

# Workshop To Stage Broadway Hit "Once Upon A Mattress"

"Once Upon A Mattress," a musical burlesque of the Hans Christian Andersen fairy tale, "The Princess and the Pea," will be presented May 21 and May 22 at The State University College at Potsdam. Curtain time will be 8:30 p.m. in Crane Recital Hall.

The musical, a parody on our culture put in medieval situations, settings and costumes, is being produced by the college's operetta workshop under the direction of Prof. Elizabeth Baritaud.

Starring in the show is Julie Reichling, Schenectady, as Princess Winnifred. Stage and music director is Robert Cohan, New Hartford.

Principal members of the cast are Danny Simpson, Port Chester, as Dauntless; Jill Weston, Endcott, Queen (May 21); Marsha Hunter, Watertown, Queen (May 22); Ed Kennedy, Freeport, King (May 21); Harry Blish, Conklin, King (May 22).

Also, Charles Culver, Rotterdam, Minstrel (May 21); Joseph Amaya, Merrick, Minstrel (May 22); Ike Cole, Cherry Valley, Jester; James Esposito, Ardsley, Wizard, and Judith Halpern, Great Neck, Lady Larkin.

"Once Upon A Mattress," by Jay Thompson, Marshall Barer, Dean Fuller and Mary Rogers, was created to dispel boredom in an adult summer camp in the Pocono Mountains. The first production was so successful that the authors rewrote the book and added nine new songs. This expanded version opened off Broadway in May, 1959 and eventually became a Broadway hit, starring Carol Burnett.



REHEARSING GILBERT & SULLIVAN — These members of the Ogdensburg Players are preparing for their production of "The Pirates of Penzance," the classic Gilbert and Sullivan Opera, which will be performed at the George Hall Auditorium in Ogdensburg on

May 19. This is the most ambitious undertaking of this Ogdensburg cultural group, and will involve over 60 in the cast and 100 people working on the production. Members of the Crane Symphony will also provide the music for this production.

## "The Pirates Of Penzance"

### Ogdensburg Players Set Gilbert & Sullivan Opera

Ogdensburg — The Ogdensburg Community Players are in the "home stretch" of rehearsals for their most lavish and ambitious local talent production to date — Gilbert & Sullivan's sparkling comic operetta, "The Pirates of Penzance," which will be presented for one night only at George Hall Auditorium here on Tuesday, May 19, with curtain time at 8:15.

The large cast of over 50 men and women has been busy since January learning the clever lyrics and lovely tunes of Britain's greatest musical team. Recently, Director Stephen Crisp and his able co-director, Mrs. Harry Wheaton, Jr., have moved to the large high school stage and are teaching the chorus and principals how to make "every little movement" have the proper relation to the music. Crisp, a native of Toronto, is organist and choirmaster at St. John's Episcopal Church, while Mrs. Wheaton is a graduate of the famous Eastman School of Music in Rochester.

This is the 1963-64 season finale for the Community Players, who have previously presented "The American Ballet Theatre," their own production of "The Bat," "Oklahoma," by the Brockville Operatic Society, and "The Lettermen," nationally-known recording stars. No expense has been spared to make this an evening to remember, including the rental of authentic costumes for principals and chorus members from the Malabar Company of Toronto, one of the largest theatrical costume houses in North America.

The cast will be accompanied by a symphony orchestra from the Crane School of Music at the State University College, Potsdam, directed by Maurice Baritaud. The handsome set has been designed and built by Mrs. Franklin P. Little, Richard Lea and Howard Landon.

Some of the finest singing voices in the area — all amateurs — will be heard in the leading roles. They include: Hyman Fisher as the Major-General; Miss JoElla Downey as the daughter Mabel; Richard LaRock as Frederic; Donald Brouse as the Pirate King; Mrs. Bert Ramsey as Ruth; Miss Donna Greenblatt and Mrs. Frank Kopita as two more of the Major-General's bevy of beautiful daughters; Milton Freen as the Pirate Lieutenant, Samuel, and James Duffy as the Sergeant of Police. All told, including backstage crews, about 100 people are involved in this production. Mail orders are also being received, and should be addressed to Frank Schwartz, president, Ogdensburg Community Players, 333 Ford St., Ogdensburg.

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## Phoenix Club, Symphonic Band Concert Monday

Phoenix Club, a select group of women's voices, and Symphonic Band will give a concert Monday, May 13, at 8:30 p. m. in the College Theater, The State University College at Potsdam.

Prof. Mary English will conduct Phoenix Club in a satirical cantata, "The Natural Superiority of Men," by Dr. Arthur Frackepohl of the Crane department of music. Dr. Frackepohl dedicated the works to the women's choral group. "Hymnes Pour La Sainte Vierge," by Lajtha, and works by Verdi and London also will be sung.

Gounod's Prelude to "Faust" and "La Fiesta Mexicana," by Reed, will be featured works played by Symphonic Band. Prof. Burton Stanley also will conduct Anderson's "Irish Washerwoman" and a march, "The Mad Major," by Alford.

Accompanying Phoenix Club will be Prof. James Autenrieth, organ, and Judith Kubasiak, piano.



LAURA POWELL

## Laura Powell To Sing Today At World's Fair

Nicholville — Laura E. Powell, Nicholville, a sophomore at Plattsburgh State University College, will sing with the Plattsburgh College Chorus at the New York World's Fair.

Miss Powell, a soprano, is a member of the 34-voice group that will perform at the New York State Pavilion today.

A 1962 graduate of Parishville-Hopkinton Central School Parishville, Miss Powell is studying to become a home economics teacher at the Plattsburgh college.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Phil D. Powell.

# FEATURES ..and fun



COURIER FREEMAN, POTSDAM, N.Y., THURSDAY, MAY 14, 1964 15

## 3,000 Music Students To Flood State Campus

The State University College at Potsdam will be host to nearly 3,000 school musicians Friday and Saturday as part of the annual festival of the New York State School Music Association. Performing will be 74 bands, orchestras and vocal groups from Northern New York, Ottawa and Montreal.

Prof. Mary E. English and Dr. Harry I. Phillips of the college's Crane department of music faculty, are co-chairmen of the program. Honorary chairman is Dr. Helen M. Hosmer, director of the Crane department of music.

Visiting adjudicators will be Joseph P. O'Leary, Spencer, and Richard Smaldone, Glens Falls, orchestras and bands; Roger Hannahs, Saratoga Springs, and Mrs. Doris Balber, Orchard Park, choirs.

State University College student chairmen will be Carol Matteson, Oswego, and Stanley Bingham, Potsdam, R.D. 2. Student registrar will be Edward Ruble, Watertown, assisted by Christine Fredenburgh, Springfield, Vt.

Bands and Orchestras Performing will be, bands and orchestras: Massena High School Orchestra, Lishon Central School Band, Carthage Central School Jr. Band, Gouverneur Central School Orchestra, Port Leyden Band, Gouverneur Central School Elementary Band, North Junior High Band of Watertown.

Also, Canton Central School Band, Henderson Central School Band, Lowville Academy Band, High School of Commerce Band of Ottawa, Belleville Central School Band, Adams Center-Adams Central School A Band, Salmon River Central School Band of Fort Covington, Poland Central School Band, Monklands High School Band of Montreal, Case Junior High Band of Watertown.

Also, Potsdam Central School Orchestra, St. Regis Falls Junior Band, Gouverneur Central School Band II, Colton Central School Band, St. Regis Falls Senior Band, Gouverneur Central School Band I, Potsdam Central School Band, Massena High School Band, Knox Memorial School Band of Russell, Hammond Central School Band, Salmon River Junior High Band, Alexandria Bay Band, Morrisstown Central School Band. Also, Mannsville - Manor

Central School Band, Norwood-Norfolk Central School Band, Clayton Central School Band, Adams Center-Adams Central School B Band, Indian River Central School Band, Woodroffe High School Senior Band of Ottawa, Brookfield High School Band of Ottawa, Indian River Central School Orchestra, Woodroffe High School Junior Band of Ottawa, Bell High School Band of Ottawa and South Lewis Central School Band.

Participating choirs will be Norwood - Norfolk Central School Mixed Chorus, Case Junior High School of Watertown Mixed Chorus, Gouverneur Central School Choir,

Waterstown High School Chorus, Norwood-Norfolk Girls Chorus, Lowville Academy Mixed Chorus, Case Junior High School of Watertown Girls Glee Club, St. Lawrence Central School of Brasher Falls Mixed Choir, Belleville Central School Girls Choir.

Also, Ottawa Technical High School Chorus, St. Lawrence Central of Brasher Falls Junior High Girls Chorus, Beaver River Central School Mixed Chorus, Franklin Academy of Malone Mixed Choir, Ogdensburg Free Academy Mixed Chorus, Heuvelton Central School Mixed Chorus, Harrisville Central School Mixed Chorus, Potsdam Central School Mixed Chorus, Alexan-

dria Bay Mixed Chorus, Harrisville Central School Girls Choir, Norwood - Norfolk Junior High Mixed Choir, Knox Memorial of Russell Chorus.

Also, Clayton-Central School Choir, Indian River Central School Girls Choir, Salmon River Central School of Fort Covington Mixed Chorus, Copenhagen Mixed Chorus I, Potsdam Girls Chorus, Salmon River Central School of Fort Covington Junior High Choir, Adams Center-Adams Central School Girls Choir, Lafargeville Central School Mixed Chorus, Potsdam Central Junior High Mixed Choir, Brookfield High School of Ottawa Mixed Chorus and Lafargeville Junior High Girls Chorus.



ST. MARY'S SPECIAL CHORUS — Selected choristers from Grades 7 and 8 at St. Mary's School will sing "Ave Maria" and "One Little Candle" during the spring concert at the school May 20. From left to right, they include in the back row: Maureen McMan, Pamela White, Patricia Schofield, Patricia

King, Ellen Smith, Pamela Collins, Middle Row: Mary Smith, Mary Kent, Rita Fay, Danny Jenack, Nancy Segar. Front Row: John Hantz, John Andrikut, Martha Hartle, Linda Bronson, Christine Collins, Michael White, Larry Sellers.

Cultural Calendar	
Mon., May 18	CONCERT, Phoenix Club and Symphonic Band 8:30 p.m., College Theatre
Thurs. & Fri., May 21 & 22	MUSICAL, "Once Upon A Mattress" State College Operetta Workshop 8:30 p.m., Crane Recital Hall Ogdensburg
Tues., May 19	OPERA, Gilbert & Sullivan's "Pirates of Penzance" 8:15 p.m., George Hall Auditorium (Reserved Seats Only)

## Ted Mack To Emcee Watertown Show

Clayton — More than 50 acts that had previously auditioned for the Ted Mack Amateur Hour Show were recalled last week to repeat their numbers before Lewis Graham and Lloyd Marx, producer and executive director respectively of the show. The performances were held in the auditorium of St. Mary's School in Clayton.

From those heard there, the acts will be chosen to appear on the live show to be given at the Avon Theater in Watertown on May 15 over which Ted Mack will preside. Admission to this performance will be by invitation.

Buddy Page, chief talent scout for the Amateur Hour, who has been auditioning all applicants for the past three weeks, has expressed greatest satisfaction with the vast amount of fine talent has found in the 1000 Islands area. "It's really been difficult to choose among the many good performances I've auditioned," he said.

"We'll have a large selection of talent as a reservoir upon which we can draw to fill in on other future shows besides the 1000 Islands telecasts," he added.

Eighteen acts of those which will appear at the Avon Theater will be chosen to go to

## Tech FM Station To Discontinue Broadcasting Until Fall Semester

With the end of the academic year rapidly approaching, the Inter College Radio Network, jointly operated by Clarkson College and the State University College at Potsdam, has suspended broadcasting operations until the fall.

The final shutdown was made Sunday at 12:00 midnight when WTSC-FM, Clarkson's non-commercial educational station signed off the air.

Composed of two carrier current AM stations and WTSC-FM, the network has rapidly expanded its facilities and services during the past year.

WTSC-FM went on the air last fall as the first non-commercial FM station in Northern New York State. Broadcasting 48 hours a week under student supervision, WTSC-FM programs high-quality music, frequently featuring concerts of the Crane School

of Music. In addition to WTSC-FM, the two carrier current stations, WNTC and WCOT, enable the network to service all dormitories of both College campuses as well as the Potsdam community.

The Inter College Radio Network will return to the air in September with the beginning of the fall semester.



## St. Mary's School Sets May Concert

A varied program of musical entertainment has been planned for the spring choral concert at St. Mary's School next Wednesday, May 20 at 7:30 p. m., with Mrs. John Jados directing the group.

The entire group will combine to present "Bells of St. Mary," "Music Alone Shall Live," "Consider Yourself," and "Heigh-Ho".

The 5th and 6th grade choruses will sing "Brahms Lullaby," "Vesper Hymn," "Jacob's Ladder," and "Rock-A-My-Soul".

A select chorus from the 7th and 8th grades will sing "Ave Maria" and "One Little Candle," while Martha Hartle and Patricia Schofield will be featured in a specialty number.

In conclusion, the entire cast will sing "America Our Heritage," "Now the Day is Over," and "Happy Wanderer". Mrs. Mary Ellen Mero will accompany the chorus. The public is invited to attend.

Goal of the Treasury's U. S. Savings Bonds campaign for '64, known as "Operation Security," is increased security for ALL America. Every bond you buy brings the goal nearer — for yourself and the nation.

## The Green Sheet

"The Green Sheet" provides movie goers with a guide to the selection of entertainment films in current release. It presents the composite opinions of 10 National Organizations, and gives consideration to a wide range of tastes.

As a public service, The Courier-Freeman will publish a listing of films upcoming at the local theaters each week, with remarks of reviews from "The Green Sheet" where they are available, we will indicate the "suggested audiences" listed in "The Green Sheet."

From Russia, With Love". A James Bond thriller by Ian Fleming, starring Sean Connery. (No rating)

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