Hello Dolly!

by EUPHEMIA WYATT

HELLO DOLLY! — It is a pleasure, indeed, to welcome back to Broadway one of the most spirited musicals that has been seen in this town in many years. The show, which is the Morosco Theatre version of Thornton Wilder's play, The Matchmaker, which was very rapidly received in 1955 but which returned for the 1957-1958 season as The Merchant of Yonkers, ran into instability in 1961 with Ruth Gordon as Mrs. Dolly Gallagher Levi, Loring Smith as Horace Vandergelder, and Robert Morse (Rose in Hatwood) as the [illegible]

The story is the same: the rich old curmudgeon of Yonkers, Mr. Vandergelder, being courted into marriage by Mrs. Dolly Gallagher Levi and Mr. Vandergelder's two downtrodden clerks stealing off for a day in New York and running into their Best at Miss Molloy's Millinery Shop and the Harmonia Restaurant. Mrs. Levi is now Carol Channing in the most preposterous of wigs and hats and Mary Molloy is Eileen Brennan (Little Mary Sunshine).

Oliver Smith has provided some fantastically clever pictures of Yonkers and Fourteenth Street, New York enlivened by a steam puffing engine and a dancing cab horse; Freddy Wittop has contributed pleasantly extravagant costumes and gala hats with a really melodious score by Jerry Herman; [illegible] with [illegible] and [illegible] with most amusing and original action by Gower Champion whose choreography is [illegible] throughout the show.

"Ribbons down my Back" is sung charmingly by Miss Brennan; Miss Channing gets to base with "Before the Parade Passes By" and after the fun of the Waiters' Ballet, their "Hello, Dolly!" climbs to a climax with Dolly leading a march on a very narrow runway over the orchestra pit in red velvet and a lace hat a full yard high.

The waiters dashing about tables and in and out of closets is as good fun as ever in the Hat Shop; in the Harmonia Restaurant the chase is now through the cabaret show of Rose and Butterfly girls. It is in the Police Court where they all end up, till rescued by Dolly, that Charles Reilly as Cornelius Hackl sings "It Only Take a Moment," the first love song of the evening. Miss Channing has discarded her Lorelei cuteness for a thrilling [illegible] as compelling as a steamer. Her Dolly is here to [illegible]

THE CHINESE PRIME MINISTER — Here is a septugenarian. Enid Bagnold, author of The Chalk Garden, has undertaken to explore old age and wisdom in terms of polite comedy. Written, it is said, for Edith Evans, it is now played to perfection by Miss Margaret Leighton who, listed in the program as "She," believes that at the antique age of seventy, it is time for her to retire and munch the fruits of wisdom like a Chinese P. M. Alas, though age may be measured — more or less — by years, wisdom needs to be enriched by values rarely found in an artist's egocentric life of adulation.

Her two sons are busy with their own lives and wives; one wife beautiful but wanton; the other a determined girl in slacks who shoplifts when her husband is stingy and distrusts celebrities. Even the impudent butler tottering out of line. Then She recalls the husband, absent for 20 years as a promoter of Far Eastern oil wells. Sir Gregory returns with romantic enthusiasm [illegible] and She runs off with him on a second honeymoon. At this point, we started to leave, remarking "A delightful evening —" but Miss Bagnold has added Act III. It is five months later. The pleasant drawing-room designed by Oliver Smith is swathed in dust sheets and from under one of them there appears the tottering butler, revivified.

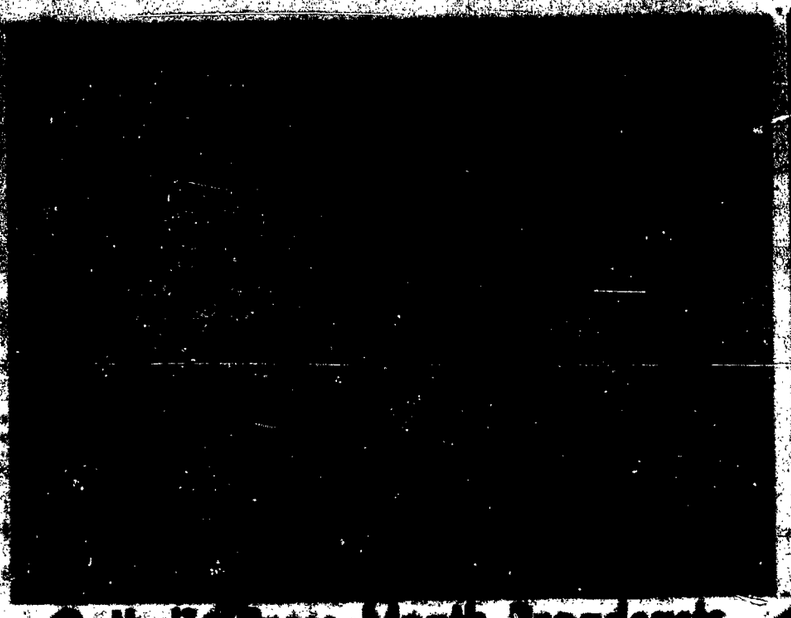
Then the honeymooners return from Africa, ready to rip the dust sheets off their old careers. The beautiful daughter-in-law has turned to promiscuity, the other to skirts and maternity. Sir Gregory rushes off to Arabia; the butler dies only to revive a second time and She brings down the final curtain with undoubtedly the ugliest last line every heard in the theatre. John Williams, as usual, is excellent as Sir Gregory so is Alan Webb as the moribund butler. The sons are Douglas Watson and Peter Donat with Diane Kagan making an attractive Broadway debut as the forthright young wife. Joseph Anthony is the director of the Bagnold comedy which sparkles for [illegible] and lags in the third.

TOO MUCH JOHNSON — William Gillette who was to identify himself with Sherlock Holmes for 30 years, wrote and acted in Too Much Johnson in 1894, when he shattered New York's funny bone as Mr. Billings the incorrigible liar. I fear that nowdays no matter how happy a married man could be in Yonkers, he would never go to so much trouble to keep his wife in decent ignorance of his indiscretions. But nothing is too much bother for Billings who finds himself taking his pretty Mrs. Billings and her mother on a trip to Cuba and a visit to a sugar plantation he claims at his own only to find it has been sold by his friend to a dangerously belligerent colonel.

I remember Mr. Gillette very well; a tall handsome man with a poker face who in Sherlock Holmes and Secret Service delighted in being cool, casual and intrepid. John McMartin, the present Billings is also tall, casual but jovial. Nancy Berg is pretty enough as the wife to be worth the intricate deceptions; Mary Flannery is her imposing mother; Niels Miller, as Justice of the Peace, misses every minute on the stage a funny one. The sets by Ina Eckarts and the costumes by Patricia Zipprodt are both very pleasing. For those not ashamed of being amused in the theatre, Too Much Johnson offers most agreeable relaxation.

Million Plus Grant

The University of Notre Dame, on Dec. 22 received a grant of $1,543,000 from the W. K. Kellogg Foundation, Battle Creek, Mich., for the construction and operation of a Center for Continuing Education.



Catholic Press Month Broadcasts

Louise Willard, will broadcast a program each Tuesday during February on WHAM in cooperation with the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. Also [illegible] on the program are from left, Dr. Mary [illegible] of the D[illegible] Mrs. J. Craig Telfer, president of the Un[illegible] of Rochester Victoria, and Mrs. Lester Bartel[illegible] community of the Jewish Community Council.

PETER NERO

Peter Nero Concert At College Weekend

A jazz concert by one of the most popular pianist-entertainers will provide one of the highlights of this year's Nazareth College Winter Weekend, Feb. 7-9.

RCA Victor Recording star Peter Nero will appear Saturday, Feb. 8, for a 9-11 p.m. concert at St. Agnes High School. Tickets will be available at the door.

Nero, whose style consists of a subtle blending of classical and jazz music, has become a favorite entertainer in concert halls, supper clubs and college campuses. He also makes frequent appearances on television variety shows and specials. His musical efforts have extended to composing, arranging and recording and present plans include composing for the Broadway musical theatre.

Other highlights of the weekend will be a snow sculpture contest, a dance at the Manger Motel, and a cabin party at Killson Park.

A Winter Weekend Queen will be announced during intermission of the Friday night dance. Each class will nominate a candidate.

Theme of the weekend will be Fete de la Neige (Holiday in Snow).

The weekend schedule is as follows:

Friday, Feb. 7: Afternoon, snow sculpture judging, 4 p.m.; Dance [illegible] Manger [illegible] Syl Howell Orchestra.

Saturday, Feb. 8: 10 a.m., Killson Park Cabin Party, Winter sports, lunch, dancing.

9-11 p.m., Peter Nero Jazz concert at St. Agnes High School.

Sunday, Feb. 9: 11 a.m. Mass followed by Communion Breakfast.

Geared, Co-chairmen of the Winter Weekend committee are Nancy Grilley and Rosemary Fass. Other committee chairmen are: Ann O'Brien and Kathleen Smith, dance; Elaine DiFiglio, cabin party; Peggy Rooney, [illegible]; Mary Jo Spencer, snow sculpture; Nancy Jo Geiger, communion breakfast; Joyce Kovach and Mary Kay Baker, competition; Patricia Herring, Katherine Sullivan and Maureen Mooney, publicity.

Legion Dance

Annual Valentine Dance of Richard Stoll Post 1483, American Legion is scheduled Feb. 15 at the German Club auditorium, 315 Gregory St., 8:15 p.m. Music by Karl Adams orchestra. Short entertainment program is planned.

Films Set At Museum

Changes in plants and animals over hundreds of thousands of years and a tour of the Caribbean are featured on the Sunday Family Program at Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences on Sunday, Jan. 26, at 2:30 p.m. and again at [illegible] p.m.

The first film is titled From Sand Dune to [illegible] and the second film is [illegible] Antigua, Barbados, [illegible]que, Trinidad, Tobago and Jamaica. It shows the way of life including farming, fishing, handicrafts and a steel band.

Drum Corps Pageant Set

"Soundoff 64," fourth annual drum corps pageant sponsored by Emerald Cadets and [illegible] Halfick Post, VFW, will be staged at Rochester [illegible] Community War Memorial Saturday, Feb. 29 at 8 p.m.

Five junior drum-and-bugle corps will compete for prizes in various categories of drum corps techniques.

CLIP and SAVE

Legion of Decency Listings

CLASS A: Section 1 — Unobjectionable for General Patronage

Alabama the Great
Angel in a Taxi
Atlantean, Outer Space
Boy Who Caught a Crook
Brink Battle
Captain Sinbad
Cartons That Capsize
Cattle King
Crimson Blade
Dentist in the Chair, A
Dream Maker, The
Flame of Africa
55 Days at Peking
First Spaceship to Venus
Flight That Disappeared
Flipper
Friends of Alfie
Gathering of Eagles
Global Coast to Coast
Golden Age of the Silent Screen
Gold Escape
Hercules and the Captive Women
Honeymoon Machine
How the West Was Won
Incredible Journey
Incredible Mr. Limpet, The
Invasion Quartet
It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World
Jason and the Argonauts
King Kong vs. Godzilla
Lassie's Greatest Adventure
Effect of The Flesh
McLintock
Misadventures of Merlin Jones
Mouse on the Moon
Murder at the Gallop
My Son, the Hero
Mysterious Island
Night Walk
Nutty Professor, The
Old Dark House, The
Pirates of Tortuga
Purple Hills
Queen of the Nile
Raiders, The
Raiders of Leyte Gulf
Samson and the Slave Queen
Savage Sam
Sergeant Was a Lady
Siege of the Saxons
Snake Woman
Son of Captain Blood
Summer Holiday
Sword in the Stone
Tarzan's 3 Challenges
Treasure Millionaire
Three Stooges Go Around the World in a Daze
Thief of Bagdad
Thomasine
13 Frightened Girls
20 Years of Fun
Tuttles Affair, A
Waiters
Two Daughters
Valley of the Dragons
Varan—The Unbelievable
Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea
Wild and Wonderful
While the Clock Strikes
Who's Minding the Store
You Have to Run Fast
Young and the Brave, Young Swingers, The

Film Rec is recommended to the patronage of the entire family as suitable entertainment.

Class A, Section 2 — Unobjectionable for Adults and Adolescents

Act One
All the Way Home
Amazing Mr. Bones
Any Number Can Win
Arabesque
Baby Doll
Bachelor Flat
Black Zoo
Bridge to the Sun
Burning Court, The
Cat on a Hot Tin Roof
Captain Newman, M.D.
Castilian, The
Cat Burglar
Chalk Garden
Children
Children of the Damned
Chamberlayne
Convicts 4
Cow and I, The
Day and the Hour, The
Devil at 4 O'Clock
Donovan's Reef
Dr. Blood's Coffin
Erik the Conqueror
Family Diary
Frantic
Fury of Smuggler's Bay
Fury of the Pagans
Good Soldier, Schmidt
Gone Are the Days
Guns of Darkness
Harbor Lights
Haunted Palace, The
Haunting, The
Hide and Seek
Hootenanny Hoot
Householder, The
Jazz for Two
Kings of the Sun
Kiss of the Vampire
Ladies Who Do
Ladybug, Ladybug
Lancelot and Guinevere
Lawrence of Arabia
Leadbelly
Life in Danger
Lord of the Flies
Man From Galveston
Mary, Mary
Miracle Worker
Mutiny on the County
My Name is Ivan
Naked Edge
Nightmare
Old Dark House, The
Pit and the Pendulum
Important Man
Invasion
Jolly at Sea
Kashmir Kain
La Dolce Vita
Lancelot
Long Ships Journey
Lonely Man
Magic Sword
Marco Polo
Mary Had a Little
Men from Shiloh
Miracle of the White Stallions
Mr. Hobbs Takes a Vacation
Moon Pilot
Mutiny
Operation Eichmann
Panic Button
Paris Blues
Path Through Darkness
Peeping Tom
Private Lives of Adam and Eve
Purple Gloss
Rampage
Rock Crusher
Small World of Sammy Lee, The
Splendor in the Grass
Stay Away, Joe and the Kid Raised Sand
Storm Center
Stranger in the City
Summer Love
Tall Stranger, The
Tammy
Tammy Tell Me True
Tammy and the Bachelor
Tammy and the Doctor
Tarzan Goes to India
Tarzan the Magnificent
Tarzan's Fight for Life
Tarzan's Greatest Adventure
Tarzan's Three Challenges
Ten Who Dared
Thief of Baghdad
Thunder Island
Trunk, The
Twenty Plus Two
Twice Told Tales
Two Rode With Clementine
War Is Hell
Whatever Doctors
Weekend With Lulu
Werewolf in a Girl's Dormitory
X-The Man With the X-Ray Eyes
Yellow Canary
Young Doctors
Young Lovers, The

Class A, Section 3 — Unobjectionable for Adults

Ada
America, America
Angels of Darkness
Armored Command
Bengal Brity
Birdman of Alcatraz
Boy, Did I Get a Wife
Bridge at Tilling's
Carpetbaggers
Cassidy, The
Cat o' Nine Tails
Cardinal, The
Cleopatra
Condemned of Altona
Corridors of Blood
Crack, The
Crucial Assignment
Day in Court, The
Dead Ringer
Dr. Crippen
Eyes of Annie Jones
Fat in Acapulco
Global Affair, A
Great War, The
Guns at Batasi
Hannah Alders
Hellfire Club
Hustler, The
In the French Style
Lafayette, The
Love With the Proper Stranger
Magnificent Sinner
Mail-Order Bride
Malice
Many Flavored Spurt
Marriage of Figaro
Mind Benders, The
Monty, Stormy, Monty
Move Over Darling
Mutiny
Nine Hours to Rama
One Plus One
Panic in Year Zero
Passionate Thief
Pat Paulsen
Police Nurse
Pride, The
Pyne
Rocco and His Brothers
Running Man, The
Season of Passion
Skull Jacket
Sniper and Shark
Some Slade
Take Her, She's Mine
Three on a Spree
Tomorrow at Dawn
Town Without Pity
Tory in the Attic
Twilight of Honor
Two Are Guilty
Two Women
Victors, The
V.I.P.'s, The
Wall Street Story
Wrong Arm of the Law

Class B, Section 1 — Unobjectionable in themselves, they may require caution and some analysis and explanation as a protection to the uninformed against wrong interpretations and false conclusions.

Adam and Eve
Anatomy of a Murder
Cabin in the Sky
Circle of Deception
Close Enough for Love
Crowding Experience
Darker Than Amber
Dream No Little Dreams
Eight
Elmer Gantry
Fanny
Fate Is the Hunter
Gidget
Girl of the Night

Class C — Condemned

Isosceles M
Odd Wind in August
Spring Can Really Hang You Up the Most
Five Day Lover
Jews of the Angels?
Jules and Jim
Knife in the Water
L'Avventura
Please Not Now
Private Property
Tamahine
The Lovers
The Young, The Immoral
Truth, The
Women of the World

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