

Excellent Cast Chosen For Play

Rehearsals Progress On Firemen's Production

The muttered threats, anguished screams and revolver shots which drift from the auditorium of Dallas Borough High School these evenings are really no cause for serious alarm. It's merely the cast of "West of the Rio", the play to be given by Laing Fire Company on March 7 and 8, busy rehearsing its Western melodrama.

With completion of her cast, Mrs. Rood began working in earnest on the production this week, and last night she expressed delight with the progress the amateur actors and actresses are making. "It's one of the finest casts I ever worked with," Mrs. Rood said. Others who dropped in to watch rehearsals agreed that Dallas has a surprising abundance of dramatic talent.

There are only four feminine speaking roles in the play, although there will be more than a score of young women in the singing and dancing choruses. Mrs. Thomas Robinson has been cast for the role of Kate, a typical Western girl who operates the Silver Dollar Hotel in Sundown, Texas. "Queenie", the pretty biscuit-shooter in the Silver Dollar restaurant, will be Mrs. John Durbin. Mrs. Howard Caperoon has a humorous role, that of Madame LaBelle, the slightly tipsy mind reader who comes to Sundown with a traveling theatrical troupe. One of the most difficult parts, the tragic role of Lupe, the wife of an ill-fated Mexican sheepherder, will be played by Miss Betty Niemeyer.

The staff of the Silver Dollar includes Oscar, the clerk, played by Harold Mayer, and Smokie, the lazy, colored handyman, played by Arthur Franklin. Addison Woolbert is "Lucky", the wandering gambler who drifts into Sundown and runs afoul of the law, in the person of the Sheriff, played by Charles Jones, and his brave deputy, enacted by Clyde Lapp. James O'Boyle does an excellent job as the Parson and Dean Ide fits the role of manager of the "Broadway Ladies" like a glove. William Baker, Jr., James LaBarr and Grover Jones will be members of the gang of the Rio Kid.

There will be two choruses, injected as a musical relief from the tense action of the play. The opening chorus will be composed of cow-boys. The "Broadway Ladies", a group of prominent young women of Dallas and its vicinity, will appear in the second act, during a number which will be featured by a unique singing act by Mr. and Mrs. Herman Kern.

One role, already filled and being rehearsed, will remain a mystery until the night of the production. Even on the program there will be no character listed opposite that name—only a question mark. Who will play the part of the villainous Rio Kid will remain a secret with the director and the cast—until March 7!

Three Local Men Chosen For March Jury Service

Three local men are among the 160 who will serve as jurors in Common Pleas Court during the weeks of March 11 and 18. They are: Week of March 11—John Anderson, Dallas; Frank Halowich, Lake Township; Week of March 18—Peter D. Clark, Dallas.

A NEW KING AND QUEEN IN HOLLYWOOD



Bette Davis and Mickey Rooney, elected by a poll of 23,000,000 newspaper readers, receive their crown from Columnist Ed Sullivan. This was the third year of the poll. Myrna Loy and Clark Gable were chosen two years ago. Last year's winners were Jeanette MacDonald and Tyrone Power.

State Policemen Check Fatalities

23 Of 43 Killed Lost Lives On Rural Roads

Twenty of the 43 persons who lost their lives in automobile accidents on Luzerne County highways during the first 10 months of 1939 were killed in the rural area, according to the Pennsylvania State Motor Police.

Pedestrian accidents made up the greatest single percentage of any type of accidents. Seventeen pedestrians lost their lives because of carelessness and three were killed while intoxicated.

Most of the accidents occurred in clear weather, on straight, level stretches after darkness had fallen. U. S. Route 309, which connects Wilkes-Barre and Hazleton, claimed the greatest number of lives. Nine persons were killed on that highway. Four were killed on Route 11, which parallels the river; four on county roads; two on Pennsylvania Route No. 115, which comes from Williamsport and cuts through Huntsville; one on No. 315 and one on No. 924.

Lapp Headed Committee For Truck Conference

As chairman of Luzerne County Council of the Pennsylvania Motor Truck Association, Clyde M. Lapp of Dallas had an important part in planning the annual meeting of the council last night in Wilkes-Barre. In announcing the council's cooperation with the State's Job Mobilization Committee, Mr. Lapp said Highway Transportation employs 290,000 persons in Pennsylvania, making it the State's third largest industry.

P. O. S. Of A. Plans Washington Fete

To Mark Holiday With Patriotic Mass Meeting

The County Executive Committee of the Patriotic Order, Sons of America and its auxiliary, the Patriotic Order of Americans, will hold a Washington's Birthday celebration on Thursday night in the P. O. S. of A. hall on Market Street, Kingston. The public is invited.

Hon. C. Murray Turpin, former Congressman, will be chairman, Attorney Thomas Byron Miller of Plymouth will speak on "The Need of Patriotic Orders for the Future Stability of the United States." The guest speaker will be Rev. Walter H. Egge of Frackville, past national president and national chaplain of the P. O. S. of A.

At 6:30 Rev. Mr. Egge will be the guest of honor at a dinner in Boyd's restaurant at Kingston Corners. Reservations for the dinner should be made with Elmer J. Lynn, Kingston 7-7361. The dinner, as well as the meeting later, will be open to the public. On Tuesday afternoon from 3:30 to 4 over Station WBAX Hon. Frank O. Bowersox of Wilkes-Barre will deliver an address on Washington.

A P. O. S. of A. membership drive is in progress throughout Luzerne County.

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