for such purposes, of which \$84,000,000 now has been allocated.

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