

Bowmer And Company Delight Audiences With "Street Scene"

Ashland, Feb. 18—The Southern Oregon college production of "Street Scene" played for the last time Saturday night after showing to three near-capacity audiences.

Angus L. Bowmer, associate professor of English at the college, directed his large cast of nearly 60 persons in a production that may be called his recent dramatic effort outside the Shakespearean festival. Capable acting was combined with handsome stage settings that should have been seen by every student of the technical side of the theater.

Play Story Described
Elmer Rice's Pulitzer prize play is the story of sordid racial and sexual tensions in a dumpy New York tenement district. The stage must be peopled with a couple score of widely varied and antagonistic characters, most with strong, aggressive personalities. It is a play to tax the capabilities of professionals and the fact that Bowmer has done such a fine job with amateurs is quite a tribute to his skill.

Make-up, supervised by Frank Buchter and Jerry McDougall, and costumes, handled by Kathleen Davies, were eminently successful. In no other way, surely, could Bowmer have placed such an aggregation of slovenly and unattractive people on one stage.

In the acting department Friday night, probably the outstanding performances were those turned in by Mille Vest and Frank Buchter, for sheer polish; Keith Hopkins and Trubee Bell, for sincerity and depth of feeling; and by Clare Daniels, Katherine Ingle and Tony Shively for their poise and smooth stage presence.

Others in Cast
Others who alternately hung out the windows and lolled on the steps of the three-story brownstone tenement house that Jack Beardsley built in the Churchill hall auditorium were Herbert Shepherd, Virginia Perry, Peter Cotton, John Lance, Keith Krambeal, Tom Chapman, Barbara Lewis, Barney Bussey, Phyllis Freeman, Barbara Messenger, Mary Jane Farr, Vivian Stevenson, Kermit Thomas, George Bell, Lotna Jager, Fred Whited, Paul Adams, Dean Karre, Bob Hagen, Ted Gordon, Dean Seeger, Lee Goorte, Delora Hedlund, Pat Malone, Kathy Ingle, Bob Stedman, Lee Goode, Richard Kenaston, John Heilbronner, Norma Snell, Diane Morey, Dave Ring, James Junden, Darrel Nicholas, Alice Hardage and a Mr. Doll.

Properties were handled by Rudy Vest, lights by Douglas Dondson and stage manager was Fred Whited.

Added together, their talents produced rare, brisk-paced entertainment. There were flaws, of course—it was an amateur

production—but they were not damaging.—B. F.

Manager Changes Are Announced By Medford Stations

Jimmy Dunlevy will become manager of the Mail Tribune radio station, KYJC, effective Monday, succeeding Pete Watts



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who has accepted the general management of Radio Station KMED. Watts has been manager of KYJC for the past year, coming here from Los Angeles. Barney Cooney, recently from Honolulu, will be sales manager at KMED and Bill Hansen, formerly a salesman at KYJC will join the KMED staff as engineer and announcer.

Dunlevy, a former resident of Akron, Ohio, has had considerable experience in radio and theatrical work. He handled special events for Station WDAC before the war and came to Camp White here with the 353rd Engineers in November of 1942. He was transferred to the Post Public Relations staff where he became chief of section, editing the weekly Camp White Grenade and producing three half-hour radio shows weekly.

Upon his discharge Dunlevy returned to Medford to accept a place on the KMED staff. He has been commercial manager of that station since April, 1947.

Rickreall, Ore., Feb. 18—(UPI)—Electric appliance-minded thieves broke into the Farmers Union co-operative store near Rickreall, state police reported Friday. The prowlers took electric toasters, iron and mixers. Nothing else.

London, Feb. 18—(UPI)—The British Film council asked the board of trade to let more American movies into England.

Local DAV Protests Civil Service Change

A protest against the proposed changes in the United States civil service rating system, as recommended by the Hoover commission for reform of the executive branch of the government, was registered this week with the Oregon congressional delegation by the Jackson county chapter of the Disabled American Veterans.

The DAV here said there is much concern among veterans, both disabled and non-disabled, over the proposed rating system since they fear they may lose the five and ten point preferences they now enjoy in civil service appointments by virtue of the veterans' preference act of 1944.

The Hoover commission would eliminate the established point grading and substitute a four-category rating: outstanding, well-qualified, qualified, and unqualified.

Copies of protest letters were mailed to Congressman Harris Ellsworth and to Senators Guy Cordon and Wayne Morse.

Red Cross Fund Meet Stated For Wednesday

Col. Ben Stafford, vice-chairman of the 1950 Red Cross fund drive, has called a meeting for all fund workers to be held in the county courthouse auditorium, Wednesday, February 22 at 8 p.m.

Col. Stafford stated anyone wishing to assist in the drive is asked to attend.

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