

'Lady How Come You Didn't ...'

Pardon me if I'm not more impressed by all of the technological advances science has made in the past few years. Because, as far as I'm concerned, wouldn't you think that an age which has sent men orbiting around the earth could invent, among other things, a leak-proof plumbing system for the home so that you wouldn't have to jiggle the handle to stop the water from running?

Admittedly, most of the space-age improvements are beyond my comprehension. When I was in school we were still studying Eli Whit-

ney's cotton gin and the "Spinning Jenny."

Nevertheless, when the seam split on the cushion of a red leather chair we have, I was confident that any upholsterer would be able to re-stitch it in five minutes.

But it turned out that none of the upholsterers had machinery strong enough for the job. (What happened to the "Spinning Jenny"? They recommended that I take the cushion to a shoe repair shop. There I was told that they confined their work to half-soles shoes and had I ever

heard of an upholsterer?

Upon hearing my sad saga, the shoemaker suggested that I take my cushion to a saddle shop, because their machines would be equipped with heavier needles.

In the best Western tradition, I threw the cushion over the counter of the saddle shop and asked, "Podner, I'd be much obliged if you would mend this here cushion seam."

"Little lady," he replied, "We don't repair ..."

It appeared that needles used in saddle-making were too heavy. "Tex" advised that I take the cushion to a sail-maker down at the docks. Needles used in mending canvas would be just about the right size.

"They told me at the saddle shop that you might be able

to help me," I began, realizing too late that it didn't make much sense, because the "Skipper" seeing the unwieldy cushion asked if I had read the sign outside his shop correctly. I think he sailed at dawn.

Finally, one of my kids suggested that I take the cushion to a shop specializing in making automobile seat covers. My faith in American ingenuity was partially restored because a workman-like repair job was done. We are now one of the few homes with a bucket seat in the living room.

Of course, the seat cover man couldn't resist asking me, "Lady, how come you didn't take this cushion to a furniture upholsterer in the first place?"

Campus Theater All Wet
For '110 in the Shade'

Rain will fall in El Camino College's spring presentation of the musical, "110 in the Shade," which opens Thursday.

A musical remake of N. Richard Nash's "The Rainmaker," "110 in the Shade" is a story of "sweltering love" set among drought-stricken prairie country in the early 1930's.

When the rain finally comes to solve the problems of drought and love, authentic rain will fall on the stage of the Campus Theater. The special effect will be the work of the stage crew under the supervision of Les Thomas, theater manager.

THE ORIGINAL play appeared on Broadway in 1963 with Inga Swenson and Robert Horton in the musical leads. El Camino's version stars the team of Shelley Maurice and John Walker.

Miss Maurice, who will be playing Lizzie Curry in the production, is a sophomore music major at El Camino.

A graduate of Narbonne High, her credits include the lead in the Palos Verdes stock production of "Dark at the Top of the Stairs" in summer '61; the lead in "Servant of Two Masters" in '61-'62, while she was attending Long Beach State College, and a featured part in the El Camino presentation of "Hansel and Gretel."

WHILE TOURING Europe from November, 1963 to May, 1964 Miss Maurice supported herself by singing while accompanying herself on a guitar.

The young actress is enthusiastic about the play and her part in it. "It has the kind of music people will go away humming; the part of Lizzie is a very challenging one. She's a much more real-

istic character than is usually found in a musical comedy," Miss Maurice explained.

A theater arts major in his second year at El Camino, John Walker plays the part of Starbuck.

HIS PAST performances include the part of Joey in El Camino's production of "Most Happy Fella" and the part of Top in Long Beach State's presentation of "The Tender Land."

He has also sung in the Scholarship Showcase and has been a member of both the El Camino Choir and Chorus. Walker spent last summer as a member of the chorus at Melodyland in Anaheim, and he also worked at the Circle Star Theater in San Francisco. He considers "110 in the Shade" to be "a new look at musicals, one that has all emotions tied up in one big bundle."

THE PLAY is directed by Burnett Ferguson with direction by Dr. Robert Haag. Tickets for the show, which will run Thursday through Saturday, May 5-7 and May 11-14, are on sale in the Student Store of the Campus Center.

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