

'Pursuit of Happiness' Registers Opening Night Success in Theater

BY PHYLISS TEAGARDEN.

Receiving at least six curtain calls on opening night Wednesday, "The Pursuit of Happiness" added another stage success to the University Theatre record with the entire cast turning in excellent performance.

Amid deep sighs and thumping hearts, Jim Sandall, cast as Max Christman, a young Hessian officer, made his appearance on the stage, and the reaction was a bad case of butterflies in the stomach for most every female in attendance. Sandall turned in a superb performance, including fine character acting and a realistic Austrian accent.

Gives Flawless Performance.

Playing opposite Sandall was Dorothy James as Prudence Kirkland, the sweet, demure, but flirtatious young mistress, who displayed all of her feminine charms in bewitching the somewhat bewildered Max. Miss James added another notch to her steadily growing career. A perfect performance is seldom seen but she should receive laurels for a seemingly flawless appearance.

Aaron and Comfort Kirkland, parents of Prudence, gave fine characterizations of a doting, rather eccentric father and a staunch religious mother. These two created an atmosphere about which the entire story rotated, and the real persons couldn't have done better.

Vic Ferris played the role of Colonel Sherwood, a rather ferocious army officer, much given to the bottle and Meg, the housemaid. Vic has already made a name for himself as a fine character actor, and this appearance adds another notch to his dramatic career.

Major Causes Riot.

To put it mildly, BH Major caused a riot when he appeared on the stage in knee breeches, shapely black-stockinged legs, and folded hands. Needless to say, he turned in an excellent performance as the Puritanistic parson, giving proof that no character is impossible as far as Major is concerned.

Seeing bright red wigs and huge swirling hats in your sleep may be attributed to Ben Neill as Thad-



Blanche Duckworth, Dorothy James, Jim Sandall and Art Beindorff carry on in University Theater's hilarious comedy, "Pursuit of Happiness."

deus Jennings, the town sheriff. Truly a character, Neill stole several scenes with his characterization of the conceited suitor of the popular Prudence.

Jean Rasp, a new-comer to the theater, proved the most consistent scene-stealer by her interpretation of the very attractive, if somewhat questionable, housemaid, Meg. Mose, the colored servant, played by Bob Hastert, completed the picture by playing the traditional negro role, complete with superstitious spirit and all.

A Second Story Man.

The custom of bundling—purely a means of keeping warm on cold winter nights—was clearly demonstrated in an extremely interesting scene between Max and Prudence during the second act. The

faithful candle burned in the window and Max neglected to use the door to obtain entrance on such occasions.

Another highlight of the play was the ranting, raving speech made by Reverend Banks concerning the horrible custom of bundling. Poetry even enters in to make things interesting.

Lighting and stage settings were some of the best of the season, and costumes were excellent.

The play will be presented tonight for the public and tomorrow night for military trainees.

Proclaiming April 6 as Army day, to honor the nation's soldiers, President Roosevelt Thursday asked civilians to keep working.

Seven Debators Attend Missouri Valley Tourney

Seven speech and debate students of the university are taking part in the annual Missouri Valley Forensic League meeting being

held this week at the University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kan.

Representing the university are Mary Ann Mattoon and Jean Kinnie, women's affirmative debate; Bob Gillan and Bill Miller, men's negative debate; and Jean Freacolin and Ann Wellensiek, extemporaneous speaking. Miss Kinnie is also entering in the oratory division. The topic for debate is: Resolved: That the federal government should adopt a permanent policy of price control.

A representative debate between the University of Nebraska and the University of Texas will be transcribed and reproduced in the debator's annual, published by the H. W. Wilson & Co. of New York. This is the third consecutive year that Nebraska has been invited to enter in this outstanding debate.

Other schools in the Missouri Valley League are: University of Texas, University of Oklahoma, Louisiana State university, University of Arkansas, University of Missouri, University of Kansas, Kansas State college, Wichita university, Iowa State college, and University of South Dakota.

Brighten Old Costumes With Accessories

In these days of making clothes last as long as possible, a variety of accessories is an essential part of every coed's wardrobe. To brighten a tailored black or navy blue dress, a bright colored belt is recommended. For evening, a gold kid belt with imitation topaz stones is good. More sporty is the wide leather belt with brass eyelets.

White accessories are especially good with navy blue for spring. Also the use of red lends a dash of color. A knapsack bag, hat and gloves of either of these colors completes a smart outfit for days ahead when the snow has melted.

Important—Shoes!

Shoes are a pertinent if touchy subject, and with a new coupon coming up, coeds should start thinking what type of shoe they will get the most wear and satisfaction from. In the line of date shoes, black patent leather pumps with hand-painted baroque buckles are the latest thing. For campus wear, nothing, to date, has replaced the popular and comfortable loafers. There are also many smart, durable non-rationed shoes on the market now. However, the latter are more practical in date shoes than in sport shoes, since they do not suffer the abuse given the latter by most coeds.

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Karl M. Arndt Moderates Air Forum on Tax

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The panel will discuss, "How High Should Federal Taxes Go?" This will be the fifteenth broadcast of the forum series.

Other participants will be: Mr. John C. Whitten from the Lincoln First Trust Co.; Clarence E. McNeill, professor of economics, and Carl Nelson, assistant professor of business organization. Leo A. Martin of the speech department is the director of the broadcast.



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