

OFF AND RUNNING — The 83rd annual Iowa Association of Plumbing, Heating and Cooling Contractors convention was off and running here Friday. Here at left Association President Earl Gibbs of Ames appears to draw

a glass of water for John Roof, Jr., Waterloo, who is convention chairman. Naturally, plumbing and water are the principal topics of conversation.

Laughs Mark '3 Men on Horse'

Odd Trio Cavorts In Period Piece

By LYLE PIGGOTT
Courier Staff Writer

There were these three horse players, see. And there was square Erwin Trowbridge (they'd call him straight nowadays) who played the horses for fun but never placed a bet.

Until... And that's what "Three Men on a Horse," this season's final offering of the play quartet presented under Director Charles Stillwill in Waterloo Community Playhouse, is all about.

Duane Lewis, who characterizes Erwin, seems a bit nervous about things in Ozone Heights, N.J. as the play opens; but then, with a ruthless real estate-dealing brother-in-law like Clarence Dobbins (Ken Wymore) it seems understandable.

Zingy Lines

Erwin writes those zingy lines on greeting cards that everyone sends their aunt or granny or mom on special days, and turns them out of the top of his head by the gross. Would you believe Mother's Day No. 16?

Then one morning Erwin's wife Audrey (Suzanne Lewis) finds his little black book in which he keeps his imaginary horse race winners in code. Audrey's tears of misunderstanding move Erwin to find solace at the Lavillere Hotel bar where three down-and-outers are desperately scheming their last \$12 on a long shot to win in one of the day's races.

Good Talker

Harry, the bartender (Dan Nutt) like all barkeeps on stage, proves a good talker and good listener.

Patsy, yes, his real name is Patsy, is ably portrayed by Playhouse veteran Rod Giest, who shows finesse with dialogue, as well as stage presence.

And for two guys from Iowa, Steve Hanusa as Frankie and versatile Gary Blair as Charlie don't do too bad "wit dat New Yorkese" dialect either. Hanusa, in his mainstage debut,

carries Frankie's part with a particular flair.

Patsy's fast-like girl Mabel (Pam Lewis) adds interesting side activity to the play as does Mr. Carver (Richard Paulus), given a bit to over-acting when he finds he may lose his best greeting card verse writer.

George Abbott's 1920's and 30's period piece brings back the good old New York days of seams on nylons, bookies, central telephone operators, horse parlors and bookies.

Three Men on a Horse runs this week Friday and Saturday, opening each evening at 8:15 p.m., and beginning next week, Tuesday through Saturday. Try it. You'll like it.

Continue Probe of Child Death

(COURIER NEWS SERVICE)

WAVERLY — Bremer County authorities Friday were continuing their investigation of the death of Sarah Nitcher, 2,

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Nitcher of Rt. 1, Waverly. County Medical Examiner Dr. James Rathe said Friday he still had not received a report on the autopsy performed on the girl.

Sarah Nitcher was found dead at her home late Wednesday morning by a Waverly police ambulance crew.

Dr. Rathe said there was no evidence of foul play.

Sarah Nitcher's sister, 2½-month-old Tammy Nitcher was found dead at the family home on Jan. 7. An autopsy in that death was inconclusive, Dr. Rathe said.

County Attorney Richard Kemming said the death of Tammy Nitcher was eventually ruled a crib death.

HOUSE SHOOTOUT

On March 1, 1954, five congressmen were wounded by Puerto Rican nationalists in the House of Representatives.

Largest orbit of the asteroids is that of Hidalgo, whose orbit has a mean diameter of 531 million miles.

Burlington Man Plumbers Nominee

Convention Hears U.S. Officials

Accepts Post in Wheaton, Ill.

Harold Burshtan Resigns As West High Principal

Harold Burshtan, principal of West High School, has resigned effective June 30 and will accept a position as principal of a secondary school in Wheaton, Ill.

Burshtan served as principal of West High School for the past four years, and had been administrative assistant there the previous year.

In a letter of resignation received Thursday by Waterloo School Superintendent George Diestelmeier, Burshtan said, "Leaving the best school in the state of Iowa is not an easy task."

Burshtan expressed appreciation to the administration for their "cooperation and help" and to the faculty and staff members who he called "cooperative and professionally minded."

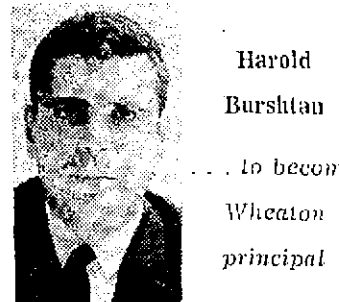
He also praised the students and parents for their cooperation.

Bike Rider Injured in Collision

A passenger on a bicycle was admitted to St. Francis hospital Thursday night with a possible thigh fracture after the bicycle was involved in a collision with a car at the intersection of E. 4th and Walnut Streets.

Injured is Dennis W. Epps, 33, of 328 Webster St., who was riding on the handlebars of a bicycle operated by Daryl Bolden, 12, of 326 Quincy St. It was reported by police.

Police said a car driven by Marilyn K. Mills, 19, of 729 Glenwood St., collided with the bicycle at the intersection as she was turning and the bicycle was entering the street from a sidewalk at 9:04 p.m. She was issued a ticket for not having a driver's license in her possession.



Harold Burshtan to become Wheaton principal

consider Mr. Burshtan one of the top secondary people in the Midwest and are sorry to lose him from the system.

"We are happy to have had the opportunity to have him in the system for five years. He has done a tremendous job for the system. His leadership in all areas, especially his two-year study on curriculum, will lead to some significant changes in Waterloo's secondary schools.

"The administration of the school system would like to wish him and his family the best of luck in meeting the challenges ahead."

Arrested for Assault Upon ADC Case Aide

A man charged with hitting an aide in the county attorney's department was arrested on a charge of assault and battery Thursday afternoon. Arrested was Edward Raymond Murphy, 29, of 1202 Sycamore St.

Murphy is accused of hitting Craig Knepp, who handles child support payment enforcement in Aid to Dependent Children cases, while Knepp was interviewing him in Knepp's office at the courthouse Wednesday afternoon.

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