

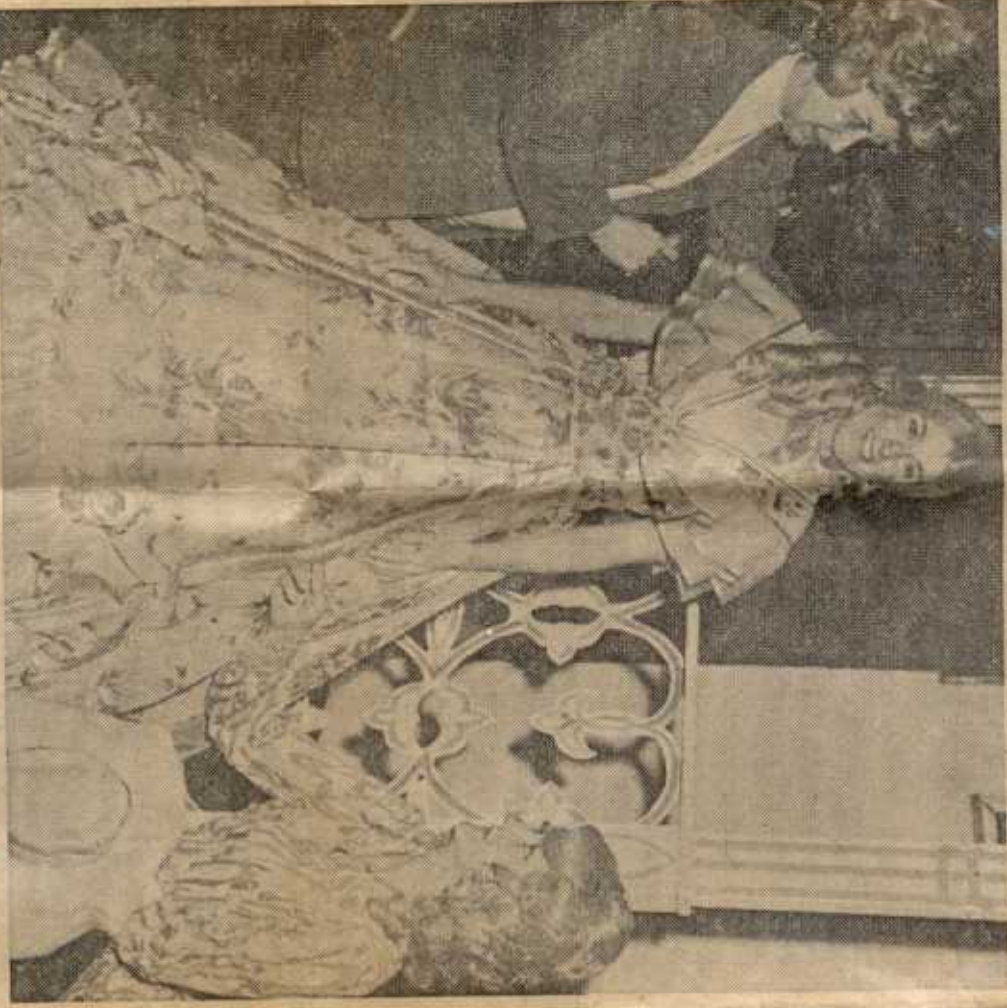
Gone With The Wind Dress To Be Worn For LI Show

A dress that Vivian Leigh once wore in the MGM production of "Gone with the Wind" will be worn by one of the leads in the Little Theatre of Jamestown production of "Showboat."

The Rodgers and Hammerstein extravaganza will open at the East Second Street theater Feb. 14 for a two-week run featuring a cast of 90.

One of the leads in the musical, Leslie Rohm, will wear the Vivian Leigh ruffled hoop-skirt gown that comes to Little Theatre via a circuitous route.

When MGM held its now-famed auction in the early 1970s, former



Vivian Leigh's Dress

Leslie Rohm, one of the leads in Little Theatre of Jamestown's production of "Showboat" wears a dress originally worn by Vivian Leigh in "Gone with the Wind." Assisting Mrs. Rohm are left, "Showboat" hairdresser Tina Palmasino, and costume mistress June Hall.

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Jamestown Lucille Ball was among those present and was the high bidder for the dress.

Miss Ball used the dress for a television show and afterwards donated the gown to the WCA Hospital for its Country Capers auction.

At the auction, the dress was bought by Mrs. Donald Livengood who in turn donated it

to the local theater group. This will be the first time the dress will be used by Little Theatre and although Mrs. Rohm

has worn the dress for fittings she has yet to wear the estimated 35-pound gown for a full three-

hour stint.
The dress has a harness which supports the weight of the hoop skirt on the shoulders and also on the hips.
The gown is just one of the four to six costumes that each of the 90 characters requires as the musical spans a time period of more than 40 years.
Performances for the musical begin at 8:30 p.m. and will be given Feb. 14 to 16 with a 7:30 performance on that date and also Feb. 18 through 23 with the performances on the 23rd set for 2:30 and 7:30 p.m.