

"Kiss Me Kate" Next Musical Hit At Charlotte's Summer Theatre

Cole Porter's witty musical hit "Kiss Me Kate" will be the next musical production of this the seventh consecutive season of the Charlotte Summer Theatre. Earl Wrightson and Lois Hunt will star in this long-running Broadway hit starting Tuesday evening August 16.

Wrightson and Hunt return to Charlotte after their triumphant 1965 appearance in the record shattering production of "Camelot". No doubt this talented tandem will once again attract large enthusiastic audiences to air-conditioned Owens Auditorium with their marvelous singing and acting. Their numerous popular recordings, their highly successful concert tours called "An Evening With Wrightson and Hunt", and their many appearances in theaters across the country have made Wrightson and Hunt America's foremost singing duo.

Encouraged by two great American baritones, John Charles Thomas and Robert Weede, Earl Wrightson left a job singing on a Baltimore station to go to New York to study and seek out a career on America's great singing stage. His acting ability and outstanding voice stood him in good stead when an infant industry called television was born. CBS quickly dangled an attractive contract before his handsome face, and the one year agreement stretched to three years. He has appeared steadily ever since on all the leading musical and variety shows, including regular appearances on the Jack Paar Show and the Bell Telephone Hour. In addition Earl is the host and featured attraction on his own program Sunday afternoon, The American Musical Theatre.

Lois Hunt's career started when she won the Metropolitan Opera Company's auditions of the air. She sang the Jewel Song from "Faust" and the judges were unanimous in acclaiming her the winner out of more than 900 entrants. The prize was a five year contract at the Met where her most notable achievement was her show-stopping performance as Adele in "Die Fledermaus", which also had two performances on network television. Under contract to Columbia records she has recorded with Wrightson in such best selling albums as "A Night With Sigmund Romberg", "A Night With Jerome Kern", and "Great Songs from Cole Porter's Kiss Me Kate."

In merry and melodious fashion "Kiss Me Kate" describes the Baltimore opening of a revival of Shakespeare's "The Taming of the Shrew", alternating between Elizabethan jests and 20th Century sophistication. The greatness and popularity of the show has been affirmed on many occasions. On Broadway it racked up a total of 1,077 performances which made it one of the longest running musicals on Broadway. Cole Porter's score for this show includes many popular songs such as "So in Love", "Wunderbar", "I Hate Men", "Kiss Me Kate", "Too Darn Hot"

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(News items this week from Columbus, Clay, Anson, and Wilkes counties.)

PLANT A FALL GARDEN
Rows and rows of home canned foods and cartons of frozen foods can be yours if you plant a family garden, reminds Mrs. Yvonne B. Ray, associate home economics extension agent, Columbus County families agree with her.

During a recent garden tour, five families proudly displayed and the comical "Brush-up Your Shakespeare".

The delightful "Kiss Me Kate" plays Tuesday through Saturday evenings at 8:30 p.m. with matinees on Saturday and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. In addition, there will be a special Sunday performance, August 21 at 7:30 p.m. Following Mr. Wrightson and Miss Hunt will be the fabulous Edie Addams in Garson Kanin's prize winning hilarious comedy "Born Yesterday" which will play August 23 through August 28. There is still time to see the Carolina's own Betty Johnson in Lerner and Loewe's enchanting "Brigadoon" through the unday matinee on August 14.

The Charlotte Summer Theatre box-office is open daily and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. in Owens Auditorium. Tickets are also available by mail or by phoning 376-4821 in Charlotte for a reservation.

their gardens and the foods they conserved from those gardens. One homemaker indicated she had grown enough food to fill five freezers.

If you didn't plant a spring garden or if you still need more home-grown produce, Mrs. Ray suggests you plant a fall garden. "But you'll have to do it right away," she adds.

PLACE FOR EVERYTHING
A place for everything and everything in its place is good advice anytime. And that applies to storing foods in the family freezer, says Mrs. Ruby P. Corpening, home economics extension agent, Clay County.

A local homemaker, Mrs. Fleenor says she divides her freezer into four sections—one for vegetables, one for fruits, one for meats and another for miscellaneous items. "Then I always know where to look for the items I want," Mrs. Fleenor says.

WONDERS OF PLASTIC BOTTLES
"There seems to be no end to the items homemakers can create from plastic bottles," Mrs. Rebecca L. Gaddy, home economics extension agent, Anson County, notes.

For example, Mrs. Hamp Tucker, Wadesboro, recently designed what she calls "a pig in a poke." It was a handbag made from a large plastic carton.

Here's how she made the poke bag. After cutting off the top of the container, Mrs. Tucker punch-

ed holes at half inch intervals around the top edge with a hole puncher.

Then using a colorful rug yarn, she crocheted a design on the top six inches of the container. To close the bag, she made a drawstring that featured balls of fringe dangling on the ends. To complete the colorful container, she pasted decals on the plastic part for additional decoration.

Mrs. Tucker says she can use the poke bag for storing hair rollers, carrying a wet bathing suit or storing her knitting or sewing supplies.

PICNIC HONORS FINNISH IFYE

Over 100 youngsters, parents and leaders participated in softball games, sack races and egg throwing and football kicking contests at the Wilkes County 4-H picnic, Carolyn A. Wenzel, assistant extension home economist, states.

The picnic was held in honor of Risto Pesu, a 4-H International Farm Youth Exchange (IFYE) student from Finland.

Around the camp fire, Risto told the group a bit about his homeland and his experiences and thoughts on life in America.

When asked what the biggest difference was between the countries, he replied, "the climate." Our heat wave has been hard on Risto, who is used to an average summer temperature of 75 to 80 degrees, Miss Wenzel notes.

After he leaves Wilkes County, Risto will travel to Kentucky, then to Detroit for a personal visit with Henry Ford of the Ford Motor Company, his sponsor. He will end his U. S. stay in Colorado.

Bell Customers Are Talking More

Southern Bell's customers in North Carolina have been talking more than ever since the first of this year.

John J. Ryan, Vice President and General Manager for Southern Bell, said, "During the first six months of this year over 34 million long distance calls have been placed through our operations in North Carolina. This is an increase of 17 per cent over the same period of last year. Ryan also stated that customers make more than five million local calls each day.

"While spending better than \$22 million so far this year on new construction, we have gained over 30,000 telephones bringing our North Carolina total to 912,727," Ryan stated.

During the last six months of 1966 Southern Bell plans to spend an additional \$20 million and the expected gain of telephones will equal that of the first six months.

Ryan said, "The economy of North Carolina is very good and the outlook is bright for the remainder of the year."

A "duck stool" was used in the 17th century to punish women convicted as witches or prostitutes. Used primarily in England and the U.S., it was a chair built on a long beam set up on the banks of a stream. It worked on a sea-saw principle, and ducked the convicted into the water.

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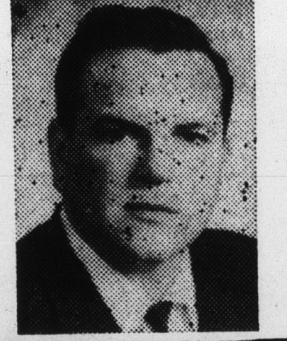
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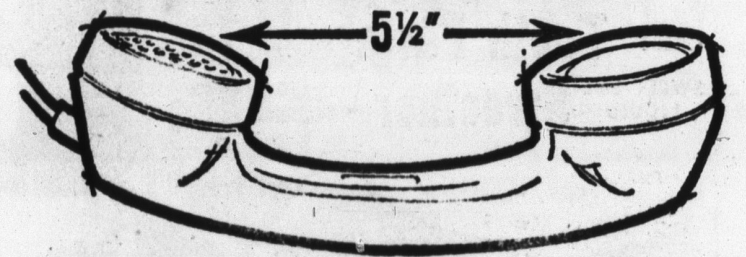
Each year nearly 40,000 people are killed on our highways, twice that many are maimed, and well over one million are injured. The National Safety Council estimates that seat belts could reduce injuries by one-third, deaths by 5,000. This figure was not picked out of the air. It is based on careful study. **Seat belts do work.**

Those who don't use the belts almost always give the same reason: It was too much trouble because they were only going a short distance. But the point is that most of the driving was close to home, and that's where most accidents happen.

The most valuable contribution a seat belt makes is to remind the driver who straps it on that he is using good driving sense.

SAY "HAPPY ANNIVERSARY" BY TELEPHONE!
This is a true story, and we're passing it on because we think it's such a good idea. Recently, a thoughtful daughter planned an unusual 25th anniversary gift for her parents. The family was spread all over the country... an aunt in Kansas, an uncle in California, grandparents in Florida. Well, the daughter brought them all together in a surprise long distance conference call to her parents. At a pre-arranged time, all 12 members talked back and forth across the country and wished the celebrating couple a happy anniversary. One more nice thing about the telephone... it helps people have family reunions... by long distance!

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