

## THREE MEN ON A HORSE

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The dream which all human beings of every age have shared of achieving sudden wealth, took the form in the Middle Ages of trying to turn scrap metal into gold. In modern times the dream had taken on many other forms--such as stumbling on an invention, finding oil in one's back-yard, getting into the movies, or winning the jack-pot on a give-away program. But the form the dream has for more people nowadays than any other, is of having a sure thing on a horse-race.

This accounts for the enormous popularity of the stage-comedy "THREE MEN ON A HORSE", which the COLLEGE PLAYERS are presenting at Price Auditorium on April 28-29. At least that is the theory of Hazel Ray Ferguson, who is directing the rehearsals for this production. This comedy ran for over two years when it was first presented in New York, and it has been a constant favorite with audiences ever since, as well as having scored hits in London, Paris, and almost every other world capital.

In this fast and frenzied comedy, Mike Jobson will be playing Erwin Trowbridge, the unworldly writer of greeting card verse who becomes a hero in the world of race track touts. The timid greeting-card writer with an unerring gift for picking race-track winners... the meek hero in long underwear who is an unwitting wizard of the races...the man who can dope out the races perfectly--as long as he doesn't bet on them...the shanghaied race-track expert...the man with a gift worth millions, so long as he doesn't try to cash in...

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awfully funny when it is fast-- and mostly always fast, Lord knows.

A wierd idea it has, and it does everything except throw custard pies to put the idea over. Drunk-scenes, disrobing scenes, battle-scenes, bathroom scenes, abound and rebound in it. It is boisterously absurd about the races-- both horses and human."





### Two of TC Play Cast

John (Moose) Tettis (left) and Frank Minnier played two of the "bookies" in last night's College Players production of the one-time Broadway hit, "Three Men on a Horse." (Wolfe Photos).

## 'Three Men on a Horse' Great; Plays Tonight

A well-chosen cast, three stage settings and a good comedy delighted the audience last evening at the Price Auditorium when the College Players gave the two year Broadway hit, "Three Men On A Horse."

From the opening curtain with Mrs. Erwin Trowbridge calling her husband to breakfast, until he writes his final Father's Day greeting card verse in the third act, the audience is kept in a hilarious mood.

The play was written around the Trowbridge family played by Hulbert Jobson, of Renovo, and Faye Brannan, of Lewistown. Both turned in good performances. Mr. Jobson, who is president of the College Players and was subbed in the cast a month ago, did an excellent job with the part of the meek writer of greeting card verses, who falls into the hands of the "sharpies."

Meets Bookies

was Garris Ritter who starred in "Papa Is All", "Mother Was A Freshman", "Glass Menagerie", "Harvey", "The Heiress", "Pillars of Society", "The Mayor and the Manicure", and "Ten - Pound Look". He played J. G. Carver, Erwin's boss, and owner of a greeting card company.

Other members of the cast, all of whom acquitted themselves well, were Paul Lyons, Nelson Bailey, Gus Zito, Robert Waslick, Mary Ellen Lupton, Charles Yocum and Barbara Elliott.

Miss Ferguson Directs

The merry and mad comedy was under the direction of Hazel Ray Ferguson assisted by Florence Dick. The stage settings, the Trowbridge home, the bar and a hotel room, added to the play with the students spending the month of April planning and painting the scenes.

The mixture of madly improbable events that go off like a bunch of firecrackers, has a glossary of American slang to aid in interpreting many of the show's wisecracks. It will be given again this evening at 8:15 p. m.

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## Jobson Stars in College Comedy

### Renovo Student Has Lead in Production

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Hulbert (Mike) Jobson of Renovo, will be seen in the role of the baffled Erwin in the College Players' production. His track buddies will be played by Frank Minier, Hughesville; John (Moose) Tettis, Ridgway; and Ralph Wickstrom, Williamsport. Jo Rudnick, Drayton, N. D., plays Mabel, the not-so-bright girl friend of the horseplayers.

Other roles will be played by Faye Brannan, Lewistown; Paul Lyons, Sayre; Garris Ritter, Lock Haven; Gus Zito, Emporium; Nelson Bailey, Selinsgrove; Barbara Elliott, Pottstown; Ardell Bressler, Olanta; Charles Yocum, Mapleton Depot; Dawn Breneman, Jersey Shore, and Robert Waslick, Luzerne.

The local presentation is being directed by Hazel Ray Ferguson and will play two performances, April 28 and 29.

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## College Players Select Hit Play

### Comedy to Be Given April 28 and 29

One of the merriest and maddest comedies to have reached American stages in recent years, "Three Men On A Horse," has been chosen by the College Players as their spring attraction, to be presented at Price Auditorium, April 28 and 29.

The story centers around a meek writer of greeting card verses whose uncanny ability to "pick the winners" results in his adoption by three race track touts.

Erwin Trowbridge is the suburban Caspar Milquetoast who strays into a bar after a quarrel with his wife to fall in with the track sharpies. Though he has never placed a bet, Erwin's hobby is doping out the races and, when his new-found buddies discover his prowess at guessing them correctly, it's not long before Erwin has given up writing verses to supply tips to the touts.

Described by one New York critic as "a mixture of madly improbable events that go off like a bunch of firecrackers," the show ran for over two years on Broadway and, at one time, was being played simultaneously by seven touring companies here, in London, Australia, and Canada.

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### In Final TC Performance

J. Garris Ritter and Jo Rudnick starred last evening in the final performance of the College Players spring play, "Three Men On A Horse". Mr. Ritter is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl F. Ritter of this city and was the only cast member from town. Miss Rudnick is a transfer student from the Maysville (N. D.) State Teachers College and has many play appearances to her credit. (Wolfe photos)

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