Unknown lead for new play working as office boy

NEW YORK — Gene Boland, an unknown 22-year-old actor, has been awarded the leading role in "The Cool World," leader Oxberman's production of the Hall-Warren-Miller-Robert Rossen play, ticked on Miller's novel, for winter.

Boland's acting experience has been restricted to summer stock in Corning, Philadelphia and Columbia, Universities, and Broadway appearance in Lang Hughes' "The Emperor of Haiti." But the Mississippi native, who was born in New York, attended CCNY and possesses a B.A. in English.

He was employed as a group therapy worker for the Vanguard Fund of Greater New York when discovered last October by personal manager Elaine Breeman, who is a volunteer worker for the Fund. He had studied with Lloyd Richards, among others.

WHEN SIGNED by Lester Osterman, Boland expressed concern as to how he would support himself until the commencement of rehearsals on January 11.

Osterman, who had a clerical job open in his office, offered it to the young actor who now is working there as a typist and general assistant.

Boland's experiences parallel the early career of Moss Hart, who was office boy for producer Augustus Pitou and also the author of a Pitou production. Hart was doubtful "those eyes" in Boland will be able to "perk" coffee and make office rehearsals start.

"The Cool World" opens February 16 at the Eugene O'Neill Theatre.

SMILES OF DIMES — With an appealing smile from song stylist Sallie Blair, how can Dr. E. C. Mazique, President of the National Medical Association help being cheerful as he becomes the first respondent to Sallie's appeal for the March of Dimes? Help fight crippling diseases, arthritis, birth defects, polio. Keep Sallie smiling. Join the New March of Dimes Jan. 2-31.

GENE BOLAND

VSC campus women hold annual Yule affair

PETERSBURG, Va. — The greetings to the guests, Mrs. Third annual Christmas Coffee Hour Breakfast of the Virginia State College Campus Women's Organization was presented Dec. 13 in the Black and Gold Room of Foster Hall.

President Ruby P. Daniel, Jr. Terrell and W. M. Van pronounced the blessing to the Jackson.

Mrs. James W. E. Webb and Mrs. Sarah Jackson, co-chairmen of the program committee, introduced the speaker, Mrs. Dorothy Height, president of the CWO, brought greetings from the OTHER CAMPUS women who assisted in making the affair a success includes:

Mesdames A. S. Escoffery, B. F. Dabney, L. N. Foster, P. N. Gatlin, W. H. Quarles, R. C. Long, B. R. Woodson, P. L. Taylor and W. L. Watson.

Student assistants included Misses T. L. Bullock, B. E. Mayer, D. A. Scott and M. A. Stratford.

The sponsoring organization includes all campus women who are either members of the staff or wives of staff members.

Night clubs in '60 will take Vanilla

CLEVELAND, Ohio (UPS) — Vanilla Thomas' plans to make a serious bid for night club and supper club business during 1960. Earlier this year she spent considerable time in New York, where she studied with George Rhodes, former pianist with Sammy Davis Jr.

Miss Thomas has been busy adjusting some matters prior to setting out on a proposed cross country tour in early January.

Religious art work displayed

WASHINGTON, D.C. (ANP) — An exhibition of religious paintings and prints by Dasuki Legaye Weeks will be presented here during the remainder of December and through January at the Barnett Aden Gallery.

Sponsor of the exhibition is the Dupont Park Seventh-Day Adventist church under direction of Mrs. Willie A. Dobson. This will be Weeks' second one-man show to be held at the Barnett Aden gallery.

He is also represented in the collection of the IBM Corporation, New York City; the Thayer Museum of the University of Kansas; the Valentine Gallery, Richmond, Va.; Howard University Gallery of Art, and the Duncan-Phillips Gallery, Washington, D.C.

Television makes debut in Haiti

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — This country inaugurated its television this week and at the end of the first day over 200 sets had been sold.

Workers are busy to complete a 170-foot transmitting tower, 3,320 feet above sea level. An American-financed company is handling the enterprise.

Alberta to Alvito's

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FRIENDLY BATTLE for teammates — Playing on opposing teams in Cuba, Tony Taylor (left) and George Altman, both of the Chicago Cubs, wear different uniforms in Havana during the two can be seen on Winter TV Baseball every Saturday on TV stations in ten major cities. Altman, who plays for Cienfuegos, is leading the league in home runs with ten round-trippers, but Taylor with Almendares has been in a batting slump in Cuban play.

Aggie champs in W. Salem cage tourney

GREENSBORO, N.C. — With three important CIAA basketball wins under their belts, the A. and T. College Aggies basketball team returned to action last week, just as happy as little boys on Christmas day, for a brief holiday respite.

They had knocked over Elizabeth City State Teachers College and Virginia Union, in that order, to move into the New Year undefeated.

CAL IRVIN, head coach, who has led the Aggies to two straight conference visitations and tourney crowns, was smiling, too.

"We may not be as good," he said, "but we will be good." "If we reduce the errors and keep whole," he continued, "we will not have to worry about our limited depth."

He mentioned that while his club is making lots of mistakes the team is still winning.

The Aggies had a short holiday, then came back in time for the Winston - Salem Holiday Festival, at Winston-Salem Teachers College, January 1-2.

Stroke not caused by disappointment

LOS ANGELES — Loren Miller, prominent civil rights attorney, denied from his hospital bed last week that he suffered a heart attack over his disappointment in not being named a judge.

The 79-year-old newspaper publisher suffered a slight attack last year. Various factions have tried to make political capital over the governor's refusal to appoint Mr. Miller.

1,000 at Farmville

(PHOTOS ON PAGE 17)

By MARGARET STEWART

FARMVILLE, Va. — Speaking before more than 1,000 children in Farmville, Roy Wilkins, executive secretary of the NAACP, told the school-less children "We must show love and have faith. This thing must and will pass."

Mr. Wilkins was the surprise guest at the Christmas party for the Farmville school children held by the Prince Edward County Christian Association to lift their morale. The public schools have been closed this year by the county supervisors rather than desegregate them.

The youngsters were also given encouragement by Oliver W. Hill of Richmond, who is chief legal counsel for the Virginia NAACP.

A NATION - WIDE appeal brought donations of candy, gifts and nuts to help fill the Christmas stockings of the Farmville children. The Rev. L. Francis Griffin, pastor of the First Baptist Church, in Farmville, made personal appeals all over the state. Practically every newspaper carried the appeal and the results were tremendous.

In Washington, newspaper reporters formed a committee and took charge of getting together a show to entertain the youngsters. Maxine Sullivan, famous singer of radio, screen, TV and stage, gave up her Christmas plans to entertain the children. Her transportation was paid for by a group of Richmond businessmen.

Miss Sullivan, who is now working for Child Craft encyclopaedia, is making arrangements to present to the children of Farmville a set of Child Craft books to be used during this interim period. The parents as well as the children were delighted with Miss Sullivan, who led them in several Christmas carols.

THE SHOW included the 18-year-old singer, Lonita Grimes, of Washington. Lonita has a style of her own that will certainly take her to stardom. The Congressionals, a group of youngsters who started out singing in a basement and has now seen its popularity enlarged.

Sheriff Allen of the District Theatres sponsored the Matinee, which pleased the children with their renditions, "Miss Texas of 1959," Exterione Jacks son, did interpretative dancing and was so good she had several encores.

Les Jeune Hundley helped Santa Claus distribute the gifts. She is "Miss American Beauty of 1959" and plans to go to Cannes Festival next year.

James (Turk) Scott did a terrific job as Santa Claus and delighted the children with Christmas greetings and the distribution of gifts. The music was furnished by the Aliones featuring Bob White, who donated their services to help cheer the children in Farmville during the Christmas.

Every one cooperated in helping to make the Farmville Party a success. The piano that was used for the band had been brought from another County 18 miles away by one of the members of the First Baptist Church.

THE HIGHLIGHT of the evening was the presentation of special guests. Along with the surprise guest, Roy Wilkins, were Oliver W. Hill and Lester Banks of Richmond, Mrs. Aretha McKinley, director of the American Council of Human Rights, Dr. and Mrs. Richard Weeden of Lynchburg. Mrs. Weeden is national president of the Links who had donated $100 toward the party.

Also from Lynchburg were Miss Bernice Hill and Miss Jones. The Rev. R. D. Williams spoke on the prayer Pilgrimage that is being planned for Jan. 1 in Richmond, Virginia.

Robert D. Robertson, president of the Virginia State Conference of the NAACP, was there with a message for the Farmville youngsters.

The Rev. M. Griffin, head of the Prince Edward County Christian Association was presented a check to buy a suit of clothing by Ted Brown of the AFL-CIO.

FROM WASHINGTON a caravan of several cars left to join the party. Aside from the entertainers for the show Alice Dunnigan, Ethel Payne of AFL-CIO, Thelma Smith of Howard University, Cleomae Louis of the AFL-CIO, Mabs Kemp and Simeon Booker were in the party.

When the caravan returned to Richmond the members were guests of several members of the 533 Club for dinner and a party. They were John M. Brooks, NAACP voter registrar; Dr. William Thornton, president of the Crusade for Voters; Dr. Tinsley Spragins, head of the Social Science Department at Virginia Union University; W. Lester Banks, executive secretary for the Virginia NAACP; J. Jay Nickins, president of the Consolidated Bank and Trust Company; Earl Davis of the AFL-CIO; Dr. James R. Picott, executive secretary of the Virginia Teachers Association and president of the Club 533.

The Rev. Mr. Griffin sent thanks to every one who was instrumental in helping to make the party a success, and advised that he is going to do all he can to help the children to have patience for he knows "God will right this wrong."

Exam deadline approaches

Petersburg, Va. — Less than two weeks remain for prospective teachers who plan to take the National Teachers Examinations at Virginia State College on February 13, to submit their completed applications for these tests to Educational Testing Service, 20 Nassau Street, Princeton, N.J. Dr. Preston C. Johnson, director of testing has announced. Applications for the examinations must be forwarded so as to reach the Princeton office not later than Jan. 15, Dr. Johnson advised.

Applications for the examinations and a Bulletin of Information describing registration procedures and containing representative test questions may be obtained from Dr. P. C. Johnson, Virginia State College or directly from the National Teacher Examinations, Educational Testing Service, 20 Nassau Street, Princeton, N.J.

AT THE one-day testing session a candidate may take the Common Examinations, which include tests in professional information, general culture, English expression and nonverbal reasoning. In addition, each candidate may take one or two optional examinations which are designed to demonstrate mastery of subject matter in the fields in which he may be assigned to teach.

All candidates will receive tickets of admission advising them of the exact location of the center at which they will be tested, Dr. Johnson said. Candidates for the common examinations will report at 8:30 a.m. on February 13 and will begin taking the test at 9:00 a.m. The common examinations will be completed at 12:30 p.m., Dr. Johnson advised.

Candidates for one or two optional examinations will report again at the examination center at 1:30 p.m. and will begin the tests at 1:45 p.m. Those taking only one optional examination will finish at about 3:15 p.m. and those taking two optional examinations should allow time to stay approximately 4:45 p.m., according to the time schedule for these examinations, which has been set up by Educational Testing Service.

Stitch-Hubbard bout on TV Wednesday

CHICAGO (ANP) — Rudell Stitch, ranking welterweight contender from Louisville, and Carl Hubbard of Philadelphia, will headline a boxing show in the Chicago Stadium Wednesday, Jan. 6, it was announced. Stitch and Hubbard will clash in the feature 10-rounder which will be televised nationally.

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All-Army eleven includes tan trio

WASHINGTON — The Army Times, international weekly newspaper for the Army, recently announced the results of its poll of coaches and sport writers to determine the 1959 All-Army football team.

Three colored players were named to the first eleven, headed by Sgt. Thires Pickett of Fort Campbell, Ky.

Four others were selected on the second team in the poll.

Pickett, a tackle from Warren, Ohio, is a holdover from the all-star selections of 1958.

Gene Hamilton, a guard from Fort Carson, Colo., and Percy Hines, a halfback stationed in Baumholder, Germany, were the other two tan choices on the first eleven.

Hamilton hails from Chicago, Ill., and Hines, a former star from Orange, Texas.

JOE PEYTON, an end on the Fort Lewis, Washington team was named to the second eleven, along with Phil Peterson a tackle; Any Walker, a guard, and John Williams, a halfback.

Peterson is stationed with the 7th Division in Korea. A native of Gretna, La., he played college football at Southern University.

Walker, a Louisville University teammate of Forty-Niner halfback Len Ivy, is in Ulm, Germany. And Williams is assigned to the 1st Cavalry Division, stationed in Korea.

Pick from Penn State. Willie guided the winners for three of the four periods.

The other six tanks seen in action in the nationally televised battle were: Bill Burrell of Illinois, Alden Kimbrough and Willie West of Oregon, Clyde Washington of Purdue, all with the Nationals; and Don Perkins of New Mexico State and Prentice Gantt of Oklahoma, who played with the Southwest.

Woods, Burrell 5 others play Copper Bowl

TEMPE, Ariz. — Willie Wood, former Armstrong High (Washington, D.C.) star, quarterbacked the National all-Stars to a 21-6 triumph over the Southwest all-stars in the annual Copper Bowl football game here Saturday.

Wood was one of seven colored players who performed in the contest. He was awarded the signal - calling berth over Richie Lucas, the All-American.

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