

Play by Footlighters Said Inept by Scared Newspaper Reviewer

The task of a newspaper play reviewer, assigned to report on a production by a community theater group, is often not a happy one.

Is he to be kind to aspiring amateur thespians, who undoubtedly are doing their best to present an entertaining production? Or, if the occasion arises, should he tell the blunt and unhappy truth about a play which lacks the elements of entertainment, or inspiration, or even clarification of some current and pressing problem?

New Production
This is the situation facing this writer, which in this case arose out of the new production of Medford's little theater group, the Footlighters. The play, "A Bill of Divorcement," began a five-day run at the Fairgrounds theater last night, with a small crowd in attendance.

It must be admitted that the judgments voiced herein are based only on Act I. This reporter left after the first act, unable longer to undergo the exasperation caused by the ineptitude of the production.

First of all the play is devoted to the religious and moral proprieties of divorce and remarriage, in England, in 1933. These problems have only a remote bearing on situations arising in 1955 in western America. If it is a mortal sin to remarry after a divorce, a large number of Americans don't appear to be unduly worried about it.

Has Little Action
The play is static. It has little action, and its wordiness requires a sensitivity of direction and acting which simply were not present last night. The cast was unable, for instance, to make up its collective mind whether an English accent should, or should not, be attempted, and the result was a grotesque combination of typically English phrases uttered one moment in a burlesque of Oxfordese, and the next in a western American down-to-earth twang.

But why go on? The Foot-

lighters are capable of doing good work—we've seen it—within their capabilities and limitations. They should have a bright future as a community enterprise, and deserve the good wishes of all who feel encouraged that people are willing to work as hard as they do for the enjoyment of themselves and their friends.

But in a time when visual entertainment is dominated by the movies and televisions which are available to practically everyone, it would seem the better part of valor to take a realistic look at the potentialities of a little theater group, which can, in its own field, provide a tremendous range of entertainment, if only it doesn't try to ignore its limitations.

I shall now run for the hills.

—E. A.

Coeds Now Go for Lads With Bicycles

Gainesville, Fla.—(U.P.)—It used to be a mark of distinction for Joe College to have an automobile on campus. But girls at the University of Florida now go for the lads with bicycles.

The university has ruled that cars cannot move between classes, and if a student lives on campus, he is not allowed to drive to class. If he lives off campus, he may drive to class, but he must have a parking decal on his windshield. Even then, if he parks anywhere but in a designated spot his car will be towed away and it will cost him \$5 to get it back.

Now the car-driving students are complaining that by the time they find a parking place their dates have lost interest and gone away with someone else.

HUSBAND CHOOSES DOG

Denver—(U.P.)—Mrs. Garnet S. Robbins told Domestic Court Judge Joseph Cook that she got fed up with the family dog and that's why she wants a divorce.

She told her husband to choose between her and the dog and he chose the dog, she said.

Obituaries

EDWARD CONDON

Edward Joseph Condon, 53, died in a local hospital today from injuries suffered in a fall. Conger-Morris funeral home is in charge of funeral arrangements.

HAROLD SLIGER, JR.

Services for Harold Meldrum Sliger Jr., the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold M. Sliger, who died Tuesday, will be held in Conger-Morris chapel Thursday at 2:30 p.m. with the Rev. Nella LaRue, of the First Church of the Divine in Grants Pass, officiating. Interment will be in Hillcrest cemetery, Grants Pass.

The baby was born in Medford on Dec. 7, 1954. Survivors in addition to the parents, include a brother, Patrick; grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Hontz Johnston, Grants Pass, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sliger, Wolf Creek, and great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Fithian, Grants Pass.

MARY MOORE

Services for Mrs. Mary Leona Moore, 65, who died Tuesday, will be held in Conger-Morris chapel Friday at 1:30 p.m. with the Rev. F. Carl Truex, of the First Baptist church, officiating. Interment will be in Siskiyou Memorial park.

The deceased was born Aug. 27, 1889, in Lantham, Mo., and had lived in southern Oregon for the past 30 years. In 1909 she was married to Harry E. Harold, who died in 1937. On July 25, 1943, in Medford, she was married to Stephen A. Moore, who survives. She was a member of the Baptist church for many years.

Other survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Eli (Avis) Smith, Brookings, Ore.; and Mrs. Roy (Verna) McConnell, Tacoma, Wash.; a step-son, Orie Moore, Medford; a brother, Thomas Bonine, Glendale, Calif.; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

BERNARD BAKER

A Requiem Mass for Bernard (Ben) Baker, 69, who died Monday, will be offered by the Rev. Nicholas J. Deis at Sacred Heart Catholic church Thursday at 9 a.m. Recitation of the Holy Rosary will be held tonight at 8 o'clock in Conger-Morris chapel.



FROM HOT TO COLD—Fireman Ed Hansen looks like a human icicle as he takes a breather while fighting fire in Chicago. Spray from hoses sheathed the smoke-eaters in coats of ice as they battled blaze in sub-zero weather.

Used Newspapers Made Into Containers

South Portland, Me.—(U.P.)—A machine that turns used newspapers into high-value containers has been developed here by a firm specializing in research on molded pulp products.

The machine cooks used newspapers into a thick soup, dries it to a pulp and squeezes the pulp into a variety of shaped containers.

Interment will be in Siskiyou Memorial park. Pall bearers will be Lyle Rogers, Paul Newcomb, Henry Hubert, Edward Fogel, Roy Dell and Jake Peters.

The deceased was born Jan. 1, 1886, in Westphalia, Ia. He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic church. On Oct. 17, 1922 in Sublimity, Ore., he was married to Emma Theresa Hendricks, who survives.

Other survivors include a son, Harold, Medford; two brothers, Joseph, Missouri, Ia., and George, Seaside, Ore., and five grandchildren.

Local and Personal

At Osteopathic—Mrs. Oscar Anderson, 218 Winema way, is a medical patient at Osteopathic hospital, attendants said today.

VFW Rifle Meet—The VFW Rifle and Pistol club will meet tonight at 8 o'clock in the VFW hall in a regular session.

Hospitalized—Mrs. F. Corning Kenly, Jacksonville-Phoenix highway, is at Sacred Heart hospital for medical care, attendants said today.

Youth Jailed—A 17-year-old Portland youth was placed in the Jackson county jail last night on a charge of parole violation, according to records in the sheriff's office.

Bike Stolen—A bicycle belonging to John William Harvey, 323 North Berkeley way, was reported stolen from the Medford Police Athletic league club, 3 West Sixth st., last night, according to city police.

Car Abandoned—A vehicle registered to J. Q. Adams, 255 Granite st., Ashland, was found abandoned in Medford yesterday on South Fir st., according to city police. The car was believed stolen from Ashland, police said.

Pleads Guilty—James Ernest Porter, 38, of 425 North Grape st., pleaded guilty today to a charge of driving while intoxicated and was fined \$100 and sentenced to 10 days in jail, subject to suspension later, city police reported. He was committed in lieu of payment.

Accident—Two vehicles were involved in an accident yesterday at the intersection of North Fir and West Third sts., according to city police. One driver, Dorothy Mae Pitts, 915 Queen Anne ave., was cited for failure to yield the right of way, police said. The other driver was F. E. Petty, 31½ North Main st., Ashland.

CP PTA—Members of the Central Point Parent-Teachers association will meet Thursday, Feb. 3, at 3:30 p.m., in the junior high school library. H. P. Jewett, superintendent of schools, will speak on "Our School Housing Problem." A Founders day tea will be held and past presidents of the unit will be introduced. Refreshments will be served by mothers of fourth grade students.

Attend Funeral—Mrs. Frank Fairweather, Dark Hollow rd., and Mrs. Gladys Loyd, Carthage court, returned home late last night after being in Yakima, Wash., to attend the funeral for their youngest sister, Mrs. Lawrence Purdin. Mrs. Purdin died unexpectedly Thursday morning at Monmouth, Ore. Mrs. Fairweather and Mrs. Loyd left here Thursday morning. The funeral was Monday.

At Sacred Heart—Several new medical patients were reported today at Sacred Heart hospital. They are Paula Mitchell, 2 months, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Mitchell, 306 Hamilton st.; Fred Bortz, 1512 North Riverside ave.; Andrea Kay Phipps, 652 West Second st.; Ellsworth E. Halfhill, South Pacific highway; and Sam Naumes, 3 son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Naumes, 620 Oakdale dr., all are listed as medical patients.

Mercy Flights Patients—Two Grants Pass veterans, Albert B. Stewart and William G. Floyd, were flown to Portland for treatment at the Veterans Administration hospital this morning. The flight was made in the Mercy Flights twin-engine air ambulance plane with Lee Flink as pilot. The plane left here at 10:50 a.m., and was to arrive in Portland at about noon. The patients were the 315th and 316th carried by the non-profit corporation's planes.

Huge Cougar Killed
Near Klamath Falls.
Klamath Falls—(U.P.)—Merle Huntley, who farms near here, today reported tracking and killing the largest cougar seen in these parts in several years.

The big cat measured an even seven feet from its nose to its tail. It weighed 127 pounds, and its jaws were more than four inches wide.

Huntley said the animal was treed on the slopes of Goodwood mountain after a six-hour chase.

Daily Weather Report

FORECASTS
Medford and vicinity: Clearing and colder tonight with low near 24. Considerable fog Thursday morning. Fair and a little warmer during afternoon with high 45.
Western Oregon: Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday. Patches of valley fog tonight and Thursday morning. Colder tonight but a little warmer Thursday. Low tonight 28-36, except 24 in southern interior. High Thursday 42-52.

LOCAL DATA
Temperature a year ago today: Highest 60; lowest 27.
Total monthly precipitation .02 inch.
Deficiency for the month .08 inch.
Total precipitation since September 1, 1954, 5.58 inches.
Deficiency for the season 5 inch.
Relative humidity 4:30 p.m. yesterday 76%; 4:30 a.m. today 85%.
Observations Taken At 4:30 A.M., 120 Meridian Time.

	High	Low	Prec.
Boise	35	10	
Boston	32	5	
Chicago	32	26	
Denver	48	24	
Eureka	28	17	
Grants Pass	38	30	
Havre	36	27	
Klamath Falls	30	14	
Los Angeles	61	46	
Medford	48	31	
New York	38	21	
Omaha	31	12	
Phoenix	63	41	
Portland	45	39	
Reno	36	19	
Eugene	40	28	
Salt Lake	36	17	
San Francisco	50	37	
Seattle	44	33	
Spokane	36	20	
Washington, D.C.	47	32	
Yakima	41	20	

—Sunrise 7:24 a.m. Sunset 5:26 p.m.

Wednesday, February 2, 1955

MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—ELEVEN

Jet Age Makes Land Near Airports Useless

Chicago—(U.P.)—The jet age will make land near airports too noisy for most uses, according to the American Society of Planning Officials.

"It will be too noisy for sleeping, too noisy for normal conversation, too noisy for work in non-sound-proofed buildings, and too noisy for some kinds of out-of-door work," the society said in a report.

"City and county governments, airport operators, airline officials, the aircraft industries and other groups concerned will have to come to recognition of this fact before any real solutions can be achieved."

The report noted that a number of aviation authorities believe that there is an "inherent alliance between engine power and noise," it is doubtful that the jet noise problem can be solved soon.

WALL STREET

New York—(U.P.)—Industrial issues turned down today after 11 consecutive advances had carried their average to a record high.

The decline was accompanied by a small reduction in volume. It spread to the rails which lost a small amount. Utilities rose to feature the leading groups.

American T & T	176 1/4
Anaconda	52
Chrysler	68 3/4
Curtis Wright	20 1/2
General Electric	50
General Motors	98 3/4
Montgomery Ward	82
Penn R R	24 1/2
Penney J C	85 1/2
Radio	41 1/2
Southern Co	18 1/2
S. Oil of Calif	79
Texas Gulf Sulphur	40 1/4
Transamerica	39
Tri-Continental	26 1/4
United Aircraft	88 1/2
U S Rubber	43 1/4
U S Steel	79 1/4
Youngstown	unquoted

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK

Portland—(U.P.)—Cattle 350. Good choice heavy 27 1/2-28 1/2; feeder calves 20-22; utility calves 18-20; choice steers 12-14; good 8-10; fed heifers 20; utility-commercial heifers 18-20; canner-cutter cows mostly \$8-9.50, few \$10; utility cows mostly \$11-12.50, some above \$13. Calves 30. Good vealers \$22-24; choice \$28 or above; utility-commercial vealers \$13-20; Choice 1-2 butchers 18-20; 3-4 butchers 15-18; 5-6 butchers 13-15; 7-8 butchers 12-14; 9-10 butchers 11-12; 11-12 butchers 10-11; 13-14 butchers 9-10; 15-16 butchers 8-9; 17-18 butchers 7-8; 19-20 butchers 6-7; 21-22 butchers 5-6; 23-24 butchers 4-5; 25-26 butchers 3-4; 27-28 butchers 2-3; 29-30 butchers 1-2; 31-32 butchers 1/2-1; 33-34 butchers 1/4-1/2; 35-36 butchers 1/8-1/4; 37-38 butchers 1/16-1/8; 39-40 butchers 1/32-1/16; 41-42 butchers 1/64-1/32; 43-44 butchers 1/128-1/64; 45-46 butchers 1/256-1/128; 47-48 butchers 1/512-1/256; 49-50 butchers 1/1024-1/512; 51-52 butchers 1/2048-1/1024; 53-54 butchers 1/4096-1/2048; 55-56 butchers 1/8192-1/4096; 57-58 butchers 1/16384-1/8192; 59-60 butchers 1/32768-1/16384; 61-62 butchers 1/65536-1/32768; 63-64 butchers 1/131072-1/65536; 65-66 butchers 1/262144-1/131072; 67-68 butchers 1/524288-1/262144; 69-70 butchers 1/1048576-1/524288; 71-72 butchers 1/2097152-1/1048576; 73-74 butchers 1/4194304-1/2097152; 75-76 butchers 1/8388608-1/4194304; 77-78 butchers 1/16777216-1/8388608; 79-80 butchers 1/33554432-1/16777216; 81-82 butchers 1/67108864-1/33554432; 83-84 butchers 1/134217728-1/67108864; 85-86 butchers 1/268435456-1/134217728; 87-88 butchers 1/536870912-1/268435456; 89-90 butchers 1/1073741824-1/536870912; 91-92 butchers 1/2147483648-1/1073741824; 93-94 butchers 1/4294967296-1/2147483648; 95-96 butchers 1/8589934592-1/4294967296; 97-98 butchers 1/17179869184-1/8589934592; 99-100 butchers 1/34359738368-1/17179869184.

PORTLAND PRODUCE

Portland—(U.P.)—Eggs—To retailers: Grade AA large, 30 doz. \$2.40; large, 46-47c doz.; AA medium, 46-48c; A medium, 46c; A small, 39c; cartons, 1-3c additional.
Butter—To retailers: A grade prints, 40c lb.; cartons 87c; A prints, 86c; cartons, 87c; B prints, 84c.
Cheese—To retailers: A grade cheddar, Oregon, 40c lb.; 40-42c; 5-lb. loaves, 46 1/2-48 1/2; Processed American cheese, 5-lb. loaf, 38 1/2-41c lb.

Farm Market
Wholesale potato prices held firm today following Tuesday's advance; first Oregon city house cucumbers offered to retailers at \$6.25-6.50 for 4 dozen.

Poultry, Rabbits
Live Chickens—To growers (No. 1 quality f.o.b. Portland): Fryers 2 1/2 to 4 lbs., 25c lb.; at farm, 24c lb.; roasters 4 lbs. and up, 25c lb.; f.o.b. Portland, 24c at ranch; light hens, 13c; heavy hens, all wts., 16c lb.; old roosters, 10-11c lb.

Dressed Chickens—No. 1 dressed to retailers: Fryers, 23-26c lb.; roasters, 33-40c; light hens, 23-24c; heavy hens, 26-27c; cut-up fryers, all wts., 49-50c lb.; whole drawn, 48-50c.
Turkeys—To retailers: A grade hens, ready to cook, 48c; N.Y. dressed to 4 lbs., 48c; at farm, 46c; roasters, 40c; Beltsville A grade hens, oven-ready, to 32c; Beltsville toms, 49c lb.; Rabbits (average to growers, f.o.b. killing plants)—Live white, 3 1/2-4 1/2 lbs., 18-20c up; 5-6 lbs., 14-16c; colored, 14-16c; 4c under old does, 8-10c lb.; a few higher. Fresh dressed fryers to retailers, 34-37c; cut up, 60-63c.

Portland Cash Grain

Portland—Prices as reported in the USDA market news service: Wheat, No. 2 soft white, \$79 a ton bulk, prompt delivery f.o.b. Portland; No. 2 white oats, 38-lb. test, Coast delivery, \$38 ton; Portland delivery, \$32-33.50; No. 2 Western barley, \$32-33 ton, f.o.b. Portland; Coast delivery; Soybean meal, \$92.50-93 ton, coast prompt delivery; Portland standard millrun prompt shipment, \$45 ton, coast prompt delivery; No. 2 yellow corn, \$68.75-67 ton f.o.b. Portland.
Wholesale hay prices: No. 2 green alfalfa baled, f.o.b. Portland, \$35 trucks, \$37 rail; Timothy mixed hay, \$36 a ton f.o.b. rail car, Seattle.
Portland cash grain, Tuesday's close:
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Soft white, no rex 2.38
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