

CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



'Arsenic And Old Lace' On Tap By Stage Center

By VICKIE ASHWILL

Eccentric old ladies, long-haired policemen and the delightful image of Teddy Roosevelt were among the humorous aspects of the opening production of "Arsenic and Old Lace" by the Stage-center players in the old Bryan Country Club.

The play, written by Joseph Kesselring, produced by Jarriet Martin and directed by Ed Guthrie, begins and ends in the fictitious atmosphere of the Brewster home in Brooklyn, the fall of 1941.

The light comedy centers around the two Brewster aunts, their poisonous elderberry wine and their "charity" of removing lonely gentlemen from this world. Ironically enough, the elderberries are grown in a cemetery nearby.

With that basic theme in mind, the story continues to develop in a confusing, yet intriguing manner as family, police and bodies pop into the scenes.

The rosy-red, puffed-up smiling face of David Landmann in his portrayal of Teddy Brewster was continually inspiring to the audience. Landmann, in his make-believe world of Theodore Roosevelt, was forever "charging" up the stairs in memory of San Juan Hill and blowing his bugle.

With each appearance, Landmann was able to capture the audience and put them into hys-

teria. Second in performance were Jayne Lansford and Jeanne McDonald as Abby and Martha Brewster, the pleasantly eccentric old aunts. The two created the perfect images of anyone's favorite aunts with their bouncy walk, baggy hose and pure, inbred innocence about the outside world.

On stage, the two created their own little world at the same time leaving it open enough for anyone to join in.

Mortimer Brewster, portrayed by Jim Hunt, was slightly more realistic in his approach to the audience as the only sane Brewster family member. His performance was not up to par with the aunts' or Teddy's, as his Texas accent divorced him from the Brooklyn climate.

Selma Clack as Elaine Harper, Mortimer's girlfriend, was the perfect little "society girl" with her batting eyes and over-dramatic expressions in her voice.

The third brother, played by Don Powell, was difficult to understand at first but served his purpose to bring suspense and intrigue into the play. Also promoting his cause was the "Groucho Marx" performance of Henry Vander Cruyssen as Dr. Einstein.

"Arsenic and Old Lace" will continue its performance through April 21 beginning at eight each evening.

Listen Up

At Last! Ralph Nader Replies

Editor:

The letter from Paul C. Vollmar and Terry V. Bibb, published on February 20, 1973, showed that at least these students are not doing their homework. They questioned the accuracy of three points which I made at Texas A&M on February 14, 1973.

1. The Volkswagen study, published as Small-On Safety, was defended against the unsubstantiated charges of Road and Track's April 1972 article on page 114 of the September 1972 issue of Road and Track. Before further criticism of the research and findings of the Volkswagen report, I suggest that the report and the rebuttal be carefully read, and that the original sources be consulted to see that Road and Track's analysis has no validity.

2. On the Wankel (rotary) engine, John Z. DeLorean, Vice President of GM for the Car and Truck Division, told a group of 700 GM executives in White Sulphur Spring, West Virginia that the rotary engine's compact size will allow new concepts of packaging that will result in smaller, lighter vehicles having today's interior and luggage space.

These concepts can reduce vehicle weights by as much as 1000 pounds—since weight is cost—costs will be reduced accordingly.

DeLorean also noted that the saving in weight and size would improve performance and fuel economy, and would reduce pollution and conserve depleting petroleum resources.

DeLorean's views were backed up in a Scientific American article (August 1972) by the son of GM's president, Edward Cole. Professor David E. Cole noted in this article:

Typically when the weight of a piston engine is reduced by 100 pounds, the easing of structural requirements allows the weight of the chassis to be reduced by at least 25 pounds. The weight reduction provided by the Wankel would yield this rule-of-thumb weight saving in addition to the weight saving obtained by shortening the chassis.

3. My comparison of nuclear power plants to the Hiroshima bomb was perfectly apt when one realizes that each 1000 megawatt-electrical nuclear power plant will necessarily produce, in one year, the long-lived radioactivity of 22 megatons of atomic fission bombs.

This amount is equal to about 2,000 Hiroshima sized weapons. Note that I did not say that there is an explosive power to this radioactivity. However, a credible accident could disburse a significant amount of this radioactivity over thousands of square miles killing tens of thousands of persons and causing many billions of dollars in property damage. In view of the pervasive lack of adequate safety assurances, there

should be an immediate moratorium declared for the construction of nuclear power plants. For detailed documentation, your correspondents may wish to write to Professor Henry Kendall, Department of Physics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The central facts relating to the hazards (emergency core coolant systems, waste storage, etc.) are hardly controversial to anyone familiar with the technical aspects of this problem as revealed on the public record.

Ralph Nader

Dear Editor: Three times in the past four months, my family was privileged to encounter people who care—above and beyond the routine business of life.

One night last December on Hwy. 21 East, sparks from our car's compressor prompted TAMU student Mike Bruton of Nacogdoches and a friend (in two cars behind mine—at 60 mph) to attract my attention—with flashing headlights and a persistent horn—and flag me to a stop.

They raced from their cars, flung up the hood and put out the fire after ten terrifying minutes of fighting the then-leaping flames.

Family members in their cars offered our family refuge from the cold night air as the two men worked feverishly, with little regard for their own safety, to "save the compressor" from damage, they said simply as they battled the fire.

We earnestly thanked them then and many times since in prayers, but not in print—holding to an old theory of rewards being greater if left private and saved for the hereafter.

However, another incident — which we can acknowledge only in print—prompts us to write about all three. The examples they provide surely offset any jeopardy of future reward.

Occurring Feb. 28, the second incident involved someone unknown to us. A foggy morning

African

(Continued from page 1) had been aroused and the conference called for the total liberation of Africa.

At the time of the signing of the OAU charter there were two blocks of the independent countries of Africa: the Casablanca block, consisting of the northern Africa countries, and the Monrovia block, consisting of the countries to the South.

The OAU was formed to unite the two blocks and form a total unity of the African continent. It has a membership of 41 nations with headquarters in Addis Ababa.

The past 10 years, the OAU has worked towards the total unity of Africa and bringing Africans closer together.

necessitated headlights, which we forgot to turn off. We traveled to Houston during business hours in another car, leaving ours locked on a campus parking lot. Someone determined to turn off the lights opened the hood, disconnected the battery cable — and saved the battery.

The third event concerns a recent family illness, during which other family members and friends were thoughtful and generous beyond words.

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