

Footlighter's Play Has Fantastic Plot

Medford Footlighters' 1957 summer play, which opened last night at the Fairgrounds theater, is booked as a comedy-fantasy, which is most certainly it. This play by Harry Segall, who must have a fertile imagination indeed, has some exceedingly funny lines and the plot is about as fantastic as they come now-a-days.

Starting out with the not too exciting story of a highly successful stage couple too busy pursuing fame and fortune to bother with a family, playwright Segall embellished his plot with numerous angels, including one who "takes on flesh" and lives among the mortals for a time in order to "carry out the orders of the administration." He added to this the interesting idea of a little girl angel who has been hanging around the stage couple ever since they were married, waiting to be born, and from this he built a play which has some really intriguing situations and some really spicy dialogue.

Wince at Combination
There may be some who will wince a little at the combination of reverence and irreverence, but in the meantime, they will be entertained, and who is to say, after all, what constitutes real reverence.

"Mister Angel" is not exactly an easy play to direct and stage, but it is a challenging one, and Director Frank Buchter and his cast have made a valiant try.

Some of the best scenes are between Gary Heilsberg, Whitworth college student who plays the title role, and little Madelyn Buonocore, who is determined to be born to the parents she has chosen for herself. Both are spirited and determined "angels" not about to be deterred by a few mere mortals.

Experienced, Capable
Clyde Wheaton and Beverly Johnson play Stacy and Lydia Bolton, the husband and wife stage team. Both are experienced and capable, but last night were a little slow in building up the two roles—it wasn't until the third act that these two inter-related characters began to be at all convincing.

Margaret Dix, making her first appearance with the Footlighters, is cast as Daphne Peters, so-

phisticated and suave female playwright. Mrs. Dix, who looks beautiful both off and on stage, makes up in personality what she lacks in stage experience and has one especially excellent scene with "Mister Angel."

Claire Flickinger plays Gloria, a lady angel who isn't about to disobey orders "from on high" in order to help Mr. Angel with his daring scheme, and Les Boardman does well with his minor role of Tony, Daphne's husband.

Late Detectives
Donna Nelson, Jerry Jerome and Jacques Colton are also cast as angels, Dick Kline and Director Buchter are two late-appearing detectives who find they can't arrest one of the Lord's emissaries, and Helen Ashley has a small role as the housekeeper who takes time out to

phone her favorite bookie. Last night's performance seemed over-long, but this often is accountable to first-night jitters and other troubles, and Director Buchter will doubtless speed up subsequent performances. Or the fault may be with Playwright Segall's wordy dialogue.

As usual the audience enjoyed Footlighters' custom of serving coffee, punch and cookies between acts. This proved particularly delightful last night because the little under-the-eaves lounge has been newly painted, decorated and re-furnished and is now a thoroughly pleasant spot. Credit for this is due Mrs. Lawrence Buonocore, mother of little Item in the play, John Raapke and numerous other individuals and firms interested in the welfare of this civic theater group.

Performances of "Mister Angel" continue tonight through Saturday, with curtain time at 8:15 p.m. The theater is air-conditioned and completely comfortable.—O.S.

Mrs. Santo Honored On Retirement from Telephone Company



OPERATOR HONORED—Mrs. Verla H. Santo, center, was honored by friends and employees at a retirement luncheon recently. She retired from 35 years service with Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company today. Shown with her are Warren J. Dunham, district traffic manager from Eugene, and Mrs. Lena Simons, assistant traffic superintendent from Eugene.

Mrs. Verla H. Santo, a Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company operator with 35 years' service, was honored by friends and employees at a retirement luncheon at the Jackson hotel recently.

She retired under the company's pension plan today.

Mrs. Santo makes her home with her husband, Ernest, at 204 Lozier lane. She started with the company at Colfax, Wash., in 1922, and has worked in Eugene, Sacramento and Spokane.

Medford Service
For the past seven years she

Board of Control Approves Bids for Work at Hospital

Salem — The Board of Control Tuesday approved bids covering preliminary engineering work at the F. H. Damach state hospital near Wilsonville. Smith-Phillips Co., Portland, was low for the site work at \$597,500.

Board members said they would soon announce the date for ground breaking ceremonies at the site. Meanwhile they requested the State Highway Department to aid in laying out roads at the state hospital.

To Ask Assistance
In other business the board voted to invite Dr. Martin Kramer, head of the department of biostatistics of the National Institute of Health, to visit Oregon and assist in setting up a proposed system of IBM records for state mental patients.

The board also voted to meet next Tuesday with members of the tuberculosis advisory committee which will study the feasibility of closing one of the state's TB hospitals or converting it to another use.

Aberdeen Plywood Plant Closure To Affect 260
Aberdeen — The Aberdeen Plywood Corp. plant, faced with a depressed market and a recent drop in plywood prices, will close for an indefinite period starting Saturday. Manager V. A. Nyman said Tuesday.

The firm recently eliminated one shift in an effort to stay open. Nyman said he did not know whether the plant would stay in business. The closure affects 260 men.

18th Air Force Chief Pays Visit To Portland
Portland — Maj. Gen. Chester E. McCarty, commander of the 18th Air Force, paid a flying visit to his home town here Tuesday.

Gen. McCarty, who in civilian life is a Portland attorney, was on the West Coast to look over portions of his command. He flew back to Donaldson AFB in South Carolina Tuesday night.

450 Influenza Cases Reported at Fort Lewis
Tacoma — About 450 cases of influenza, probably the Asiatic variety, were reported at Fort Lewis Tuesday. Dr. C. R. Faragher, county health department director, said.

He said the cases first were reported last week.

Seattle — A reduction of from 9,000 to 12,000 in Boeing Airplane company employment will take place in the next six months, according to William A. Allen, president.

Victim by the jury and sentenced to life imprisonment.

Lawyers Map Strategy
In his statement, the bushy-haired Wedler said he entered the house with robbery as his motive, then battered a woman with a piece of pipe, hit a man asleep on a downstairs couch and threw the pipe in nearby Lake Erie.

But Gerber and McArthur said the confession was as "phony" as 24 others given since the murder.

Despite the skepticism of authorities Corrigan and Garmone said they would call a conference of all lawyers connected with Sheppard's defense and map strategy which they hope will free the osteopath.

Wedler said he was willing to go to Ohio to submit to a lie detector test, provided it was not administered by police authorities or Gerber.

"From my contacts with them it would be a waste of time," he said.

Sheppard's Attorneys Hope Confession Will Reopen Investigation

Cleveland — Two attorneys for Dr. Samuel Sheppard hoped today that a Florida convict's signed "confession" would reopen the investigation into the murder of the osteopath's wife.

But their efforts appeared doomed in the face of claims by Cleveland authorities that the signed statement by Donald Joseph Wedler, like his verbal confession, was a fraud.

Attorneys William Corrigan and Fred Garmone obtained the signed statement Tuesday in De Land, Fla., and left immediately for Cleveland. They said they felt the confession "certainly" was enough to reopen the case which resulted in a life sentence for "Dr. Sam."

Authorities Not Convinced
But the two men who headed the investigation, Cuyahoga County Coroner Samuel R. Gerber and former Chief of Cleveland Detectives James McArthur, said after examining Wedler's statement they were convinced he had nothing to do



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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

And news:
Southern Mexico has been shaken by a major earthquake that spread death and destruction in cities hundreds of miles apart. Mexico City, one of the most beautiful cities in the world, was hardest hit. As this is written, it is estimated that 50 large buildings, including some of the city's handsomest, collapsed.

The shocks came a few minutes before 3 a.m., that "dark" hour that just precedes the dawn, when a maximum of people are at home asleep and a minimum are out on the streets. Estimates of the number of killed and injured are still sketchy, but it is feared that the total will be large.

A THOUGHT:
Earthquakes have been occurring since the beginnings of recorded history. But mankind still survives. Nor has man's courage, as displayed in the rebuilding of cities destroyed by earthquakes, been shaken.

I think we can say that as long as man retains his COURAGE mankind will go on to new heights of achievement.

GOOD NEWS:
The National Safety Council reports that highway deaths for the first half of 1957 are DOWN two per cent. And this despite a five per cent increase in the number of miles traveled by America's automobiles. The report adds that if the present trend in driving safety continues a thousand lives can be saved in traffic this year.

It is good news because it indicates that perhaps America's drivers—which means all of us—are becoming MORE CAREFUL. Only by better driving can we hope to keep down the tragic toll of highway accidents.

MORE bad news.
TRAGICALLY bad news. Little Dale Glawe of Moorhead, Minn., CRAWLED INTO AN ABANDONED ICE BOX with a toy telephone and his pet cat. He CLOSED THE DOOR and settled back to play.

His parents missed him, and two hours later they opened the old ice box and found him—dead of suffocation.

THE tragedy arises out of the fact that little Dale's death COULD HAVE BEEN PREVENTED. Man's carelessness had nothing to do with Mexico's earthquake disaster. But if, before this old ice box in Minnesota was thrown away someone had taken the precaution to destroy all the locks little Dale would still be alive.

QUESTION:
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Children's Home Buildings Destroyed

Corvallis — Fire of undetermined origin Tuesday destroyed three buildings, including a hay-filled barn and a milking shed, at the WCTU Children's Farm three miles north of here on the Corvallis-Albany highway.

The blaze started in what is known as the "loafing" shed, where calves were kept. The children managed to save 20 calves.

Officials said it probably would take \$30,000 to replace the structures.

Dormitories, the church and residents houses were not endangered.

Aluminum Prices Will Be Increased
Oakland — A price increase of 1 per cent a pound on pig, ingot and billet aluminum will become effective Thursday, Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Sales has announced.

The report also said that prices of aluminum mill products will be increased approximately 4 per cent Aug. 3.

Theft of Racehorse Lands Man in Jail
Portland — William Franklin Vinson, 39, Pomona, Calif., was lodged in Rocky Butte jail under \$10,000 bail for embezzlement Tuesday in connection with the theft of a racehorse.

Vinson, who is wanted on the charge by authorities in Washoe county, Nev., waived extradition before Judge James W. Crawford.

Deputies said the owner placed a value of \$10,000 on the animal.

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—FIVE

Substitute Teachers Asked To Register

Elementary and secondary teachers who wish to do substitute teaching in the Jackson county schools during the coming year are asked to register with the office of the county school superintendent, according to Mrs. Una B. Inch, rural supervisor.

Registration blanks will be mailed to persons interested if they will call the county office, Spring 2-4424, she said.

Hungarian Refugee Problem To Be Aired

Belgrade, Yugoslavia — Rep. Francis Walter (D-Pa.) and Joseph Swing, head of the U.S. Immigration Service, began discussion today of the problem of Hungarian refugees still in Yugoslav camps. Most of the 20,000 Hungarians who fled here during the revolt are awaiting resettlement.

Rothchild Building At Portland Sold

Portland — Sale of the seven-story concrete Rothchild building for about \$200,000 was announced Tuesday.

The building was purchased by William C. Murphy from Joe M. Rothchild, Arthur A. Goldsmith and William Blitz, according to Stoddard & Co., Properties, who represented the sellers.

LIQUID RETALIATION
Fond Du Lac, Wis. — A man's best friend is his skunk, Walter Brandt, 36, said today. A judge fined him \$25 for running his hot water tap night and day after his landlady ordered the animal out of the building.

Teamster Official Gets Prison Term

New York — A Teamsters Union official was sentenced to 5 to 10 years in prison Tuesday for extorting \$1,700 from two lumber companies as the price for labor peace.

General Sessions Judge John Mullen imposed the sentence on Alfred Reger, 45, secretary-treasurer of Local 522 of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters. A jury convicted Reger June 5 on three felony counts of shaking down the Special Box and Lumber Co., the Bronx, for \$1,250, and the Felter Coal and Lumber Co., Bogota, N.J., for \$500.

Policyholder Payments By Prudential Increased

Los Angeles — Payments to Oregon policyholders and beneficiaries by the Prudential Insurance company during the first six months of 1957 amounted to \$2,748,000, the company announced today.

This compares with \$2,318,000 paid during the corresponding period in 1956. Prudential payments in the United States, Canada and Hawaii reached an all-time record this year, the company said.



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