

Arena Production, Player's First Experimental Theater

By JOHN WHITMORE

The Aggie Players made their initial try at "theater in the round" last night with an Evening of Experimental Theater in the Banquet room of Sbsa Hall.

Competing with kitchen dishwashers, the local group did a creditable job with three one-act plays produced without the aid of curtain, footlights or any other regular stage paraphernalia.

The recent innovation, true to its name, consists of drama presented in the center of a room. The audience surrounds the players. The idea has met with success in major cities throughout the nation and seemed to meet with the approval of the circle-forming group last night.

The first presentation, "Aria da Capo" by Edna St. Vincent Millay consisted of a play within a play. Cast in the various parts were "Pete" Vaden as Columbine, "Lindy" James as Pierrot, John Richardson as Cothurnus, "Rip" Torn as Trysilis, and Chuck Benschetler as Corydon.

The Players utilized as sole props a table, an artichoke, two bowls, a decanter, a cookie, a piece of crepe paper and two chairs.

Columbine and Pierrot opened the show discussing nothing in particular until they were chased off the stage by Cothurnus, a drunken prompter.

Thyrals and Corydon then came in as two sheep herders and with a little sharp dialogue, proceeded to kill one another. This was done with little or no effect on the audience.

Number two production for the night, "One of Those Things," a one-act play by George Kelly, consisted mostly of a sharp dialogue between two women in love with the same man. One held priority in the form of a marriage license.

The men in this play, as in most of Kelly's plays acted only

as foils for the dialogue of the women.

Phyllis was played by Jeanne Ostner, Dr. Lebold by Gordon Milne, and Phyllis Arhos did an excellent portrayal of Mrs. Le-Bold.

Sarah Puddy played Mrs. Scott and John Laufenberg completed the cast with his portrayal of Mr. Scott.

A little richer in theater properties, this segment of the program used a desk, several chairs, and the regular equipment of a business desk.

The final drama of the evening went "hog-wild" in this scene by employing almost all the fittings of a living room.

Louisa May Alcott's "Little Women" afforded the audience the hearty belly-laugh of the evening. Unusual casting was major cause for the merriment.

Director George Dillavou, in introducing the play said, "A group of serious men came to me and said, 'TSCW can put on plays using all girls. Give us a good serious play and we can do the same thing.'"

Results—the all-female play was cast with the biggest males avail-

able for the parts.

Jo was played by Edward Abrahamson, Laurie by Chuck Benschetler, and Meg by Roland Guannt. David Mitchell was cast as Mr. March and Norton McDuffie played Amy. The role of Marmee was capably filled by George Willman and Jim McMahon was cast to perfection as Aunt March.

Little Beth proved to be the show stealer. Her dying minutes were played by Howard Davis.

This sad demise also marked the end of the night of Experimental theater.

Tonight beginning at 8 in Sbsa, the Aggie Players will repeat their performance.

Leland to Talk To ManE Men On Accounting

T. W. Leland, head of the Business and Accounting Department, will tell Management Engineers at their Society for the Advancement of Management meeting tonight more about cost accounting and calculation of break even points in manufacturing enterprises, Bob Flake, SAM president, announced.

Leland's subject will be a continuation of the theme used by the recent Management Engineering Conference held earlier this month.

Then, authorities from several manufacturing plants outside of Texas explained the break-even point relative to their companies. Leland's talk will touch upon phases of that subject little discussed by conference speakers.

This will be the regular meeting of the management society for the month of March, Flake said. The meeting will be held in Room 301, Goodwin Hall beginning at 7:30, he added.

On the agenda of business Flake mentioned that selection procedures for the Society's Cotton Ball duches would be discussed, and also plans will be made for the annual spring barbecue supper.

All students in Management Engineering are especially invited, but anyone interested in the program is welcomed to attend, Flake concluded.

All College Day Committee Formulates Follies Plans

"Who Says We Ain't Got Talent" is the proposed theme for the Aggie Follies which will be presented on All College Day this year. The skit is being planned and written by Karl Wyler, David Rives, Jim Hoban, and Frank Cleland.

Recommendations have been made that the follies be a type of variety show. Anyone who is interested in taking part in the follies has been requested to contact Wyler in Room 318 of Dormitory 2.

At a recent meeting of the All College Day Committee, Wyler proposed a number of acts and skits which could probably be included in the show. The problem now is to decide on the skits



Mary Eleanor Vaden as Columbine, Charles Benschetler as Thyrals (center), and Lindy James as Pierrot in a scene from "Aria da Capo" which is being presented as one of three one act plays in Sbsa tonight at 8.

Eight Scholarship Applications Open

Eight scholarships, with a combined cash value of \$2,835, are available in the Registrar's Office for eight deserving AH students.

The winners of the awards will be determined in a few weeks by a Faculty Committee on Scholarship. Applications for the various scholarships are available now in the office of the registrar and secretary of the Faculty Scholarship Committee, before April 10.

All scholarships will be awarded on the basis of scholarship, evidence of leadership and character, and financial need.

The Krueger Award of \$500 will be given to a student with an outstanding record who has earned a substantial portion of his college expenses and who plans to graduate next year.

The Jesse H. Jones Reward for Achievement, worth \$300, will be awarded on substantially the same basis.

Another \$300 in the form of the Albert Banta Award will be given to another outstanding student, scheduled to graduate next year, who has overcome serious financial handicaps in his educational career.

The W. S. Mosher Memorial Scholarship of \$600 will be divided between two students with two years of college remaining who are studying for a career in the gen-

eral field of structural engineering.

In special cases, the award may go to men majoring in structural civil engineering or architectural construction.

A sophomore liberal arts major taking military science will be selected to receive the Lullie Hughes Lane Scholarship Award of the Texas Society, United States Daughters of 1819.

The award worth \$200, is also awarded on the basis of outstanding qualities of scholarship, leadership, and character with special consideration given to a student who has overcome difficult obstacles.

A scholarship of \$200 from the Fort Worth A&M Mother's Club will be presented to a student to use during either his sophomore, junior, or senior year. The student chosen must live in Tarrant County.

A final award of \$100 will be given an outstanding student by the Brazos County A&M Mother's Club. Preference will be shown to residents of Brazos County.

Professors Loaned To Turkish Gov't

Two scientists, H. P. Smith, professor of agricultural engineering, and D. T. Killough, associate professor in cotton investigations, have been loaned by the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station to the Turkish government for one year, according to Dr. R. D. Lewis, station director.

Smith and Killough were invited by the Economic Cooperative Administration to join a mission and long-time agricultural program in that country. The two men are now in Washington, D. C., for conferences with ECA officials.

Smith will be a consultant on farm machinery and Killough a consultant on cotton culture and production, Lewis said.

Grants Announced For Summer Study

Scholarships for Texas students in the Scandinavian countries during the summer have been made available by the Nansen Fund, Inc., of Houston. These scholarships will cover approximately one-half of total expenses, including ocean travel.

There are four scholarships of \$350 each to study at the University of Oslo Summer School for American students, June 26 through August 6; two of \$800 each to study at the University of Stockholm for American students, September 1950-May 1951; and two of \$600 each to study at the University of Copenhagen for American students September 1950-May 1951.

Applications for these scholarships should be addressed to Oslo Summer School Admissions Office, North field, Minnesota, before April 1, 1950.

Science Academy To See Trip Films

I. E. "Monty" Montgomery, student senator and senior architecture major from Baytown, will show motion pictures of his 70-day trip through Europe last summer at the A&M chapter of the Texas Collegiate Academy of Science meeting Thursday night.

Montgomery's films include pictures of war devastation, scenic views, and studies of ancient and contemporary European architecture in such countries as England, Italy, Switzerland, and Holland.

The meeting will be held in room 10 of the Science Building.

Build Farms, Factories, Assure Food--Kellogg

By C. C. MUNROE

The solution to future problems of world food supply lies in a parallel development of agriculture and industry, Dr. C. E. Kellogg, chief of the division of soil survey, U. S. Department of Agriculture, told the Great Issues Class last night.

Speaking on "Soil and the World Food Problem", Dr. Kel-

logg said that free flow of information of industrial and agricultural advances will do much to eliminate present and future food shortages.

The job of producing enough food to supply the anticipated world population in 1960 will be difficult, Kellogg said. "We don't

feed the world's people out of a common larder," he pointed out, "and the foods which will be most needed in 1960 are the hardest ones to grow."

Not Too Big

The job of assuring an adequate food supply is not as big as it might seem, he continued. Efficiency on farms is increasing and individual output is growing every day.

The division chief told the Great Issues class members and more than 50 guests that wool production increased 15 per cent in the three year period from 1945 until 1948.

This 15 per cent increase had been the goal set by the United Nations for 1950, he pointed out, and it was reached two years early.

"We are seeking a level of sustained production," he said. An acreage increase of 50 per cent is very possible because of new agricultural methods. He continued by telling the audience that an increase very much higher than 50 per cent is possible if farmers attempt an "all-out" effort.

This increase is possible only if industry, notably the power industry, extends its service to farming areas throughout the world.

The Agriculture Department division chief corrected a common false impression. "Most of the soils in this country were not productive until the farmers, using scientific methods, made them that way."

Decisions at Home

Decisions affecting production the world over are not made by government, Kellogg continued. They are made in the hundreds of millions of individual farm and factory units.

It is important that all new agricultural methods be taught to the farmers, he said. The method of teaching them is almost as important as the methods themselves.

The world's farmers must learn to help themselves, he pointed out. Advisors must be provided for them. However, he emphasized, we must not get the idea that the United States should go into other countries and alter their political or economic set-up just to teach them new methods of agriculture.

Free Trade

There is a real need for free trade, Kellogg said. "We cannot make a real start toward improving world agriculture without free trade," he stated.

There is a need for public and private investment in agriculture, in rural power systems, and in industry supplying the farmers. He cited as an example the need for more fertilizer factories in all nations of the world.

There is also much research needed in undeveloped fields, Kellogg continued. Hydroelectric power, agricultural tool designs, control of plant and animal diseases were listed as examples of this needed research.

"The farmers can and should do even better jobs of farm building," he said. Alert, well equipped, well managed farms are not faced, for instance, with the problems of erosion. Such management pays off in increased production.

"We must all try to understand the problem of world food shortage," he concluded. "To do this we need tolerance and, even higher than that, we need appreciation of the other fellow and his efforts."

Texas College Group Plans 34th Meeting

The Association of Texas Colleges, an accrediting agency whose object is to advance higher education by promotion of interest common to the colleges of Texas, will have its thirty-fourth annual convention at the Rice Hotel in Houston, March 24-25, according to H. L. Heaton, first vice president of the association and Registrar of the college.

Those expected to attend the convention from A&M are Dean Ide P. Trotter, Dean Sheparison, Dean Boughton, Dean Abbott, H. L. Heaton, John Bertrand, C. N. Heischer, W. A. Varvel, and R. G. Perryman.

D. E. A. Evans, president of Prairie View A&M, will be one of the principal speakers at the convention. His topic will be "Education with a Service Motive."

Four past presidents of the Association who were and are presently associated with A&M are Charles Puryear-deceased, formerly Dean of the College; Charles E. Friley-president Iowa State, formerly Dean of Arts and Sciences and Registrar; E. J. Howell-president Tarkenton State College; formerly Registrar of the College; and Dr. T. D. Brooks, Dean Emeritus of Graduate School and Arts and Sciences.

This meeting of the A. T. C. is to be preceded by a meeting of the Texas Junior College Association which will be held March 23.



Carl B. Kreiner

Kreiner, president of the Houston Sales Executives Club, will be moderator at a special forum on salesmanship which will be held in the YMCA Chapel at 1 p. m. tomorrow. He is regional manager for the Gold Seal Company and supervises selling of that firm's products in a seven state area.

Carl Kreiner To Head Sales Talks in YMCA

A forum on the advantages of selling as a career will be presented by the Business and Accounting Department Wednesday afternoon in the YMCA Chapel, E. R. Bulow, chairman of the forum, announced today.

A large group of sales managers from Houston, headed by Carl B. Kreiner, president of the Houston Sales Executives Club, will conduct the forum. A question and answer period and a series of short sketches by successful sales managers will be included in the afternoon program, Bulow said.

Among the men participating in the program are H. E. Perry, president of Mosher Steel Company; Madison Farnsworth, sales director of Gulf Oil Company; Betram E. Scheff, sales manager for Wright Manufacturing Company; and Herbert T. Crate, sales manager for the real estate firm of Hodell and Company.

Professor T. W. Leland, head of the Business and Accounting Department, in announcing the forum, said, "We are especially anxious to present our business courses in a realistic, practical manner so that we may develop young men ready to assume positions of responsibility, and also so that industry will have young men trained to fill the needs of modern business enterprise."

Kreiner, who will moderate the forum, has had a long career in selling. A 1923 graduate of the University of Iowa, Kreiner operated a retail auto parts service business in the Midwest for ten years. In 1933 he moved to Houston and was associated with the Continental Box Company. He later became sales manager and vice president of that firm.

In 1947 Kreiner became sales agent for several manufacturers and the following year was asked to open up a Southern district for the newly formed Gold Seal Company. At the present time he is regional manager for seven Southwestern states and a member of the firm's national advisory committee.

The forum will begin at 1 p. m., Wednesday, Bulow said.

Wentworth Attacks Federal Subsidy

Every time the government puts a subsidy price on a product it lowers the value of the dollar, according to Col. E. N. Wentworth, director of Armour's Livestock Bureau in Chicago. Colonel Wentworth spoke at an agricultural group in the Chemistry Lecture Room last Thursday evening.

"We guaranteed prices on potatoes and what have we got? We're down to our ears in potatoes," Colonel Wentworth said. We have a surplus of corn, tobacco, and powdered eggs because we put a subsidy price on them.

"The thing that has made America great is the opportunity for one man to excel another. Subsidy prices have cut down the competitive spirit of the American people, Colonel Wentworth said.

Mexico Study Help Awards Available

Two scholarships of \$200 each for students to study at the University of Houston Summer School at the National University, Mexico City this summer are being sponsored by the Nansen Fund, Inc. of Houston.

Students during the first term, June 8 to July 13, will study Mexico City, the nearby cities, and the vestiges of Aztec and Mayan civilizations. The second term, July 20 to August 24, will include studies of both Mexico and Guatemala.

Interested students should apply to Dr. Joseph Werlin, University of Houston, Houston, Texas.

Whata Kick in that Coconut Juice...

Monkey Pair Given Shakes Awaken to See 30 Snakes

Tampa, Fla., March 21—(AP)—An eight-foot boa constrictor gave birth to 30 wriggling snakes at a pet shop last night to the amazement of monkeys inside and spectators outside the store.

The mother had just arrived the day before from South America for a delivery to a snake collector.

The proprietor, James E. Coker, said it was the first time he had heard of a boa constrictor having young in captivity.

The store was closed at the time, but startled passers-by told police of the blessed event. Coker was called from church to take over. He found the 18-inch youngsters crawling all over his shop and that two excited monkeys had turned over their cage.

Highway Engineer To Address ASCE

Texas' Deputy State Highway Engineer, George M. Garrett, 24, will address the student chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers Wednesday, Willie Bohlmann, ASCE president, said today.

Garrett began his professional career as an inspector for the Highway Department. He is now second ranking man in the department.

Subject of the talk will be "The Opportunities of the Young Engineer with the Texas Highway Department."

"Mr. Garrett is unusually qualified to speak on this subject," Bohlmann said, "and he will be glad to answer any questions student might have in regard to a career with the highway department."

All 25 district engineers of the highway department have been invited to attend the meeting, Bohlmann concluded. Already more than half of the invitations have been accepted.

The meeting will be held at 7:30 p. m. in the Civil Engineering Lecture Room.

Masons to Hear Harvey Williams

Harvey Williams, Superintendent of the Masonic Home and School at Port Worth, will speak to the Sul Ross Research Club, Wednesday, March 22, at 7:30 p. m. in the YMCA Chapel, M. C. Garren, reporter, said.

Williams is a 1935 graduate of A&M and received his Master of Science degree here in 1942.

All Masons in this area are invited to attend.

Profits Down Says Southwestern Bell

St. Louis, March 21—(AP)—In an annual report yesterday the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company said it provided more telephone service in 1949 than ever before—and earned less on its invested capital than ever before.

The rate of earnings reached a new low of 3.86 percent, compared with 4.09 percent in 1948.

Pointing the way to more applications for higher rates, the report said: "Service cannot be extended without the inducement of a fair and reasonable return." And, it went on, the only way to bring earnings up to a "satisfactory level" is to raise the price of the service.

Student's Brother Killed In Hunting Trip Mishap

Amel Omo, junior EE student from Crane, is attending the funeral of his younger brother who was killed in a fall from a peak near Sheffield in Pecos County Saturday.

The boy and three companions were on a hunting and fishing trip when he fell from near the top of the peak. A doctor was summoned from Iran, 50 miles away, but did not arrive in time to save the boy.



The crowd in the front of the bandstand had that far away look, listening to the world famous orchestra of Duke Ellington at the Saturday night

Military Ball. This is a small part of the crowd that stood in front of the band most of the night to hear the Duke and his orchestra.

'Take a Break'

This is too good to pass up. We read in a recent Houston Post column that Dow Chemical Company has designed an all-plastic ukulele with Nylon strings. The unusual feature of this \$5.95 instrument is that it can be played under water.

Next thing you know the Chemical Engineering Department will be adding a course in musical appreciation.

SAD TALE OF THE WEEK-END DEPARTMENT—The corps communications officer was all set for a fine Military Ball weekend. He and his attractive date from down Houston way started things off Friday night by dropping in at an Air Force party out at the American Legion's Hall. This was to be a preliminary to Saturday's Military Ball.

Fate intervened, however, Saturday morning found the kaydet a long way from any further participation in the weekend celebrations. He was confined to the college hospital with the mumps.