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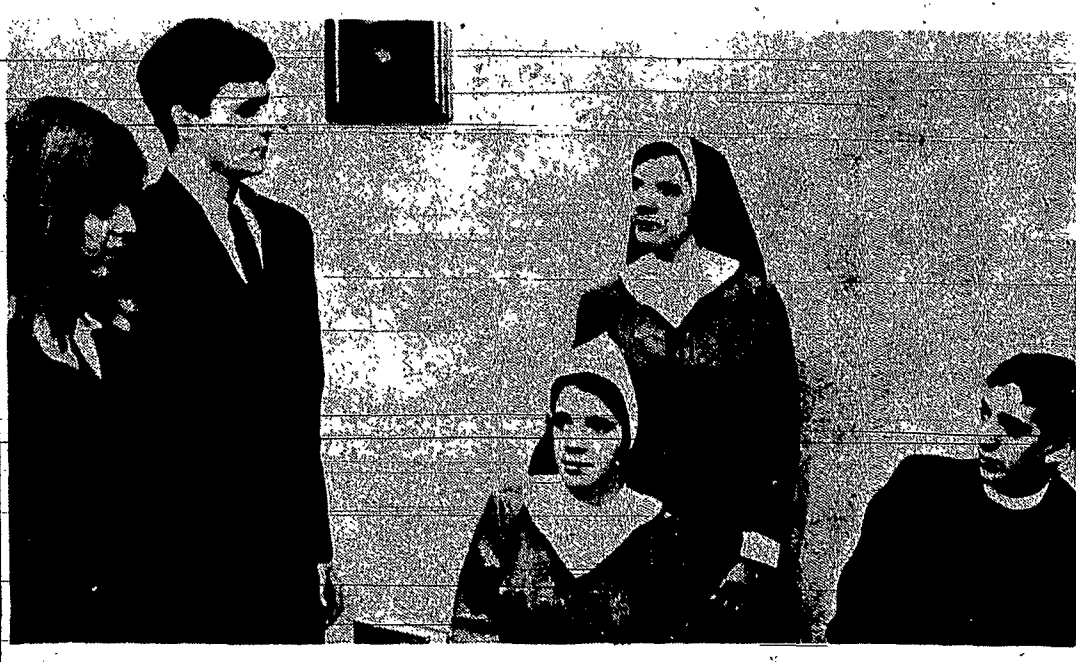


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Mission Show at Notre Dame

Jean Longwell, Larry Sullivan and John Maloney rehearse for Mission Show to be held this evening at 8:15 p.m. in Notre Dame High School Auditorium, Elmira. Students are presenting "The Rainmaker" and a variety show, directed by Robert J. Lynough. Donation is \$1. All proceeds go to home and foreign missions.



Comedy at Mooney High

"The Velvet Glove," a three-act comedy by Rosemary Casey will be presented by members of the Cardinal Mooney High School Drama Club Saturday, Feb. 11 at 8 p.m. The cast is directed by Sister Mary Edwina, club moderator. (In photo) Judy Northrup and John McCabe as college secretary and professor take advice from officials Gall Donahue as Mother Hildebrand, Virginia Sullivan as Sister Monica and Michael Ugina as the Bishop.

'Birthday of Infanta' Opera At Peter Pan Playhouse

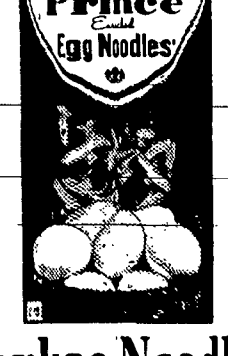
Peter Pan Playhouse will present the Opera Theatre of Rochester production of "Birthday of the Infanta", Sat., Feb. 18, at 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at Theatre East, Monroe County Fairgrounds.

An opera especially for children, "Birthday of the Infanta" was written by an Eastman School of Music graduate, Ron Nelson, for his doctor's degree. Nelson is now teaching in Brown University's Music Department.

Leading roles will be played by Alan Abelson, Helen Conway and Gloria McMaster. All have received critics' praise for previous performances.

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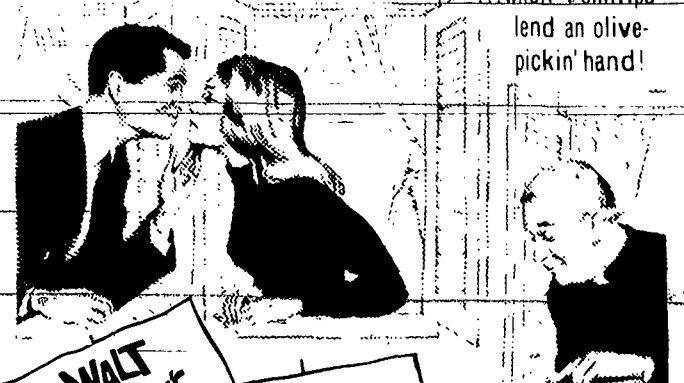


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Theater News

By Jupiter

by EUPHEMIA WYATT

BY JUPITER — It all began years ago when the officer of a big corporation wrote a one-act play to please his wife who was a member of a very clever group of girl amateurs called "The Sharks." A roguish debutante named Hope Williams became the talk of the town as Antiope, the Amazonian princess, and the play, "The Warrior's Husband," was such a triumph that the author, Julian Thompson, was urged to enlarge it to three acts which he did.

In 1932, Katherine Hepburn's Antiope won her first Hollywood contract. Both plays were built around their one big joke — the superiority of the female over the male. As Sapiens, the ringletted husband of the portentous Queen Hippolyta, Romney Brent, was careful not to make him offensively effeminate but an ordinary girl.

The play revolved around the Ninth Labor of Hercules which was to steal Hippolyta's magic girdle. Hercules brought the hero, Theseus, along with him and Theseus brought Homer as his press agent. Colim Keith Johnson was Theseus, a massive Hercules had the heart of a mouse.

In my review I had called "The Warrior's Husband" a libretto in search of a score and ten years later Rodgers and Hart came to the same conclusion and composed "By Jupiter."

Meanwhile Thompson, the author of the two plays, had figured in a melodrama of his own. As treasurer of McKesson and Robbins, a large and most respected pharmaceutical company, he suddenly discovered that the new corporation which had bought out McKesson and Robbins' name and business was engaged in a gigantic swindle borrowing vigorously on bogus sales of merchandise in a fictitious Canadian warehouse.

It was Mr. Thompson who demanded the investigation which

One explosive feature of the 1942 musical was when Pomposia, the colossal cabinet minister played by the colossal Bertha Beilmore, did a tap dance with Sapiens, her debutante son.

This is out but the ritual dance in the Temple of Minerva still swings into jazz and "Everything I have Belongs to You" is still the cream of the Rodgers-Hart songs. Robert R. Kaye has a good voice as Theseus; Jackie Alloway and Sheila Sullivan are decorative Amazons.

It was then as Sapiens that Ray Bolger created one of his most delightful comedy characters. Eschewing effeminacy like Romney Brent, Bolger's Sapiens was just a very simple youth well trained in knitting at the Amazonian Charming School. His avoidance of over-faring the part made it all the funnier. I have always remembered his long, long hike to the Amazons' camp which he danced in front of the curtain when the patience of his jaunty step was irresistible.

Now in revival after twenty-five years, "By Jupiter" is directed by Christopher Hewett, so successful with "The Boys from Syracuse", at the same Off Broadway Theatre Four (West 55th Street) with decor by the same designers, Herbert Sarn and Helen Pond. Costumes are by Winn Morton; choreography by Ellen Ray.

Sapiens is Bob Dishy who in his pillbox hat might be a double of Bea Lillie. He is a champion eye-roller; his playing of Sapiens being just the opposite of Bolger's as Dishy's Sapiens is farced into a clown but a funny one.

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