

'StageCenter' Plans Plays

By KAY SLOWEY
"This is the first time Stage Center has ever had two completely different plays in rehearsal at the same time," remarked Stu Sutherland, executive producer of "East Lynne" and "Pure as the Driven Snow."
The adult cast play, "East Lynne," is an original melodramatic tear-jerker, under the direction of Dr. Lee Martin, assisted by Lee S. Martin, he said.
"This play involves a woman, Lady Isabell (Pattalee Ford) who is soft-talked into leaving her home by one of the vilest villains (Warner Dahlberg) to ever stalk a stage . . . to return once more in the last moments," Sutherland commented.
Other cast members include Steve Prescott, Jean Lloyd, Marion Wagoman, Wanda Daisa, Jesse Minkert, Harry Gooding, and Liz Minkert.
"Pure As the Driven Snow," the youth-cast play, is being directed by Jeanne Smith, with Mrs. Lee Chlemic assisting, and Lee Powell, student directing.
"While 'East Lynne' is a drama, 'Pure As the Driven Snow' is a farce melodrama. It portrays the wacky activities of an oddly assorted group of characters who meet in a New England inn. The plot thickens as a terrible villain (Jon Hancock) tries his darndest to win the heroine (Susan Cartwright) only to be foiled by the hero (Richard Miller)," Sutherland said.
Cast members for this production include Dick Taylor, Kathy Lofgren, Craig Anderson, Kay Slowey, Kim Diebel, Cora Simon, Debbie Lloyd and Becky Upham.
Understudies include Kathy Lloyd, Joe Salmons, Trudie Klein, Frances Martin, Kerry Kacoby, Debbie Klein and Diane Schumacher.

"The situation of having two plays going on at one time has created several problems, two of which are scheduling rehearsals and costuming," reported Mr. Sutherland.
Costume mistresses Wanda Daisa, Jean Lloyd, Barb Bonniskie and Jane Pretzer had to appeal to the public when they found there just were not enough costumes of the right style available.
Scheduling problems arose when it was remembered that there was only one stage, but two plays to practice. Because of this productions had to take turns, with one using the stage while the other used either a smaller room or the porch.

Productions will be held in the new StageCenter Theatre (Old Country Club).
"East Lynne" performances will be July 4, 5, 6, 19, 20 with an 8 p.m. curtain, and July 7 and 21 with curtain at 3 p.m.
"Pure As the Driven Snow" will come to life July 10, 11, 12, 13, 26, 27, curtain time 8 p.m., and July 28, curtain at 3 p.m.

Entertainment, coordinated by David and Dianna Landmann, will highlight intermissions, Sutherland stated.
Tickets can be purchased from any StageCenter members at \$1. "StageCenter guarantees fun for the whole family," summed up Sutherland.

DORMITORIES

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the funding for a major addition to the headquarters building of the Rice-Pasture Research and Extension Center.

TAES' old 417-acre East Texas Research Station near Tyler was sold to two Tyler men, Carter Gabriel and G. C. Clark, for \$127,604. The board previously authorized the agency to discontinue operations at the facility in view of opening the new Overton Center.
Board members formally accepted gifts, grants, scholarships and other awards totaling \$404,427 for various divisions of the system. Largest private gifts included a \$95,000 Thoroughbred stallion from Mrs. Wofford Cain, Mrs. Clint Murchison Sr., both of Dallas, and Mrs. B. G. Byars of Tyler and \$31,075 from C. J. Davidson of Fort Worth.

The board also approved a Texas A&M request to seek Texas Coordinating Board approval to offer a B.A. degree in philosophy. The university currently offers courses in this field, but not a degree.

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