



THE RIO HONDO PLAYERS in "Common Stuff," based on the life of the Wright brothers, presented at Normandy Farms Campground last week by the troupe of touring California students, they use the play to pay for their visits to historic sites around the country.

Common men soared like eagles

Two men, common as dust, armed with only a dream and determination, succeeded in soaring like eagles.

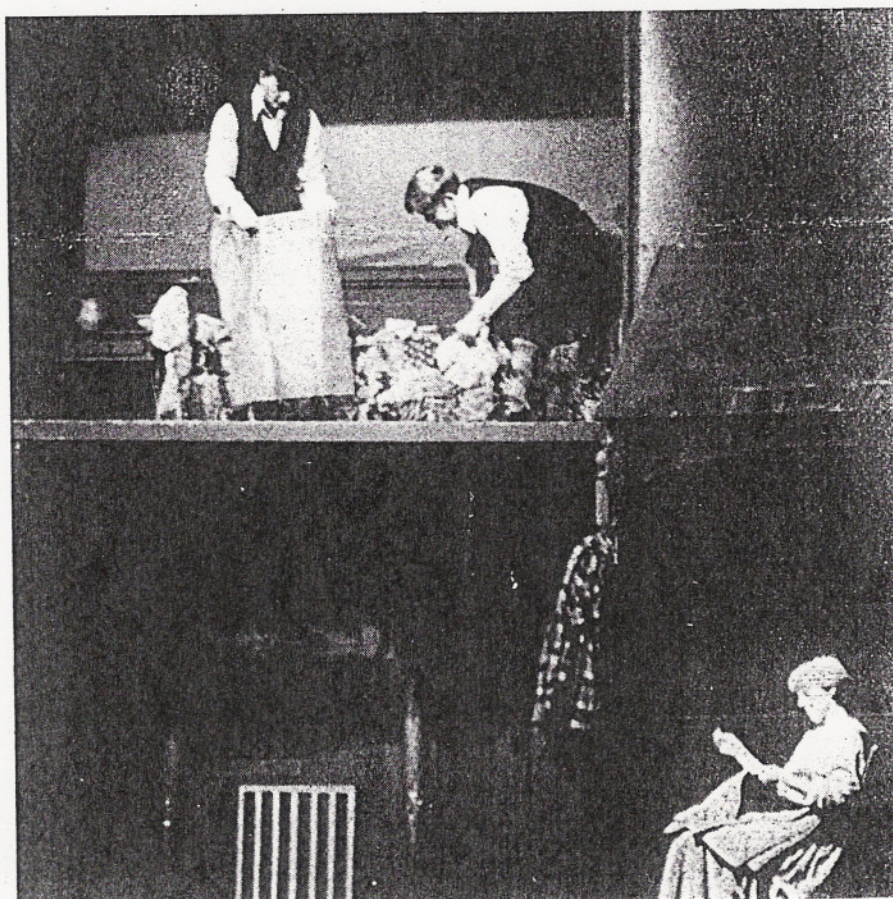
The students and faculty of Rio Hondo Preparatory School in Arcadia, California believe all of us, common as we are, can accomplish great things, just like the Wright brothers when they soared like eagles.

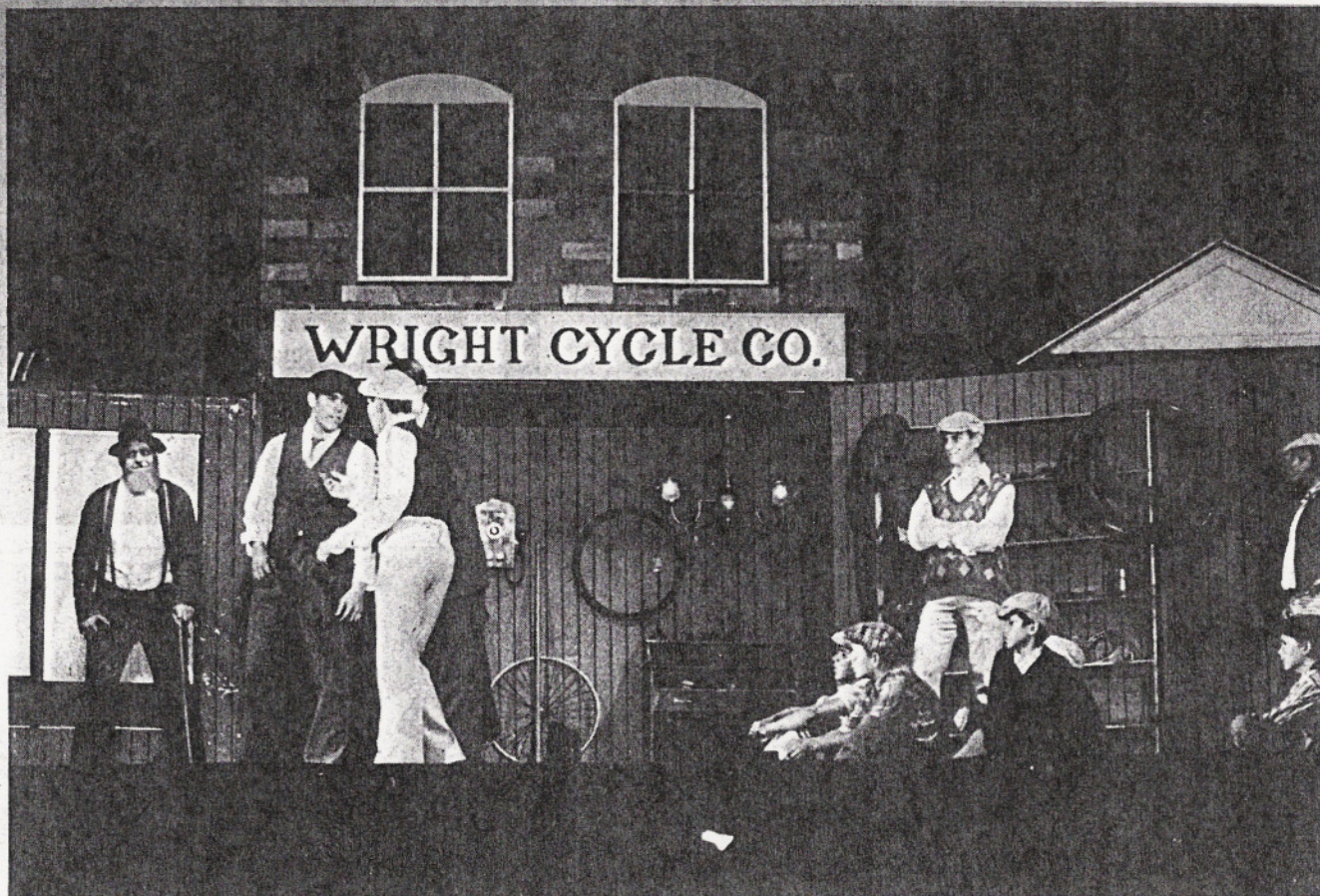
"Common Stuff," an original musical based on the lives of Wilbur and Orville Wright, was presented recently at Normandy Farms Campground, courtesy of the Rio Hondo group which is presently touring the country.

Buses, campers and a semi-trailer truck transport the 76-person entourage of students and support personnel from the K-12 preparatory school. Rather than read about history, students visit it for 10 weeks every summer, playing to audiences at night to pay for their touring during the day.

While at Normandy, they visited Bunker Hill, Old Ironsides and other historic points of interest in Boston before heading for Maine.

The play itself, based on an extensive study of the Wright brothers and interviews with descendants, is not unlike an old-fashioned morality play in which good always triumphs, truth conquers evil, and it is those who hold to the highest ideals of life who eventually





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They sang for supper

With revolving stage, fake snow and all the equipment of a professional summer stock theatre, students from Rio Hondo (Calif.) Prep Playhouse present "Common Stuff," a play about the Wright brothers at Normandy Farms Campground in Foxboro Wednesday night. The group is touring 38 campgrounds across the country, paying their way with the performances.

(Photo by Bill Miles)



JULY 29 1981 Rolling along

Richard Mendes of North Marshfield, at left, operates a roller laying down a new top on a widened entrance to Normandy Farms Campground in Foxboro. The sea of trailers, above, shows the spot has become a major stop for campers in New England. More than 250 sites are in use, with several of the trailers and tents coming in from as far as California. (Photos

by Mark Flanagan)