

'Big Show' Attracts Throng of Over 1,500

By a Staff Writer

"The Big Show," a song-play presented by the kindergarten class of the O'Neill public school, was attended by a record crowd Friday evening at the auditorium. The production in two scenes was written by Elinor Smith Gerber of Lexington, formerly of O'Neill. Mrs. Gerber also was the accompanist. Mrs. Grace Petersen is the kindergarten instructor and directed the play.

An estimated 1,500 persons witnessed the show.

The elaborate and colorful stage scenery and many of the costumes gave a professional touch to the performance. Some of the costumes and much of the scenery was illuminated because of "black lighting" and glowed in the dark.

Perhaps one of the most important features of the show was the complete feeling of being oneself by all the children. So much so that Leonard Parkinson, the ticket seller, regarded by many as the "hit" of the show, said to Mrs. Petersen during the performance: "Oh, what am I saying that for now? I'm getting all mixed up!" And, with the air of a veteran actor, he went on with his well-memorized lines. His recovery rocked the house.

The baby clown, played by Clayton Strong, provoked laughs and cheers. He was amused or intrigued by something going on back stage and his back turned to the audience at the moment he was called upon to take a bow.

He was completely engrossed with the matter that was distracting him. Bobby Evans, another clown, sharply repeated Clayton's name. Clayton wheeled, faced the audience and picked up his lines.

Clayton's "mother" (Ronald Cohn) was looking after him. Billy Van Every and James Booth, along with the other clowns, had the audience on the edge of their seats with their acrobatics.

The long, exacting lines, mem-

orized and done so well by the ring master, David Loy deserve special mention.

Little Nancy Vidriksen, the smallest and very petite member of the class, asked with enthusiasm some time ago to be the fat lady. Mrs. Petersen gave little Nancy the nod.

"After all," Mrs. Petersen said, "it's more important to consider the child and please her than to please the audience."

Douglas Laurson as Fifi had nothing on Marilyn Monroe as he sauntered across the stage.

In a review of this sort it is difficult to pick a few of the outstanding performers when every one felt that each child did a fine job. One could mention five or six more names and not do justice.

Even when Larry Brewster's mother called Thursday and thought he had measles, Jimmy Nordmeyer did a wonderful job of filling in at the last minute.

"No child was indispensable," said Mrs. Petersen. "Any part could have been filled by several of the children because they learned all the songs and parts in our every day work."

Music, including a trumpet fanfare, was provided by the junior band of both schools. Charles B. Houser directed the band in selections before the performance.

The kindergarten provided a rhythm band and parade during the play.

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Supt. and Mrs. Stanley Gross and children spent Saturday night with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. George Bennett, at Columbus, returning to Page on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cronk accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Trowbridge to Inman Sunday where they spent the day with Mrs. Anna Smith and Ern Trowbridge.

Sgt. and Mrs. Riechtr Buxton arrived Thursday and left Saturday morning from Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., for a short visit. Mrs. Buxton moved to Omaha where she will live while he is attending an officers' candidate school in Georgia.

The C&G&G club members guests of Mrs. Otto Mutschallat Friday afternoon. Mrs. Clarence Stevens had low score; Mrs. Ethel Waring, high, and Mrs. Frieda Asher, traveling. Mrs. Anton Nissen will entertain the club members on May 18.



Among the cowboys taking part in a song and shooting spree were James Wade, Douglas Laurson (partially hidden), James Nordmeyer, James Schmeichel, Tommy Hunt, John Humrich, Ricky Huber, Bobby Wilson and Scott Stewart.—The Frontier Photo.



The balloon man, Larry Brewster, busily peddles colorful balloons to "spectators" at Friday's "Big Show."—The Frontier Photo.



Among the leading characters in "The Big Show" were Steven Force, bridegroom; Julia Kyser, bride; Gloria Jenkins, snake charmer; Davy Credit, juggler; Jerry Parks, strong man; Nancy Vidriksen, fat lady; Leonard Parkinson (in ticket box), hawk, and David Loy ring master.—O'Neill Photo Co.



Trapeze girls, whose colorful dresses and slippers glowed while performing, were Bruce Ann McKamy, Kathy Baker, Vicki Suiter, Sandra Johnson, Bonnie Williamson and Marla Clyde.—O'Neill Photo Co.



Highly painted Indians were Glen Jenkins, Dick Mage, Lee Hutchinson, Tommy Miller, Ronald Cohn, Norman Rapsel and Dennis Jeffrey.—O'Neill Photo Co.

Sick & Injured

O'NEILL—Mrs. Mary Zastrow was taken to the hospital last Thursday. . . J. J. Berigan, first ward councilman, became ill during the weekend and was admitted to St. Anthony's early Monday. . . Thomas Blake, a patient at the tuberculosis hospital at Kearney for two months, is "getting along fine." His wife returned Sunday after visiting him there.

RIVERSIDE—Tommy Christian called at the Bill Fry home Friday afternoon. He is here on sick leave, having broken some bones in his foot while working Mrs. Texas. . . Mrs. Deemer Conner visited in Orchard Monday while Mr. and Mrs. Bill Robinson took Mr. Conner to Sioux City for a medical checkup. . . Mrs. Claude Warner suffered a light stroke Sunday evening. She is in the Antelope Memorial hospital. . . Mrs. John Kearns and son of White River, S.D., visited the Reverend Turner home last week. Mrs. Turner's condition remains unchanged. . . Mrs. Howard Miller and Mrs. Walter Miller visited Mrs. Carl Miller at the Neligh hospital Saturday.

CELIA—Mrs. Duane Beck and baby daughter, Sheryl Lynn, came home from the O'Neill hospital on Sunday afternoon and are staying at the George Beck home in Atkinson for a few days. . . Mrs. Lee Terwilliger took Mrs. Grace Spindler to Norfolk Monday where Mrs. Spindler consulted a doctor.

DELOIT—Mrs. Carl Thiele became ill Sunday morning and was taken to a doctor. . . Mrs. Henry Trenpohl underwent major surgery at the Neligh hospital last week. . . Mrs. Carl Miller was a patient in the Neligh hospital last week. . . Ralph Tomjack went to Omaha Sunday. Mrs. Tomjack, who has been hospitalized in Omaha for 10 days following surgery, returned home with him. They were accompanied home by their daughter, Mrs. Ralph Beaudin, and two children of Omaha. . . Tom Christian, who is employed in Texas, visited friends and relatives here last week. He suffered a foot injury while working in the oil fields and was unable to work for three weeks. . . Terry Harpster and Arlene Potter are ill with measles.

CHAMBERS—Mrs. John Kellar returned Friday from Bartlett where she had spent several days with her son, Roy Cooke, following his return from the Spalding hospital. He is improved from an attack of virus pneumonia. . . Mr. and Mrs. Ed Harvey left this week for Sioux City where he entered a hospital for medical care. . . Miss Lela Ermer of Washington, D.C., has come to be near her mother, who is hospitalized following surgery at St. Anthony's hospital. . . Mrs. Theodore Mess has "improved" and is at her own home after spending the winter with a daughter at Ceresco. She spent considerable time with another daughter, Mrs. Charles Grimes, in the Chambers community. . . Paul Roth suffered a stroke at his home Monday, and was taken by ambulance to St. Anthony's hospital in O'Neill.

EMMET—Those ill with influenza last week included Dennis Richards, Linda and Graydon Bates, Mrs. Raymond Richards, Mrs. P. W. McGinnis, Mrs. G. Owen Cole and Ronnie Richards. . . Mrs. John Pruss entered St. Anthony's hospital Saturday.

VENUS—Mrs. Kenneth Caskey was released from the O'Neill hospital Saturday, April 28, and was able to resume her duties as a teacher at district 54. She is staying at the home of Mr. Caskey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Caskey, during the week.

To State ASC Conference—Members of the Holt ASC committee, Al Sauer, Harry Ressel and Homer Ernst, went to Norfolk Wednesday to participate in the annual two-day state ASC conference of committee-men. They were accompanied by Fred Mack of Atkinson, grain storage supervisor, and by Kenneth Stolp, office manager.

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Wed in Dakota:
Live at Bristow—
BRISTOW—John Leroy Shattuck of Bristow and Mrs. Flora Page of Hot Springs, S.D., were married at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, May 8, at the United Union church at Hot Springs by Rev. Paul Bowling.

A reception for about 45 friends and relatives was held at the Evans hotel. The couple began housekeeping at Bristow where Mr. Shattuck has operated a barber shop the past 27 years. Both Mr. and Mrs. Shattuck are 72-years-old.

LYNCH Postoffice in New Location—
LYNCH—The Lynch postoffice was moved Tuesday, May 1, from the Crooks building to the former Bank of Lynch building. Some alterations and painting were done before moving into the new location.

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14th Anniversary—
Eugene Farr celebrated his 14th birthday anniversary last Thursday at a dinner at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Farr. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Tooker and son, Clarence Farr and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schenzel.

Entertains 9 Ladies—
Mrs. Harry Ressel entertained nine ladies and 15 children at a neighborhood tea Wednesday, May 2.

O'NEILL LOCALS

Friday Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Watson went to northwest of Ames to the Mose Oakes home for business and also to visit.

J. D. Cronin left Saturday for Chicago, Ill., and New York City. Miss Beverly McCarthy and Mrs. Jack Brownrigg of Omaha, the former Sheila Toffey, attended the alumni banquet at St. Mary's. Mrs. Brownrigg was a guest at the McCarthy home.

George Fuller, Ted Strong and Allen Reynoldson were driven to Fremont Friday by Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Strong enroute on an excursion to Denver, Colo. Mr. and Mrs. Levi Fuller met them in Fremont Sunday morning and brought them home.

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