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Show Business

By Richard Adler

"Abe Lincoln in Illinois," by Robert Sherwood is a play in twelve scenes with nine individual sets, and thirty four different parts. It is episodic, unevenly constructed, and does not at any time come within striking distance of representing a genuine character study with dramatic fervor.

Even in New York City as the baby of the Playwrights Company, (Maxwell Anderson, Elmer Rice, S. N. Behrman, Sherwood, and the late Sidney Howard), with the name prestige of Jo Mielziner's super-spectacle sets and the direction of Elmer Rice, the play was merely scenic, devoid human emotion, evading character study with issues-always issues and platitudes. Even with the play masked behind the expert professional efforts of Raymond others, the lines were dead, glib, never YMCA program. came to life, and made this reviewer feel that the card catalogue of the Library of Congress was too close at hand.

The author in trying to give his interpretation of democracy, and explanation of why democracy has been and always will be our American code of life, failed insemuch as it was never presented theatrically, with active instances portrayed on the stage. Instead, he toyed with the issues, placing them in the mouths of the characters and has them discussed as historical documents would be argued in a high school class room.

It is most difficult to comment on the production in the Playmaker Theatre. The attempts of the entire company were admirable considering that it was working with a sketchy, unimaginative piece that lacked the warmth of characters with mixed emotions. It is difficult to give a role a feeling of individuality and know that its lines are

Letters To The Editor

To The Editor:

I would like to clarify the two somewhat misleading articles which appeared in Wednesday's paper regarding the supper forum at which Mr. Frank Olmstead will be the speaker. Although neither of these articles actually said so, both left the impression that this meeting was being sponsored by the YMCA. This is not so. Mr. Olmstead's appearance on this campus Massey, Ruth Gordon and scores of is in no way connected with the local

The University YMCA is one hundred percent behind President Graham's policy of freedom and will continue to present all sides of current questions. However, this meeting does not happen to be part of our program. Mr. Olmstead is an employee of the YMCA and is at present on leave. His position is his own and does not necessarily represent the opinion of the international, national, or local YMCA.

> Fred Broad President of theYMCA

To The Editor:

I read with considerable interest the ideas expressed by the IRC about sending certain types of aid to France as they appeared in this morning's DAILY TAR HEEL.

The most important point, and one which has often been raised, is that such aid would help Hitler directly or indirectly. If such supplies are distributed by the Red Cross I can not see why they would help Hitler

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"WEEJUN"

It's here ...

Honor Not Ante-Bellum

Honor and the honor system to many students on our campus today might seem somewhat faded and a thing of the past. To those of us who are subject to almost immediate call by the draft boards, the days when we used to take honor pledges and the whole idea of taking an examination without a proctor in the room tice of sending the Japanese scrap iron seem obscure indeed.

Yet, there is something in the way we live and have lived around here that is tied up with the crisis our nation faces. It is part of every one of our lives as individuals, whether we are in the army next month, freshmen who will complete four years, or students who will man places in civilian capacities.

The idea of honor is one that only a man can face and understand himself. There can be no real laws to it, just as there is no law to what a man thinks is right or wrong in the world. It's up to the individual to act in a way that seems honest to himself. "Delivered, Sir."

The basic lesson we learn from honor is to know how to stand on our own two feet, no matter what will happen. When we learn to discipline ourselves in our conduct in our dormitories, the way we live, in our class-rooms, in our daily lives, we are learning what is commonly called responsibility. Responsibility is nothing tures that remind us of a meeting of more than being able to be trusted to carry out a job well done the editors of the different campus for himself and for others who have delegated him the authority.

This basic lesson can stick with a man no matter where or under what conditions he might find himself. If a man is in an army which is bent on winning military victories, not only is he entrusted with a duty to carry out his particular job to the height of his capacity, but he is compelled to work in complete cooperation with his fellow soldiers. This is true, even if it means any sacrifice on the part of the individual.

Then, if a man finds himself in a situation where he is working in a defense industry or as a civilian in the war-and all civilians are part of the common effort-he can apply the same lessons he learned in Chapel Hill under the honor system. He can underthreats-Thar's gold in dem dar hills!

stand how in carrying out his job better, working seven days a week, not buying goods which contain metals needed for defense, and being as efficient as he can operate, he can understand in all these that he has a definite responsibility, an honor to himself and his nation, to cooperate in a job to be done. Here on the campus during the emergency, the honor system and the idea of individual responsibility and "being able to stand on your own two feet" will continue. We will have several direct manifestations of the military and civilian effort here in Chapel Hill, but the times demand that this business of self-discipline morial hall. and indivdual trust when given a job to do will carry on. These are crucial times in this nation. They are times that inhall. volve the future of the existence of every student in Chapel Hill. They are times when we must act like men on all occasions. The lesson of Chapel Hill, as we must remember it throughout all the battles we fight in, whether here or abroad, must be: to carry out the job given you in the best possible manner for your own welfare and that of the people you are working with and represent. Playmaker Theatre.

Campus Keyboard By The Staff

Music Maker

By Brad McCuen

If your holidays include a trip to

In the hotel-room league, many top

son, Johnny Messener at the McAlpine,

In the suburbs you have Claude

Crawling out of the mole hole we dropped into after the Japanese declared war on us, we now brave the explosions of the bombs to suggest another idea to our government in Washington. For years now we have shipped the Japanese people scrap iron by barge and by steamer. Ex-POSTAGE

Sports: MARK GARNER

perts have repeatedly DUE told us that some day New York, you'll want to hear some those little bits of iron and steel would of the name bands in action. We've fall on our own heads. We suggest listed here a few of these bands and the that rather than discontinue the pracplaces where they can be heard. that we show our real sincerity by sendbands play nightly for dinner and on. ing them ever increasing amounts of If your taste runs to swing you'll eniron and steel. However, in order to joy Benny Goodman at the New Yorkshow our complete good faith we suger, Harry James at the Blue Room of gest that now we send the iron and the Lincoln, Vaughn Monroe at the steel by SPECIAL DELIVERY, AIR Commodore, and Glenn Miller at the MAIL. That means that you look out Coq Rouge of the Pennsylvania. Or if of the belly of one of our smaller (we're it's sweet, you can be lulled by Sammy laughing) bombers and say "Ah there's Kaye at the Essex House, Eddie Duchin the Japanese post office now. Drop at the Waldorf, Matty Malneck in the them a special delivery. (BOOOOM) Rainbow Room of Radio City, Blue Barron in the Green Room of the Edi-

We found the best pictures we've Henry King in the Bowman Room o seen in weeks printed in the new issue the Biltmore, and Guy Lombardo at the of US CAMERA (January issue). Roosevelt. On pages 36 and 37 we found some pic-Thornhill at the Glen Island Casino, Tony Pastor at the Log Cabin Farms, publications after the PU board got Red Norvo at the Blue Gardens, and through with them. Take a look and see (after lunch, we suggest). T. R. brook is Tuesday, December 23.

Wallace Wade is reported planning golf course from the receipts of this vacation at the Strand theater with their personal appearances. Cab Calyear's Rose Bowl adventure. Three PROSPECTOR years ago, the Westloway is at Manhattan Center, Decemward-Ho yielded their ber 24. Muggsy Spanier plays at the WADE Arcadia, Lucky Millinder is up in Haraddition to the gym-

nasium. Scrimmages are still being lem's Savory, and Panchito is engaged pushed for that western game, for at the Versailles. Wade isn't to be stymied by Nippon's If you like hot music, don't make the

It Happens

merely stooge cues for Lincoln's directly. That they might help inphrases. directly is probably true in that they

The settings, designed by Lynn Gault with the aid of Robert Schenkkan, were breathtaking and fitted nicely into the production by giving us some of the background that the author neglected. The lighting by Harry Held, touched up the sets and created a nice mood, giving the play some warmth with the use of soft colors.

John Parker directed with competency. His management of the mob scenes and the tempo of the play were well handled.

Frank Brink acted Lincoln with sincerity. His performance would have been much improved had he spoken his lines more slowly to fit into the character of the lumbering rail-splitter. His pacing was bad, as there was not enough contrast to the rapid, stacatto speeches of other major characters as Bowling Green, Edwards, Hernden and Josh Speed.

Bob Bowers as Judge Stephen Douglas, Lincoln's opponent gave us the most dramatic performance of the evening. He was definitely a politician. Perhaps not the calculating statesman that we expected to see in Douglas, but a raucous, rabble-rousing speaker that stirred the audience up to its peak of the evening.

Florence Busby as Mary Todd was convincing and made us feel that she was actually living the part on the stage.

W. T. Chichester as Mentor Graham, Phyllis Parker as Ann Rutledge, Noel Houston as Bowling Green, Arthur Golby, Ninian Edwards, Harry Davis as Jack Armstrong, Fred Hunter as Josh Speed, Marion Gleason as Nancy Green and Lionel Zimmer as Seth Gale all turned in good performances.



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ing. Benny Carter at Kelly's Stables, Zutty Singleton at Jimmy Ryan's, and Babe Russin with Billy Holliday at the 10:00-President Frank P. Graham, Famous Door are the reasons that 52nd addresses the student body at Honor Street is still called Swing Alley. In-Emphasis Week convocation in Mecidentally, Stan Kenton with his new band start a 6-week engagement at the 2:00-All students with two years Door on January 1st. Nick's is always of military training meet in Gerrard filled with stale air and good music

branch John Kirby keeps things mov-

furnished either by Ray Condiff, or 7:00-Commerce students see free Marty Marsala. movie in Bingham.

8:00-Army Troop School meets in If Chicago happens to get your visit Davie hall. -Les Brown will be at the Blackhawk, 8:30-Playmakers present third per- Griff Wiliams at the Palmer House, formance of "Abe Lincoln Illinois" at and Jack Teagarden at the Sherman. See MUSIC MAKER, page 4

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