



Medford Senior High school students and faculty produced the Victor Herbert operetta, "Babes in Toyland," Friday and Saturday night, and two of the featured characters are shown here in their costumes. Miss Janet Jamison (at left) played Contrary Mary, one of Widow Piper's children, and Miss Donna Lue Pfnister was Jane, niece of Barnaby the miser. Members of the high school choir sang the leading roles.



Greg Milnes, who played the principal role of Barnaby in "Babes in Toyland," is pictured here with Robert Stedman, high school drama coach, as the latter powders Greg's hair to the proper shade of grey. The role of Barnaby was that of "an unsmiling miser." The operetta, first produced at senior high school for several years, was staged with the combined efforts of students and teachers from several school departments.

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High School Presents "Babes in Toyland"



Miss Joanne Martin is pictured here in her beautiful white dress worn for her role as the Fairy Queen. Miss Martin not only was cast as the queen but also helped with stage decorations, making dozens of paper flowers for the arch and a stage tree. When she was dressed and ready for the stage the night of dress rehearsal, Miss Martin took a pot of glue and spent a half hour before curtain time adding flowers to the arch.



Also working hard to make "Babes in Toyland" a success were the members of the high school orchestra who provided an orchestral accompaniment for the songs and dances of the operetta. Pictured above during a dress rehearsal are two players in the percussion section, Miss Leana Bell and Doug Randles, with their eyes intently on Director Allan Lehl.



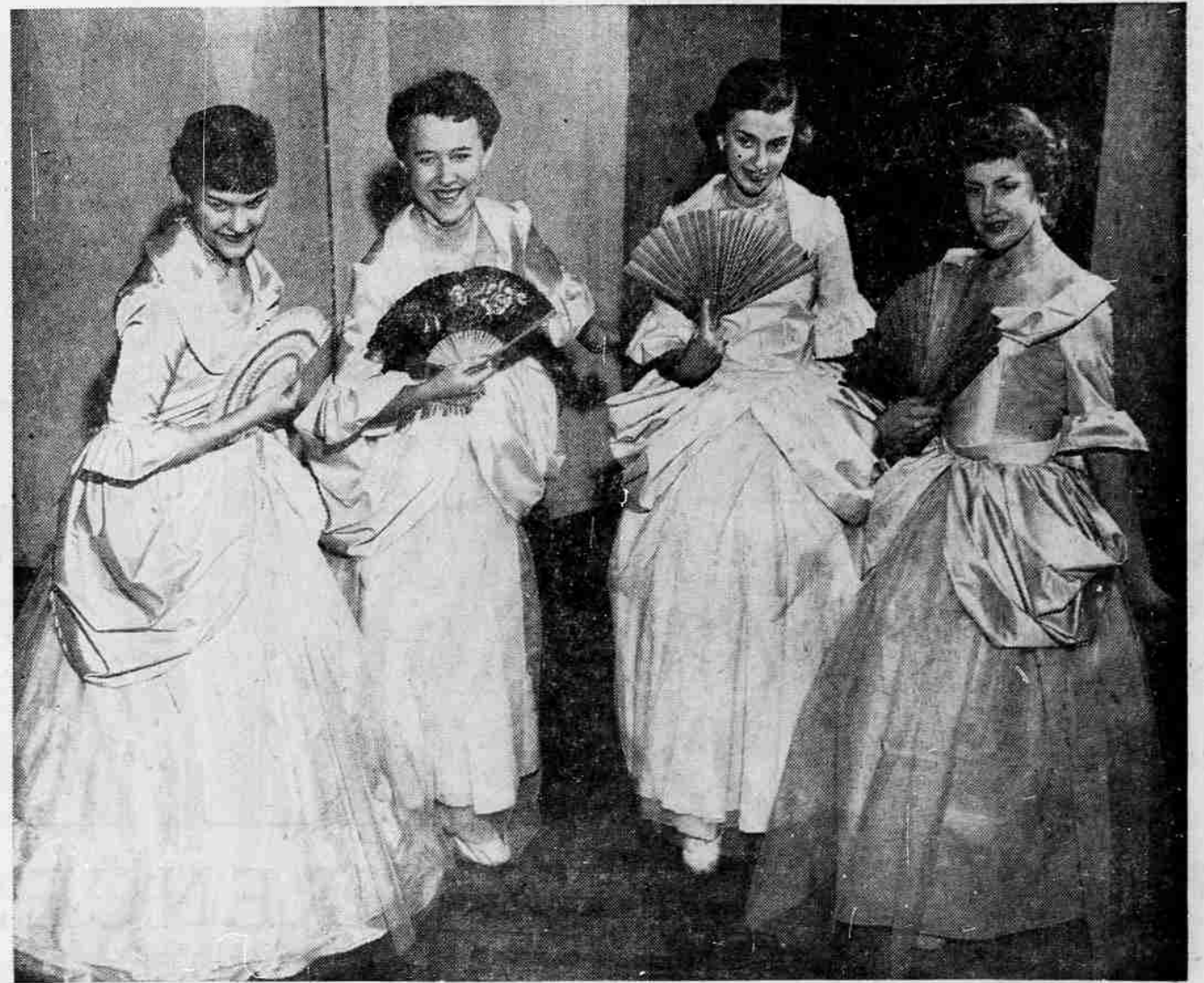
Two of the comic characters in the operetta given Friday and Saturday night at Medford Senior High school were Dave Bosworth (at left), who played Gonzorgo, and Jack Gregory, who was Roderigo. They are pictured with Director Allan Lehl, who coached the two on their song. (Top six pictures by Brainerd studio; photos below by Landis-Shangle studio.)



Miss Jean Brooks (kneeling) of the senior high school home economics department checks the costumes of several leading players. Pictured (left to right) are Mike Brandt, as Marmaduke, inspector of Toyland; Bobby Apple, who played the role of Jack; Miss Carol Denman, Little Red Riding Hood; David Eaton, the Master Toymaker, and Bob Gee who was Alan, nephew of Barnaby, disguised as a gypsy.



Important to the story of "Babes in Toyland" are the children of Widow Piper, who are characters from Mother Goose land. Pictured above in their costumes for the operetta are (left to right) Miss Katherine Gott, who was Jill of Jack and Jill fame; Scott Philips, who played the role of Little Tommy Tucker; Miss Carol Denman, who was Little Red Riding Hood, and Miss Shirley Tisdell, who portrayed the character of Little Miss Muffet.



Wearing elaborate costumes and carrying fans, these four students were the Four French Dolls of "Babes in Toyland." The "dolls" are (left to right) Miss Carolyn Fichtner, Miss Beverly Hogue, Miss Dana Ragsdale and Miss Dot Brickley. In addition to the music, drama and homemaking departments, the elaborate production required the help of Warren Wolf and his art students and Leland Mentzer and his woodworking classes.