

Players Sparkle in "Claudia"

BY BILL PALMER.

As a fitting climax to a successful University theater season, Director Joe Zimmerman's players gave a sparkling performance of Rose Frankin's "Claudia" to an enthusiastic first-night audience at Temple theatre last night.

Repeat performances will be given tonight and Friday evenings of this story of the mental growth of Dorothy James as Claudia from a lovable but utterly irresponsible elfin vixen to a mature woman ready to face and live life as it must be.

"Make Friends With Pain."

In the space of two days, through a rendezvous with a British author and the realization that she is going to become a mother and that her own mother has but a short time to live, Claudia changes from the girl typified by her concern over whether she has appeal for her husband and for other men to the woman ready to "make friends with pain" and not only give up that which she most loves but also to make that sacrifice without sham.

Dorothy James, although a freshman in her first appearance in a theater role, gives her leading role the zest combined with naturalness needed to put across the play. Marjorie Christensen, as Claudia's mother, brings the mature understanding of a mother who worships her daughter but knows that her child must be torn from the traditional

apron-strings and given completely to her husband.

Black Lives His Role.

A veteran of the theater, Bob Black knows all of the tricks of acting. As David Naughton, who must be a father as well as a husband to Claudia, Black for the first time convinced me that he was living a character rather than using his knowledge of histrionics.

Betty Heine and Henry Lee as the Naughton's cook and gardener portrayed realistically the humble, kindly couple concerned with their employers' troubles though their own son was a criminal.

Flirt Shocked by Claudia.

David Andrews in the part of Jerry Seymoure, the British author, got many laughs as the frank flirt shocked by the bolder flirtation of Claudia. Bobbette Burke as the opera singer, Madame Daruschka, was amusing in the role of the gay divorcee in search for her fifth husband.

Mabel Jean Schmer, portraying the sister of Naughton, delivered an able performance as the sophisticated woman who had experienced a broken marriage.

Humor throughout the play centers upon Claudia's ignorance and frankness about life. The set, that of a colonial living room, was the best looking of the season and was the result of weeks of labor by student technical assistant Larry Taylor and Zimmerman.



Bob Black as husband David looks on with horror as Dorothy James, in the role of Claudia, smiles at being found in the arms of the frightened British author, portrayed by David Andrews.

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Nebraska Scientists Hold Annual Meeting on Campus

... 250 to Attend Week-end Session

Approximately 250 Nebraska scientists will be on the university campus Friday and Saturday, April 30 and May 1, for the 53rd annual meeting of the Nebraska Academy of Sciences. Headquarters will be Morrill hall.

Speaker for the general session Friday night is Prof. Harry N. Holmes of Oberlin college, Oberlin, Ohio. His topic "Strategic Materials and the National Defense." Holmes was president of the American Chemical Society in 1942.

All Sciences Represented.

Several sectional meetings will be held on both days. Departments represented are those of biology, chemistry, earth science, history of science, mathematics, social sciences, the Nebraska council of geography teachers, and the junior division of the academy.

In each sectional meeting, short talks of from 10 to 25 minutes are to be given covering various sub-topics.

Hold Banquet in Ellen Smith.

The annual banquet is to be held in Ellen Smith hall at 6 p. m. April 30. L. M. Garlough of the University of Omaha will speak on "Superstructures." From there the academy will adjourn to the auditorium of the Avery hall for a joint meeting with the Nebraska section of the American Chemical Society and the address of Professor Holmes.

Because of a lack of funds, abstracts of papers will not be

Alumni Club Plants Trees On Campus

The Lincoln alumni club, sponsors of a campus beautification program, planted trees contributed by alumni in Colorado, Texas and Kentucky last week. The planting was directed by Carl Donaldson, chairman of the club.

A blue spruce donated by the Denver alumni club was planted west of the new Don L. Love memorial library. A magnolia from the Houston club, several redbuds from Mrs. Homer G. Hewitt of Houston and a dogwood and a redbud from the club at Lexington, Ky., were planted on the east side of Social Science hall.

printed this year, academy officials announced. H. W. Manter of the university, is president of the society.

Ag Home Ec Group Takes Refresher Class

A refresher course to prepare for community service in food preservation is being offered to home ec students. In two meetings held yesterday and May 4, the foods division will concentrate on these five points:

1. How to give a demonstration on canning, 2. Organizing a community canning center, 3. Testing pressure gauges, 4. Hearing what extension 4-H will stress, 5. Home drying equipment.

Meetings are held at 7 p. m. in room 206 in the Home Economics building.

UN Grad Receives Executive Army Post

... At Williams Field

Maj. Harold H. Hinds, Nebraska graduate of 1933, has recently been appointed executive officer at Williams Field, Chandler, Ariz., according to Col. Herbert L. Grills, Williams Field commanding officer.

Major Hinds has been commissioned since 1933, and was stationed at Mather Field, Calif., before going to Williams Field in December, 1941. Prior to his appointment as assistant executive, he was commandant of cadets at Williams.

During his senior year at the university, Hinds was awarded the Pershing medal for excellence in scholastic and military activities. He was a member of Kappa Sigma, Pi Epsilon Pi, Alpha Kappa Psi, and Scabbard and Blade.

Ghandi Associate Discuss India at War Today in Union

"India and the World Crisis" will be discussed by a native of India, Mr. Thomas Yakhub, in the Union this morning at 11. His address is sponsored by the University-Union convocation committee.

Yakhub has been a resident of the United States for several years but has been in close association with problems of his native land. He is personally acquainted with many of the men now prominent in the political scene in India. For three months he was resident at Santiniketan with Tagore, and in 1936 he accompanied Gandhi on a trip thru South India.

Educated in India and U. S.

A native of Travancore, India, the author and lecturer was educated at Malabar and Madras Christian colleges in India. He has taken special work with Robert Frost and John Erskine at Amherst college and received an MA degree from Middlebury college in English literature.

Members of the ancient Nestorian church in Travancore, a Christian community for more than 600 years, Yakhub's immediate family is closely associated

with both the governmental and educational activities of India.

Yakhub's diversified experiences in the United States include work at the South End Settlement

House in Boston, five years as research fellow on the Rockefeller Foundation at the state prison colony at Norfolk, Mass., and founder and head of India House in Boston.

Dorsey's Harpist Grad of Uni; Only Girl in Band

Conspicuous as the only girl in the Tommy Dorsey orchestra is Ruth Hill, harpist and graduate of the University of Nebraska. Miss Hill is appearing at the Orpheum theater in Omaha during this week with the Dorsey show.

A graduate also of the Julliard School of Music in New York City, Miss Hill majored in piano and took harp lessons as a minor interest. "As competition was keen among many accomplished pianists, I realized that my best opportunities for the future lay in the harp," she explained.

Before she joined the Dorsey troupe, she was substitute harpist at the Radio City music hall.

Play Six Shows a Day.

"It's a fine band and the boys are a lot of fun," she said, "but it's hard work, too. Six shows a day and sometimes seven in addition to weekly broadcasts and benefits, leaves us little time to ourselves. It is certainly a life that keeps one from becoming bored, however."

With her bright smile, dark hair, and small figure, she becomes an attractive feature of the band as well as making herself invaluable on the harp as she accompanies the solo vocals and furnishes background music for the string section.

Famed from Coast to Coast.

Miss Hill has been with the band for a year during which time they have toured the country from coast to coast staying at the west coast long enough to make three movies. From Omaha they journey to Minneapolis and Chicago and will return to Hollywood for more pictures.

Her career as a harpist began at Lincoln high school, when in order to enter the national contest, a harp was needed in the Lincoln high orchestra. Ruth Hill became the first Lincoln high harpist. Her first year with the orchestra and the year following,

Lincoln high won the national high school orchestra contest.

During her Nebraska college days, she was harpist with the Lincoln symphony orchestra and a member of Sigma Alpha Iota, music sorority.



RUTH HILL

... it all began in Lincoln high —now she plays with T. Dorsey.

Ensign M. Gregg Speaks to C of C Tonight at 7 p.m.

Ensign Margaret Gregg, a WAVE from the office of naval officer procurement at Chicago, will speak in the Indian room at the Chamber of Commerce at 7 p. m. tomorrow night.

All university women are invited to attend this address.



MAJ. H. H. HINDS. New Assistant Executive at Williams Field.