

Small, Enthusiastic Crowd See Footlighter's Melodrama

Oh woe! Oh misery! Oh anguish! Oh boy! It's a melodrama and it's right here in Medford.

The Footlighters opened their production of "On the Bridge at Midnight" last night and it was strictly amateur, strictly corny, and strictly for laughs and a lot of fun.

The show, complete with olio and refreshments, continues for two weeks, Tuesday through Saturday.

Will Horatio, poor but honest, valiant but insufferable, finally sell his invention and win back his true love?

Will his true love ever rise out of misery, or will she have to "do the bidding" of that scoundrel with the moustache and the black cape, Mervyn?

What do you think?

Easily Followed Plot

The plot is easy to follow, partly because the actors, when occasion demands, simply step out and tell you what's on their minds.

And partly, as in all melodramas, because the good old villain stalks around three bases only to get blasted at home plate with the final curtain.

"Curses!" he says (of course), "Folled again!"

And so it goes.

A small but enthusiastic crowd was on hand last night and by the final act the cast and the audience both were loosened up and enjoying themselves. Only the over-worked prompter seemed to have a "ough go of it."

Play's Title

The play, directed by Bob Ford, takes its title from the famous line uttered by Mervyn as he flutters evil eyebrows at the harassed heroine.

"At ten o'clock," he says, "meet me on the bridge at midnight!"

Mervyn ("Now comes the dirty work") is made a likeable scoundrel by the capable acting of Thayer Tarvin. Chuck Tucker does a fine job as the impossibly good and hopelessly inept Horatio ("Would she love me if she knew I was but a pauper?")

And the long-suffering young heroine ("Will my hideous past find me out?") is played sweetly and pleasantly by Marianne Samuelson, in her first season with the Footlighters.

Others in the cast are Margaret Dix as the heroine's true friend; Frank Buchter as a cadaverous butler; Virginia Murphy as a comically graceless young girl; Dr. Laurence Ware as helpful Jack Frost; Marion Keim as the local gossip; Marie Pierce as the meddling mother of the hero; Audrey Reiss as a sweet young thing; Dora Horne as the other woman; Charlene Tarvin as an enamored spinster, and Dr. Frank Roberts Sr. as the man who provides the happy ending.

In the olio last night Lenore Zapell did an excellent job with some gay '90's songs and Rosemary Tokay provided soft-shoe entertainment. Melody Pierce accompanied on the piano.

Others scheduled for olio acts are Ruth Kilbourn, Fred Haupt and Frankie Burton. Coffee is served between the second and third acts.

The melodrama goes on at the Fairgrounds theater near the armory and curtain time is 8:30 p.m.

You're missing a lot of laughs if you don't go out and see the villain.

Curses, no more room!—R.A.



Part of the 1,040 persons who registered for the Greenwich Village Art Show last week end in Ashland are shown above as they view some of the more than 200 works exhibited. The show was considered one of the best given locally by the Southern Oregon Society of Artists, Medford.

Ashland Art Exhibition Viewed By 1,040 Persons on Week End

Ashland—More than 1,000 persons registered at the two-day art show Saturday and Sunday in Lithia Park. Called the Greenwich Village Art show, it is held annually by the Southern Oregon Society of Artists, Medford.

Mrs. George Johnson, Central Point, won the popular vote in water color choice. The paintings were Siskiyou Stage, first; Sunny, a picture of a palomino, second; and In the Forest, third. Her Siskiyou Stage work had won the popular vote several weeks ago in the Medford park show.

Mrs. Larry Starks, Central Point, won first place in oil, tying with Mrs. Earl Moore, Gold Hill, in the popular vote.

Mrs. Starks won first place for her picture entitled Strawberry Lake. Mrs. Moore's picture was Eagle Point. Mrs. Moore also won the second popular vote in oil for her picture called Castle Crag, which is painted from a view just south of Dunsuir, Calif. Lakeview Exhibitor.

Visitor from Lakeview who had never exhibited in the valley before was Alexander Zevely, Lakeview, who showed 16 paintings in water color and oil of the country around Lakeview and a large seascape north of Brookings.

More than 200 pictures were exhibited by 29 society members. Mrs. Emmitt Tucket and Mrs. Ruth Tucker were in charge of the exhibition.

An organ, furnished by Purucker's Piano House, Medford, was played by Victor Wrigglesworth, a member and past president of the society. He had an exhibit of water colors at the show.

Among the show's exhibits was a painting by Eugene Bennett, Medford, who entered a picture of the recent Ashland fire.

More pictures were sold during the exhibit than any recent show, it was reported by society members. Among those sold were a picture of Sacred Heart Catholic church called Congregation; Cold Pack, an oil of the cherry canning process; Birch Tree Chalet, an oil; and an Old Indian Woman, an oil of a Navajo.

Among the exhibits were area scenes, stylized landscapes, coast scene, scenes from Germany, portraits, bull fighting scene from Juarez, Mexico; desert country around Indio, blossoms, and other familiar landmarks. Also exhibited was a pencil sketch of an old oak.



Centralia—A Medford woman with a husband and four small sons told us not long ago that all her family traveled to southern California last summer in their Volkswagen car. Yesterday I decided that the friend and her husband must be better at packing their VW than the Young Marrieds. Or maybe they have a luggage rack on top.

Monday Potpourri and the Young Marrieds drove from Spokane to Seattle in their little German car. In addition to the three adults, we had two big suitcases, a hat box, a bag of picnic food, some fresh fruit, the big package of convention literature which we are still carrying around hoping to read, a pound can of tobacco, an assortment of sweaters, jackets and coats, plus a five-month-old Weimaraner dog, his package of food and two dishes.

How anyone could pack more into a VW is a mystery to me. The sturdy little car ate up the miles, up hill and down dale, and we had no trouble keeping up with the traffic. And may we say that the Washington, and Oregon, traffic is something to be frightened about. We crossed the state on the Snoqualmie Pass highway, and there was an unceasing flow of traffic in both directions. Although we did not get into Seattle until about 6:30 p.m., when the homeward bound traffic should have lightened somewhat, there was a solid line of cars in the outskirts of the city.

We arrived at the Olympic hotel only in the nick of time, for the relatives we planned to meet were on the point of giving up the wait and starting homeward. Inquiry developed the fact that the message we had phoned to the hotel—saying that we were delayed, had never been delivered.

This unpleasant fact brought out the story of how the couple from Centralia, in Seattle for the summer gift show for retailers, had discovered when they went to check out that there was no record of their stay in the hotel, in spite of the fact that they had occupied a room for two days. Friends calling the hotel had been told that no Mr. and Mrs. Henry Adams were there.

We had a hotel story to tell, too. Seized with a sudden urge for efficiency, Potpourri figured up her Multnomah hotel bill before we went to the cashier's window to pay our bill. The cashier put a ledger sheet in a big machine, pulled switches and punched buttons and when the red lights quit flashing, out came a sheet of paper which said we owed the hotel \$47.50. We produced our figures and insisted it was only \$41.30. The cashier put the piece of paper back in the big calculator and went through the process again, with the same \$47.50.

So the two of us went through the bill day by day and she figured it up with a scrap of paper and a pencil and said "You're right. But why doesn't the machine figure it the same way?" Potpourri couldn't answer that, and twice more she put the paper through the calculator and both times it came out wrong.

Finally the young woman became very exasperated and said in a testy voice "I would have been home by now if it hadn't been for you! I'm supposed to be off duty at midnight!" We remained firm—six dollars is six dollars, and we weren't about to pay any more than \$41.30. At length she called a young man who said the machine must be out of order, and took our check for the smaller sum. Everyone makes mistakes, someone is always saying, and so do machines, too.

However, we really have no complaint about the Multnomah hotel service. In fact, the management and staff seemed to bear up under the impact of summer tourist travel and conventions very well. Elevator service was efficient, our room was well kept and well supplied, and the hotel promptly filled our request for an ironing board and iron and a typewriter, with no extra charge for the last three articles. At the Benjamin hotel in Philadelphia two years ago, the hotel asked \$2 a day rental for a typewriter.

Washington, like all other western states we know about, has hundreds of motels, some new "drive-in hotels" and many trailers, or mobile home, courts. Seeing the latter reminded us of a bit of information learned last week in Portland from a woman who lives in Illinois just south of Chicago.

She stated that in her small city and in the county, trailer courts are not allowed. Amazed, we inquired further and she explained that citizens of her area, and particularly those who are public officials struggling with tax problems, passed legislation barring them because they believed trailer court families do not bear their fair share of the tax load.

The Illinois woman said that investigation showed that many of the trailer court families, some with as many as four children, were paying only a fraction of the taxes which it took to keep the children in school. So it was decreed—no trailer courts.

Our roadside watching Monday was rewarded with the sight of a prosperous looking farmhouse sitting in the midst of a well-kept and colorful garden surrounded by a white fence. Outside the gate stood an old wagon, painted petunia pink and filled with growing flowers—O.S.

Finland-Russian Relations Discussed by AFS Student

"Finland's relationship with Russia" was the topic of recent communications between a local teen-ager, spending the summer in Finland, and her family.

Miss Carolyn Mencke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Mencke, 2141 East Jackson boulevard, is concluding a summer visit to Kurikka, Finland, in conjunction with the American Field Service international program.

In her latest letter, Miss Mencke presents a background of the people of Finland and their fight to maintain a free democracy. She writes:

Finland's relationship with Russia is more easily understood if you know a little about Finland's history. Its area is about 130,000 square miles, or about the same size as Montana, with a population of about four and a half million. Geographically it is much like Minnesota, as it boasts 60,000 lakes.

About 30 per cent of the people earn their living by farming; but, since the war, industry is becoming more important, the largest industry being lumber. Seventy per cent of the land is covered with forests—mostly pine, fir, and, of course, the Finnish birch. Forty per cent of Finland's lumber is used in the paper industry; but, the shipbuilding industry is also important, as is also the textile industry.

From the years 1150 to 1800 practically every generation experienced war between Russia and Sweden-Finland, which was one country at that time. In 1809 Sweden had to give up Finland for good, and Finland was joined to Russia. That year Finland was declared an autonomous grand duchy of the Russian czar, and it remained so for over a century. Until the end of the 19th century Finland enjoyed genuine self-government under Russia, but at the turn of the century Russia decided to "tighten up," an action that met with resistance.

During World War I Russia was weakened by internal revolution, and Finland made its move by declaring its independence on December 6, 1917. That day is celebrated just as the Fourth of July is in America. After a bloody civil war in 1918, the constitution of independent Finland as it is today, was framed.

In 1939, Russia made demands that Finland could not agree to, resulting in the invasion of Finland. Finland, with only nine divisions against Russia's 45, stopped the first attack, but were forced to surrender in February of 1940. The Finns lost territory to the Russians as a result of the peace treaty. In fact, Finland's eastern boundary has been changing for 1,000 years because of this type of action.

Most Finns are suspicious of Russia. After the war Finland had to pay a large sum to Russia and also had to do exactly as Russia demanded. Finns are proud of the fact that although they have fought with Russia many times, they are not a satellite. Finland is a free democracy wholly within the "western camp." Of necessity the official position of Finland is neutral. However, the majority of the people are sympathetic to the West. Relations with Russia are good. In short the people are wholly western in their thinking, but of necessity they must have good relations with their powerful neighbor.

Communist Representatives

The reason for the seemingly large number of Communist representatives in Parliament (50 of 200) is that at the time of the last election, in many places, times were not good, and many of the people did not really know what they were voting for when they voted for Communists. In general, the party is very unpopular, and the Finnish Communist party does not get along well with Moscow. I think Communism here is more of an economic concern than a political one.

Twenty per cent of Finland's trade is with the Soviet Union, and the other 80 per cent is with the West. Among other things, Finland imports food, some oil and a few cars from Russia, but each year they trade more and more with the West.

OSC Professor Emeritus Dies

Corvallis — UPI — Robert H. Dann, 69, professor emeritus of sociology of Oregon State college, died here Tuesday of a heart attack.

He had been on the OSC staff for 29 years beginning in 1927. He retired in 1956 and for the past two years taught sociology at College of the Pacific at Stockton, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Dann were here for the summer.

From 1924 to 1927 Dann was assistant manager of Miles Linen company of Salem. He was a member of the Oregon Prison association from 1946 to 1952 and served as president in 1948-50.

Memorial services are scheduled for Friday afternoon at Westminster House, student religious center across from the Oregon State college campus.

Survivors include the widow, Lyra, and a daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Bower, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Filling

New York — UPI — Try this sandwich filling for outdoor meals. Combine 1/3 pound of liver sausage, 3 tablespoons each of chopped celery and chopped sweet pickle, 2 teaspoons of chopped onion and 1 hard-cooked egg, chopped. Mix lightly. Add 3 tablespoons of mayonnaise and mix well. Makes 4 sandwiches.

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Calendar

Calendar notices and news for the society section of The Mail Tribune must be submitted in writing and deadline for the Sunday edition is 1 p.m. Friday. Deadline for the weekly calendar is 9 a.m. of the day of publication and for week day news is 5 p.m. the day before publication.

- Wednesday:**
- 7 p.m.—Woman's Society of Christian Service, First Methodist church, Circle 2, Mrs. Milton Snow, 1208 Leland st.; Circle 10, Mrs. David Chirgwin, 2577 Stewart ave.
 - 7:30 p.m.—Veterans of World War I and auxiliary, Girls Community club.
 - 8 p.m.—Past Chiefs club of Pythian Sisters, Mrs. Harry Bryant, 1312 Reddy ave.
 - 8 p.m.—Roxy Ann Home Economics club, home of Mrs. Ray R. Offord, 3054 Roberts rd.
- Thursday:**
- 9:30 a.m.—Mary, Miriam, Lydia, Ruth and Esther circles, Zion Lutheran church, Hawthorne park for transportation to Lithia park, Ashland.
 - 11 a.m.—Women's Christian Temperance union, Maple Grove park.

Auxiliary Plans Thursday Event

Ladies auxiliary, Fraternal order of Eagles, will meet Thursday, August 20, at 8 p.m. for a regular session.

A back to school party is planned for entertainment and members have been asked to dress accordingly. Those attending are to take a sack lunch for two.

President Takes To Golf Course

Gettysburg, Pa. — UPI — President Eisenhower beat the heat to the golf course today for an early morning round.

The temperature was a relatively cool 80 and the fairways were still wet with heavy dew when the President and his neighbor, George E. Allen, teed off at 7:45 a.m.

David Eisenhower, 11, the President's grandson, joined the twosome at the 10th green after a lesson from the club pro.

David laced his first shot down the middle of the fairway. "Beautiful," said his grandfather.

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Eisenhower Signs Defense Money Bill

Washington — UPI — President Eisenhower Tuesday signed into law a \$39,228,239,000 defense money bill — half the nation's budget — revising some military programs and providing \$35 million dollars to start a second atomic-powered aircraft carrier.

The bill, by far the largest appropriation of the year, gives the President almost all the funds he requested to run the armed services in the current fiscal year that started July 1. It will finance a fighting force of 2,545,000 men.

But Congress drastically revised some of the administration's original plans for the military. It put more emphasis on developing long-range missiles and defenses against enemy submarines and intercontinental rockets.

More Jars

As proof that more and more homemakers buy foods in jars, shipments of glass containers to food processors in 1958 were up 241 per cent over 1939.



FRENCH FLAIR—Paris couturier Jacques Heim created this cotton satin date dress for the international wardrobe of Miss Malinda Berry, 1939 Maid of Cotton. The brilliant floral print by Everfast is superbly cut into a full skirted dress with decolletage, sash, and peplum.

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