

Women's Page

Large Audiences Attend SOC Dramatic Production

Rogue valley residents who enjoy "live" dramatic productions should be grateful—and one—what Angus Bowmer of Southern Oregon college is undaunted by the limitations of a small student body, cramped stage quarters and lack of other facilities. Professor Bowmer selected a play, and then overcomes his problems.

Last week and Mr. Bowmer produced Maxwell Anderson's "Winterset" a stark tragedy based on the historic Sacco-Vanzetti case and one which a less experienced and courageous producer might never have attempted.

To be perfectly candid, the production had some pretty weak spots, but on the whole it was a noble effort and both the producer, the cast and technical staff are to be commended.

"Winterset" is a work of special effort and this reviewer is glad that Mr. Bowmer and his staff made such an effort. Large audiences saw the Friday and Saturday night performances.

The playing of two young men cast as old men dominated the production. These were Rudolph Vest Jr., cast as Ezra, the aged and philosophical father who has the intellect and dignity to rise above adversity, and Peter Lundgreen, who portrayed Judge Gaunt, a jurist who is losing his mind under the pressure of his conscience.

Howard Cain played the extremely difficult role of a young man determined to clear the name of his unjustly executed father, a role which required a consistently high level of dramatic power and experience which Cain lacked. One felt that the intelligence and grasp of meaning was there, but the talent for such an extreme role was not. Anne Cain brought sweetness and pathos to the part of Miriamme, a young girl hopelessly caught in the grip of poverty and despair, but she too lacked the ability to cope with the complexities of the part.

The production was strengthened considerably by the presence in the cast of Frank Pinnock, Lyman Pruitt and Isaac McCauley. Pinnock and McCauley are both experienced actors and they gave solid performances. Pinnock as the dying Trock just out of prison and determined that nothing shall prevent him from spending his last months in freedom, and McCauley as the cowardly Garth, the witness who was never called. Pruitt had one good scene—his death—and he made the most of it.

Richard Pittman, Nancy Jennings, Roy Webb and Dennis

Chris should be mentioned for their playing of small roles.

It should be made clear that such a play as "Winterset" could probably not be produced at the college at all except for the practice of using other than student actors, one which has been in use for a number of years.

Director Bowmer, who designed the setting—an endeavor which took considerable imagination due to the smallness of the SOC stage, was aided by William Oyster as technical director; Otto Wilda, who worked out the Linwood projection which gave the illusion of the great city in the background; Dean Reester, music and sound; Dennis Hanson, who provided violin music and Alice Gentile, who supervised the costuming.

Harold Johnson designed and constructed a "stage wagon" which made possible quick changes in scenery.

Dick Simonson was business manager, Rick Pittman and Bob Hanson handled tickets and publicity for the production.—O.S.

Evans Valley Club Replaces Officer; Plan Picnic Area

Evans Valley — Mrs. Harry Winter resigned as vice-president of Evans Valley Garden club at the last meeting of the organization, held at the home of Mrs. Neily Sund February 27. Mrs. Winter plans to leave the area to live elsewhere. She has been an active worker in the club. Mrs. Ray E. Counts was named to replace her for the remainder of the term.

Further plans were made for construction of a picnic area at the Wimer school. The school board has donated money for grass seed and shrubs, and donations have also been received from the Enterprise Garage, the PTA and from Evans Valley Garden club. The local Boy Scout troop will clear the area of debris and the Evans Valley Garden club will pay for materials to construct tables and benches which will be built in workshop classes at Rogue River High school according to plans received from the commissioner of state parks.

Mrs. Tom Mauchline talked on the proper way to prepare soil for moisture retention, making the job of watering a less frequent one. She also exhibited an interesting line arrangement of driftwood, shells and low growing plants.

Mrs. Wendell M. Stringer discussed flower bed arrangement. She compared a flower bed to a beautiful painting, stressing the necessity of basic colors.

A plant and rummage sale will be held March 23 at the Wimer school. Members have been asked to donate plants for the event.

Roll call was answered by each member stating her most serious garden problem. A discussion was held on each, and solutions offered.

Mrs. Delbert W. Howell and LaVerne Nelson were welcomed as guests. The meeting followed dessert, served with Mrs. Winters assisting Mrs. Sund. Mrs. Stringer, club chaplain, read a prayer. Mrs. John Goldt, president, conducted the meeting.

The club's next meeting will be held Wednesday, March 27, at the home of Mrs. Stringer, with Mrs. Charles L. Milligan assisting. The program at that time will be "Landscaping Small Homes."

League-Supported Bills Explained by Chairman

"Out of the thousand or so bills being introduced into the legislature, the League of Women Voters of Oregon can support only those bills which league's throughout the state have studied and those on which they have reached a majority of opinion."

After this statement Mrs. Charles Ford, legislative chairman for the state league who talked for a general meeting of the Medford league Saturday, then elaborated on those bills before the legislature which the league is supporting as a result of years of study. The luncheon meeting was at Rogue Valley Country club.

Mrs. Ford said the state league is supporting House bills 163 and 171, Reorganization of School Districts and the Basic School Fund respectively; also HJR 8 which provides for the appointment of superintendents of public instruction.

The School Reorganization bill allows for a committee of nine residents of a county to determine the reorganization of the county school districts, subject to acceptance by the state department of education and voters in the county.

The Basic School fund would extend state aid for student capitis from \$80 to \$100 or \$110 per student. This may not get through the ways and means committee because of the budgetary dilemma facing this legislature.

Mrs. Ford said Medford's own representative, Robert Duncan, is on the House ways and means committee, and she recommended writing him if anyone desired to support this bill.

There are many other education bills but the league is neither supporting nor opposing them, Mrs. Ford said.

Meat inspection is desirable, the legislature seems to feel, according to Mrs. Ford, but in this money conscious law making

body, she said the program may be held back for lack of financial appropriation for this particular piece of legislation. Meat inspection is covered in the House by Bills 420 and 117, (which includes poultry and rabbits) and in the Senate by SB 116 which would eliminate remote sections of the state where it would be too expensive to maintain inspection. This latter bill is neither opposed nor supported by the league, she said.

League opposes the reappointment bill, HJR 25, and a part of a civil service bill, HB 274. This latter would tend to close the open door fair employment practice in Oregon, unless altered to remove this possibility, she declared.

A memorial to the United States congress, HJM 6, recommending that no federal foreign aid be given and that international trade be discouraged is being opposed because the league has long supported foreign and increased international trade.

HJR 22, County Home Rule, is being supported as a result of the state league study done on that portion of constitutional revision covering county government.

As a result of this last study, league support is being given to HB 346 which would make the county surveyor and coroner of offices appointive, as well as SB 218 which would establish the qualifications of these offices and working to alter this last bill so it would read to make qualifications equal to that of a doctor of medicine.

A bill that league members as individuals are urged to consider, Mrs. Ford said, is the library bill, SB 134. The league cannot take a stand on this bill, since it has not been studied. However, in order for the state of Oregon to become eligible for federal funds, the state must establish a program through which funds would be allocated for this service which would be matched by the federal funds.

Miss Helen Webster, Medford librarian, elaborated on the provisions in this bill during the question and answer period.

Mrs. Ford was the house guest of Mrs. Fred Carr. As advisor to the Medford league, Mrs. Ford met with the local board Friday night in the home of Mrs. Gordon Mackenzie, 1616 East Main street.

Medford Student Collaborates On Glee Composition

Miss Sonja Peterson, Medford, and Ronald Bernklaus, Canby wrote the music for "In Tribute" the entry of the freshman class of Willamette university for the annual Freshman Glee. The Glee is one of the outstanding events of the year at the university.

The Glee will be held March 16 in the Willamette gymnasium.

Words for the freshman entry in the Glee are being written by a committee headed by Mr. Bernklaus.

The senior class will enter "Alma Mater," a composition by Martin Wolf, Vancouver, Miss Flossie Hodge and Larry Lister, both Portland.

Trying to set a record for winning the coveted Glee banner for the third consecutive year, the juniors will present "Threads of Time," with music by Ron Kingsley, Beaverton, and words by Miss Muriel Miettunen, Molalla.

Sophomores will make their bid with "A Song to You, Willamette" with music composed by Del Cummings, Los Altos, Calif., and words by Miss Margaret Lowe, Kelso, Wash.

Miss Peterson, a 1956 graduate of Medford High school, is majoring in piano but also plays the violin. She is a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority and plays in the university orchestra. A daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Peterson, 2574 Jacksonville highway, Miss Peterson entered Willamette university last fall on a scholarship of Elk Lumber company.

Local Y Officials Attend Area Meet

A pre-induction training program for youths preparing to enter military service and basic questions to be considered at the May meeting of the national council were major discussion topics for officials of 73 YMCA groups in the Pacific Northwest states at a meeting in Portland Friday through Sunday.

Local representatives attending the area meeting were Dr. G. A. Dierdorff, president of the Medford Y, Carl Brophy, Cliff McGinty, Walter Garner and R. L. Jones, YMCA general secretary.

Other discussion at the meeting concerned what the central services of the YMCA should be and what boards of directors should do to secure and retain adequate staffs.

Highlights of the program were reports by Roy Sorenson, general secretary of the San Francisco YMCA, according to Dr. Dierdorff. Sorenson spoke on the YMCA outlook at home and abroad. Discussion meetings on "What We Want Our YMCAs to Accomplish" and "Financing YMCAs in the Future" were augmented by a report from Emory Nelson. Nelson is associate secretary of the international committee reporting on world needs.

Newly elected chairman of the area council was William C. Jones of the University of Oregon. The Medford delegation returned Sunday evening.

Drier Blaze Results In Minor Damage

White City — Central Point rural firemen reported only slight damage from a fire in a drier Sunday afternoon at the Carolina Pacific plywood firm at White City.

Firemen reported that the fire occurred when the water supply was temporarily cut off and the sprinkler system did not work immediately. They were called to the plywood company at 4:25 p.m.

Equipment from the Central Point station of the rural district was dispatched at 5:30 p.m. yesterday to a fire at the Lewis Cox home, Grant acres.

Bishop's Garden Subject of Talk For Herb Society

Mrs. John Holst, Gold Hill, talked on the "Bishop's Garden" at the last meeting of Rogue Valley Herb society, held at the home of Mrs. Arthur B. Kneass, 2535 Stewart avenue, Medford.

This garden, adjacent to the National cathedral, Washington D.C., is world famous. Mrs. Holst illustrated her talk with pictures of portions of the garden, including the section devoted to herbs and the wayside shrine, the peace rose garden given by the emperor of Ethiopia, the fount and the gateway to the garden.

Mrs. Thora Stevens, Murphy, Ore., and Mrs. Ova Grable, Grants Pass, became members of the society.

Mrs. W. J. Blair, Eagle Point, was a guest.

Roll Call brought out new and interesting ideas for herbs and their uses.

Mrs. Lee Thomas, Medford, made an arrangement suitable for a church using helleborus, snow drop and geraniums, with a madonna figurine as an accessory.

Mrs. Walter McLean, president of the society, welcomed the visitors and extended an invitation to anyone interested in herbs and herb gardens to attend the society meetings.

Mrs. Kneass served herb cookies and tea.

Acid soils are nearly always deficient in plant foods.

Badminton Class Announced at Y

Medford YMCA will open its spring activities for women with a free badminton "clinic." Classes will be given in three sessions on March 11, March 13 and 18 at the Gymnasium beginning each date at 1 p.m.

Robert Jones will instruct, and classes will be limited to 24 in order that each person may have a chance to learn the game, it is stated. The lessons are open to any woman, and the necessary equipment will be furnished by the YMCA. Membership cards are not required.

Further information may be obtained by calling Mrs. Melvin Hess, 2-8243; Mrs. Jerril Hutton, 3-5681, or Mrs. Raymond Ayers, 2-7361.

It is pointed out that the classes will not only provide relaxation and recreation, but an opportunity to make new friends.

Duplicate Club Plans Master Point Play

Tuesday evening the Medford Duplicate Bridge club will hold master point play.

At the last regular session Mr. and Mrs. George Rode with 85½ points were first in the north-south position with Mrs. Richard Milestone and Mrs. Thomas Randall first with 77½ points in the east-west position.

Other players and their scores in the north-south position were Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Sanderson, second, 75½; and Mrs. W. W. Stevenson and Mrs. Al Gilhousen and Roy Pruitt, tied for third with 73 points.

Second in the east-west position were Mrs. C. L. Howard and Jack Harris, 72½ points, and Miss Isobel Stuart and Mrs. George Dean, third, with 68½ points.

Mrs. W. W. Stevenson, chairman of the bridge club, announced that \$142 was received at the charity party for the Nation Heart fund Saturday at Camp White.

Women of Moose Attend Meeting In Grants Pass

Mrs. Ray Daniels, Mrs. John Summerfield, Mrs. Harry Finley, Mrs. John Norvell, Mrs. Leo Webster, Mrs. Ted Reaves, Mrs. Dewel Gearin and Mrs. Edwin Thompson of the Medford chapter, Women of the Moose, were guests of the Grants Pass chapter February 26. The hospital committee, head by Mrs. Fred Bacon, was the hostess committee.

The business meeting was followed by a social hour and refreshments were served.

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TV Quiz Winnings Mount To \$80,000

New York — (U.P.) — Teddy Nadler, a \$70-a-week government clerk with a photographic memory, boosted his television quiz show winnings to \$80,000 Sunday night by successfully answering question on the Civil War, ancient history and baseball.

Nadler, a stock clerk at a St. Louis Army post who says he has "read everything" and memorized it all, matched his knowledge on "The \$64,000 Challenge," with two persons who possess phd. degrees, and restaurateur Toots Shor.

Nadler, who already has pocketed \$64,000 winnings, reached the \$80,000 level in a match with Shor when both answered a five part question pertaining to the 1941 World Series between the New York Yankees and the Brooklyn Dodgers.

In addition, he tied at the \$4,000 level with Dr. Austin Ranney, an associate professor of political science at the University of Illinois, and Dr. Thalia Howe, an archaeologist and lecturer in Latin and Greek at Brandeis university.

Roy Youth Selected Outstanding Farmer

The Dalles — (U.P.) — Charles Herinckx of Roy was named outstanding young farmer of Oregon and will represent Oregon at the national competition of April 15.

Herinckx, a 35-year-old dairyman, was selected Saturday by the Oregon Junior Chamber of Commerce meeting here.

Chosen by the Jaycees as outstanding young man of Oregon for 1956 was Ed Harms Jr., mayor of Springfield.

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