

## Enthusiastic Kapers Audience Sees First Of Four Productions

"An insult to you and your intelligence" but "simple, direct and logical," emcee John Pletach said of the Kiwanis Kapers of 1957, "Guys 'n Disguise," at the first of four performances last evening.

Playing to an enthusiastic audience which "got in the groove" with Teen-Age Romance, Kiwanis Kapers was the ninth annual theatrical presentation of Medford Kiwanis.

The show, in two acts, showed in eight scenes during the first act how "a Kiwanian gets to be a ham." Starting at the diaper age and continuing through dancing academy to scouting, romance, college, and into show business, the first act explains just how a ham grows up.

The acting, many times in the aisles, showed evidence of much practice. This acting was at times delayed for the removal of bodies — there were four — all shot.

**Variety of Acts**  
The Kapers ran the gamut in songs, skits, dances, and gags. The acts included entertainment from the Olson and Johnson type of slapstick to a musical act complete with chorus and several numbers.

Many Medford residents "let down their hair" to portray the Kiwanis "babes" and "pupils" in Mad, me Mannerly's dancing academy. Another quartet, impersonating cub scouts, turned juvenile delinquent and sent their "den mother" off in a rocket.

College students "kicked high" for learning in the campus capers. Number followed by two scenes depicting the glamorous world of show business into which the Kiwanis babe had entered.

Six Broadway bums realistically played by Dick Phair, Jim

Sheldon, Ray Johnson, Bob Messelbeck, John Dellenback, and O. H. Bengtson, brought the first act to a close with Broadway Lullaby.

**Vocal Soloists**  
Kiwanians and their wives formed the chorus for the second act and seven men and women were vocal soloists. They were Sally Champlin, Donna Hogan, Ron Rice, Jack Walker, Dr. Abner Clark, Dr. Gerald Dierdorff, and Ed Thomas.

The black faced end men were Ray Johnson, Ron Rice, Jack Walker, Billy Blackstone, Ed Barnett, and Dr. Clark. Paul Selby was interlocutor for the minstrel presentation.

Randy Laferr of Lassen Productions, Pasadena, Calif., was director of the show.

**Lack of Balance**  
The only complaint this reviewer has was the definite lack of balance in the volume of the stage microphones. It is hoped that this will be corrected for future productions.

The Kapers will be presented again Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 8:15 p.m. at the Medford High school auditorium. Reserved seats may be purchased for each of these performances. Funds received from the Kapers provide the major share of funds each year for Kiwanis youth and welfare work. The Kapers will be presented

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## Public Land Near Lapine to Open For Sale, Lease

Portland—The classification and opening of 120 acres of public land, near Lapine, for lease and sale under the Small Tract Act has been announced by Virgil G. Heath, Oregon state supervisor of the bureau of land management.

This is an addition to 240 acres of adjoining land already leased or sold under the act.

The 120 acres is subdivided into 46 individual tracts which vary in size from about one to 100 acres and which have been appraised from \$50 to \$150 per tract. The tracts will be leased and sold with reservations for existing rights of way and proposed access roads 33 feet in width. All minerals will be reserved to the United States.

### Along Highway

The tracts are along or near Highway 97, 30 miles south of Bend, Oregon, and are adjacent to the unincorporated town of Lapine. Most of the tracts may be reached by the State Highway and existing county roads. Access to the remaining tracts will be provided by reservations for access roads.

An elementary school, stores, motels, service stations, and other accommodations are provided for at Lapine, a maximum distance of one mile from any tract. The area has electric and telephone service. Domestic water may be obtained from shallow wells, Heath said.

Details of preference rights, land descriptions, and method of filing are contained in the classification order. Copies of the order will be posted in the land office at Portland; district range manager's office at Prineville; and local post offices and other public office in Deschutes county. Additional information including application forms, may be obtained from the manager of the land office, 1001 N.E. Lloyd bldg., post office box 3861, Portland 8.

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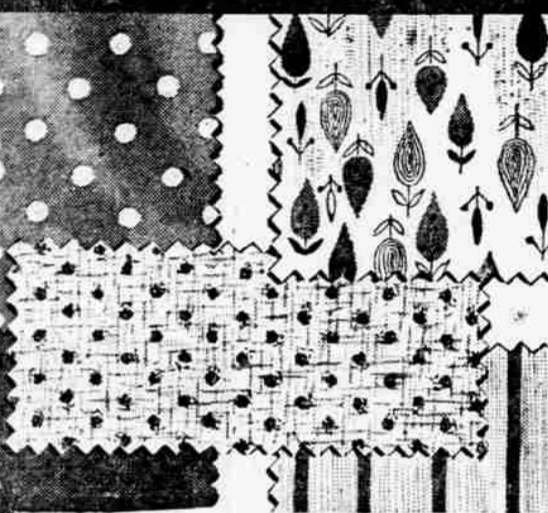
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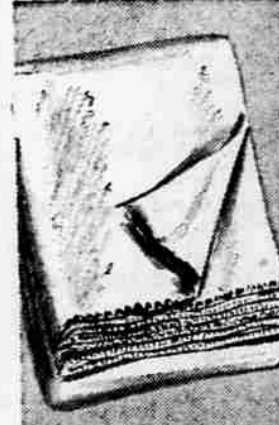
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