

Staging 'Miracle' Being Performed In 'Street Scene'

Ashland, Feb. 4.—"A miracle in stage construction is being performed," according to Angus Bowmer, Southern Oregon college drama instructor, in describing preparations for the production "Street Scene" at the college February 16, 17 and 18. "Imagine building a three-story tenement complete with basement on a stage ten feet, six inches in depth," he added. "The 'tenement' is to appear as a converted brownstone in the reproduction of a New York street scene.

The entire auditorium also will be included in the scene, he stated. Bowmer credits Jack Beardsley, artist in residence, with designing and building the unique set, adding that Beardsley, a professional set designer, does the sets for the Los Angeles Turnabout theatre where Elsa Lanchester plays. He and Mrs. Beardsley came to Ashland during the past summer to see the Shakespearean festival plays and decided to remain on through the winter.

Sixty-six characters appear in "Street Scene," which Bowmer said is the largest cast he has directed "outside the Diamond Jubilee pageant in Medford in the early '30s."

The cast combines college student and community talent with persons of all ages taking part.

Talent

Talent, Feb. 4.—B. G. Curtis is carrying the mail for Clarence Chamberlain who is suffering from blood poison in one knee.

The fire department put out a small blaze in the W. A. Kyniston residence Tuesday. The fire was caused when a blowtorch was used to thaw water pipes.

The March of Dimes dance sponsored by the Lady Lions, Community club and Grange raised \$99.40 for the fight against polio.

Young people of the Friends church are taking a church census in the town.

Lillie Burnette returned from Salem January 30 where she had been visiting her daughter for a month.

Forest Gilbreath and Mrs. Roma Rice have gone to southern California to visit relatives and friends.

The revival meeting being conducted by the Rev. O. C. Weigal at the Friends church will close Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Jackson and family returned February 1 from Chicago where they were called by the death of Mrs. Jackson's mother.

The Wa-tu-hi-yi Campfire group met at the home of Ethel May Culver on February 2. The girls worked on their quilt top and made plans for the hobby show. The group received their ceremonial gowns which will be presented at their next ceremonial to be held the first of March. Mrs. H. H. Lowe talked to the girls on the ceremonial gown and its meaning to Campfire girls. Mrs. John Sample who collects buttons had a display of them which proved very interesting. Mrs. Ira Culver and Mrs. Beryl Settlemier are new assistants to Mrs. Lawrence, the guardian of the group. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Culver.

The city council has ordered a new Chevrolet truck to replace the old one which has been in use for several years.

Mothers club of the Campfire girls and Bluebirds met February 2 at the city hall. Officers elected included Mrs. Loring Martin, president; Beryl Settlemier, secretary-treasurer. Mrs. Martin appointed Mrs. Harry Lowe publicity chairman for the hobby show. It was decided to offer prizes for best posters made by Campfire girls and special prize for the best poster by a Bluebird. Mrs. Beryl Settlemier was appointed hostess for six months.

Leannis Burnette was guest of honor at a birthday party at her home. The Campfire girls and Miss Carol Pringle of Medford were guests. Mrs. Lawrence Burnette served refreshments and Leannis received many lovely gifts.

FULL OF MEMORIES

Sydney, Australia.—(U.P.)—Patrick O'Leary, at 109, must be one of the oldest men in Australia and the only one to have fought in the American Civil war. He's living in a state home now, doesn't talk much as a rule, but once in a while can be drawn into reminiscence. Patrick claims to have been born in Dublin on Aug. 8, 1840. He says he lent a hand in the Zulu war and the Boer war.

Annandale, Minn.—(U.P.)—Bert Hahn, 52, retired from the Minneapolis police force in 1945 after 2 years of service, moved here in 1947 and was elected mayor of the town in 1949.

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Checker, Chess Club Meeting Set Today

Members of the Medford Checker and Chess club will meet between 1 and 5 p.m. today, at Carpenters' hall, 123½ West Main street, for their weekly session. The club is planning to sponsor another checker tournament at the Camp White veterans domiciliary center Monday at 7 p.m. Visitors are welcome at all meetings of the club, according to Cliff Heiler, secretary.

Unger Files With Clerk For Justice Candidacy

A. L. Unger, 834 Pennsylvania avenue, Friday formally filed his declaration to run for the democratic nomination for the office of justice of the peace, Medford district. He had previously announced his intention to run in the May primaries.

County 4-H Leaders Meet At Fairgrounds

Leaders of Jackson county 4-H clubs met at the county fairgrounds last week to appoint home economics and agriculture committee members and to hear reports.

The home economics committee will be composed of Mrs. Mary Meyers, Mrs. Louie Willsoughby, Mrs. Ed Hayes and Mrs. Neil Ballard. Serving on the agriculture committee will be Leonard Freeman, George Nichols, Earl Bigham and A. E. Pool.

RECIPE FOR LIFE

Bennington, Okla.—(U.P.)—George A. Tartar says "poke salad, turnip greens and corn bread, not vitamins," helped him to celebrate his 100th birthday. Tartar says another secret of long life is "always leave the table just a little bit hungry." He believes that "is what has given me a strong constitution."



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