

Paris Praises Former North Grid Star

Eight years ago followers of North High School football regarded Walt Bryant as one of the finest, shiftest halfbacks in town.

The sports writers asserted that the Vikings had lost their most dangerous offensive threat after Walt joined the Navy in mid-season.

Today devotees of the American Theater Summer Workshop in Paris are acclaiming Walter Bryant as one of the town's top new actors.

"Destined to rise to the heights in the legitimate theater," reported the drama critic of the Pittsburgh Courier, one of America's leading Negro newspapers.

Mr. Bryant made his Paris debut August 20 in Meyer Levin's comedy, "The Good Old Days," at the Vieux-Columbier in the heart of Paris's Latin Quarter. The play is scheduled for a month's run.

According to the Courier:

"The polish, finesse and quiet assurance with which Bryant spoke his lines and characterized his part definitely places him in the category of star material."

Mr. Bryant, the newspaper added, is a monologue specialist. His drawing room recitals have gained favor throughout Paris.

Walter, 24, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mose Bryant, 2702 Franklin Street. He attended Howard Kennedy School here. At North High, in addition to his football exploits, he was a basketball regular.

After his war service, he



—World-Herald Photo.

Bryant (1943) . . . offensive threat.

studied at Drake University and the University of Southern California. Currently he is studying French drama and civilization at the Institut du Pantheon between footlight appearances.

With him in Paris is his brother, Arthur, who is studying to be a concert pianist.

When the summer workshop season ends, Walter plans to go to Spain for several film roles,



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according to the Courier. He hopes to return to the United States next summer.

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