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"The Male Animal" Opens Wednesday

For four weeks, Old Chapel has been filled with performers, directors and technicians getting ready for the performances of **The Male Animal** scheduled to be presented by the Pierrettes on March 12 and 13, Wednesday and Thursday of next week.

The play was written by James Thurber and Elliot Nugent and was a hit in New York City a few years ago. The time of the play is at the present and the scene is the living room in the home of Prof. Thomas Turner, in a mid-western university town. Act I is in the late fall on a Friday evening. Act II, Scene I is the following day, after lunch and Scene II is three hours later. Act III is at noon two days later.

The story is of Tommy Turner (Edwin Shewmake), who has been married for ten years to Ellen (Carol Campbell). Mr. Turner is quietly settled in a nice comfortable teaching job at Mid-Western University. This is the week-end of the Michigan game, and Joe Ferguson (played by Jack Isert), who was the greatest football hero Mid-Western ever had, comes to town and sees Ellen to whom he used to be unofficially engaged.

In addition to this slight upset in Tommy's life, he is brought into an academic controversy when Michael Barnes (played by Buzz Sims), a young college intellectual, writes an article for the literary magazine in which he calls the board of trustees "fascists!"

Tommy, because he wants to read a letter to his composition class written by Vanzetti

is about to have to join the ranks of the martyrs who got fired because the trustees are shouting "Red!" so loud they can't hear an idea tinkle.

Ellen tries to dissuade Tommy from reading the letter, and this coupled with Joe's presence forces Tommy to ask her to go with Joe and leave him to his books and his principles. Eventually Tommy challenges Joe to fisticuffs after he has fortified himself with proper courage.

Also, he refuses to deny that he will read the Vanzetti letter and decides to stand on his principle of the freedom of ideas and the right to teach the young to think. Ellen now sees that he is a pretty good example of the male animal, and stands up with him.

Others appearing in the play are Cleota, Ann Miles; Patricia Stanley, Mary Alice (Mal) Powell; Wally Myers, Walter Hielman; Dean Frederick Damon, Dr. John Parker; Mrs. Blanche Damon, Nyra Boyd; Ed Keller, Wes Hayden; Myrtle Keller, Peggy Jones; "Cookie" Miller, Loretta Honey; and a newspaper reporter, Warren Ransler.

Lights and sets are being done by Warren Ransler, Bill Bright and Sandy Shaver. Marcelline Van Liere is in charge of the props and Curt Wrike is stage manager.

Sarah Ann Price is the assistant director. Mary Belle Horton is doing the costumes, Barbara Bell the make-up, and Martha Jarvis, the publicity.



Barbara Durham will produce and Carol Campbell will star in "The Male Animal" playing Wednesday and Thursday.

Dr. Ralph Lapp To Speak On Use Of Atomic Force

Lecturer, writer, and scientist, Dr. Ralph E. Lapp, who has been deeply involved with development of atomic energy during the war and post-war years, will be guest speaker for the lecture series on Monday night, March 11, at 8:30 in Memorial Hall.

Plans have been made to entertain Dr. Lapp at a banquet at six o'clock Monday night, provided he accepts the invitation. Members of the science department of Salem and Wake Forest, members of the Salem faculty, the lecture committee, and advanced science students at Salem will be guests.

Among the guests will be Dottie Ervin, Sue Davis, Brenda Goerdel, Connie Rhodes, Mary Cooke Koller, Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Spears, and Dr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Turner.

Mr. R. J. Campbell will introduce the speaker. In his lecture, Dr. Lapp will tell of the peaceful uses of atomic energy and will examine the progress made in recent years in medical research and industrial uses of this force.

Dr. Lapp is the director of the Nuclear Science Service, an organization serving as a consultant to industry on uses of nuclear energy. He attended the first International Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy in Geneva, Switzerland, under the sponsorship of the United Nations.

Dr. Lapp has collaborated on a number of Saturday Evening Post articles covering civil defense, the hydrogen bomb, tactical uses of atomic bombs, and highlights of our atomic project.

He is the author of "Must We Hide?", "Nuclear Radiation Play-Lapp also serves as special editor sics", and "The New Force". Dr. for the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientist, a periodical on atomic affairs.



Dr. Ralph Lapp

Varsity

The varsity basketball team, chosen this week from the best players in each class, is composed of forwards Anne Miles, Mary Jo Wynne and Jo Smitherman, and guards Curt Wrike, Nan Williams and Jane Wrike.

Runners-up are forwards Martha McClure, Margaret McQueen and Patricia Usher and guards, Betsy Gatling, Sally Badgett and Nita Kendrik.

With a lot of determination and fine shooting, the seniors remained champion basketball team in the class competition. Managers from the Athletic Association for the tournament this year were Jane Wrike and Connie McIntyre.

Class manager for the champions was Sissie Allen; for the second place sophomores, Margaret McQueen; for the third place freshmen, Usher, and for the juniors, Nollner Morrisett.

may be secured from Dean Hixson
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The sophomore testing program will be postponed until April 2 and 3. The tests were originally scheduled for March 18 and 19.

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Dr. Gramley will attend a meeting of Salem alumnae in Martinsville, Va., next Friday.

Mr. Donald Britt will represent Salem at a Charleston, South Carolina, meeting of college business managers next Thursday.

News Briefs

Students wishing to make application for a General Scholarship for 1957-58 should secure blanks immediately so that the Committee on Scholarships will have time to collect the necessary information for making awards.

General Scholarships are based on financial need and require certain service to the college. The forms which must be filled out by both students and their parents