

'I Remember Mama' Found Excellent Drama; First Performance Tonight

Though it fails to attain the near-perfection of last winter's "Street Scene," the Southern Oregon college production of "I Remember Mama," which had its final dress rehearsal Wednesday and opens tonight, is fine entertainment, well presented. Once more the drama department at the college shows its metal and the excellence of its direction. Angus Bowmer has taken college students from the local campus and other local actors and turned them into a convincing group of Norwegian immigrants. The cast manages to capture all the homespun poignancy of Van Druten's story with only a few lapses into mediocrity.

Giant Mushroom Found by Local Men While Fishing

Two Medford men, H. L. Woods and Dwight Houghton, found a giant mushroom near Williams creek while fishing this week. The big fungus weighed 16 and a quarter pounds, was fourteen inches in diameter, and had a circumference of three feet eight inches. The finders believe it to be a calvatia maxima mushroom, or giant puffball. It is edible and said to be delicious when sliced and fried like steak. It is white and grows on the ground in meadows, pastures or forest, and has no stem, cap or gills. It has a white meat somewhat similar in appearance to ice cream. Another name for the mushroom is "Devil's snuffbox," so called because in the final stages of maturity it becomes dry and brown, and if broken sends out millions of tiny spores. As other fungi, it is related to molds and yeast. Although the variety is edible, experts point out that some other varieties of wild mushrooms are poisonous, and that amateurs should not take a chance on eating wild mushrooms without expert advice.

Ken Carpenter Okays All-Star Game Role

Corvallis, Ore., May 11—(U.P.) Ken Carpenter, Oregon State college's all-coast halfback, said today he has accepted an invitation to play for the College All-Stars August 11 at Chicago. The college team will meet the world champion Philadelphia Eagles at Soldiers field. He will report to Delafield, Wis., July 21, for practice. Corvallis, Ore., May 11—(U.P.) For the first time night commercial airplane flights will be possible at the Corvallis municipal airport when night lighting installations are completed for use by May 20. Delayed arrival of some essential parts has held up completion of the facilities.

ing her up is 14-year-old Norma Shell, a Medford high school girl, who plays the part of Catrin, Mama's precocious daughter and narrator of the play. The demanding role keeps Miss Shell on the stage and talking throughout the long play and she handles the job without a falter and with a skill unusual in such a youthful actress.

Anyone who has seen many of Bowmer's productions on the Ashland campus will be shocked to see Trubee Bell, the drama department's most noteworthy pin-up girl, covered from head to toe in the dowdy garb of an old woman. She whines about in the part of Aunt Cigrid without once disclosing that she is also capable of more eye-appealing roles.

Bowmer has taken the part of Uncle Chris, the pugnacious old tyrant with a soft heart and a mistress. No one but the famed director himself could have made the character so understandable.

Juvenile roles in the play, fortunately, were assigned to juveniles. They are well handled by Mary Jane Farr and Vivian Stevenson. Competent performances are also turned in by Fred Withed, Ruedi Vest, George Bell, Virginia Perry, Rosemary Ring, Lee Goode, Don Berg, Mildred Vest, Ruth Pafford, Anne Fullerton and Judy Ward.

Last night's dress rehearsal went off without interruption except for the untimely disappearance of Uncle Elizabeth, a scroungy tomcat who also has an important part in the play. About midway in the performance he crawled into the black depths under the Churchill hall stage and has not been heard from since.

Theater-goers who attend the play tonight, Friday and Saturday nights will find, in addition to a fine cast, a handsomely designed set, good lighting and fair makeup. Curtain time for each performance is 8:20 p. m. and tickets will be on sale at the door.—B. F.

Pacific University Music Festival To Draw 350 Performers

Forest Grove, Ore., May 11—The third annual Music in May festival at Pacific university was expected to draw 350 Oregon and Washington musicians today through Saturday from 47 communities.

Guest performers during the festival include Dixie Whitmore, Washington state champion baton twirler, and the Tempo Four, a male quartet from Arlington, Wash.

A mass band will be directed by Wallace Hannah, supervisor of music in Vancouver, Wash., public schools.

Ray Clark To Speak At Realty Board Here

Ray Clark, manager of the Medford hotel and chairman of the chamber of commerce tourist and convention committee, will speak at the regular Friday noon luncheon of the Medford Realty board.

C. Lyall Fidler, president of the local board, accompanied by Mrs. Fidler, will conduct a real estate sales clinic in Klamath Falls Friday for a district meeting of realty boards in that area.



(Acme Telephoto) FLOOD RESCUE—Willard Dubuque hands his two-year-old daughter, Ellen, to her mother standing in Minnesota National Guard duck which was used to evacuate the family from their flooded home in Crookston, Minn. The Dubuques had been trapped in the house for two days. Half the homes in Crookston are either flooded or surrounded by water.

Relief Fund Raised For Canadian Town

A \$100 relief fund has been raised for people of Rimouski, Canada, which suffered a disastrous fire last week, by employees of three associated lumber firms here.

Workers and management at the Kogap Lumber Industries, M. and M. Planning mill, and Lausmann Lumber company, made up the fund through donations during the lunch hour Tuesday. Gene Champagne, French-Canadian sawmill superintendent, made the suggestion, and collection of the fund was immediate and voluntary.

In a telegram to Mayor Marcel Catellier of Trois Pistoles, Quebec, the firms said "All of us send our deepest sympathy to the people of Rimouski."

STATE MEN VISIT

Camp White, May 11—Bill Gaarenstroom, director, and Robert Woody of Oregon's department of veterans affairs, visited at the center Wednesday. Conferences were held with Manager Paul Hatton, Roy Anderson, executive officer, and Ralph Ruffin, domiciliary officer, in the morning. After finishing their business here they left for Grants Pass where they were to attend a luncheon and meet with veterans committees in that district. Gaarenstroom has the entire state under his supervision. Woody is the field man for Lane, Coos, Curry, Douglas, Josephine and Jackson counties. Both are veterans of World War II.

Klamath Publisher Speaks at College

Ashland, May 11—Frank Jenkins, Klamath Falls newspaperman, spoke at the Southern Oregon college assembly Wednesday. Jenkins said that we should be more informed about Russia and Russian policies. We've been making many mistakes about that country, he said.

Fear of other countries and of her own inefficiencies is driving the Russians in their quest for world domination, Jenkins said, and Russia's fears consist of her industrial backwardness and the fear that communism cannot last, he added. If we in America can forestall the pulling of the trigger, such as Sarajavo in 1914 and Pearl Harbor in 1941, a revolt of the communist masses will probably take care of communism, in his opinion. On the other hand, Jenkins warned that we in America must not develop a fear complex, but must work to become more efficient in government, industry and social attitudes.

Cats, valuable mousers from time immemorial, had a ceiling price during the 10th century. The price list was issued by the Welsh king, Howell the Good. It provided that a new-born kitten rated one penny; an inexperienced one, twopenny, and a cat with a mouse already in its credit, fourpenny.

Salem, Ore., May 11—(U.P.) Lewis and Clark won five of seven tennis matches in a dual meet with Willamette university Tuesday.

'Bell' Ceremonies To Be Arranged at Monday Meeting

Heads of service clubs, trades unions and other group leaders will meet Monday at 7:45 p. m. at Leonard's Electric store to discuss plans for display of the Oregon Liberty Bell which will arrive in Jackson county on May 24.

According to Morris Leonard Sr., county chairman of the savings bond committee, present schedule for the Oregon Liberty Bell will bring the patriotic emblem to the city of Rogue River at 8:45 a. m. on May 24. After a half hour on display there the truck carrying the bell will proceed to Gold Hill and Central Point and will reach Medford about 10 a. m.

In Medford the bell will visit the various schools for brief periods before being hauled to Phoenix, Talent and Ashland. Plan Street Display

After spending the afternoon in the southern end of the county the Oregon Liberty Bell will be returned to Medford for display on the streets between 6 and 7 p. m.

County Chairman Leonard has announced that Col. H. J. Meiring will be in charge of the guard of honor during its stay in the county. In addition to the guard of honor there will be a color guard and seniors from various high schools of the county will be chosen through County School Superintendent C. R. Bowman to accompany the bell on its itinerary.

Drive Starts May 15

The coming of Oregon's Liberty Bell is in connection with the state's participation in the savings bonds drive. The 50-day campaign will open with a tap of the clapper at a special ceremony in Pendleton on May 15. Umatilla county was selected as scene of the formal opening of the drive effort because it had the best sales record among Oregon's thirteen largest counties in the Opportunity Drive of 1949.

After the opening ceremonies at Pendleton the bell will continue on its state tour. Jackson county's quota in Oregon's \$5,892,000 E bond drive will amount to \$150,000, according to Chairman Leonard.

Capitol Building Will Be Open for Tourist Inspection

Salem, Ore., May 11—(U.P.) Oregon's capitol building will be open Sundays for tourists beginning next Sunday, May 14. James McGilchrist, capitol guide, said today.

It's a summer-time practice. The building will be opened Sunday from 10 a. m. to 5 p. m. Mary Lee, Willamette university junior, will aid McGilchrist on weekends.

ROCK NO BARRIER

Belmont, Mass.—(U.P.)—A granite rock forms one wall of the living room at the home of Carl Koch, a professor at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. An architect, Koch planned the room around the rock when dynamiting the ledge proved too difficult.

Thursday, May 11, 1950

MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—ELEVEN

William Kittredge Named President of Oregon Cattlemen

Klamath Falls, Ore., May 11 (U.P.)—Delegates to the 37th annual Oregon Cattlemen's association convention yesterday elected William "Bill" Kittredge of Klamath Falls president and reelected Harry Stearns of Prineville as vice president.

Pat Cecil of Burns was named second vice president. Kittredge is said to be the largest individual cattle operator in the state.

Juniors To Appear in New Uniforms Monday

Members of Bliss Heine's Juniors organizations will parade in their new uniforms next Monday for the first time, and Heine said today that it is important that Juniors attend their classes Saturday.

Two bus loads of the youngsters will make the trip to the Portland Rose festival Heine said, and he reported that 145 persons, from Medford, Portland, Grants Pass and other towns, have joined the Juniors Booster club.

Dead line on Classified Ads: 5:30 p. m. for following day; 10 a. m. Monday for Monday; noon Saturday for Sunday a. m.

CHAPLAIN COMING

Camp White, May 11—Carl R. Pack, Washington, D.C., was to arrive here by plane today. He is chaplain's consultant for the National Lutheran council. Mr. Pack is a former VA and army chaplain.

When it rains, most of the moisture goes into the ground, though it may later evaporate and go back into the air. Only a small percentage of the water, in a heavy rain, will go back into the air directly, by evaporation from the raindrops.

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An OPEN LETTER To Tony

Medford, Oregon,
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Mr. A. A. Lausmann,
Kogap Lumber Sales, Inc.
Medford, Oregon.

Dear Tony,—

Received your letter regarding "DAVE HOOVER" committee for Jackson County, etc., but hang-it-all I am afraid you will have to count me out. I am already on Wayne Morse committee.

It is lots of fun crossing swords with my old friends as yourself, Bud, Ben and the Colonel and I am going to get a kick out of it and, at that, I hope I am not going too far astray. The fact is, Tony, I have surveyed the situation, I think, pretty well and while I do not agree, as you know, with all the things Wayne Morse has done and said, still on the overall National Republican situation I am not going to jeopardize what I think are our coming success for the Republican party by placing some unknown person in the place of one who is highly regarded, in political circles as a TOP MAN. Should Hoover be successful in the coming primary election it is a dead sure thing that we will have a democrat in Washington from Oregon in place of Wayne Morse.

Morse has helped us in the Rogue River Valley tremendously and can get things done that no one else can. His philosophy of politics, it is true, may be quite different from yours and mine, but in this changing world of affairs, who can say exactly what is the best? No matter what others may say I do know that Morse can help us more than anyone else and I consider him one of the Top Republicans in the Nation, altho, perhaps, somewhat liberal in some of his views.

I still love you, damn it,
Sincerely,
WALTER H. LEVERETTE,

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