

Musical Comedy Production Sponsored By Fire Company

Will Have Cast of 100 With
Special Costumes and
Scenery

Plans for a musical comedy, "Circus Solly" the largest ever presented in Dallas, were made Monday night at a special meeting of Dr. Henry M. Laing fire company when members of the producing company met with fire company committees to discuss the project.

Coaching the cast which will include about one hundred members in the chorus beside the lead parts will be done by members of the staff of the producing company. One feature of the comedy will be the use of about \$5,000 worth of costumes and scenery brought here by the Frederick B. Ingram company.

Committees of the fire company in conjunction with the directors are urging that all persons interested in the production get in touch with them for try-outs and casting of parts.

As now planned the Fire company hopes to have the comedy ready for staging about March 8.

Cast of Characters

A resume of the leading characters and parts to be filled follows:

Jane Brown: Who sells home made candy. A prominent part and should be taken by clever girl between 18 and 30. Plays opposite to Circus Solly. Has several songs.

Circus Solly: First appears as a circus clown and later in street clothes. Prominent part and should be taken by man who can play opposite Jane Brown. Has several songs and plays opposite to Bud Berry.

Betty Wood: A friend of Jane's and a girl of same type. Has several songs and plays opposite to Bud Berry.

Bud Berry: A "slicker" who follows the circus and is always ready to consider any plan for a little "easy money." Has several songs and plays opposite to Betty.

McGinty: The town barber who discovers a new fountain of youth in capsule form. A good comedy part of middle aged man.

Widow Willow: A grass widow whose husband, long since departed, seems to have forgotten to return. The Widow, however, has designs on McGinty. Should be played by woman of middle age.

Hickory Bender: The town constable, who hates circuses and all that goes with them. A good "small town character" comedy part of a man about 65.

Simon Rotosky: A Jewish comedy balloon vender, with the circus. Excellent comedy part having several songs with Annie and chorus girls.

Annie: Who is a town character. A maid servant who aspires to own a circus balloon and to be a "swell" manicurist. Has feminine comedy lines of the show, falls in love with the balloon vender and has several songs.

Tina: A girl with the circus. A small but important part. Should be played by girl between 18 and 25.

Local Man Is Struck By Car

Taken To Hospital To Be
Treated For Hip
Injuries

Norman Smith, 57, a laborer, of East Dallas, was struck by a Dallas street car on Monday night when he stumbled in the path of the oncoming trolley.

The motorman, William Hufford, attempted to stop the car but it was impossible to prevent the accident. Mr. Smith was taken to Nesbitt hospital at Kingston suffering from a crushed hip and head lacerations. The accident occurred between Dallas and Shaver's Mills.

Headlines Of The Week

A summary of this week's news of international interest, reviewed for Post readers.

JAPAN

Japan drafted this week an ultimatum demanding withdrawal of Chinese troops from Jehol province and then passed the biggest budget in Japanese history to give its army and navy full strength to enforce its demands.

REPEAL

Dripping wet States throughout the country were racing this week to see which would be first to ratify the Constitutional amendment to repeal the 18th Amendment. Leaders predicted twenty States will ratify, fourteen are favorable to ratification and fourteen are doubtful. Thirteen States can defeat the amendment.

BONUS

Digging into the operations of the National City Co., a committee of United States Senators learned this week that Charles E. Mitchell, chairman of the board of the National City Bank received a total bonus of \$3,500,000 in addition to his salary during 1927, 1928 and 1929.

ALICE

On the heels of Eva le Gallienne's great success in New York with "Alice in Wonderland" came news this week that Walt Disney, creator of Mickey Mouse, wants Mary Pickford to enact the role of "Alice" in a movie version in which all the characters besides the title role will be portrayed by animated, colored cartoons.

DOG

Blinded by flames when chemicals exploded in a shack at the rear of his business quarters, George Howell, New York, groped for an exit. He felt his dog, Peggy, a shepherd, grasping his fingers. Peggy pulled him to a window, leaped out, barked loudly. Howell toppled through the opening to safety.

DEFIANT

Sentenced to eighty years imprisonment for his attempt to murder Franklin D. Roosevelt and others, Giuseppe Zangara commented: "It makes no difference. Eighty years or hundred years. I do two-three years."

HONORS

Honoring George Washington, five ambassadors from foreign countries spoke over the radio on Wednesday.

RATES

New low rates to Washington, D. C., for the inauguration next week were being announced this week by railroad and bus companies.

CONFERENCE

From all parts of Pennsylvania came social workers this week to attend the Pennsylvania Conference on Social Welfare in Wilkes-Barre. Factors which have ridden on the depression to bring social executives new worries were discussed thoroughly.

DEAD

Dead this week were "Gentleman Jim" Corbett, colorful heavyweight prize-fighter; Dowager Duchesse de la Rouchefoucauld, American woman who dazzled Paris society for many years; Jennie Jacobs, sixty-year-old booking agent, whose position as one of the few woman theatrical promoters brought her world-wide recognition.

BOMB

Post office authorities at Washington, D. C., this week found a tiny bomb in a package addressed to President-elect Franklin D. Roosevelt.

MUSIC

William H. Woodin, former Berwick man who was appointed Secretary of the Treasury by President-Elect Roosevelt this week has a world-wide reputation, for his ability as an industrialist. But it is not so well known that his musical compositions appear on the racks of leading symphony orchestras. Most recent work is his new suite, "Covered Wagon," a modern, realistic composition featured last Sunday night by Manhattan Symphony Orchestra in its radio concert.

No Solution For Mystery Shocks Here

Investigation Fails To
Disclose Source Of
Concussions

Investigation throughout this section yesterday failed to uncover any explanation for the three deep concussions which startled Dallas and vicinity late Wednesday night.

Though the detonation was heard most distinctly in Shavertown and Dallas, reports were received that persons residing in Wyoming Valley had also heard the mysterious noises.

In Dallas the shocks were heard at 11:15, 11:40 and 11:58. The last was reported the most severe and it shook houses and rattled windows. Telephone calls on Wednesday night and a more thorough search yesterday brought no solution.

As far as could be learned, there was no dynamiting on any of the several road projects under way in this section and none of the other rumored explanations for the detonations could be verified.

At first it was believed that the concussions had some connection with an explosion and fire which blew out the foundation and wall on one side of a house in Pittston but a check-up showed that the Pittston blast took place at 10:20, much earlier than the concussions felt locally.

The explanation was that the reports might have been from dynamite set off by persons attempting to raise flood at some body of water near here but no verification for this story could be secured.

Need For Chains

The combination of no chains and a slippery road resulted in fatal accidents involving sixty motor vehicles last year, according to the division of Safety, Department of Revenue. In addition, 3084 vehicles operating on slippery roads without chains were in non-fatal injury accidents and 2371 in accidents in which only property damage was reported.

Conference Fight Tightens Lehman And Dallas Twp. Wins

Kingston Township And
Dallas Tied For Confer-
ence. Lead

Several upsets marked the basketball games last Friday night. Lehman toppled Dallas from the Conference leadership into a tie with Kingston township, and Laketon bowed to Dallas township.

Kingston township defeated Beaumont by the score of 25 to 14. No individual player starred, but the Kingston boys showed a decided improvement.

Laketon Loses to Dallas Township
Playing in the role of Jack, the giant killer, Dallas township upset the Laketon squad 23 to 16. Laketon played without the services of a few of its regulars, but the township team must be given due credit for their feat.

Dallas Loses to Lehman
Fighting desperately to keep its place in the Conference sun, Lehman high school basketball team handed Dallas borough H. S. its first conference defeat of the current season at Lehman Friday. The final score read 22 to 20.

It was the aggressive guarding combined with fast passing attack of the Lehmanites that won the game for them. Time after time they virtually stole the ball from Dallas, and at no stage of the game could Dallas solve the man-for-man defense that Lehman had set for them. Incidentally, it is the first time this year that this type of defense has worked successfully against Dallas.

Dallas went into the second half leading 10 to 8, but its offense was crippled by the tightening Lehman defense and it was unable to maintain the advantage.

Lehman partisans went wild as they say the characteristic and determined Dallas rally fall short by two points of tying the score, and realized that their team was actually defeating the hitherto undefeated Conference leaders. Lehman had made its comeback good, and impressively so.

Lavelle, Labar, and Matuskowitz were outstanding in their play for Dallas, while Elston, the fast right forward of Lehman, starred both on the defense and offense.

Lehman Girls Win
The undefeated girls basketball team (Continued on Page 4.)

Tentative Plans Announced For Annual Egg Hunt

More Children Expected To
Take Part Than
Ever Before

Saturday, April 14, has been set as the date for the annual Children's Easter Egg hunt, sponsored by Dallas Rotary club. Last year, because of an early Easter, the hunt was eliminated, and Easter baskets were distributed to needy families in its stead. This year, however, the hunt will be resumed. Plans already formulated at this early date, indicate that the hunt this year will be the biggest ever held.

In the past the hunt has been gradually taken on the aspect of a community hunt with local merchants and civic organizations cooperating. Although originally sponsored and financed by Dallas Rotary club, there has been a growing desire on the part of many in the community to enter into the spirit of the affair.

Up until 1931 Rotary Club stood all of the expense which usually ran in the neighborhood of \$50 to \$75. In the past, even with this expense, there have never been enough eggs for all the children who took part in the hunt.

In 1931 Rotary Club offered, accepted and shared in the fun of putting on the hunt with other members of the community. Many persons contributed prizes and offered their assistance in coloring and dyeing Easter Eggs.

Tentative plans will include the division of children entering the hunt into three age groups. The first group is for tiny tots up to first grade pupils; the second group is for youngsters up to and including sixth grade; the third group is for older boys and girls.

No prizes will be awarded this year, as in the past, to the contestants finding the largest number of eggs. In previous this has been the cause of some difficulty, some older children being so greedy as to take eggs from (Continued on Page 4.)

Township Taxpayers Group Issues Report On Expenses

Local Family
Saw Zangara
Attempt Murder

B. P. Stroh, manager of the local office of the Commonwealth Telephone Co., and who has been spending several weeks in Florida, writes that he was right on the firing line in Miami the night Giuseppe Zangara took pot shots at President-elect Roosevelt and ended up by wounding five other people.

Mr. Stroh says he stood about fifty feet from the gunman when the first shot was fired. Almost immediately after the first shot he heard the other shots and saw Mayor Cermak of Chicago topple over. With Mr. and Mrs. Stroh in Florida are Mrs. Stroh's sister, Miss Ella Ellsworth of Shavertown and Dr. Weston of Jamestown, N. Y.

Job List Shows Varied Ability

State Employment Offices
Help 41,000 To Find
Positions

Nearly every known occupation is listed in the 302,835 applications for jobs received during 1932 by the fourteen State employment bureaus of the Department of Labor and Industry.

In the clerical and professional group, 28,213 men and 17,773 women registered for jobs. They included such professions as bank examiners, undertakers, doctors for industrial plants and metallurgists. Among the women were beauticians, tea-room hostesses, dietitians and graduate nurses. Some of the unusual applications listed women paper-hangers and women draftsmen. More than 2100 farm workers sought employment through the State offices. Not all of these could be termed farm "hands" since many had received highly specialized training in agricultural colleges plus years of practical experience.

There was a 500 per cent. increase over 1931 in the number of building mechanics seeking jobs. More than 40,000 building trades workers registered in 1932. The manufacturing group took in 40,316 men and 1483 women.

In the transportation field about 4800 men and less than 200 women sought employment. They included railroad workers, truck drivers, telephone operators, chauffeurs, and stenographers in railroads and other transportation offices.

Twenty-one hundred miners registered. Hotel and restaurant workers numbered 4900 men and more than 4100 women. Men in the selling field outnumbered the women more than two to one with 3100 men and about 1500 women.

Twenty-eight thousand semiskilled men workers and 32,000 women registered.

The largest classification was that of unskilled labor which claimed about 63,000 men and 65,000 women. The casual and unclassified workers numbered more than 14,500 men and nearly 8000 women. These were largely day workers.

During 1932, 41,054 persons received some employment through the offices in Allentown, Altoona, Erie, Harrisburg, Johnstown, Lancaster, Oil City, New Castle, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Reading, Scranton and Wilkes-Barre.

Girl Scouts Have Chance At Camp

Novel Savings Plan Announced
For Girls Here

Two weeks at Camp Onawandah next summer is within the reach of every Girl Scout who starts to save her dimes now, it was announced by Miss Emerald Harper, director of Wyoming Valley Girl Scout Council, through a novel savings plan which will become operative about February 20th.

Small green books containing 140 stamps are being printed for distribution among the Girl Scouts, with the name of each girl on her book. The stamps can be bought for ten cents each and if the scout buys all the stamps in the book she will have \$14, or the expense of camp for a period of two weeks. If half the stamps are purchased, she can spend one week at Onawandah.

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Urges Collection Of Past
Due Taxes Amounting
To \$30,000

The committee selected by tax payers of Dallas Township at a tax payers' meeting at the Dallas township high school, February 2nd has investigated taxation in this township; where the money comes from, where it is spent and where economies can be effected, and has drafted the following report:

To the Taxpayer

We respectfully call your attention to your tax situation, the outstanding feature of which is that 69 1-2 per cent of the taxpayers pay all the taxes. Thirty and one-half per cent pay none. This has been the case for the last three years. If all the taxes were collected; all the taxes could be reduced. No effort to force payment has been made.

Here is the situation for 1932:
Total taxes (School, Road and Poor Taxes) \$56,280.00
Paid, \$41,228.00
Still unpaid 15,052.00 56,280.00

This year the unpaid amount will presumably be greater. Even if expenditures are not greater, the tax on the payers will be greater. This appears to be the chief problem confronting you. The tax payers have the power to rectify all their grievances if they organize and stand by their organization. About 1200 persons in Dallas township who should pay taxes are not doing so at present.

We are glad to report that the following economies have been accomplished.

In the schools:
The tax collector's compensation was reduced 40 per cent.

The treasurer's compensation was reduced 39.9 per cent.

Cost of transportation for school children reduced 40 per cent.

Janitor's compensation reduced 40 per cent.

Reductions effecting a total savings to the township on the above items of \$5,800.00. Teachers salaries in the year 1932 totaled \$15,461.22. The teachers salaries for the year ending July 1933 will be approximately the same as for the year 1932.

In the Road Department:
Supervisor's compensation (fixed by the township auditor) has been reduced 40 per cent to \$3.00 per day, a saving of \$700.00 per year, approximately.

Additional saving in this department of \$1,850.00 might be effected if the supervisors, who are authorized by law to fix the rate they pay for labor, were willing to pay what the farmers in the township pay for similar work. But the supervisor's have not seen fit to do this. They are paying 40 cents per hour instead of the prevailing rate of 30 cents. As each supervisor employs chiefly members of his own family, self-interest appears to stand in the way of economy to the tax payers to the extent of \$1,850.00 per year.

The compensation of the Overseers of the Poor has been reduced to 25 per cent to \$3.00 per day.

We find little to complain of in this department but recommend that the secretary and treasurer's fee (combined) should not exceed two per cent of the money paid out, not including money borrowed and repaid. After this reduction the secretary and treasurer's compensation would be the same as that now paid by the road supervisors and would effect a saving of about \$115.00 per year.

Your attention is called to the debt incurred to complete our excellent Township High School building, the unpaid balance of which is at present \$50,500.00 and has continued unpaid for six years. By May of this year unpaid taxes for 1932 and 1933 will amount to something over \$30,000.00. Those who do pay taxes will have this debt to shoulder in addition to their current taxes unless a considerable part of the delinquent \$30,000.00 is collected and paid on the school debt. Delinquent taxes if collected could almost pay this debt.

There appears to be considerable sentiment in the township that property on which taxes have not been paid should be sold for taxes and the large sum of money collected from the delinquents, by forceful methods if necessary, in order to maintain, for the benefit of all, the schools and roads and poor benefits as at present. Neglect to do this will put a premium on non-payment of taxes and reduce the number who do pay to a point which will compel the discontinuance of schools and poor benefits.

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