

# All Out-Doors 'Props' In Forest Theatre



Gladys L. Peck, a jester, and Patience Parchall, a village banjo player, added merriment to the drama of the Mountaineer Players in their new theatre dedicated yesterday.

**S**EATED in a natural amphitheatre, surrounded by virgin growth, 500 persons yesterday witnessed the dedication of the new Forest Theatre of the Mountaineers above Chico in Kitsap County, a few hundred yards from the Kitsap Cabin.

Professor Edmond S. Meany delivered the dedication address.

The occasion was marked by the presentation of "Rainald and the Red Wolf," by the Mountaineer Players. Directed by Mrs. Robert Sandall, the play was given an additional professional touch by the work of William C. Darling, who designed the theatre and executed grotesque masks which characterized Fear, Greed and Sloth in the play within the play which the program included. Mr. Darling himself wore the mask of the Red Wolf and took part in the action.

Taking the place of an older and smaller theatre, which has served the Mountaineer Players for several years, the new Forest Theatre is a triumph of artistic creation and excellent workmanship. Ferns and mosses grow in their natural beauty to decorate the stage, while a natural proscenium arch of two mammoth cedars forms the outline of the back-

ground. Moss and flower-grown trunks substitute for the regulation stage set. The theatre has been so planned that spots and floods of light fall in the proper places through the boughs of the trees themselves.



# Footlights Call Climbers

Mountaineers Don Masks and Grease Paint to Open Forest Theater Near Chico



EMILY GILLEY, RUTH CAMPBELL AND ELLA MATSEN, as Greed, Fear and Sloth, in grotesque masks designed by William C. Darling for the drama of the Mountaineer players in their new Forest theater dedicated Sunday near Chico, in Kitsap county.

SINISTER masks and court figures were combined Sunday in a medieval drama presented by the Mountaineer players to mark the dedication of the new Forest theater near Chico in Kitsap county. About 500 Mountaineers and friends sat in the natural amphitheater to witness the play and the dedication which was formally made by Professor Edmond S. Meany, founder and president.

The theater takes its outline from the arched branches of giant cedars. Moss and fern-grown logs outline the stage. It was designed by William C. Darling and built entirely by the Mountaineers.

The drama "Rainald and the Red Wolf," was directed by Mrs. Robert Sandal. Masks depicting Greed, Sloth and Fear played important parts in the miracle play presented.

Bainbridge Yerkes played the part

of a heroine with a face of alabasters, and Francis Penrose was a knight in a suit of mail, while guild masters, burghers' wives, heralds, jesters, an angel and a crusader were depicted by other members of the Mountaineer players.