

Large Crowd Hears Band, Sees Plays at High School

Performing before another near-capacity crowd, Heppner High students presented three one-act plays and gave a band concert in an evening of variety at their music-drama festival Friday night.

Drama students were directed by Mrs. Janet Groves, head of the speech and drama department, and the band performed under the direction of Arnold Melby, head of the music department.

"The Highway," a suspenseful one-act play, won the judges' nod as the best of the three, and it will be presented by the students at a Pacific University drama festival late in May.

Kathie Ray, who took the part of Hester Engels in the play, was judged best actress, and Rick Hatley, who was "Pop" Lorimer in "Week-end in Avalon," was selected as best actor.

Doug Anderson, playing the stuffy English water, Wilson Henbane, in "Week-end in Avalon," was named best supporting actor, and Karen McCurdy, depicting the disillusioned wife of a would-be inventor in the same play, was chosen as best supporting actress.

But, as usual, there were many others who could well have been chosen for the same recognition. In the opening play, "My Primitive Self," two girls, Anita Groves and Jean Stewart, played the primitive selves of two others, Kay Daggett and Jill

Cline, and the effect was convincing and humorous at the same time. All four did an excellent job.

In "The Highway," Hester and John Engels (Kathie Ray and Mike Warren), homeward bound from a party, were involved in an auto accident and sought refuge in the home of an elderly couple, Mr. and Mrs. Hood (John Rawlins and Nonda Clark), only to discover something queer about the place.

When Frank and Ralph Hood (David Hall and Carl Bauman) arrived on the scene, the Engels realized that the Hoods had passed on years before after having met with an accident, and this left their own mortal status considerably in doubt.

In "Week-end in Avalon" Pop Lorimer (Hatley) set about to instill confidence in his fellows and brought some appreciative results. The cast included Marsha Sowell as Miss Slade, Stuart Dick as "Gusty" Hollahan, Barbara Blake as Olivia Null, Peggy Snyder as Mary Jane Davis, Doug Anderson as Wilson Henbane, Mike Sweeney as Mr. Tweedie, John Van Winkle as a boy, Karen McCurdy as Mrs. Tweedie and Mike Warren as Maximilian Broganza.

The band opened the evening's program with "The Star Spangled Banner," and played four other numbers, "His Honor March," "Jolly Cobbler," "The Princess," and "Southern Cross Overture," before the first play.

Justice Court

April 5—Joe Hausler, Jr., failure to drive on right side of highway, fined \$5.

April 6—Richard K. Willard, vehicle license expired, fined \$5.

April 13—John A. Dugan, The Dalles, truck driver for Verne Jarl, overload, fined \$100.

April 13—Lester Eugene Wallace, failure to drive on right side of road, fined \$15.

April 13—Robert Riley Fisher, driver for Britt Trucking, no PUC plates, fined \$25.

April 14—Dean Robinson, passing school bus while lights were flashing, fined \$10, sentenced to two days in jail suspended.

April 14—Willard T. French, truck driver for Delbert Emert, no vehicle license, fined \$25.

Municipal Court

April 5—Howard Higgins violation of the basic rule, fine \$25.

April 7—Richard Arnold Springer, violation of the basic rule, forfeited \$10 bail.

April 9—David Anderson, violation of the basic rule, fined \$5.

Bruce Thomson was clarinet soloist for "The Princess."

Between the first two plays, the band played "The Golden Eagle," and Rick Hatley played an alto saxophone solo, "Estilion Caprice," accompanied by Gordon Pratt.

At the next intermission, the band played "Hello Dolly" and concluded the evening after the final play with "American Frontiers Overture."

At the conclusion of the program, Miss Stewart presented Mrs. Groves with a gift from the play casts.

In the production crew were David Rands, lighting, and Anita Groves, sound effects.

Skate Rink Hours Changed for Easter

Hours for skating at the Morrow County Roller Rink have been changed for the next two weeks because of Easter and conflict with the band carnival. Glen Ward and D. E. (Shorty) Hudson, operators, have announced.

The rink will be open from 7 to 10 p.m. Friday night, April 16, but will be closed Saturday and Sunday for Easter.

On the ensuing week-end it will not be open at all because the band carnival will be in the fair pavilion April 24. The rink will open Friday and Saturday nights, April 30 and May 1, 7 to 10, and will continue on each Friday and Saturday night from that time. It will not be open on Sundays from now on.

Activities Keep Kinzua Folk Busy

KINZUA—Recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reavis were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Clark of Bend. Mr. Clark is the new assistant electrician.

Mrs. Don McConnell returned home Thursday evening from Walla Walla, Wash., where she had spent several days with Mr. McConnell who had surgery there on Tuesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Conlee and son Gene spent several days in Pendleton last week. Mrs. Conlee and Gene visited her grandmother while Steve reported for jury duty.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Slinkard and Mrs. Paul Oyler returned home late Tuesday night from a two weeks trip to Kansas. They were accompanied home by Mrs. Slinkard's mother, Mrs. G.L. Oyler of Cherryvale, Kansas, who will spend several weeks here visiting her children.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayland Hyatt went to Portland Friday evening for medical care for Mrs. Hyatt. Mrs. Hyatt remained at the Portland Medical Center where tests are being made.

Mrs. Vincent Allen and sons Dick and Bob and Mrs. Stanley Benson were in Condon Monday for medical care. Mrs. Benson had injured her back Friday while at work.

Mrs. Wallace Hatter took her daughter Charlotte to Condon Friday to have her wrist taken care of. It was thought at first it had been broken but proved to be sprained instead.

Mr. and Mrs. Slim Rhoton returned home last week from a vacation trip spent in Washington and Oregon. They visited Slim's mother, Mrs. Louise Rhoton at Olympia, Wash., and then to Manzanita to visit Mrs. Rhoton's brother and family. Mr. and Mrs. John Kinsella. They then returned home and on Wednesday went to Bend on business. While in Bend they visited with Mrs. Earl Norris at St. Charles hospital.

Mrs. W. L. Jewell had the misfortune to fall and break her left wrist Saturday. She was taken to the Heppner hospital for treatment and came home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ferrel returned home Friday evening from their vacation. They visited relatives at Leavenworth, Chelan, Twisp, Omak, and Wapato, Washington and then went to Portland where they visited the Burton Nelson and Glen Getchell families and Mrs. Ferrel had a medical checkup.

Mrs. Rusty Medlock and son Mike, Mrs. Earl Norris and son Ken went to Bend and Prineville Tuesday for medical care. Mrs. Norris remained to enter St. Charles hospital for treatments.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank DeMeritt were in Heppner Thursday for medical care.

Richard Mortimore went to Portland Friday to bring home Mrs. Mortimore who had had surgery at Emanuel hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hollomon and family of Heppner visited during the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Roger Hollomon.

Jiggs Bowman was the lucky winner of the steer in the drawing held Saturday night at the Fossil PTA Fun and Frolic night.

Mr. and Mrs. James Lomas of Portland visited friends here during the week-end.

Ralph Samples who is on leave from the US Navy and is stationed at the Great Lakes Naval Base hospital visited the O. L. Adams and Gerald Samples families. They were joined Sunday by Mark Samples of Heppner.

Visiting this past week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Rod Hastings were Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Prince of Joseph. Mr. Prince's mother of Wallowa, and Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. Richard Gorham and daughter Tami of Wallowa.

Rod Hastings and Dennis Jones went to Wallowa Saturday to get a horse and on the way home the horse trailer broke down on the road between Camp 5 and the Heppner-Spray highway. They had to lead the horse the rest of the way to Kinzua.

Mrs. Bonnie Campbell was hostess Thursday evening to the Doubledeck card club. High was won by Lily May Nistad, low by

Speech Therapist Tells of Unique Camp

Camp Meadowood Springs, developed by volunteers as a summer speech camp on a site in the mountains near Weston, is one of two such camps in the nation. Ernest Cristler, speech therapist for Umatilla county, told members of the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce Monday. The only other such camp, which deals with speech problems of children, is Shady Trails on the east coast.

Cristler said the new program is a private venture—almost an "adventure." The camp was only in the talking stage just over a year ago. Use of a cabin and a man-made lake were donated by the owner and equipment was borrowed to develop the summer camp.

It is not tax supported but has been made possible by the "help of many, many people and their good nature," he said. They worked on enlarging the lake, remodeled the cabin, cut down trees and hauled the logs to a little one-man sawmill for cutting into needed lumber.

In the first year of the camp, 14 boys between the ages of 8 and 13 from Morrow and Umatilla counties came for the speech therapy and treatment. Three had speech problems from brain damage, one had a hearing loss, several had articulation problems, another was victim of cerebral palsy.

Counselors donated their vacation time to help, and wives of counselors came to assist, working as cooks and in other capacities.

Cristler said the children who attended camp were "normal youngsters with special needs." Youngsters enjoyed the water program at the camp, participated in handicrafts, did their share of work and took part in other activities as well as benefiting from particular attention to their special problems, Cristler said.

"The camp gave us a chance to structure the environment of the youngsters," Cristler said. This year progress of the campers has been followed during the school year and it has been found that they are "quite

changed."

At the camp, stress is placed on elimination of negative attitudes on the theory that if the child wants to join the group, he will want to try to communicate.

This year the camp has been organized as a non-profit corporation under the name of "Oregon Institute for Rehabilitation and Research." It will be extended to eight weeks, as compared with the one last year, there will be four weeks for boys and four for girls.

Work is continuing at the camp. The lake is being made even larger. The director has been flooded with requests by those interested in attending.

Cristler told of the various speech problems needing treatment and said that speech is basic to developing language.

"We learn to speak as one of our first achievements and this is a basic means of communication," he said. "We realize more and more the need for good communications," he said. In clinical speech, persons having difficulties are trained in skills new to them.

Cristler has been working with children in Morrow county through the school system. About four years ago he accepted the position in Umatilla county after working with four counties in western Oregon from the University of Oregon.

In introducing him, Hillard Brown, Heppner elementary principal said, "What he does is almost a miracle."

As a non-profit corporation the camp is seeking memberships to sustain its program. Those attending pay only for operations. Capital expenses must come from elsewhere. Associate memberships are \$5 per year and active memberships are \$25 per year. Those interested may take out memberships or send contributions to the Oregon Institute for Rehabilitation and Research, Box 198, Milton-Freewater.

Wayne Evans, Heppner High school senior, was a guest at

the chamber meeting, was introduced by Principal Gordon Pratt, and told of the schedule of student activities for the week.

Gene Pierce announced Wrangler cow cutting for May 1 and 2. Postmaster Jim Driscoll will be speaker at the coming meeting, April 19.

Prisoner Inflicts Wrath on Jail Cell

Jack Davis, jailed for being drunk and disorderly one night during the week, took his wrath out on his jail cell. When Chief of Police Dean Gilman went to the cell the next morning, he found the plumbing broken, stool and wash basin smashed. Water was spurting from pipes and on to the bed where Davis was sleeping.

He was then charged with destroying public property and the case was transferred from municipal to justice court. Earl Soward, justice of the peace, sentenced him to a year in jail but placed him on probation. He was ordered to leave the county and agreed to make restitution for the some \$75 to \$100 damage at the rate of \$10 per month.



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