

### Speech Contest To Be Optimist Project

The Optimist Club of Boone will sponsor an oratorical contest, open to boys who have not reached their 16th birthday by December 31 of this year.

The event will take place at 7:30 p. m., March 18, at the Boone Elementary School.

"Youth's Approach Toward World Forces" is the title of the five minute speech to be given by each contestant. Frank Andrews, vice president of the Boone Optimist Club, said the local group is sponsoring the event in conjunction with Optimist International.

The winners at the club level will receive prizes in excess of \$250.00, and go on to compete in district contests. The district winners will compete in one of four regional contests.

The four winners at the regional level will receive an expense paid trip to Toronto, Ontario, in June, where they will compete for the top prize of a \$1,000 college scholarship at the 45th annual convention of Optimist International. Runners-up will each receive a \$500 scholarship.

"We feel that the international contest is valuable because the experience in public speaking gives the boys self-confidence and teaches them leadership and initiative, in addition

### "Othello" To Be Staged By Noted Players

"... who steals my purse steals trash..."

The words are by Shakespeare and they are spoken by Iago in the National Players' dramatic classic "Othello" to be seen today (Thursday) in the Administration Building Auditorium on the college campus.

Two performances have been scheduled: a matinee at 2 p. m. and an evening performance at 8 p. m., according to Rogers Whitener, chairman of the artists and lecture series at ASTC.

Richard Bauer, of St. Louis, Missouri, plays the role of the wily villain Iago, who causes the downfall of Othello by playing upon the emotions of jealousy and love.

Shakespearean tragedy is not a new field for the Players company since during the last 14 years the group has toured such productions as "Richard III," "Romeo and Juliet," "Julius Caesar," and "King Lear," as well as non-Shakespearean tragedies.

Locally the Players will be remembered for Shakespeare's "Merchant of Venice," presented two years ago at Appalachian.

National Players is an extension of the Speech and Drama Department of Catholic University of America and was founded in 1949 by a Dominican priest, Rev. Gilbert V. Hartke, OP, who still supervises all phases of its operation.

"Othello" marks the fourth program of the current Appalachian Artists and Lecture Series. Scheduled next is the Ohio State University Glee Club, to be heard in the Fine Arts Auditorium on March 20.

### RUSSIAN THREAT

In a Moscow speech, recently, marking the eve of the forty-fifth anniversary of the Soviet armed forces, the Red marshal warned that if Americans attacked Cuba it would mean a third world war and nuclear devastation for the United States.

Official Washington shrugged off Russia's new missile flexing over Cuba as morale builders—both for at home and for Castro's regime.

Four U. S. fliers were killed in the attempted 1961 invasion of Cuba.

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### NATO FLEET

The United States is planning to tell its European allies it will help them build a NATO nuclear missile force of less costly surface ships as well as Polaris submarines.

Guard helps 12 escape to West Germany.

### Women Voters Hear Talk Of Absentees In State

The evening group of the League of Women Voters will meet in the Ladies Parlor in the Boone Methodist Church Thursday evening, March 14, at 8:00 p. m.

Mrs. Verlin Coffey will conduct the meeting, discussing the absentee ballot. All persons interested in this problem are invited to attend.

Present plans are for a morning group to discuss the same material on the fourth Tuesday of this month in order to accommodate those who are unable to attend an evening meeting. Further announcements are expected to be made later.

Plan to televise an interview with President Kennedy over European TV networks shelved until April at least.

### HEART DISEASE KILLS 20,000

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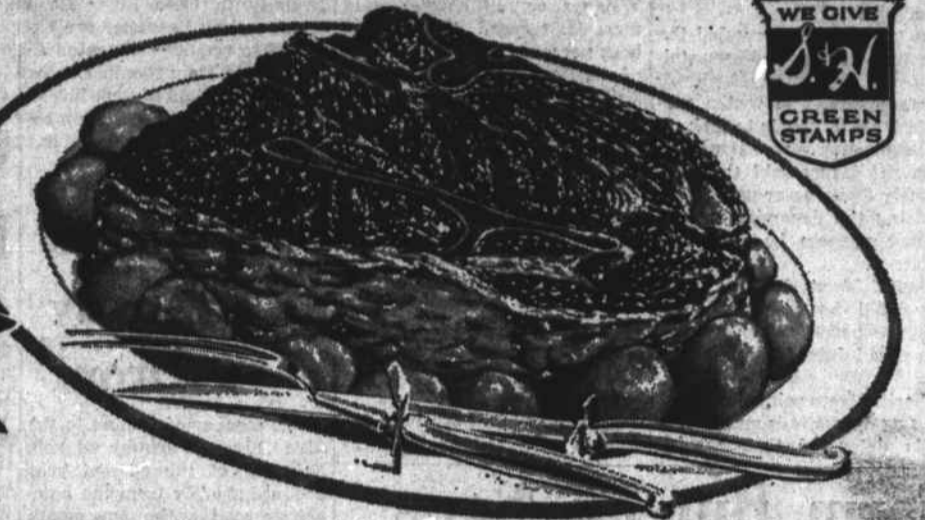
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