Theatre News

Obituary

By EUPHEMIA WYATT

A report on the last week of February in the theatre turns into an obituary. Four plays closed during their try-outs on the road and two of the three that opened on Broadway closed the same week, one after two performances.

This latter was a dreary and unconvincing drama of the southwest for which there were no mourners; but Saddler's bright, slight comedy called "Roman Candle," may very likely reappear on the programs of community and college Little Theatres. . . . It's about a very young scientist who is trying to launch his first missile and a girl who has extra sensory perception i.e. second sight. Two missile launchings are achieved with very effective but simple staging and the reactions of the Army and Navy top brass have reliable laugh.

THE DEADY GAME is a dramatization by James Jaffe of a novel by the Swiss Duerrenmatt, in whose sinister drama, "The Visit," the Lunts are now touring. "The Deadly Game" is equally sinister, in a way, more so. It harks back in subject matter to "Arsenic and Old Lace" but without the mitigating circumstances of that horror comic in which two old ladies made it their mission to speed tired old men to a better world and did it over a cheery cup of tea.

The old ladies are now transmuted into three retired members of the legal profession: a Judge, Prosecutor and Defense Counsel of a high Swiss criminal court. Whenever there is a really good storm, the three assemble at the Judge's chalet near an Alpine highway on a lonely mountainside on the chance that a visitor may appear.

Then in an after dinner game, it is suggested that a mock trial be held on the supposition that in almost every life there is some hidden crime, that the law has no machinery to reveal. The victim of the current evening is an American salesman who takes refuge from the snow. After an excellent dinner he agrees very cheerfully to the Game and laughs away all warnings.

DRINKING WINE when he should be drinking coffee, the American strides into the parlor of the prosecuting spider who probes into his victim's soul far more easily than does the Judge Advocate into the soul of Major Wirz at "The Andersonville Trial." With the relentless flashlight focused on the dirty corners of his conscience that he kept hidden from himself, the brash go-getter is confronted with the indirect murder of the man whose job he now enjoys. He breaks down and confesses.

What happens then it doesn't seem fair to reveal but by this time both the audience and the American know that the old gentleman in the corner with a rug over his knees is an ex-hangman and the butler, a huge mute, an ex-criminal. This knowledge has given a certain pathos to the salesman's gibbness and wisecracks at the start.

He is supremely played by Pat Hingle just recovered from the terrible accident in 1959 when he was J.B.

MAX ADRIAN IS devastating as the predatory prosecutor. Claude Dauphin as counsel for the defense adds the only hint of humanity to the text. That all three lawyers dress up in the black robes of office heightens the malignant atmosphere.

"The Deadly Game" drew four good notices out of seven. Like "The Visit", it exploits the selfishness of human nature, with charity towards none.

Gronchis At Mass In Moscow

Moscow — (RNS) — Italian President Giovanni Gronchi and his wife stand during services in St. Louis de France church, the only Catholic church in Moscow. Father Louis A. Dinn, A.A., of Worcester, Mass., chaplain to the American Catholic community in Moscow, celebrated the Mass and preached the sermon. It was the first time in more than 10 years that an American resident priest here had been allowed to say Mass in a city church.

Patrick Nugent Dead At 91

Funeral services for Patrick J. Nugent, 91 were conducted Thursday, Jan. 28. Requiem Mass was offered by Rev. Harry J. Maloney, S.S.J. in Immaculate Conception Church.

Mr. Nugent of 61 Lake St., Hammondsport, a retired Rochester Gas and Electric Corp. meter tester and Rochester General Hospital's first ambulance driver died Jan. 25, 1960 in Davenport Hospital, Bath.

He was a member of the Holy Name Society of Immaculate Conception Church and RG&E's Pioneer Club. Mr. Nugent was an ambulance driver for General Hospital in the horse and buggy days.

Mr. Nugent is survived by two daughters: Mrs. Mary Critchley, Hammondsport with whom he lived for 10 years and her twin, Mrs. Elizabeth Fishers, two sons, Bernard of Rochester and Eugene of Churchville; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Blessing at the grave in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery was imparted by Rev. Robert M. Egan. Arrangements by Henry D. Halloran Sons Inc.

Psychiatrists To Meet

St. Louis — (NC) — Some 150 psychiatrists will meet here February 8 to 10 for the 11th annual convention of the Guild of Catholic Psychiatrists at the Pius XII Memorial Library.

Dr. William B. Lytton, St. Louis psychiatrist and general convention chairman, said the convention hopes to promote better understanding of psychiatry by priests and other in the

Registrations For Camp

Camp Stella Maris, diocesan camp for boys and girls at Conesus Lake, opened its registration office this week.

Camp fees for the 1960 season are $35 for one week encampments, $66 for two weeks.

The camp registration office is at the Columbus Civic Center Building, Chestnut St., BAker 5-2787.

Talk It Over

Conversation

By ANNE CULKIN

Dear Miss Culkin:

Boys think that girls talk too much or at least that is what a lot of them say. But not long ago I heard a boy pay a girl a compliment that I thought was really something! He said, "She is one girl whom I consider an interesting conversationalist!" I would love to know what the girl talked about that he thought was so interesting. Need I say that I think that boy is great and would certainly like him to think that I'm a good conversationalist. How do you go about being one?

— Sue

Dear Sue:

Ah, Sue, if only more people would want to be considered good conversationalists, there would not be so many bores around. Perhaps we should begin our first lesson of improvement by asking the question who is the person that can be considered a good conversationalist?

Well, we certainly know that it is not the one who talks all the time and won't give another a chance. True this is the type of person who never feels her conversational ability lacks anything, but we know it lacks much. Then there is the very quiet person — so very quiet we worry about them. They are not good conversationalists. Then, who are?

Don't you think, Sue, they are people who have something very interesting to say, and then say it in such a way that we really want to hear what they are talking about. But, and this is an important but, they also give us a chance to speak about that which we consider very interesting.

Let's compare good conversation to a game of volleyball. If we are to hit the ball, we must have strength enough to do it. The strength of conversation comes with having something to talk about. Once we hit the ball, we must wait for the other person to return it to us. That is the listening period in conversation. But if we hold the ball or the other person fails to return it to us, the game is over. In other words, there is a monologue (one person speaking) but there is no conversation.

Now, where do we get the strength—the interesting things to talk about. Well the smartest people in the world use every means at their disposal to increase their knowledge. For instance, they read, study, observe, listen to others, etc. Also, they have great enthusiasm and many interests. And here is a point to remember. They are not only enthusiastic and interested in things that affect them personally, they are equally enthusiastic and interested in things that affect the world and everyone who lives in it.

This doesn't mean that they aren't willing to talk about how much Sally paid for her dress or who in the crowd got a new raincoat. But there are other things that they can talk about. And they do! But never without a consciousness that the listener has something to say that he considers important. Maybe he can't tell you a thing about outer space because he doesn't know a thing about it, but he is an expert on sluggish spark plugs. Well the good conversationalist who has just become a "walking brain" listens to what the other person has to say on spark plugs. And he listens with his ears and his eyes. If you've ever talked to a person who was looking above you, under you, around you, anyplace but at you, you know the importance of the eyes. Look at the person who is speaking as though you really wanted to hear what he had to say.

Sue, we could cover pages, since this is one of my favorite subjects. But we have made the two most important points. One, THE GOOD CONVERSATIONALIST HAS SOMETHING TO SAY AND HE SAYS IT WELL; two, HE NOT ONLY SAYS IT WELL, BUT HE LISTENS WELL!

Dear Miss Culkin:

What do you do if you step aside, for a girl to get on the bus first and she just stands there and glares at you? You don't know her, but you're trying to be courteous, nothing more. This happened to me last week.

— J. R.

Dear J. R.:

Don't judge all girls by this one. Try it again and see what happens. The average girl will accept your courtesy in the spirit in which it was given. She will thank you. Once on the bus, however, she will feel no further obligation to talk to you. In any case you did what is expected of any gentleman.

Atheist's Wife May Keep Religion

Belgrade — (RNS)—Yugoslavia's ruling Communist Party, known as the League of Communists, has announced that it will be more tolerant in the future toward members whose families practice religion.

Kommunist, the party's official organ, in a 2,000-word article on "Communists and Religion," said it had been found necessary to "clarify the problem" after numerous readers had asked whether somebody can be a Communist Party member if his children are baptized and attend church with their mother.

"He can be a party member," the newspaper replied, "if he first tries to convert his wife and children to atheism. If he fails, the party will tolerate this."

Erath Renamed Firm President

Fred W. Erath, former city purchasing agent, has been re-elected president of Dime Savings & Loans Assn.

Re-elected for one-year terms were Milton W. Asmuth, vice president; Frank J. Hilberer, vice president-treasurer; Eugene H. Wolff, secretary, and Henry H. Wicki, attorney.

Erath and Hilberer were named to three-year terms on the board of directors. The elections was held in the new Panorama Office Thursday. The association was founded in 1888 and has its principal office at 941 Clinton Ave. N. It is a member of the Federal Savings & Loans Insurance Corp.

Requiem Sung For Mrs. Granger

Funeral Mass for Mrs. Mary A. Granger was offered in St. Augustine Church, Wednesday, Jan. 27. Mrs. Granger of 169 Pemhurst St. died Jan. 23, 1960.

Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John M. Duffy assisted by Rev. Albert V. Ryan, Deacon and Rev. Walter J. Kohl, Subdeacon.

Surviving are a son, John L. Granger; two daughters, Mrs. Ernest (Mary) Martin and Miss Jeanne Granger; two brothers, John J. and Edward O'Brien; one sister, Mrs. George E. Meyer; two grandchildren.

Interment was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery with blessing by Rev. Leo Lynch. Arrangements, Joseph A. Murphy Funeral Home.

Greets Chaplain

The regular rehearsal of St. Cecilia's Choir of St. Stanislaus Church was held last Friday and a taped recording was played of the Choir singing during the Midnight Mass and the Pageant preceding it.

The Choir members extended a welcome to the newly appointed pastor of St. Stanislaus Church, Rev. Alexander J. Stec, and unanimously named him Chaplain of St. Cecilia Choir.

Pat Spelman Wins Again In Legion Oratoricals

The United States Constitution was once more successfully defended as Patricia Spelman of Our Lady of Mercy High School gained her second victory in the American Legion Oratorical Contest, this time at Phelps, Feb. 7.

Her first victory was in Rochester among local high school contestants, Jan. 13.

AT PHELPS the blonde Mercy senior vied with six other contestants, all county winners, in the Seventh District Contest, winning for herself a $25 award and the right for her high school to retain the oratorical trophy another year.

The next rung of the ladder takes Miss Spelman to Batavia, Sunday, Feb. 21, for the Zone 5 contest, the final one before the state contest in Jamaica, Mar. 19.

In Phelps, besides their ten-minute, prepared speeches on the Constitution, the contestants delivered four-to-six minute extemporaneous speeches on one of six chosen topics concerning the Constitution.

EMERGING AS a second place winner in the Feb. 7 contest was Michael Lesch, Mount Carmel High School, Auburn. Third place honors went to Sydney Smith, Penn Yan Central High.

Other contestants were Thomas Kimpland, Sodus Central High; Robert Wilkerspon, Canandaigua Academy; Bart Bradley, Bath Central; and James Gleason, Lima High School.

PAT SPELMAN

Engagement Told

Geneva — Mr. and Mrs. Anthony DiAntonio announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Josephine DiAntonio, to Donato Gualtieri, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gualtieri of Batavia.

A June wedding is planned.

Pupils Return

Detroit — (NC) — Forty-three Mexican teen-agers have returned to their homes after spending two months studying in the Detroit area.

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