

Delegates Swap Ideas On Theater

Community theater delegates from five counties held a one-day regional conference in Utica yesterday with the Mount Carmel Players Guild as host to the "idea exchange" session.

Following a reception, six panel discussion groups considered topics of organization, makeup, stagecraft, and allied subjects, during the morning session.

At a luncheon in the afternoon, approximately 125 delegates were addressed by Carmen P. Mandia, Utica, general chairman. Mrs. Anne K. Blodgett, executive secretary of the State Community Theater Association from Ithaca College and Mrs. Virginia Kirshner, delegate from Rome Community Theater, and state chairman of the regional conference program.

Shakespeare occupied the delegate's interest during the afternoon program with the main address by Dr. Norman Nathan, Utica College associate professor of English. His topic was "Shakespeare for Modern Audiences."

Dr. Nathan told the group that Shakespeare is adaptable for community theater work if treated with clarity and faithfulness to the attitudes of people today. He suggested this could be done by attention to the length of production, importance of costume and clearness of language with less importance to scenery.

Final speaker of the session was Mrs. Esther Bialo, a costume designer of Stone and New York City, who spoke on the psychological approach to the costume of Shakespeare. She stressed how costume can create mood and how they illustrate the temperaments of people and a certain time and era.

The group was given the first update showing of "The Stratford Adventure," a 45-minute color film of the Stratford, Ontario Shakespeare Festival.

In the evening, a dance and buffet was held.

Delegates from Region 8 are planning to attend a five-state drama conference at Farmouth, Jockey Club, Ocean Port, N. J., the weekend of June 2.

Mandia urged members of the Association to contact him for information at the forthcoming conference. He is vice president of the Mount Carmel Players Guild and a member of the executive board of the State Community Theater Association.

Celebrating its 10th year of activity, the New York State Community Theater Association represents over 45 amateur drama groups throughout the state. These groups, yearly present over 200 major productions before a total audience estimated at over 200,000 persons. The State Association recently received a commendation from Governor Rockefeller for its accomplishments in drama and community service work.



ACOLYTES MARCH—Last of 350 Acolytes from Episcopal Diocese of Central New York enter Grace Church yesterday afternoon during annual Festival. Group, accompanied by Rt. Rev. Malcolm E. Peabody, bishop of Diocese, marched along Genesee St. before Festal Evensong at church.



NEW YORK SYNOD CONVENES—Several prominent Presbyterian churches gathered informally in the Wood Utica during yesterday's opening session of New York Synod of the Presbyterian Church. They are, from left, the Rev. Walter Cavert, Syracuse, executive director; the Rev. Frank Grode, New York City, pastor Madison Ave. Presbyterian Church; the Rev. Hamlin G. Tobey, Philadelphia, secretary of department of program development; and the Rev. Charles Bartlett, chairman of Utica Presbytery.

350 Acolytes In Procession

A group of 350 Acolytes from all parishes of the Episcopal Diocese of Central New York yesterday marched in procession down Genesee St. to Grace Church in the annual Acolyte Festival.

About 700 persons attended Festal Evensong which followed the march at the church. The Rev. Stanley P. Gasek was host, rector. The Rev. Richard M. Morra, North Syracuse, diocesan youth advisor, and the Rev. Kendall Edkins, rector of St. John's Church, Whitesboro, conducted the service.

The Rt. Rev. Malcolm E. Peabody, bishop of the Diocese of Central New York, the Rev. Walter M. Higley, S.T.D., suffragan bishop; the deans of the convocation and the diocesan clergy, marched in the procession. The group proceeded from the Grace Church Parish House to Charlotte St., south to Hopper St., west to Genesee St., and north to Grace Church.

The Rev. Frank C. Leeming, S.T.D., founder and headmaster of St. Peter's School, Prekittville, preached at the service. George Demler of Grace Church parish, was parade grand marshal. The Utica Free Academy band accompanied the marchers.

Sees Sample License Tabs Of Aluminum

County Clerk Frank M. Dulian has received samples of what New York State Motor Vehicle registration plates would look like, if they were of aluminum.

One of the features of the aluminum plate is that the cost of postage which is paid by the county issuing the plates would be slashed from 25 cents to eight cents.

The sample presented is pre-coated aluminum and, according to the manufacturer, would provide more durability than present steel plates which are made in Auburn Prison.

The innovation of manufactured aluminum plates would not be new to Empire State motorists because the plates now being used in connection with Thruway permits come from the same manufacturer.

The firm has provided plates for Oregon for the past seven years, Alaska for six years, Hawaii for five years, Washington for four years and Connecticut for one year.

The aluminum plates are made to last for five years, they have successfully withstood a 500-hour salt spray test and heat and weather tests of the same duration.

Purchasing license plates is done by the State Motor Vehicle Department in Albany and not by county clerks. In the past the plates or tabs have been shipped into the county seats by truck from Auburn Prison.

Voting Machine Flips It's Lid

ALBANY, N. Y., May 13 (AP)—Balloting on a hotly debated water-system proposal was too much for a voting machine in the nearby village of Colonie.

The machine was set to record 1,000 votes yesterday. But 1,700 voters about 60 percent of those eligible, turned out. Apparently shortly after the 1,000th person pulled the lever, the machine flipped back to zero in the end it showed only 254 votes cast—233 in favor of the water system and 21 against.

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Morning Muster

Allen B. Potter, 2 Robin Rd., student at Alfred University, has been awarded the American Legion 8th District citizenship medal for having demonstrated outstanding citizenship qualities.

As a leader first treatment with the college's Army Reserve Officer Training Corps. A member in the college of liberal arts, he is majoring in economics and business administration.

Richard Imhoff, 20, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Imhoff, Aiken St., Whitesboro, has been promoted to the rank of corporal specialist third class with the Army. A 1953 graduate of Whitesboro Central School, Imhoff is stationed in San Francisco as a teletype operator. He was an flight operator at Griffing Air Force Base before entering the army forces.

Peter P. Barone, a son of Peter Barone, 413 Third Ave., has been promoted to the rank of aviation structural mechanic third class, USN, while serving with Atlantic Fleet Attack Squadron 86.

Melvin C. Reynolds, 15 Jason St., has been promoted to boatman's mate third class, USN, while serving aboard the Atlantic Fleet attack aircraft carrier USS Forrestal.

Bernard G. Clarke, a son of Bernard J. Clarke, 815 Waverly Pl., and Mrs. Yelle J. Neineyer, 1127 Kellough Ave., was promoted to aviation ordnance man and panel discussion on the needs of the church in the field editor of "Today" and of "Lighthouse." A plenary session of Christian education will follow. Luncheon will be served at 1:15 p. m.

Parent-Children Education Stressed at Synod Parley

Urgency in stressing parent education, so parents in turn can give religious guidance to children in the home, is the central theme of the annual session of the New York Synod of the Presbyterian Church.

Currently meeting at Westminster Church in Utica, about 200 leading executives opened the three-day meeting last night with greetings from the Rev. P. Arthur Brudiel, host pastor.

In charge of the event is Dr. Walter D. Cavert, field director. He said there was a new and deeper interest in religion by everybody and particularly younger parents. "Due to the increase in the birthrate, and because parents are responsible for the children, we feel a need to alert the church to its obligations to do better work in parent education," he said.

Dr. Cavert also said the session would consider its whole program for children, youth and adults, study the department of program development, and make specific plans for the next few years. "We hope to adopt definite goals at this meeting," said Mr. Cavert.

Staff members from the Christian Education headquarters at Wilmore, assistant secretary, department of social education and action; the Rev. John C. Winn, director of the family education program; author of "How Christian Parents Face Problems"; and Mrs. Lulu Tolten, director of women's work; Lulu Tolten, director of the department of program development; and Miss Saeki Ozawa's chair—with Ozawa in it—and carried it out of the room. In the ensuing uproar, Ozawa's pants were torn and the committee never did get back to studying the measure.

After luncheon, there will be Presbytery meetings. A re-commitment service at 3:45 will close the schedule.

Among the speakers will be Emily Gibbs, Eastern area secretary, department of women's work; Lulu Tolten, director of the department of program development; the Rev. Hamilton G. Tobey, secretary of the department of program development; the Rev. Franklin Gillespie, director of the department of young people's work; the Rev. H. E. Sless, assistant secretary of the department of social education and action; the Rev. G. S. Wilmore, assistant secretary, department of social education and action; the Rev. John C. Winn, director of the family education program; author of "How Christian Parents Face Problems"; and Mrs. Lulu Tolten, director of women's work.

The Rev. Hamilton G. Tobey will be speaker at the 10 a. m. worship service this morning in program; author of "How Christian Parents Face Problems"; and Mrs. Lulu Tolten, director of women's work.

Given Boys Program Job

Henry A. Varhely, 16 Cashie Ave., Utica, was appointed to a one-year term as boy work director for the First District of Optimist International during the organization's convention in Rochester yesterday.

Among those named as lieutenant-governors was Frank G. Varhely, 16 Cashie Ave., Utica, attorney.

Varhely is athletic director of Utica College. His appointment is the second top post in the district which comprises 14 clubs.

His task will be to develop a program of boys work for all clubs in the district. Optimist International dedicates its program to boys and has as its slogan, "Friend of the Boy."

Varhely is past president of the Optimist Club of Utica and a former lieutenant governor of the First District.

Dividend Melon Of \$566 Million

WASHINGTON, May 13 (AP)—The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. (FDIC) reported today that the nation's 13,237 insured commercial banks put up a dividend melon of \$566 million dollars for their stockholders last year.

The FDIC said this amounted to almost half of the net profits of the banks after taxes in 1955. It said it was the highest proportion of such profits paid to stockholders since 1942 and compared with about 40 per cent in 1954 when profits after taxes were larger than last year.

Hear Rogers At Interview

Will Rogers Jr. spoke of his current television schedule, problems of the American Indian, film work and his possible political career Saturday during a conference with the Press Club of Utica at Hotel Hamilton.

He even found time to praise the State Thruway and central state scenery during the four-and-a-half informal session. "This was my first auto trip through this part of the country," he noted, "and I was amazed at the beauty of the scenery."

"My first view of Utica certainly impressed me," he continued. "We drove through the city and you really have some fine old homes here. As for the Thruway—it's amazing. We have nothing like it in the West."

Accompanied by Loma R. Bruce Jr., executive director of the National Congress of American Indians, Rogers, who conducts the "Good Morning" show over CBS, left immediately after the conference to address the Richfield Springs Rotary Club anniversary celebration.

The son of the famed humorist, noted lack of education as the chief problem of the Western Indians. "For the impoverished tribes in the West, we must see they become part of our present system without losing their cultural heritage. We must also see they enter our national life soon, but not at the bottom rung of the economic ladder as they must if we continue to deny them even rudimentary education."

He has no present political plans, Rogers stated, since his five-day TV schedule "takes up all my time." The star is a former Representative from California's 16th Congressional District.

"I like TV better than anything I have done," he noted. "But people expect me to be too much like my father. They want humor and cracking comments. I'm more of a straight talker."

"TV is more work than anything I have done," said the former newspaper editor. "It's harder work than anything but politics. But I certainly have

Junior Drill Teams to Hold 'Tag Day' Saturday

The three junior drill teams, sponsored by the Independent Democratic and Protective Order of Elks of the World, Saturday will conduct a "Tag Day" in the downtown area.

Funds raised will be used to provide transportation for the teams to the state-wide drill competition in Saratoga, also sponsored by the Elks.

The three junior drill teams are the I.D.P.O. Elks Drill Team, the I.D.P.O. Elks Drill Team, and the I.D.P.O. Elks Drill Team. They will be competing in the state-wide drill competition in Saratoga, also sponsored by the Elks.



PREPARE TAG DAY—Members of I.D.P.O.E.W. three junior drill teams practice their footstep as they prepare for Tag Day Saturday in downtown area. Funds raised will be used to transport teams to Saratoga to compete in statewide I.D.P.O.E.W. drill contests. From left, seated, are Joseph Yarbrough, John Ploozin, David Cook, William Mourshead, Richard Williams and Chris Harrison; back row, Robert Maddox, Lily Margaret Bell, Arnette Bruce and Virginia Mourshead.

Goldner Calls for Support For International Festival

Boyd E. Goldner, chairman of the Community Ambassador Project, last night asked for full audience support of Utica's first International Folk Festival which will begin at 8 Friday at Proctor High School auditorium.

In a letter to various civic and service organizations, the Commissioner of Parks and Playgrounds noted proceeds from the event will be used to defray expense of sending two Uticans to foreign countries and bringing two "ambassadors" from the Old World to Utica.

Director and master of ceremonies is Vernon Rezman, 1113 Summit Pl. Tickets for adults are 50 cents. Children will be admitted free.

Two Uticans, chosen as Community Ambassadors this year, will be introduced during the ceremonies. They are Miss Susanne Foley and Dominick Assaro. Also to be introduced are Miss Jessamine Mandia, Miss Anita Saxon, Miss Rita Seior, Jerry Lytkey and John Bergough, all former Utica good will ambassadors.

Theme for the performance is "Building Bridges of Friendship Across Seas of Separation." The performance will open with audience singing of the "Star Spangled Banner," with Mrs. Rezman, guest soloist, as leader. Under the American section, the pupils of Patry Smith Studio, 2202 Genesee St., will perform toe, tap and ballet dances. They are Donna and Peter Brohl, Jackie Graham, Cathy Simmons, Rosalie and Jimmy House, Jane and Barbara Kelly, Candy Kelly, Penny and Sandy Nichols, Patty and Jim Fullen, and Charlene Jennot.

The Proctor orchestra will perform the "Lucille Overture," the "Moulin Rouge Theme," and the "March of the Ten Soldiers." Roy Ludwig will direct. Organ music by Miss Carol Carluck will conclude the program.

In the national section, the program includes: German "Volkslieder Potpourri" sung by the combined German Organizations of Utica, accompanied by Lyleitz and accordion. Ukrainian, playing the bandura, the national instrument of the Ukraine; selections: "Chirbasan Section," "You'll Never Walk Alone," and Brahms' "Waltz"; folk dances including the hopak kolo and a sword dance. Performers are Nicholas Rogin, Anita Motel, Sery Kobutsk, Anne Rayko, Jerry Berbovy, Mar-



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FETE IMPRESS AS HOON
TOKYO, May 13 (AP)—Empress Nagako received six Japanese members at the Imperial palace today to mark the first anniversary of the death of Emperor Meiji. The members gave the Empress, who has borne seven children, a bouquet of pink and white carnations.

LANGUAGES EXPERT DIES
BERLIN, May 13 (AP)—Erich Gerhart, consultant linguistics specialist, died today of the death of Prof. Kurt Brockmann. E. leading German expert on Turkish languages. He taught at Halle University.

The drill teams have, in past public demonstrations, won considerable acclaim and awards for their precision. They will participate in the Armed Services Day Parade Wednesday. The Brooklyn competition will be held during the I.D.P.O.E.W. at 10 a. m. May 28 through