

## 'Mid-Season Form' By Vining Players In Salesman Play

A small audience witnessed a good performance by the Vining Repertory company in Ashland last night in the first showing in the current series of Arthur Miller's tragic "Death of a Salesman."

Although the Vining performance possibly lacked some of the polish it will undoubtedly pick up in future showings, the cast individually and as a unit came through in "mid-season form."

**Share Acting Honors**  
As usual, Richard Graham, in the role of the blustering but frightened Willy Loman, turned in a fine performance. However, he shared honors with the other three leading members of the cast—Elmarie Wendel, as Willy's faithful and trusting wife, Linda; and Brad Curtis and Eddy Barron, as Willy's worthless sons, Happy and Biff.

Miss Wendel in particular gave a deep and understanding portrayal of her role. It is possibly her best part in the spring series, and last night she took full advantage of what the part has to offer, both to her and to the audience.

While the four leading parts, particularly those filled by Graham and Barron, call for a great deal of physical and vocal stamina on the part of the actors, it was notable that the performance maintained a steady pace and high dramatic level throughout.

Charley, Willy's only real friend, and Bernard, Charley's son, were especially played by Angus L. Bowmer and Phillip Hanson. Other members of the cast include Barbara Curtis, Franklin Reed, H. Paul Kliss, Suzanne LaMarre Hanson and Clara Margaret Daniels.  
The play is directed by Kliss.

## SOC Faculty Members Survive Follies Show

Ashland—Faculty members at Southern Oregon college emerged from last night's opening performance at the third annual faculty follies bearing only minor abrasions and contusions, Director Leon C. Mulling reported today.

"The audience was very solicitous and refrained from throwing anything that would dent the stage," Mulling said. "We'll try it again tonight and still again tomorrow if the staff survives." Curtain time tonight and Saturday will be 8:15 p.m. The program will last from one and one half to six hours depending on the whim of the actors, Mulling explained.

## The Grange

Lake Creek Grange  
Voting for State Grange officers was held at the last meeting of Lake Creek Grange. There were 29 members present.

Merton Bradshaw reported on an article about the agriculture conference recently held at Corvallis.

Lloyd George read an article from the December issue of Fish and Game magazine. The article concerned the Butte Falls hatchery. There were 40,000 spring chinook salmon hatched there last spring. In the winter months the fish require 500 pounds of feed a day, in the summer it is doubled.

Lecturer Willard Cave presented a program which included singing. Elizabeth Davidson read an article on Helen's irrigation problem and Oregon's Woolfolk read the ten points on water. Pomona Grange meets at our hall on Saturday, April 26, at 10 a.m. All members are asked to attend. The ladies are needed to help with the lunch preparations.

The secretary's report showed all dues paid for the year 1952. Next Grange meeting will be on May 8 at 8 p.m.



**HOPE IT DOESN'T RAIN**—Returning to salvage belongings he had stored in his attic, this homeowner had to chop a hole in the roof to retrieve the articles. The house is located near the flooding Missouri River five miles south of Council Bluffs, Iowa.

## Hot Coffee, Meals Served Flood Crews

Omaha—U.P.—It takes 100,000 cups of hot coffee, 15,000 hot meals and 30,000 sandwiches every day to feed a grimy, exhausted army of 15,000 flood workers.

"I've signed so many food bills my arm is about worn out," said Maj. E. A. Moyer of the Salvation Army.

**\$150,000 Spent in Week**  
His organization and the Red Cross have spent about \$150,000 in the last week to feed crews of men fighting the greatest Missouri river flood known.

The agencies, bolstered by more than 300 volunteers a day, have been tirelessly preparing and trucking food to levees in deserted Council Bluffs, Ia., and East Omaha.

Twelve mobile Red Cross units in Omaha prepare 7,000 hot meals and 6,000 sandwiches a day. Across the river the Red Cross spends \$8,000 a day.

**Potato Chips Used**  
The Salvation Army passed out 10,000 potato chips Thursday along the dikes in Council Bluffs "just to give the boys

something to nibble on." The hungry sandbaggers gobbled them in a few hours.

The Salvation Army in Omaha slaps bologna on buns like levee workers stack sandbags on dikes.

Five-thousand pounds of cold meat, as much cheese and some chicken and turkey are used each day.

Female students and evacuated housewives stand in front of cluttered work tables and spread 60 gallons of mayonnaise and 40 gallons of mustard on 2,500 loaves of bread a day.

## DAR Concludes 61st Convention

Washington—U.P.—The Daughters of the American Revolution wind up their 61st Continental Congress Friday with a White House tour and the traditional closing banquet.

President General Mrs. James B. Patton was scheduled to adjourn the convention after a final report from the DAR resolutions committee and installation of seven new vice presidents general.

**Delegates Vote**  
Of the 2,000 voting delegates attending the convention, 1,893 voted for the new vice presidents general and one new honorary vice president general.

Each candidate needed at least 952 votes to be elected.

One passing that mark was Mrs. C. Edward Murray, Trenton, N. J., who received 984 votes and defeated Mrs. Arthur Rowbotham, Salem, Va., for the life-time post of honorary vice president general. Mrs. Rowbotham received 767 votes.

## 'Lullaby Time' Radio Show To Begin Today

First presentation of "Lullaby Time," a new KYJC program sponsored by the Toy House, will be heard at 5:45 p.m. today. The time was incorrectly given as later in an advertisement yesterday.

The program is designed for boys and girls, and will feature stories, music, poems and letters from listeners. It is scheduled for 5:45 p.m. as a "quieting-down" time for children before the dinner hour.

**CLUB ELECTS**  
Ashland—Paul Adams, Grants Pass, was elected president of the Oregon History club at Southern Oregon college at a meeting held this week. Frank Koch, Central Point, was named vice president and Madge Beeson, Lakeview, chosen secretary-treasurer. Dr. Arthur S. Taylor, professor of social science is club advisor.

Dead line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturdays

## Teen-Age, Adult Farmers Conduct New Experiment

Oklahoma City—U.P.—America's teen-age and adult farmers will gather here May 1 and 2 for a new experiment in farm training.

It will be the national land judging contest, the first ever held in the United States.

Requests for entry blanks have come from 41 states. Entries will be accepted until April 21.

Soil judging contests originated at the Oklahoma Red Plains soil experiment station at Guthrie, Okla., 30 miles north of here, 10 years ago. The state contest was also the first in the nation.

Since that time soil judging has blossomed into international prominence. Other states have patterned schools after the Oklahoma contest and inquiries on its operation have come from 43 states and 17 foreign countries.

In brief, a soil contest sets up methods for judging soil, similar to those used in judging livestock.

Contestants study lay of the land, erosion, and plant growth. They must tell if land is good or bad, what crops, if any, are best suited for it and how it can be improved.

Oklahoma conservationists have worked out a judging sheet that includes eight land classes. Class 1 land is the perfect farm. That type of soil needs no treatment to produce crops.

The other extreme, Class 8, is soil considered so poor that nothing can be grown on it and little done to correct it.

The last includes extremely steep, rough, broken, permanently swampy or barren land suitable for no agricultural use other than wild life.

The contest will include three divisions—one for Future Farmers of America, one for 4-H club members and one for adults. A total of \$1,050 in prizes will be awarded.

Contestants will pick up the latest techniques in land judging in a soil classification school May 1. The class will be held at the Oklahoma A & M college demonstration farm at the western edge of Oklahoma City. The following day, contestants will travel to the farm to be judged. Its location will not be disclosed until the time of the contest.

State and national government agricultural agencies are cooperating with Oklahoma business firms in sponsoring the event. Entries may be sent to the

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—NINE

## Wildcat Truck Strike Halts Construction

Milwaukee—U.P.—A federal trouble-shooter moved Friday to bring employers and unions together for talks aimed at settling wildcat strikes in the construction and trucking industries.

Members of the Construction Laborers, Cement Finishers, Iron Workers, Operating Engineers and Truck Drivers Unions—10,000 men in all—walked off their jobs Wednesday. Millions of dollars worth of construction in the Milwaukee area was brought to a halt.

soil conservation committee of the Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce.

## School Administrators Seek SOC Graduates

Ashland—Five more school administrators visited Southern Oregon college this week to interview prospective teachers, according to Dr. Bill A. Sampson, placement director. They talked with seniors who will graduate

in June and discussed employment possibilities for September. Administrators who held campus conferences were Ralph Jones, Otis Johnson and Lawrence Moffitt, Grants Pass; A. E. Monger, Canyonville; and Bruce Metzger, Oak Grove.



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**SURVIVES AGAIN**—The pilot of the Pan American Airways plane which crashed into the Atlantic off San Juan, P. R., was Capt. John C. Burn, shown above with singer Jane Froman just before their marriage in 1948. Burn rescued Miss Froman in a wartime plane crash off Portugal in 1943. Eighteen of the 69 aboard Burn's plane were rescued and 11 bodies recovered from the sea. Little hope was held for the others. Burn was among those rescued.

## DEFENSE UNITS OK'd

Portland—U.P.—Guy Arrington, Oregon Federal Housing Authority director, said Friday credit controls have been relaxed for construction of 33 defense housing units in the Umatilla-Hermiston defense area and 15 units at Astoria.

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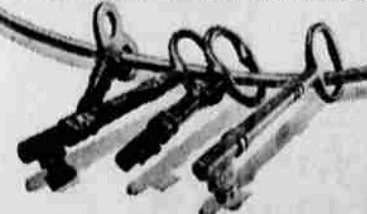
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