



'FLYING SAUCER ON GLASS PLATFORM'— This is the new livestock judging pavilion, nearly completed on the North Carolina State Fair grounds at Raleigh.

### Oscar Hammerstein Turns To Acting

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—For the second time in his notable career, Oscar Hammerstein II is turning actor. But it's merely to further his lengthy romance with the theater. America's most successful writer of lyrics and musical plays will portray himself in a film called "Main Street to Broadway." It will be a co-operative affair featuring most of the Broadway stars and benefiting the Council for the Living Theater. The latter is aimed at pumping life back into the legit theater, now undergoing one of its periodic illnesses.

Hammerstein was here to visit his grandchildren and the touring company of "South Pacific" when we asked him about his two widely separated acting chores.

"The first was when I was a young man," he related. "I was stage manager for one of my uncle's plays, and the script called for the stage manager to come onstage and say a few lines. So I played myself. But the play only lasted three weeks. I don't know if my performance had anything to do with that, but it certainly didn't help.

"Funny thing, I always wanted to be an actor. I did a lot of it in college, where I could write my own material and direct and produce myself in it. But afterwards nobody would give me a chance to act. I guess my family, being so close to the theater, didn't want me to become an actor."

The man who wrote the words for such shows as "Show Boat" and "Oklahoma!" will again be playing himself in "Main Street to Broadway." He will do a theater lobby scene with his partner, Richard Rodgers, and their wives.

"The script calls for me to ask someone for a match," Hammerstein mentioned. "Which is very interesting because neither Dick nor I smoke."

Speaking about his favorite topic, the theater, Hammerstein admitted that the last season on Broadway was a bad one. "But I suspect there have been worse ones," he said. "Back in the '20s there were some good plays. But there were lots of others running that were pretty bad.

"That's the trouble with the stage today; there is no margin for error. A show has to be a tremendous hit or it can't last. You

used to be able to salvage some money out of a show that wasn't a smash. But now a show that isn't acclaimed can close in three nights.

"Rising costs are another great problem. My uncle used to put on plays for \$7,000. Nowadays the minimum for a straight play is around \$70,000.

"The problem is also a creative one. There doesn't seem to be much design to the era we are living in. No wonder it is difficult for playwrights to find something to write about."

But he has no doubt that the theater will survive, as it always

has. "Since the beginning of time," he observed, "there have always been people who wanted to show off, and there have always been people who wanted to listen and watch."



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### Tribe Raps

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ing you to advertise the sale of timber in accordance with your recommendations. However, before the letter had been sent forward for signature and approval, we received a copy of minutes of the Klamath General Council held at Beatty, Ore., on June 19 and 20, 1952.

Item 3 considered by that general council was the administrative budget for the fiscal year 1954 — It was reconsidered — and was amended by reducing the item for salaries from \$271,216 to \$171,316 and by reducing the law and order budget from \$35,255 to \$20,000. The amended budget was then approved by a vote of 63 to 1.

**CURTALLED**  
Nothing appears in the minutes to indicate what activities at Klamath Agency would be curtailed because of the \$100,000 reduction in salaries, but it appears probable that the forest and range management activities would have to absorb a portion of the deduction if it were made effective.

"In that event we would question the advisability of entering into additional timber sales until such time as the budget is restored to an amount that would permit proper timber sale administration."

(The Indian affairs commissioner, Dillon S. Meyer, is scheduled to meet with the Indians at a special Tribal Council session called for 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at Klamath Agency.)

Portland regional office staff members met with several tribal members Thursday, but the confab broke up when some of the Indians walked out.

The Tribal Executive Committee has had one meeting concerning the personnel budget cut and the held-up timber sale, and merely referred the matter back to the General Council.

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TO WED—Stage and screen star Janet Blair, 31, smiles happily at Nick Mayo, 32, stage manager of the road show company of South Pacific, in which she stars, after the couple's engagement was revealed at Fresno, Calif. They plan to marry in San Francisco Oct. 5. It will be the second marriage for each.

### Doctor Critical Of AMA On Organized Health Plans

By FRANK CAREY  
WASHINGTON (AP)—The doctor-chairman of a presidential health commission said today organized medicine should cease "its current policy of proclaiming that it alone can decide what the average doctor should think about the pressing problems of the day."

Dr. Paul Magnuson, head of President Truman's controversial "Commission on the Health Needs of the Nation"—whose formation has been sharply criticized by some members of the American Medical Association—said in an address prepared for the annual Scientific Assembly of the District of Columbia Medical Society.

"From the bottom of my heart I want to say this . . . to every doctor in this country: It is our plain and simple duty as doctors to furnish leadership in every national, state and community effort to look into ways of improving health conditions in America.

"If we abdicate this responsibility; if, like Marie Antoinette, we say 'Let them eat cake,' then other elements in our society will take over and we will find ourselves under a distasteful system of medical care.

"If organized medicine is to retain its rightful place of esteem in our society, it had better cease and desist at once from its current policy of proclaiming that it alone can decide whether there are any health problems in this country, and that it alone can decide what the average doctor should think about the pressing problems of the day."

Magnuson did not define what he meant by "organized medicine."

He made the statement in relating his reasons for accepting President Truman's appointment last November to head the commission

**STORM SPOTTED**  
MANILA (AP)—The Philippines Weather Bureau said Monday a tropical storm with 60 mile an hour winds was located 250 miles south of Iwo Jima by the U. S. air weather service on Guam.

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