

Moorehead Charms Audience With Humor, Drama Readings

By DOTTIE BENNETT

A varied combination of audience emotions, ranging from humor to quiet concentration to tense anticipation, came to life under the capable guidance of Agnes Moorehead, one of America's best-known character actresses, at the Community Forum last night.

Miss Moorehead set the lighthearted mood which prevailed throughout the first part of the evening by sweeping onto the stage of Schwab Auditorium and saying conversationally, "Oh, I was supposed to read something. I'll have to have some books."

Her first offering was a collection of household hints, from the 14th to 19th century. Among them she included a hilarious selection called "How to Cure a Canary of Asthma," by Mrs. Henry Ward Beecher.

From these selections the actress made a quick transition to "Lavender With A Difference," a story by James Thurber concerning his mother.

The audience was entranced by Miss Moorehead's interpretation of "Moses and the Bull Rush," which she had learned from the nurse she had as a child. Although full of inaccuracies as far as the Biblical story was concerned, Miss Moorehead said that to her it had a quiet simplicity, as did the stories her father, a minister, had read from the Bible. She followed this by reading the story of Noah's Ark from the Bible.

Ring Lardner Selections

Miss Moorehead maintained complete rapport with the audience, with selections from Ring Lardner, a letter from Queen Elizabeth, and a reading from Sir Oswald Citwell throughout the remainder of the evening.

"Sorry, Wrong Number," however, was the sketch the audience had been waiting for, and proved to be the highlight of the evening. Miss Moorehead's emotional interpretation of the neurotic invalid lived up to the reputation she has achieved from it, and left no doubt in the minds of the audience that Miss Moorehead is the complete master of the art of portraying the eerie.

Realistic Setting

The audience, as with the other selections, seemed to actually imagine the setting, and reacted as though they were watching the scene taking place within the bedroom apartment instead of seeing it done on a nearly bare stage.

Although it was announced earlier in the week that Miss Moorehead would be introduced by Robert Wray of the department of public education in Harrisburg, this was not the type of show for which the actress required an introduction, so Dr. Wray did not appear.

CPIC to Interview For Spring Week

Cabinet Personnel Interviewing Committee will interview applicants for Spring Week committees at 7:30 tomorrow evening in the Board Room at the rear of the Old Main lounge.

Committees for which applicants will be interviewed are Madhatters, He-Man, publicity, arrangements, and parade.

Applications for the committees will be closed after the interviews.

Students interested in serving on All-University Cabinet's Centennial Committee may apply until noon Saturday at the Student Union desk in Old Main. CPIC will interview applicants.

Arnold Society Banquet

The Arnold Air Society banquet will be held at 7 p.m. Friday at the State College Hotel.

Members may sign up at the Armory.

Ag Prof to Speak to Club

Dr. Henry R. Fortmann, associate professor of agronomy, will speak to the Clover Club on "Sunny California" at 7 tonight at Alpha Gamma Rho.

Moorehead Lauds College Audiences

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College and university audiences are the best—the great audiences of the future, actress Agnes Moorehead said in an interview yesterday afternoon at the Nittany Lion Inn.

Miss Moorehead, who appeared at the Community Forum series last night, said that it is these university audiences to whom actors should play. She added that there is too much mediocrity in the theater, and that university students should learn to be discriminating and keep their standards high.

This, said Miss Moorehead, is what she, producer Paul Gregory and Charles Laughton, who directs "That Fabulous Redhead," the show in which Miss Moorehead appears, are trying to do.

Used Gestures

Miss Moorehead employed expressive gestures throughout the interview, and at one point used her famed talent for characterization by standing and imitating a conversation with a "little old woman." An expression which appeared to be her favorite, and which she employed frequently to emphasize a point was "I want you to know."

Speaking of her role in the movie "The Lost Moment," in which she played a 107 year old woman, Miss Moorehead said she can't get rid of the part. "Everybody thinks I'm 107 years old." Her make-up in this movie was begun at 5 a.m. and lasted until 9 a.m. At 6 p.m. it was taken off—a process which lasted 1½ hours.

Sketch That Won Fame

Concerning "Sorry, Wrong Number," the dramatic sketch written for her in 1943, and the part for which she has become most famous, Miss Moorehead said she felt at first that no one would listen to it. However it was so well liked she had to repeat it several times, and now does it almost every night, "which is pretty awful, I must say." She remarked that the play is wonderful for people who want to write, because of its construction.

As yesterday was Miss Moorehead's birthday, a surprise party was held in her honor following the forum. Miss Moorehead said she couldn't think of anything better than to spend her birthday at the University and doing a Forum show. She added that this appearance was a part of an extensive tour which started in October. December 18 Miss Moorehead will report to Universal International studios in Hollywood to begin a new picture—"All That Heaven Allows," which will feature the same actors who were in "Magnificent Obsession"—Jane Wyman, Rock Hudson, Barbara Rush, and Miss Moorehead.

Asked about the value of a college education for such professions as acting, Miss Moorehead said a college education will not hinder anybody, regardless of his profession. She said an education enables people to better understand one another.

Ag Pioneer 'Daddy' Groff Dies at 70

An alumnus of the University who pioneered the idea of agricultural missions to China and who established an agricultural college at Lingnan University, Canton, China, died Saturday.

George Weidman "Daddy" Groff, who received his degree in agriculture in 1907 and his M.S.



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degree in 1918, died at the age of 70 in Laurel Wood, Fla.

After acquiring his degree in 1907, Mr. Groff became the first agricultural missionary to China. China attracted Mr. Groff's imagination while he was still at the University and when that country was looking for new scientific knowledge.

His work was supported in part by Penn State Chapel offerings and other contributions made through the Penn State-in-China program started in 1911. With this support, Mr. Groff served both Lingnan University and Penn State, advocating a reciprocal exchange of cultural ideas.

Mr. Groff was born in Annville. He is survived by his widow, the former Eva Brinser. Funeral arrangements will include graveside service on Friday at Paxtang Cemetery, Harrisburg.

Chapel Choir to Present 7th Candlelight Service

A preview of the Christmas season will be given by the 92 members of the Chapel Choir on Saturday night when they present their seventh annual Candlelight service at 10:55 p.m. in Schwab Auditorium.

The ninety-two choir members will stand in formation around the interior of the auditorium, holding electrically lighted candles and join the congregation in singing familiar Christmas hymns, Willa C. Taylor, choir director, said. Then they will take their places on the stage for the choral service.

The service will be repeated Sunday morning at 10:55 a.m. as the regular Chapel Service.

Luther Harshbarger, University Chaplain, will conduct the service and speak on "Two Worlds Meet".

The midnight candlelight service was suggested by John Schoening, Red Bank, N.J., a former choir member. It was first used Dec. 11, 1948.

A Moravian star, familiar symbol in Pennsylvania, which was presented to the choir by A. H. Imhof, assistant professor of agricultural journalism, will be used to decorate the auditorium.

Since 1949 several members of the Blue Band have given a concert of Bach Chorals as a prelude to the choral concert. This year James W. Dunlop, director of the Blue Band, will direct the Brass Choir composed of Clair Krone, Larry Statler, Frederick Heath, Raymond Bolze, George Black, Richard Brown, William Wilson, John Hocutt, and Gerald Robinson.

Organ music for the service, to be played by George Ceiga, chapel organist, will include "Sleep Well, Child of Heaven," Guilman; "What Child Is This?," Purvis, and "Von Himmel hoch, Fifth Canonic Variation," Bach. The doors of the auditorium will be opened at 10:25 p.m. Saturday.

Bus Ad Council to Meet

The Business Administration Council will meet at 6:45 tonight in 108 Willard. Joseph Ginsberg will preside in the absence of Dick Favro who is recovering from an appendectomy.

Jazz Club to Hear Kenton Recordings

Unreleased tapes of the Stan Kenton concert at Cornell University will be played by Theodore Richards, faculty adviser, at an organizational meeting of the Jazz Club at 7:30 tonight in Carnegie Hall.

The tapes to be heard at tonight's meeting, which is open to students and faculty members, were recorded in 1951 at Cornell University under the sponsorship of the university's Rhythm Club.

Young Republicans Will Meet Tonight

President Dwight D. Eisenhower's Far Eastern policy will be the topic of discussion at the Young Republican Club meeting at 7 tonight in 202 Willard.

Speakers will be David Scott, third semester agriculture economics major, and Benjamin Sinclair, seventh semester arts and letters major.

The constitutional committee will present proposed amendments to the club's constitution.

The club will sponsor showing of the film "The Outlaw" at 7 and 9 p.m. Thursday in 119 Osmond. A donation of 20 cents will be collected.

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