LITTLE THEATRE ROLE DISCUSSED

Theresa Helburn Meets Tucson Group; Talks Over Activities

Gathering informally in the patio of the Temple of Music and Art, a few Tucson theatrical people Thursday morning met with Theresa Helburn, administrative director of New York's Theatre Guild, to talk over stage activities.

Miss Helburn left last night for the east following a two weeks' vacation in Phoenix and a short visit in Tucson with Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Pizzini, regular winter visitors here from New York.

Discussing in general a few phases of Little Theatre work, Miss Helburn gave as her main criticism of so many plays produced by such groups the lack of strength in structure. One suggestion Miss Helburn made for Little Theatre groups was to try out brand new plays or to produce European plays.

Though so often not the case in casting, friendships and prejudices should not enter into the workings of a Little Theatre group any more than it should a Broadway production. Miss Hellburn stressed this as the criterion of a professional attitude together with the importance of covering the city to find talent.

Tucson Productions

Asking a few questions herself of the work done by Tucson Little Theatre, Miss Helburn interrogated Thursday's group of their current season's productions. "You have a lot of playwrights around here, so why don't you do their works?" she suggested.

Looking to the problems of any theatrical group Miss Helburn expressed the opinion that rising prices are destroying opportunities for experimental productions. Rising costs have led to higher ticket prices, and as a result the public not only expects, but has a right to expect, the best in scripts and performances.

Meeting Thursday with the Guild celebrity were Sherman Headley, TLT director, Marvyn Harbert, technical advisor of TLT, Peggy Romano, formerly cast in the New York production of "Junior Miss", Joanne McCallum, apprentice student at TLT from Bennington College in Vermont, Lola Flickinger, familiar to Tucson audiences in TLT productions. Also present were Mrs. Mary MacMurtrie, director of the Tucson Children's Theatre, and Julian Tuthill, assistant secretary of Tucson Chamber of Commerce, one of the founders of the Hartford Players, and former drama critic of the Hartford Times.

She is Author

The stage director and producer Theresa Helburn (Mrs. John B. Opdycke) was executive director for the Theatre Guild from 1918 to 1932, and in 1933 became its administrative director. She is the author of "Enter the Hero," "Allison Makes Hay", "Denbigh", "Other Lives", and "A Hero Is Born."

Expressing regret at having to leave Arizona without seeing all the sights, Miss Helburn is cutting short a vacation in order to attend the opening night in New York of George Bernard Shaw's "You Never Can Tell", a Guild production. According to the Guild leader the only reason she could break away during rehearsals was because few promotion efforts are necessary to put over a Shaw script.

With Miss Helburn in Phoenix and Tucson was the motion picture actress, Ona Munson. Miss Munson will leave Tucson today to return to Los Angeles.

THEATRE GUILD DIRECTOR VISITS IN TUCSON

Terminating her stay in Tucson in order to attend the opening night performance in New York of George Bernard Shaw's "You Never Can Tell," Theresa Helburn, administrative director of New York's Theatre Guild, left last evening after a short visit with Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Pizzini, regular winter visitors at the Pioneer hotel. Meeting Thursday morning at the Temple of Music and Art to talk over theater activities with a few Tucson theater people, Miss Helburn is pictured (second from left) with Mary MacMurtrie, director of the Children's Theatre, and with Tucson Little Theatre's director, Sherman Headley, and Technical Director Marvyn Harbert.

LIRA SERVICES

SUPERIOR, March 11.—(AP)—Funeral services for Pfc. Albert Lira, who died April 16, 1945 at Townsville, Australia, will be held here Sunday. American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars posts will pay military honors at the interment in the American Legion section of Superior cemetery.

DC-6 ON PREVIEW PASSENGER FLIGHT

NEW YORK, March 11.—(AP)—A DC-6 took off today for Nashville, Tenn., on a "preview passenger flight" to San Francisco, preliminary to the big planes's return to regular service next Monday.

Fleets of the DC-6s were grounded voluntarily last fall when two fires occurred aboard them. A resulting study led to shifting the vent and duct to prevent gasoline from being sucked into the cabin heater and other changes.

The American Airlines said the plane would pick up former Prime Minister Eamon de Valera of Eire in Nashville and carry him and his party to San Francisco.

The French government has plans for a series of 20 dams on the Rhone river.

DEDICATION POSTPONED

NOGALES, Sonora, Mex., March 11.—(AP)—Dedication of the Abelardo Rodriguez dam at Hermosillo and the new railway line from Benjamin Hill to Mexicali, Baja California, has been postponed until the first week in April because of a change in the schedule of President Miguel Aleman's visit to northwestern Mexico.

Woman Is Arrested On Narcotics Charge

A woman who allegedly signed names of two local physicians to narcotic prescriptions was arrested yesterday afternoon at the Cactus Pharmacy on East Grant road and turned over to federal narcotic agents.

Deputy Sheriff Bert Arce reported that he went to the pharmacy and took into custody Mrs. Mary Jane Galven Bendlage, 44, who gave her address as 2808 East Grant road.

Arce said Mrs. Bendlage, who described herself as a registered nurse, broke away from him as they were leaving the store and he chased her a block before he caught her.

The sheriff's report said the federal agents reported that Mrs. Bendlage allegedly forged narcotics prescriptions on February 12, 17 and 21 and on March 1, 3, 5, 8 and 10.

GRAVES SENTENCED

YUMA, March 11.—(AP)—A sentence of 50 to 70 years' imprisonment was imposed today upon Ray Marvin Graves of Phoenix for the killing of a Yuma county deputy sheriff. Graves was convicted of second degree murder last night. He shot Sylvester Villa of Yuma here January 24.

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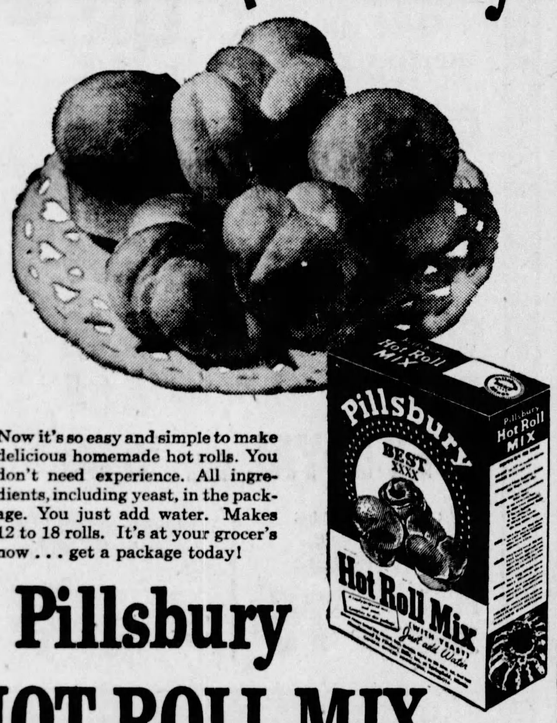

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