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## Theater as

By JOHN ROSENFIELD Amusements Critic of The News There are two types of theater, tributary and prolessional, and both are as old as Dallas. Developers of new enterprises are inclined to think that the world began with them and this was especially true of the Little Theater people of the 1920's. But they, too, were merely continuing impulses that came with the $\log$ cabins. Variations were chiefly a matter of quality. The larger the metropolitan district, the better the shows.
Recourse to the old newspaper files for tributary theater documentation are not concluaive. The Dallas News was a Belo pubication when it came to tional-local newspaper that ional-local newspaper that es ism that exalted or scarred print paper before the War tween the States. In the judgment of skilled
news editors not all local culnews editors not all local cultural events were news". As
late as 1910 no Dallas newspaper was covering every concert of the Dallas Symphony Orchestra, then in its second decade. As late as 1919 the writer of this article was sent to review a song recital by Amelita Gall-Curci and when he returned to the office prepared to give his all to musical cri-
ticism, was pressed into ticism, was pressed into serv-
ice by the city editor to cover
a bloody and pathetic grade crossing accident. Madame Galwas never reported
THE FIRST opera house of record bore the honored name of Dallas Opera House and was opened in the 1870's on the sec ond floor of a building at Main and Austin. It never had a fire. The floor was flat but the stage accommodated visiting drama of conventional proportions and even a musical comedy, if not cast too populously or calling for more than seven musicians, also flat on the floor with the audience.
Within ten years, such activities were moved across the street, to the second story of a building on the south side of Main street between Austin and Lamar, and there they remained until 1878 when a real theater was opened on Commerce and the southwest corner of Austin street. Although called the Dallas Opera House, it was invariably referred to as the to the palatial Windsor Horring on the northwest corner Hotel by the same developers, but of by the same developers out of
the same rugged native stone. the same rugged native stone. the Opera House, the dressing the Opera House, the dressing
rooms. It was figured that performers could domicile comfortably at the Windsor, cross Commerce on a catwalk, descend through the first balcony to the stage. Any balconeer taking nostage. Any balconeer taking no-
tice was a spoilsport. A screen

## Old as City Itself

costume changes onstage. Klaw \& Erlanger, and had to New York's. This arrangement got into appear here in a tent erected legend several times. Many east of Ervay street on Comtories not all truatw have to do with Maurice Barrymore, father of the greater Barrymores, who was a high avorite here. Inasmuch as Maurice relieved the tedium of the road by conviviality - he had a pal in every saloon his negotiation of the catwalk vided by the script. not pro
SOMETHING
someling more orderly was the Dallas Opera House of 1898, opened at Main and St Paul, where Titche-Goettinger now stands. This building o red brick, red plush and gold would do very well today. In fact there are theaters of the same honorable vintage operat ing in New York, Chicago, Pitts burgh, St. Louis (until recently) Denver and San Francisco.
The Greenwall Brothers of New Orleans controlled the the through Texas, Louisiana kansas and parts of Alabam and Mississippi. The Opera House was affiliated with near-monopoly chain, the great near-monopory chain, the great
empire of Klaw \& Erlanger, New York, and all bookings had to go through their office, an office which, in its way, still survives but does not operate so sternly.
The Dallas Opera House was the center of Dallas theater for twenty years. The divine Sarah merce. Everybody else including Modjeska, George Arliss, Sir Johnston Forbest-Robertson, Frederick Warde, Frank Crane, the Hoyts, the Aborn, Boston and San Carlo Opera companies were provided with some generosity. Old Dallas News ledgers show around 75 attractions a year between September and early June with runs of one to
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The At G. Field and Christie Minstrels were constant visitors, often returning twice and hrice a season. Minstrels were a sure-fire attraction and there was at least one a month during the long season, famous or not well-known. Many comedies off Broadway were seen, usually with "nobody" in the casts. Show" wens a No. 2 Road in those day. Only then was there a now and Stage stars regarded coast-tocoast trouping as part of their lives. The penthouse Broadway figure, who could get two to three seasons out of a hit without stirring beyond eight New York blocks, had not yet developed.
Many actors like Frederick Many actors like Frederick Mann, Frederick Warde, David Warfield (until "The Music Masert Mantell were and Rob-

ON OCT 8, 1915, the Dall Opera House exhibited an at traction that actually foreshadowed its doom. It installed a projector and a screen and hired an orchestra for D. W. Griffith's "The Birth of a Nation," which might have been subtitled "The Birth of a Film Art".
A block away was the vaudeville house, the Majestic, which Karl Hoblitzelle had opened in 1905, It burned out, fortunately while dark and the vaudeville circuit, another story, took a lease on the Dallas Opera House to operate continuously while the present Majestic Theater, at Elm near Harwood, was abuilding.
It looked like a local situation but actually it was national and epidemic. Between 1918 and 1921, a mere three years, the road show industry, which had appeared as solid as $\mathrm{Gi}-$ braltar, collapsed with only a whimper.
Klaw \& Erlanger had yielded in New York to those ramLee Shubert who J. J. and Lee Shubert, who were out to aged to substitute They man gne of their own But the 0 orry Houses" a part of the down town scene for a half-century in towns as well as cities, went in towns as well as cities, went
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LOOK asks six sawdust comedians how and why they decided to go into the strange business of being a circus clown. It finds that their answers are as different as their faces


Harry Dann: "I felt that it was one or the few genuine professions left, so I decided to become a clown. Right after I got out of high school, I applied for a job and got it. Ive been with the show for seven years. The kind of clown I portray is known as the white-face or picture clown."


Lou Jacobs:"I studied clowning in Germany, practising after school. My teacher was a great performer, and I learned comedy style, contortion work and balancing. I worked for a while in small vaudeville in Ger many. And then in 1924, I was invited to join Ringling Brothers."


Polydore Mortier: "I started as an acrobat. but switched to clowning later. Why? I had to make a living somehow and this was as good a way as any I knew of. I nave been working away at it for about 30 years. I'm much better known as Cnesty, because of my chest development."

## How Did You Become a Clown?



Emmett Kelly: My first try at clowning grew out of my cartoonist training. I took my face from a pen-and-ink drawing I made back in 1920 . First I used it in a chalk-talk act, and finally I took it into the circus in 1921. Mine's a pantomimic tramp clown. Wistful Willie, I call him."


John Nelson: "I started training for the job from the time I was born. My brother Harry and I are third-generation clowns. My father, who came to this country from England 87 years ago, owned a circus in South America, where he began training himself-and the whole family, too!'


Paul Jung: "I actually started as an acrobat in girl's clothes back in 1908. But when I grew up, I became too well-developed for that type of thing and branched off into comedy. Now I'm a producing clown. I'm responsible for the Song of the South costumes in this season's circus."

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There was ease in Casey's manner as he stepped into his place; There was pride in Casey's bearing and a smile on Casey's face, No stranger in the crowd could doubt 'twas Casey at the hat,
Ten thousand eyes were on him as he rubbed his hands with dirt Five thousand tongues applauded when he wiped them on his shirt Defiance gleamed in Casey's eye, a sneer curled Case,s hip.
And now the leather-covered sphere came hurtling through the air, And Casey stood a-watching it in haughty grandeur there, Close by the sturdy batsman the ball unheeded sped -
That ain't my style," said Casey. "Strike one," the umpire said
From the benches, black with people, there went up a muffled roar "Kill the beating of the storm-waves on a stern and distant shore. And it'silely the umpire. Shouted someone from the stand;-
And it's likely they'd have killed him had not Casey raised his hand.
With a smile of Christian charity great Casey's visage shone; He stilled the rising tumult; he bade the game go on But Casey still the pitcher, and once more the spheroid flew "Fraud," cried the maddened thousand ane said, Strike two. But one scornful look from C housands, and echo answered "Fraud" They saw his face grow stern and cold; they saw his muele was awed. And they knew that Casey wouldn't let that ball go by again.
The sneer is gone from Casey's lip; his teeth are clinched in hate; He pounds with cruel violence his bat upon the plate.
And now the pitcher holds the ball, and now he lets it go,
And now the air is shattered by the force of Casey's blow.
Oh! Somewhere in this favored land the sun is shining bright;
The band is playing somewhere, and somewhere hearts are light.
And somewhere men are laughing, and somewhere children shout;
But there is no joy in Mudville-mighty Casey has Struck Out.

## LIFE

MAN comes into the world without his consent and leaves it against his will During his stay on earth his time is spent in one continuous round of contraries and misunderstandings. In his infancy he is an angel; in his boyhood he is a devil in an angel; in his boyhood he is a devil; in ais in his duties he is a fool if hom has no fizard up it his duties he is a fool; if he has no family check he is a thiel, suicide; if he raises a Cain with him: if he is a poor maw raises poor manager and has no sense; if he is rich he is dishonest, but considered smart, if he is in politics he is a grafter and a crook; if he is out of politics you can't place him as he is an undesirable citizen; if be goes to church he is a hypocrite; if he stays away from church he is a sinner; if he donates to foreign missions he does it for show if he doesn't he is stingy and a "tight wad." When he first comes into the world every body wants to kiss him-before he goes out they want to kick him. If he dies young there was a great future before him if he lives to a ripe old age he is in the way, only living to save funcral expenses.
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