

10th Annual Kiwanis Kapers To Start at MHS Wednesday

Climaxing weeks of intensive preparation, Medford Kiwanis club opens the curtain Wednesday night on the first of four performances of its music and mirth-filled stage revue, "Krazy Kapers of 1958."

The colorful production, which takes its variety of themes from nine types of magazines, will be presented at the Medford High school auditorium. Repeat performances are scheduled for Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights.

For the 10th consecutive year, prominent Rogue valley residents will sing, act and frolic in a compact two-hour show of gags, skits and dances. The Kapers have been designed to provide an evening of laugh-provoking entertainment suitable for the entire family.

Charitable Projects

Purpose is to augment Kiwanis funds for charitable and youth projects. This year Kapers proceeds are earmarked mainly for support of a county-wide dental clinic service.

Curtain time on Wednesday, only night when there will be a special price for students, will be 7:30 p.m. Showings on Thursday, Friday and Saturday will be at 8:15 p.m.

Scenes of the first act of "Krazy Kapers" are take-offs from eight magazines, "College Playboy," "Esquire," "Ladies Home Journal," "True Romance," "Mad,"

"Sports Illustrated," "Holiday" and "True Western." Act 2, featuring the Kiwanis Koristers, is based on "TV Guide."

Local Talent

All local talent is used in the Kapers with the cast made up to a large extent of Kiwanians and their wives. Professional direction is provided by Robert D'Arcy of Lassen Productions, Hollywood, Calif.

Kiwanian songsters back from past years include Ron Rice, Irv Mirick, Isobel Sicks and Sally Champlin. Taking the parts of singing and capering mashers (end men) in the second act are Kiwanians Ed Barnett, Jack Walker, Edward Sicks, Abner Clark, Tom Anderson and Billy Blackstone. Like many club members performing in the second act, they also have one or more roles in the earlier portion of the show.

Among non-Kiwanian entertainers are Eddie Thomas and Sheila Sherman, who have a duet. Thomas also has a solo number. Betty Case and Dorothy Sanborn are in a song group. From the high school will be Bobby Gee, soloist, and Rosemary Doolen, Sue Hall and Colleen Barr, vocal trio. Local secretaries and high school girls form dance choruses.

First Act Scenes

A couple of the first act scenes generate school spirit with rah rah boys, majorettes, pom pom girls. One has the Rogue River Rockette chorus

line. There are ad men, magazine salesmen, models, government officials and cowboys in the act.

Robert Voegtly, Harry Barker, Lindsey Vinsel, John Weisel, Del Wright, Fred Morlan, Bill Singler, Merle Foland and Frank Perl are among other Kiwanis members in the first act and Kiwanian Dames include Carol Clark, Jean Edson, Polly Anderson, Wilda Barnett, Betty Barker, Phyllis Blackstone, Suzanne Singler, Norma Foland, Lillian Morlan and Mary Jane Dellenback. Others are in dance groups.

Lynn Sjolund, Medford High school vocal music instructor, has been working with the Koristers. Ray Lewis, vocal music instructor at McLoughlin Junior High school is pianist for the show and organist is Mrs. Margaret Brown. A high school orchestra group will play.

Preparations in January

Preparations for the Kiwanis Kapers got underway in January and rehearsals have been held most of this month. A put together was held Sunday and dress rehearsals were Monday for the first act and last night for the second.

Wednesday night prices will be all general admission. Reserved seats for the other three nights may be obtained at Barker's Men's store or at the box office on the nights of the shows.

Printed program for the production features an outer space map.

Science Unable to Find Answer For 'Stiff-Person Syndrome'

By DELOS SMITH
United Press Science Editor

New York—The "stiff-man syndrome" which currently is a fascinating puzzle to medical science, must now be called the "stiff-person syndrome" because a woman has been found who had it—and died of it.

A further addition to the puzzle comes from the woman's autopsy report. It showed definite abnormalities in muscles. Thus, "stiff-person syndrome" had a physical or organic base in her which means a hysterical mental state is not necessarily the most likely explanation.

Drs. F. P. Moersch and H. W. Woltman of Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn., gave the puzzle its name in describing 14 men with rigidity in neck, trunk and leg muscles which made them stiff—and stiffer. No cause could be found, and no treatment worked.

Cause Unknown

Their report was read by Dr. Richard Asher of London and it rang a bell. Then years before he had seen a woman in such a state. Every possible test and examination had failed to show what was causing her trouble which in time subsided on its own, as it had before.

Asher's nurse remembered her name and she was traced to a mental hospital where she had been a patient for eight years. She was a helplessly crippled, bedfast and "rigid and deformed but moderately content provided she was not moved."

The spasms which now and then wracked her stiffened muscles had deformed her body. One spasm had broken her thigh bone. The break was mended with a steel pin. Another spasm bent the spine, and so a steel plate was riveted over the break, but a spasm tore it loose from its moorings to the bone. That's how awesomely powerful the spasms were.

Lost the Battle

Physical medicine had exhausted its every resource. A psychiatrist reported that

"she appears to have satisfied some emotional need in her illness," but found that she was out of reach of psychiatric medicine. Great efforts were made to keep the woman "mobile," to prevent her sinking into helplessness.

Finally, these efforts at "salvage" had to be abandoned. The house physician wrote into the record: "Very difficult and unco-operative. Prefers to stay in bed. As this

makes it much easier for nurse, and as the patient obviously does not want to get better, it is time we realized we have lost this battle."

At length, after a particularly severe spasm, the woman died. The abnormalities in muscles revealed at autopsy were extensive and concrete, and the changes seemed to be primary, without relation to the nervous system.

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Brussels Will Be Site for Cold War Battleground Soon

Brussels, Belgium—A 500-acre plot four miles from this busy capital will be a new cold war battleground between April and October.

Officially, the theme of the Brussels International Exhibition of 1958 is "a stocktaking of mankind's achievements on the threshold of the atomic age."

But unofficially, both Moscow and Washington think of the forthcoming world's fair as a chance to capture the minds of 50 million people—the number of visitors expected at the exhibition.

Who will win the battle?

Russia Spending Big

It is still too early to say, but if money decides the issue, Russia's clinch, the Russian pavilion will cost about \$50 million, double the amount the Americans are spending. Of course, the final verdict on which nation puts its best foot forward is in the hands of the visitors, but there is frankly some anxiety in the American camp because Congress is reluctant to write out a blank check for the exposition exhibit.

By sheer mass, Russia's exhibit figures to draw the crowds. Its severely classical, almost Parthenon-like pavilion is built around a 50-foot statue of Lenin. The building of steel, aluminum and glass is 492 feet long and 236 feet wide. It can be dismantled after the exhibition and shipped home for use as an agricultural hall.

Largest Since Rome

The United States believes the advanced architecture of its circular building—the largest circular building since ancient Rome built the Colosseum—may cancel out some of Russia's advantage of sheer mass.

The plastic roof of the American building is supported by steel cables attached to a central hub which gives the appearance of a huge bicycle wheel 350 feet in diameter.

The exhibition, ten years in the making, has attracted 51 nations, ranging from the tiny Vatican state to the Soviet Union, as well as eight international organizations.

FFA Groups Plan Special Activities

Future Farmers of America members in this area have scheduled special activities to focus public attention on the work of the organization during National FFA week, Feb. 22-March 1.

Locally, members of Jackson county FFA chapters, which include Phoenix, Crater and Eagle Point, plan window displays, radio programs and a television program on Thursday, Feb. 27.

Membership in the FFA is made up of farm boys who are students of vocational agriculture in high schools. The organization's activities are designed primarily to help develop rural leadership and good citizenship, and to stimulate the boy to better achievement in their study and work toward successful establishment in farming.

Jackson county FFA chapters have 140 members. The National Future Farmers organization has 380,000 members, with 9,000 local chapters in the 48 states, Hawaii and Puerto Rico. Membership in Oregon totals about 3,450.

NO MOON TRIP

Providence, R.I.—Prof. Charles H. Smiley, head of Brown University's astronomy department, says he would want to go to the moon after 999 successful roundtrips had been completed. "You might call me a conservative," he commented.

NO ROOM

Massena, N.Y.—Prof. Arthur Ferrante and Louis Teicher had to cancel plans to hold a piano recital at the Civic Music Assn. hall when their twin grand pianos couldn't be maneuvered through the doors of the building.

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School News

Phoenix High School

Edited by Sandy Skinner and Lola Good

Mary Cole was crowned queen of the annual Sweethearts' ball, Friday, Feb. 21. Her court was Carol Clark, senior, and Pat Kidwell, sophomore.

"Wishing" was the theme of the dance. Its theme was carried out with a large wishing well in one corner of the library and miniature wishing wells as center pieces for the tables. A large cupid and heart decorated the corner where the band played. Cake and punch were served. The hostesses were Lola Good, Ella Fay Keeney and Lee Bayne.

Dana Halass and Dorcas Johnson were chosen to represent the Phoenix chapter of FHA at the FHA convention at Corvallis.

Mrs. Evelyn Polas, adviser of FHA, will accompany the girls. They will leave for Corvallis on March 7 and return on March 9.

When the slide rule is used it is often possible to save 90 per cent of the time otherwise devoted to calculation, math teachers say. For this reason the members of advanced algebra are learning to use the slide rule, one day a week. The first lesson was devoted to learning how to place the decimal point in the answer; during the second lesson students will learn the various parts of the slide rule and how to hold it. The fundamental operations of multiplying, dividing, and extracting square roots will be learned in the remainder of the semester.

Pictures and word cartoons were the feature of the National School assembly presented by Bob Wood Feb. 18 at PHS. Wood drew pictures to illustrate the songs, "The Road to Mandalay," and "Casey Jones" while he recited the words to them.

Wood used Wanda Oetken, senior, as a model for a portrait and explained the use of the different colors in the picture.

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Hedrick and McLoughlin combined forces to take second place in the junior sweepstakes (total number of points) at the tournament. Jim Frake and Fred Lorch took second in debate; Jim Frake also took second in after dinner and salesmanship; Suzy Thompson took second in after dinner; Jerry Gastineau was a finalist in salesmanship, and Margaret Childers was a finalist in interview.

Students from Hedrick Junior High school receiving scholastic art gold keys in Portland Saturday were Doris Felkner, Andrea Robinson, and Steve Minnick. Other students who placed and received certificates of merit were Nicki Mears, Donald Ford, Billy Austin, and Chuck McNair.

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The three gold key winners were accompanied to Portland by their art instructor, Miss Catherine Fonken.

There was a Junior Red Cross meeting Tuesday, Feb. 18, at the Red Cross building. Representatives brought sack lunches.

The first lesson in the baby-sitting classes began Feb. 17 after school. This week's lesson was "Child Care," by Mrs. Donahue, school nurse.

Tuesday, Feb. 18, Bob Woods, cartoonist, entertained the Hedrick student body in a National School assembly. By using soft colored chalk, he created many beautiful sketches. Rebecca Rowan, freshman, acted as model for Woods.

The Future Homemakers of America's dance funds will be used to send two representatives to Oregon State college in Corvallis. The representatives are Linda Morlan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Morlan, 1625 Stratford way, and Susan Kennedy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kennedy, 2123 Capitol ave. Mrs. Dorothy Sneed, Hedrick's home economics teacher, will accompany the girls. They will leave March 6, and will return March 9.

The king and queen, prince and princess, and duke and duchess were chosen at the FHA dance, Feb. 14. The king was Kim Griffin and queen was Dayle Stratton. The prince and princess were Bill Ardrey and Barbara Barnum. The duke and duchess were Bill Padgett and Pat Ellis.

CP Junior High

By Julia Rhodes, Jerry Morris, Sherri Sue Jordan, Maureen Mullen, Marie Brown, Michael Redhead, and Janet Hobbs.

Library Week will be observed March 17-21. During this time new books and book covers will be displayed in the library. The Librarians' club has been making book reports during club meetings. Mrs. Helen Custer, school librarian, and club members have been making suggestions for better management of the library. Some members have suggested helping younger children select the type of books they like to read. The members also decided to keep records of the time spent working in the library.

Recent scientific events have aroused a great deal of interest in science lately. The students are reading more about science, making projects, and giving current events reports on the satellites and other scientific subjects. Various classes are having discussions on the scientific problems of today.

The Pointers, the school annual, will be completed and sent to the printer by March 1. Central Point school will have all copy in two weeks before the deadline. The annuals will be received at Central Point school on May 1. Diana Ryan, who worked with the staff on the annual and school paper, moved to California. She received her journalism pin Feb. 18.

Meat cookery is the main interest of the eighth grade homemaking classes. The girls are learning how to cook different cuts of meat and how to serve them. Mrs. Lorna Meyer, the homemaking teacher, has used several charts to illustrate the different cuts of meat and where they come from. The seventh grade girls are making aprons and matching potholders to use when they start cooking. The shop classes of the seventh and eighth grades are doing leather work and are starting to do some copper articles.

With the arrival of several new students, emphasis on good manners has been noted the past week. In several classes the pupils have discussed ways to make Central Point Junior High a more friendly school. Along with this, courtesy and good manners have been given some thought.

The Pointers played their last basketball game last week, and have started track. There have been 11 boys out for this activity, but Don Spinass states there will be about 60 boys out by next week.

On Feb. 20, the Central Point Elementary and Junior High PTA honored past presidents. Mrs. Leo Ghelardi, the president, presented each with a corsage. Mrs. Norman Carothers sang "The Twenty-Third Psalm" and "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes." The fathers entertained with a style show of what the well-dressed man wore from early cave-man days to the present.

Oak Grove School

Reporters: Teresa Lee Gardner, Lynn Taylor, Christianne Ayers, Kraig Parsons, Charlotte Martin, Janice Main, Steve Sandberg, Dane Hill, Ricky Howell, Sandra Withrow, Gloria Rasmussen, Paul Larson, Sandra Rupp, Elizabeth Hover, Peggy Singler, Douglas Black and Beverly Biehn.

Mrs. Dena DeKorte's fourth grade room made a bulletin board in the hallway. It is a marine scene.

Mrs. Knapp and Mrs. Champion took for us. We all like them at Oak Grove school.

There is going to be a PTA meeting Feb. 24, 1958 at 7:30 p.m. in the Oak Grove school gym. There will be a play entitled "And You Never Know." The Southern Oregon Child Guidance clinic is putting it on. It deals with emotional problems of teenagers.

Kraig Parsons brought two turtles to school. Their names are Ricky and Dicky.

The second grade made a bulletin board in the cafeteria. It has George Washington's picture, with his name printed in big letters. There are also some of his life scenes on the background.

Last Tuesday there was a play put on by SOC "Cinderella." It was at the Craterian theater.

This week Oak Grove is having the trees cut down so that the pupils will have more room to play. One of the trees was full of honey and honey bees. Four people have been stung by the bees so far. A cable is used to pull the trees over to where they are cut up. They are using two chain saws. After the trees are cut, the men put the chunks of wood on a truck which hauls it away.

The fifth grade is making cherries and a hatchet out of clay for George Washington's birthday. They are making machines in science and the boys think they may make a robot.

The sixth grade had a weather station for a science project. They made a weather-vane to show wind direction, thermometer to tell the temperature, an anemometer, speed of the wind; and a

rain gauge to see how much rain fell. They made a weather chart to show the condition of the sky.

The fourth grade room has made a bulletin board. The sky is made of blue crepe paper with dark purple and orchid mountains. The grass is a dark green with cows, goats and chickens and all sorts of animals.

In Mrs. DeKorte's fourth grade, we have Science clubs that are divided into three groups; one is nature, another is rocks and the other is astronomy. The astronomy group has a bulletin board of the solar system.

On the bulletin board in back of the room are faces of famous men born in February. We have a game to go with it. One student has a picture and goes in front of the class, he gives clues and the class tries to guess who it is.

In Social Studies the third grade has been studying and reporting about George Washington and Abraham Lincoln.

Last Friday we had a Valentine Party in the fourth grade. We had cookies, candy and pop.

We are proud of the chalk pictures we have made in the fourth grade. They took a lot of work, but we finally got through. We have birds, fish, flowers and a mouse. We made some marine pictures too.

Last Friday we went to an assembly in the gym and saw the chalk artist Bob Wood draw pictures. He had a student come up and drew her portrait. At the end of the program each teacher could come and choose a picture.

WATCH THE FUMES

Chicago—Slow-moving traffic can cause more than just frayed nerve ends according to the Chicago Motor club. Carbon monoxide gas entering the car is increased, and cars from all sides eject the deadly fumes. The club advises motorists to keep their cars well ventilated to avoid being overcome. Such a concentration as found in slow-moving traffic may not be detected until too late.

Sequins, small bright dress trimmings, originally were Venetian gold coins stamped on both sides.

State Gas Tax Is 39 Years Old Today

The gasoline tax in Oregon celebrates its 39th birthday today by continuing to bring the state of Oregon up to \$1,000,000 in tax revenues each week.

The tax first went into effect on Feb. 25, 1919, when the rate was 1 cent per gallon. During the first year the tax yielded about \$443,000 according to H. H. Lage, chairman of the oil information committee in Medford. He said Oregon highway users are now paying 123 times that amount.

An estimated \$54,800,000 per year, under the present 6 cent state and 3 cent federal tax, is being paid by motorists on the highway in the state, he explained. He said this year's income from the tax for the state will be about \$36,400,000.

Mix-Match



9004 12-20 by Marian Martin

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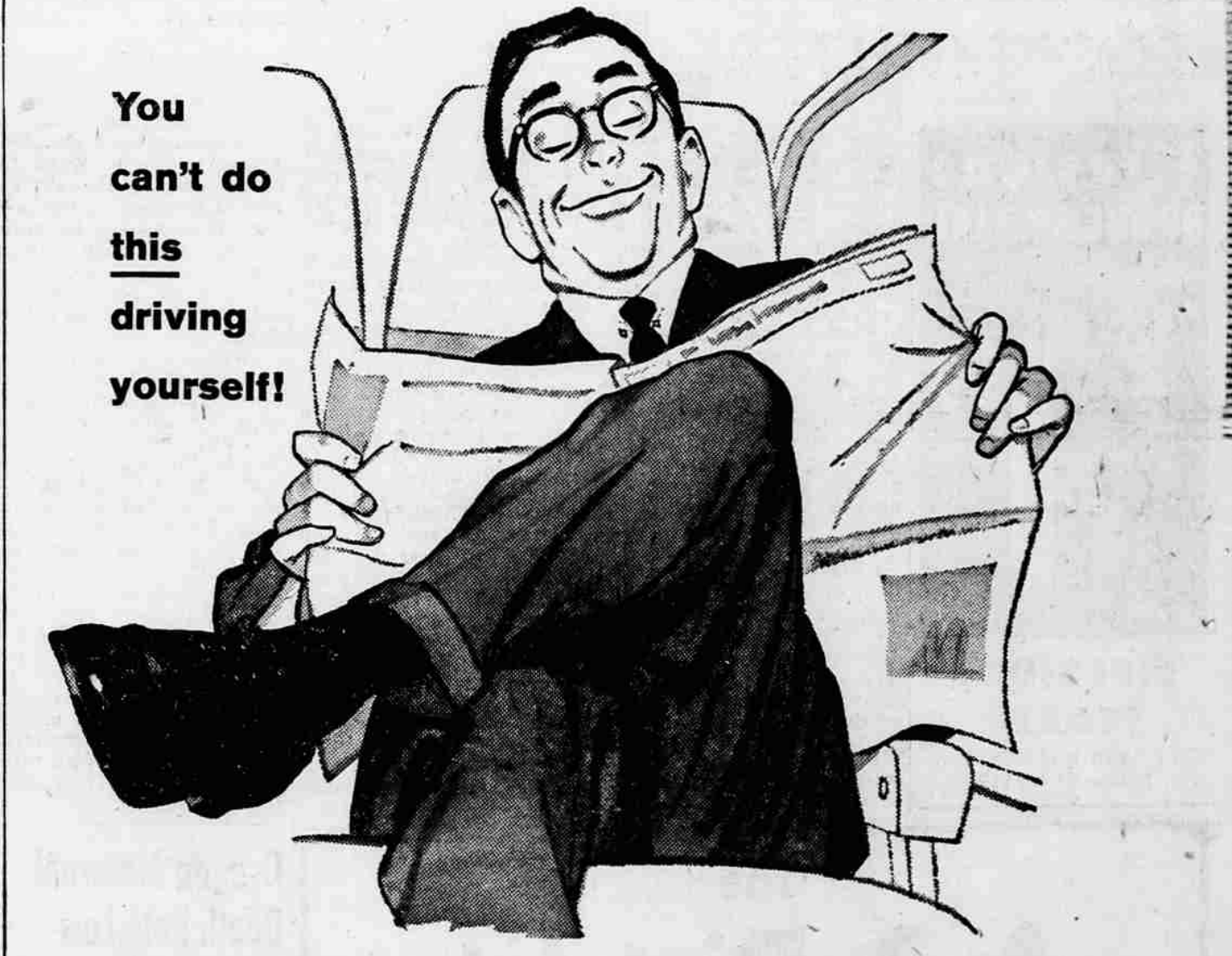
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