

Thespian Play Described As Modern Social Fantasy

Jean Giraudoux, the author of "The Madwoman of Chailot," which the Thespian troupe of Medford High school will present May 4, 5 and 6, is said to be one of the most influential of the European writers who have received a hearing in the American theater.

"The Madwoman," a social fantasy, was translated from the French by Maurice Valency, a popular professor of comparative literature at Columbia University.

Jean Giraudoux, who died in 1944, is classified as a diplomat-dramatist since he served for many years in the French foreign ministry, heading the Press Bureau at Quai d'Orsay in 1924. He was a cabinet minister in 1939. He wrote several successful novels before turning to the theater in middle-life. Although he was an expert writer of tragic drama, it was his ability to write ultramodern comedy that earned his reputation both in France and the United States.

In addition to "The Madwoman," two other Giraudoux plays have had successful American productions. "Amphytrion 38" was produced by the Theatre Guild in 1938, starring the Lunis "Tiger at the Gates," his powerful treatment of the Trojan war, was finally presented in New York in 1955.

Much of the impact of Giraudoux in America must be attributed to the skill of his adapter, Valency, who was decorated by a grateful France when "The Madwoman" received the New York Critic Circle award as the best foreign play of the 1948-49 Broadway season. This success of Valency is an indirect reward for the years of frustration as an interesting playwright in his own right. Several of his plays have come near to professional production, but none has succeeded.

"The Madwoman" displays Giraudoux's social criticism in the context of fantasy. The play shows the author's scorn for hypocritical morals and of predatory materialism. He has combined profound criticism of society with exuberance and wit. John Mason Brown has called the play, "one of the most interesting and rewarding plays to have been written within the last 20 years," and Brooks Atkinson referred to it as "pure gold, with no base metal."

Giraudoux set his exuberant fantasy in the stately quarter of Paris called Chailot. "In the spring of next year," the first act is played on the cafe terrace of the Chez Francis which is frequented by a colorful congregation of Parisian vagabonds. Into this cheerful scene wanders the group of men who represent the materialists of the world, the exploiters of humanity. When the so-called "Madwoman of Chailot," Countess Aurelia, is made aware of the existence of these men - the President, the Broker, the Baron, and the Prosecutor - her love for her humble friends determines her in the course she will take; namely, the annihilation of all the "wicked ones."

31 Rue Chailot is the home of the Countess, open always to the friends, the rejected. It is in the bizarrely decorated cellar of this house that Giraudoux has set his second act. Here, by twisting commonplace logic just enough to make it at once comic and biting, true, Aurelia and her three madwoman friends determine the justice of cleansing the world of the evil ones. It is also here that the Ragpicker presents, in a classic mock-trial, an impassioned defense of the money-grubbers a defense so cleverly manip-

ulated it can lead only to the conviction of the accused. Because the greedy cannot resist the smell of wealth, here symbolized by the smell of oil beneath the streets of Paris, they fall into the Countess's trap and happily the world is cleansed of evil. The humble people of Paris are free to breathe easily again and love, as personified by the young Irma and Pierre, once more holds full sway.

Tickets for the play may be purchased from any member of the cast of Thespians, and of drama classes, and they are also on sale at Purucker's. Reserve seat tickets may be purchased from Mrs. Lenore Zapell at the high school or by calling the high school office.

The production crew for the play has need of white wrought iron furniture for the cafe scene and a long feather boa. Anyone willing to lend these items to the Thespian Troupe is asked to call Mrs. Lenore Zapell.

Coming Events For Hornbrook Are Announced

Hornbrook—Plans for two events to take place in May were made on April 13 when the Christian Women's Community fellowship met at the home of Mrs. Henley Clawson.

The first of these is a Mother's day tea to be held in the firestone room of the church on Thursday May 11 at 2 p.m. This is not a silver tea, but is held each year at this time for the sole purpose of doing honor to the senior mothers in the community. Arrangements have been made for cars to call for the honored guests and to take them home after the tea. All women in the area are invited to attend.

Saturday May 13 the women of the church will hold their annual Mother's day cake and apron sale. Again this year, as for many years past, Ed Smith, owner-manager of the T. Jones company is donating space in his store for the display and sale of the cakes and aprons. The articles will go on sale beginning at 10 a.m.

Thursday's meeting of the CWCF was conducted by the president, Mrs. Dudley Killgworth, with the opening prayer by Mrs. Ivon Howard, and devotionals led by the hostess. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 27, at the church.

Reese Creek Unit Elects Officers

Eagle Point—New officers were elected at the last meeting of Reese Creek Home Extension unit held at the home of Mrs. C. J. Kelly.

Mrs. D. T. Stephenson was reelected chairman, Mrs. P. A. Scoble, vice-chairman; Mrs. Lee Damon, reelected secretary and Mrs. Kenneth Shaw, reelected treasurer.

Mrs. Scoble and Mrs. Kelly were leaders for the lesson on "Calorie Conscious Meals." The women were told which foods give a balanced meal without too many calories. Low calorie "dips" with vegetables were served as part of the luncheon.

Mrs. J. W. Martinson will attend the annual meeting of the Oregon Extension council to be held in Corvallis the first week in May.

Charles Martin, Eagle Point High school driving instructor, spoke on highway safety and gave some of the members reaction tests.

Guests were Mrs. J. L. Duncan, Sams Valley, formerly chairman of the Reese Creek unit; Mrs. Louis Robertson and Mrs. Bennie Hefley, Eagle Point.

Fellowship Has Talk By Missionary

Life at a mission in Nigeria was depicted by Miss Mabel Tyrell at the April meeting of the Women's Fellowship of Medford Congregational church. Miss Tyrell was introduced by Mrs. Edward Leach who was the leader of a Girl Scout troop at West Side school when Miss Tyrell was a member of the troop.

Illustrating her talk with colored slides, Miss Tyrell described her work at Sudan Interior Mission where for 10 years she has taught native girls from 15 to 25 years of age who in turn will teach other Nigerians. Improvements in health and nutrition and gradual overcoming of native fears and superstitions are among the visible gains made from the program at the school, according to Miss Tyrell. The school is inter-denominational with its six teachers representing five denominations, she said.

Displays of native clothing, musical instruments, dolls and handwork further highlighted the missionary's interesting talk. On a year's furlough at present, Miss Tyrell plans to return to Nigeria in the fall.

A farewell gift was presented to Mrs. Thomas McCamant on behalf of Women's fellowship by Mrs. Don Bohnert, president. Mrs. Bohnert paid tribute to Mrs. McCamant's interest and efforts in the fellowship and spoke of "the warm regard all women in the church have for her." The Rev. Mr. and Mrs. McCamant are moving to Hubbard, Ore., next month.

Mrs. Bohnert announced a local delegation will attend the spring meeting of the Southern Oregon Division of the East Willamette Conference of Congregational Women at Roseburg, April 21.

Dedication of the woman's gift will be April 23, according to Mrs. Mark Smith. Special boxes are used for this women's offering some of which is used in this country for campus ministry, new churches, inter-racial work, and scholarships. It also supports schools, hospitals, churches, relief and refugee work in other countries.

April 17 was announced as a day to sort and mark rummage at Pilgrim House in preparation for the rummage sale, April 26, 27.

Mrs. Edward Leach, chairman of the nominating committee reported the following slate of officers: Mrs. Carl D. Elhart, president; Mrs. Charles C. Stearns, first vice-president; Mrs. Judd Greenman, second vice-president; Mrs. Floyd Fogelquist, secretary and Mrs. Ray Smith, treasurer.

Group Attends Luau in Ashland

Hornbrook—Postmaster and Mrs. Wayne Cummins and Mrs. Cummins' brother, Floyd Spearin, Dunsmuir, attended the luau at Southern Oregon college on Sunday given by the Hawaiian club of the school. Miss Pearl Hasegawa, a member of the club, is the roommate at Suzanne Homes hall on the SOC campus of the Cummins' daughter, Miss Shirley Moffett.

Girl Scouts Project Planned

A shrub and a camellia bush selected at a local nursery by the girls of Brownie Troop 13 will be planted at Hoover school. The troop is sharing some of the \$25 won in the Poor Blossom parade for the best designed float.

The theme of the float was "Hans Brinker or the Silver Skates," and showed a windmill made of individual flowers of pink, white and blue. Hans Brinker was portrayed by Don Smith who carried the silver skates.

Girls in the troop are Susan Bares, Karin Billingsley, Mary Ann Bolton, Julie Casselberry, Kathy Dickey, Cheryl Eddy, Mary Lynn Ellis, Jan Gordon, Jean Leonard, Marilyn McQueen, Shelly Mitchell, Catherine Smith, Karla Thieroff, Susan Tristead, Bonnie Robinson and Marilyn Stewart. Troop leaders are Mrs. John Eddy and Mrs. Norton Smith.

The members of the troop are working on requirements for advancement to tenderfoot rank. During the year the troop has attended the Brownie Revel at Little Switzerland, completed a sewing project, taken first aid in the home, and gone on several roller skating trips. Troop members are looking forward to spending a week at Girl Scout Established Camp Low Echo this summer, according to their leaders, Susan Tristead, Bonnie Robinson and Marilyn Stewart joined the troop this year.

Shoe yourself in pink this spring. That's the decree from shoe manufacturers. One maker broke precedent by showing an entire spring collection in pink. The pinks ranged from the pale powdery tones to potent pinkish-purple.



Among the more than 60 persons who attended a dinner meeting of Unit 11F, Florists Telegraph Delivery association, last Sunday at Rogue Valley Country club were (left to right) Marshall Gifford, Portland, Northwest regional director of FTDA; Mrs. Dorothy Ginn, Medford, secretary of the district; Charles Adams, Coquille, district director and Jim Day, Washington, D.C., field man for the Florist Information council. (Knackstedt photo)

FTDA Holds Session Here

Members of Unit 11F, Florists' Telegraph Delivery association, heard about the association's new headquarters in Detroit, Mich., when the group met in Medford last week end.

Marshall Gifford, Portland, Northwest regional director for the FTDA, stated that the headquarters, opened only this month, is being landscaped with material from all states. Another speaker was Jim Day, field man for the Florist Information council, Washington, D.C., who talked about some of the problems of the industry.

The two men spoke at a noon dinner at Rogue Valley Country club Sunday. Saturday night Medford florists were hosts for a dinner at Kim's restaurant, with about 30 attending. For the Sunday event, the head table was decorated with white and lavender orchids sent from Chase Gardens, Eugene, and other tables were decorated with a new type miniature carnation called Elegance. Each woman was presented an orchid, and men were given carnation boutonnieres. Saturday night the tables were decorated with the new Shibuya carnation, of a coral shade. Flowers were the gifts of wholesale firms.

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In announcing the party it was pointed out that this is another in a series of events given by local cancer society members in their attempt to raise money to assist with the three-fold program of research, education, and service of the American Cancer Society.

Advance reservations may be made by calling Mrs. Anthony, MURdock 2-8321.

Copco Settlement Visited by Women of Willow Springs Unit

Members of the Willow Springs Home Extension unit recently journeyed to the Copco settlement at Prospect for a social meeting and field day at the invitation of a former unit member, Mrs. George Yell.

Four members provided transportation for the group of twelve. The women left from the Guss residence, and arrived at the Yell home around 10:30 a.m.

After a potluck dinner at noon time, the women went on a tour of the power plants which had been prearranged by Mrs. Yell.

The descent down the canyon by a narrow winding road to the river's edge and the huge noisy machinery in the plants proved to be both "thrilling and interesting."

The remainder of the afternoon was spent in picking up pine cones to be used at the next Homemakers bazaar.

The group said farewell around 4 p.m.

Fifty-Plus Club To Meet Friday

Medford Fifty-Plus club will meet Friday, April 21 at St. Mark's Guild hall, Oakdale avenue at Fifth street, at 12:30 o'clock for a sack luncheon. Mrs. Martha Bowker and Miss Maud Arnold are planning a program.

Visitors are welcome. Music and readings made up the program last Friday, and the members joined in community singing and games. Two violinists, a pianist and a drummer played for dancing.



Social Events Women's News

Ashland Cancer Committee Announces Dessert-Bridge

Ashland—"Moulin Rouge," with the setting of a French sidewalk cafe, will be the theme of the dessert-bridge being planned by the Ashland committee of the American Cancer society as an event of April 25.

This benefit party has been a popular event in past years. It will be held again this year in the Trinity Episcopal church Parish house, beginning at 1 p.m. Paintings by Ashland artists will be displayed and assorted French pastries will be served. Mrs. Sidney Ainsworth and Mrs. Sam Davis are co-chairmen, with Mrs. William Dawkins in charge of decorations and Mrs. Paul Antony, reservations.

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Gardeners Warned About First Tussle With Spring

By GAY PAULEY
UPI Women's Editor

New York—(UPI)—Straighten up there gently, you gardeners, and listen

to why aching backs are as seasonal as scallions.

A New York medical and industrial consultant says that, typical of our American culture, gardeners have a tendency to overdo the initial tussles with the soil.

"It's simply that muscles get tired and stiff," said Dr. John R. Mote, "and when they are stiff, they cause pain. You can't be a full-time gardener in one day. Chances are, you're stiff before you even undertake the outdoor physical activity, the result of leading a sedentary life during the winter."

Spasms are Price

"If you over-exert yourself, you have to pay the price in muscle spasms and soreness."

Mote acts as a medical consultant to various industries and specialists in coordinating research projects. He helped in the development of ACTH, one of the drugs used in treatment of arthritis.

The physician became involved with the problem of stiff and aching muscles in a study underwritten by the Niagara Therapy Corporation, of Adamsville, Pa. Results of the study, which Mote supervised, were published in the American Journal of Physical Medicine. The report was written by Dr. William Bierman, of the staff of the University of California Medical School at San Francisco.

Researchers asked a group of persons of all sizes, shapes and ages to bend over and touch the floor with their fingertips. They first were asked to do this normally, even as you and I do our sit-up exercises before breakfast. Then, they were given mechanical massage.

The researchers found that the same persons could stoop two to six inches farther after the massage.

Naturally, the makers of the massage mechanisms urge the use of their equipment as a pre-conditioner for gardening. But they also pass along some helpful tips from the experts for the week end gardener.

Do wear a brimmed hat for protection of the skin against the sun.

Do wear sensible shoes. Sling pumps or sandals throw your heel from side to side, pounding away at calf muscles which in turn jolts the back.

Don't be afraid to stoop, bending from the knees. Bending from the waist adds strain to the back.

Don't overdo. Rest a few minutes in between chores.

If you're over 40, don't act as if you were under 20. Recognize what you're capable of doing without causing strain.

To clean floors under heavy pieces of furniture, rinse a mop in clear, lukewarm water until it is almost dry. The damp mop run under the furniture clears out the dust. Soap isn't needed, because it's only dust you're removing.

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.

Thursday

7:30 p.m.—Bethel 69, International Order of Job's Daughters, Medford Masonic hall.

7:30 p.m.—Lively Rogues, Rogue Valley Country club.

8 p.m.—Howard Parent-Teacher association, school gymnasium.

8 p.m.—Griffin Creek Parent-Teacher association, school gymnasium.

8 p.m.—Adelphi chapter, Order of Eastern Star, Jacksonville Masonic temple.

Friday
9 a.m.—Siskiyou district, Oregon Federation of Garden clubs, Shady Cove school gymnasium.

10:30 a.m.—Derby Extension unit, kaffeeklatsch, home of Mrs. Aron Cothrin.

1 p.m.—Get Together club, Girls Community club.

Gold Hill Lodge Elects Delegates
Gold Hill—Mrs. Walter McLean and Mrs. Paul Thompson have been elected delegates to represent Amethyst Rebekah lodge at Pendleton May 16, 17 and 18 when grand lodge of Rebekah Assembly of Oregon will convene.

Mrs. McLean has been recommended for the office of district deputy president of Gold Hill Rebekah lodge for the ensuing year. The incoming president of the Rebekah Assembly will make the appointment.

A special meeting was held last Wednesday evening for the purpose of electing two delegates. Amethyst Rebekah lodge will meet Wednesday, April 19, at 8 p.m.

Lesson Calorics Given For Meeting Of Lake Creek Unit

Lake Creek—Information on calorie counting was given at the April meeting of Lake Creek Extension unit members held at the home of Mrs. Fred Osterman. Mrs. Leona Sheehan, Jackson county extension agent for home economics, was a guest.

The project lesson, "Calorie Conscious Meals," was given by Mrs. Osterman and Mrs. Leland M. Charley. It was stressed that breakfast is the most important meal of the day, and should not be skipped. To control obesity, the only recommended procedure is to cut down on one's food intake.

Some methods, promoted in various manners, are harmful, it was brought out. Mrs. Sheehan also contributed to the lesson.

Election of officers was held, with Mrs. Charley elected chairman; Mrs. Osterman, vice-chairman; Mrs. Bill Harper, secretary, and Mrs. Henry Meyer, treasurer.

Mrs. Harper is a new member, the family having recently moved to this area from California.

Mrs. Charley is planning to attend Oregon State council meeting at Corvallis, as a representative of the unit. The meeting opens May 2.

The May unit meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Harper. The project lesson will be given by Mrs. Joe Arens and Mrs. Foster Swigert.

Dance Announced At Prospect Hall

Prospect—Lumber Jacks and Jills, Prospect, will have a square dance at the Prospect Community Hall Saturday, April 22, starting at 8:30 p.m. Eldon Bean will be the caller for the evening.

All square dancers are invited and are asked to bring sandwiches, cake, or cookies for refreshments later in the evening.

MacCracken Family Visit in Hornbrook
Hornbrook—Dr. and Mrs. Elliott MacCracken and children, Susan, Kathy and Robert, Ashland, were picnic guests here last Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Greene and children, Linda and Lydis, at the Green's home on Oregon road.



The advice to gardeners in a story on this page today comes too late for Potpourri. Take it easy when you start your spring chores, says the Gay Pauley column. Otherwise you may have lame muscles and an aching back. Well, we already have sore muscles and an aching back.

But last Sunday morning was such a nice, warm April day, and there is so much spring work around the home acres. So we took hoe and shovel and rake in hand, and we used them, vigorously, for about two hours. Or maybe three. Anyhow, it was too long.

The two of us tidied up the strip between the front lawn and the highway. In addition to cutting down some weeds and grass and picking up thousands of twigs and little limbs from the big golden willow, we also picked up the bottles, cans, cigarette cartons and other litter which motorists and other passers-by toss away. This is one of the annoyances which householders with highway frontage must endure, it seems.

But we found something which did please us—three little wild rose bushes which just "volunteered" to grow on our property. For years we kept promising to dig one up in some isolated spot where it would not matter, but never got around to it. Then we discovered one growing at the edge of an iris bed, and quickly transplanted it to a spot where it flourishes. To find three more was better than finding none.

We also planted a few flower seeds. Pappy had already completed the first planting of sweet corn. When the oak leaves are as big as squirrels ears, so goes on old saying, it is time to plant the first sweet corn. Of course, Pappy always complains that even when he spaces the plantings two or three weeks apart, the corn all seems to ripen at the same time.

The marigolds we planted are a new giant type which we tried for the first time last year, the seeds having been a gift from a seed company. And giant they were—by the end of the season the plants were at least three feet tall and the stalks at the ground were as large as our wrist. And they bore dozens of huge blossoms, both pale yellow and deep gold colored.

This year our gift seeds include other new marigolds, a new pale calendula and a new white larkspur.

Since this is National Library week, we hope The Saturday Review will not mind if we lift a few thoughts from the magazine column "Books and Libraries" in the April 15 issue.

Cicero once said "A room without books is a body without a soul." When others fail him, the wise man looks to the sure companionship of books," was written by Andrew Lang and Emerson's quotation is "A man's library is a sort of harem."

Seneca said "Leisure without a book is death and burial of a man alive." Victor Hugo's contribution is "It is those books which a man possesses but does not read, which constitute the most suspicious evidence against him."—O.S.

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