

Large Crowd Enjoyed Novel Show, "Mad House"

MANY SURPRISES, STUNTS FEATURED IN APRIL SHOW

Consequences Proved Highly Entertaining. Dancing Enjoyed

Last week the large crowd of Ecustans who attended the performance, "Mad House," in the cafeteria, had one of the most entertaining evenings of the season.

The Recreation Department's show, "Mad House," lived up to its title. Spectators and participants alike were kept wondering throughout the evening as to what might happen next.

The performance opened with a musical number by the Ecusta string band which was followed by John Eversman introducing the show. Next Harry Rathje, the first guest or "victim" of the program, was invited to the stage. Harry was dressed up in a lovely dress, given several new dollar bills, some groceries, a bucket of water and some rags and sent to Brevard to try to sell the money in an effort to discover if people in general, were inclined to be suspicious about money. At the end of the program Harry returned with a very interesting account of his trip. He, like the other participants in the show, was presented with prizes for being a good sport.

Chris Rogers and Frank Israel provided many laughs and screams in the audience when they failed to answer a question and had to pay the penalty by both being blindfolded, placed in a large box and made to feed each other molasses with long handled spoons.

An unexpected surprise was next offered when Mary Glass, pianist who has been recovering from injuries received in a recent bus accident, was called on the stage, this being her first visit to Ecusta since her accident. Mary accompanied John Eversman who played two violin solos.

When volunteers were called for, Felicia Edwards, Phillis Hampton, Bertha Edwards and Pete Eberle came to the stage. Just as Mr. Eversman began to question them, there was a sudden blackout of all lights—this immediately followed by a pistol shot and a bloodcurdling scream and much other confusion set the stage for a surprise because when the lights came back on, there was a body lying on the stage. As the quizmaster continued to ask questions of the four people on the stage they had some difficulty in keeping their minds on the questions, particularly when two attendants came on the stage with a stretcher and carried off the body.

When D. J. Luther, Buck Best and Leon English sat on the stage with three bowling balls, Violet Wilber, Florence Gillespie and Marie Nelson were confused in telling the bowling balls from the bald heads. However, after they were blindfolded, Violet was the only one completely fooled. After this George Buchanan was called to the stage and when he was unable to answer some very simple questions, it was decided to have him operated upon. He was placed behind a curtain on an operating table where Dr. Bob Levy, with the assistance of Ward Harrison, Walter Straus, Buck Best and

Familiar Scenes From "Mad House" Show



HUNLEY McHAFFEY, who delighted everyone with his novelty French harp and tap dance numbers. Hunley is a newcomer in the Ecusta show business, but he made such a hit that many requests have been received for repeat performances.



HARRY RATHJE, above, was really one of the most outstanding victims of the "Mad House" show. Here he is receiving instruction from Master of ceremonies, John Eversman. He was sent to Brevard and had unusual experiences.

Hunley McHaffey, succeeded in removing some very strange objects. Apparently the operation was successful because after it was over George walked off the stage like a new man and carried a new dog.

Special musical novelties and special songs were provided by the Ecusta Mountain Music Makers, featuring the gang singing, also Rupert Gordon in a special song, "Freight Train Blues" and Lucille Heffner with the gang singing a new arrangement of "John Henry." Hunley McHaffey, a newcomer to Ecusta shows, gave an unusual performance both on the French harp and in tap dancing.

The final stunt of the evening, which came just before Harry Rathje returned from his trip, was Louie Raines and Dewey Reese who came to the stage and when they were unable to answer a question, were taken to the side of the stage where two large water tanks had been fixed up with boards so that each could see the board. Each participant was given a very dull saw, his mouth was stuffed with crackers and he was told to sing. When the signal to start was given, these two really went to town; however, they came out about even and with both going in the water and the spectators were highly entertained.

AT MARINE BASE

Cpl. Berry R. Gaither writes from Camp Lejeune Marine Base at New River, N. C.: "... How are things there with the boys? Fine, I hope ... I am O. K. and like it fine here so far ..."

RECEIVED WINGS

Sgt. Carlos J. McCall is completing training as a radio operator and mechanic at an army air base in Texas. He received his wings at the training school at Las Vegas, Nev. Sgt. McCall was a Champagne Printing operator before he left for the army in January, 1943.

Notice To Employees

The new revenue act prohibits revising an employees' tax withholding certificate after July 1, 1944. Some of our employees have married and, in some cases the number of dependents has changed since the tax withholding exemption certificate was filed. If any change should be made in your tax withholding exemption certificate, this must be done before July 1st. The tax withheld from your check each week for the remainder of the year will be in accordance with the certificate on file as of July 1st.

During the month of December, we will accept revised certificates for the year 1945. These revisions will not be effective until January 1, 1945.

—Personnel Office.

Machine Booklet Gab

Well, spring is just around the corner, so all you victory gardeners, get your hoes, rakes and get started. Clara and Violet will be glad to donate all their spare time ... May W. sure is stepping out in her new overalls. Wonder if the little Easter Bunny brought them? ... Lillian R. has that far-away look in her eyes these days. Could it be that she has the Penn. Blues? ... Betty McClure says she just loves that gorgeous apple pie for lunch each day. Don't be a pig, for we like those pies too.

The big talk going around these days is softball. Just be patient, girls, we'll get our team started soon ... Someone should tell Herbert that we sleep at night not in day-time ... Maybe Alfred C. can explain to Caroline that chewing gum is not rationed ... There seems to be two or three little tree frogs in our department. Could Mae and Lorene give us some information?

Wave B. and Mae Station seem to have sewing as their hobby. We

Gumming News (SHIFT E)

Guy Sigmon has been taking lessons in how to shoot marbles; how are you doing, Guy?

"Buckshot" Merrill, former Repse operator, visited us recently. He's in the air corps.

Recent news is that Roy Carter has left Australia and is now somewhere in the Southwest Pacific.

Ben Wolfe is back at work after taking his vacation last week.

"Pedy" is taking his vacation this week. "Monk" took his the other day.

Rosalie says when you date a soldier it's really defense work.

Several from this department are trying out for the Champagne baseball team. Champagne has won the trophy two years and hopes to make this the third one.

Wonder where Alfred finds all these songs he sings. Could it be from W. S. M.?

S-Sgt. Sidney J. Hedden, former gumming operator, visited us recently. "Sid" is in an armored division.

"Fix-it" Owen has purchased a new car. Don't drive too fast, Tony.

Well, finally the "love bug" bit James Reese. He's engaged to Hazel McKinney. Congratulations, "Beef!"

Jim Holden says he hasn't played baseball in 18 years but he plans to try for a comeback with Champagne.

Wonder what Evelyn Morrow does with all these little newspaper verses. She'll probably be Lady Shakespeare.

Here is just a little chatter from the gumming again. Things are going very nicely since all the girls are back again. Just look at all the smiles on all the men's faces! We are sorry to lose Ed Garren, who is entering the air corps the latter part of this month. Good luck, Ed.

Julia sure has a sad look on her face since her husband left for the navy. Cheer up, Julia, he'll be back soon.

Rah! Rah! Rah! Oh, that's only Bernice S. again. Guess she still thinks she is at the basketball game. Wonder why she was so interested in the last game? Information, please? Oh! I see an employee of the Gumming Department was playing.

What a rush! Must be John A. with another box of candy. Hands off, girls, don't you know sugar is rationed?

It must be coming spring time. Robert L.'s hair is about ready for another clipping. Since Fred B. has got his new glasses the blockers won't have to worry about the red sheets being missing. No wonder James R. is all smiles now. Just look who's wearing his ring (And not his class ring either). Best of wishes to both of you.

Why is Troy O. so worried? Is it because he sold his car or that Uncle Sam is calling on him now? We all hope our Supt., Eric Newman, had a real nice vacation and that he is liking his new home on Probart Street fine.

can't expect them to make clothes for all of us. Have mercy, girls ... Margaret S. has her another new fellow. It takes her five minutes to bid him good-bye every afternoon ... What's the matter with Charlotte these days? She sings "He's My Guy" all the time. Who's the new heart throb? It seems as tho we don't get around much anymore. So we'll sign off. Be seeing you all in the next issue.