

### Shakespearean Festival Draws Large Attendance

ASHLAND, Ore., Aug. 23.—With half the season completed by the Oregon Shakespearean Festival Association, officers report that over 3000 have already visited. Ashland's Elizabethan theatergoers have come from all sections of the west coast and even larger attendance is anticipated as each play is staged twice before the festival ends on August 28.

Audience members who have seen previous festivals here declare unanimously that this is the best ever to be presented in the famous outdoor Lithia Park setting. And newcomers witnessing the plays admit that they never realized the works of Shakespeare could be such thoroughly enjoyable entertainment.

Seated under the stars with the Siskiyou mountains as a backdrop, audiences have been delighted with the professional ease in which the talented group of actors make the classic lines of Shakespeare come to life. Scenes follow scenes as fast as on a motion picture screen and the lack of elaborate sets—in true Elizabethan manner—is offset by colorful period costumes, expert lighting, and superb stage mechanics.

Ashland residents have joined with the faculty of Southern Oregon College to insure that the nationally famous festival is a suc-

cess, and a warm welcome is being extended by the entire town. Plays included in the 1948 program include the well known tragedy, "Othello"; the fanciful "Love's Labour's Lost"; "King John," first of the historical plays, and the perennial favorite, "The Merchant of Venice." The four will be presented in rotation each evening except Sunday until August 28.

### Westerners Disappoint Sociology Professor

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Calif., Aug. 23.—(AP)—Westerners "spend too much time lying in the sun and going to the mountains," a Midwestern professor told 200 Westerners Saturday.

"Physically we have conquered nature. But in the West, nature seems to have conquered human nature."

The University of Chicago sociology professor, Louis Wirth, told a conference of community leaders he expected to find Westerners virile and vigorous experimenters, but was sadly disappointed. Instead he found them "smug, lethargic, apathetic and sophisticated."

Westerners, he observed, "are waiting for something to happen and not living up to what used to be said about the state in the days of the covered wagon: 'The cowards never started, and the weak died on the way.'"

Western chambers of commerce had no immediate comment... but they said to stand by.

### Opinions on Civic Projects Asked Of C. of C. Members

Questionnaires have been mailed to members of the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce for the purpose of securing opinions as to the civic improvements that should be promoted by the Chamber during the coming year.

In a news letter mailed to members, L. J. Fullerton, president, said the chamber has accomplished four major objectives and must now consider other plans for community betterment. The four accomplishments, Fullerton said, include improved recreational facilities, establishment of a community chest, improvement of E. 2nd Ave. S., and increased and more adequate hospital facilities.

"We should now consider a new program of work, with special consideration to the urgency of our needs," Fullerton said.

"To that end, with the approval of our directors, I have instructed that a questionnaire be inclosed to give you an opportunity to express your opinions as to what should be done for the general improvement of our community."

In commenting on the four major accomplishments of the Chamber, Fullerton said, "Parks and playgrounds have been improved. Playground equipment has been installed and more is on order. A wading pool is under construction. Our municipal swimming pool will be completed Sept. 1. It will be in use next summer if dressing rooms can be provided."

"E. 2nd Ave. S. has been extended west to Stephens St. and is now being reconstructed from Jackson St. east to the city boundary."

"Our Community Chest is a functioning organization."

"Present civilian hospital plans call for the erection of a new community hospital and a major expansion of Merrey Hospital."

"Thus we find ourselves, as a Chamber of Commerce, in a position to consider the rest of the course—seeking a plan that will succeed. We must not, however, fail to reconsider objectives obtained for the purpose of further achievements in similar lines."

### Native of Oregon Wins Award in Chemistry

PORTLAND, Aug. 23.—(AP)—Winner of the midwest award of the American Chemical Society is Dr. Paul L. Day, 30, a native of Grants Pass.

He won for research that led to the discovery of vitamin M, used in treatment of pernicious anemia.

Born Dec. 26, 1889, he was graduated from Willamette University in 1921. He then went east. He now is head of the biochemistry department of the University of Arkansas School of Medicine.

### All-Crop Combine Harvester Prize For Best Barley

A new "model 60" all-crop combine harvester with auxiliary motor will go as sweepstakes award to the grower entering the best sack of malting barley in the Pacific Northwest Barley Contest at the Pacific International Livestock Exposition Oct. 1 to 9.

This farm equipment is in addition to the \$2000 in cash awards offered by the Great Western Malting Company in cooperation with the Brewers' Institutes of Oregon and Washington to encourage the production of high quality malting barley, with its premium market prices.

Walter Holt, manager of the livestock exposition, reports that this is only one of the new premiums offered in the coming show.

Among the other new prizes, not listed in the catalog for exhibitors, is a 10-year challenge plaque from Swift and Co. of Portland for the college team winning the animal husbandry livestock judging contest. Gold medals will also go to individual

### Miners Soon to Receive \$100 Monthly Pensions

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—(AP)—Those \$100 a month pension checks are coming soon to eligible soft coal miners.

Machinery is being put in order with a view to mailing out the first checks in September.

Officials of the United Mine Workers welfare fund disclosed that pension application forms

have been sent to all local unions. These are the major requirements for a pension:

A bituminous coal miner must be at least 62 years old.

He must have had 20 years' service in the industry.

He must be a member of the United Mine Workers.

He must have retired after May 28, 1946.

There has been no estimate of how many aged and retired soft coal miners might apply for pensions.

### 3 Little Children Caught Trying to Crack Safe

CINCINNATI, Aug. 23.—(AP)—Two little girls and an eight-year-old boy were caught by police last night attempting to crack a safe in an automobile sales company office.

Motorcycle Patrolman Albert Thiele said he found the children pounding the safe with a hammer and axe.

The oldest of the trio was an 11-year-old girl. Assisting her were an eight-year-old boy and a four-year-old girl.

The children had knocked off two combination knobs when Thiele arrived. The trio had broken a window to enter the office. They were turned over to juvenile court.

### BACK FROM IRELAND

Sister Superior Mary Austin of Merrey Hospital has returned to Roseburg, following a six weeks' trip to Dublin, Ireland, where she was called by the serious illness of her mother. She reports she greatly enjoyed visiting Ireland, following a 20 years' absence from that country. Her mother's condition is reported greatly improved and Sister Austin states she is glad to be back at her duties at Merrey Hospital.

### Home-Made Auto Travels 60 Miles on Gallon of Gas

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 23.—(AP)—Jacob Affanato has a new automobile today—a neat little job that cost him exactly \$265 plus a chunk of his spare time.

Affanato, a barber, said yesterday he decided to fulfill his desire for a new car by building his own.

The Affanato Special, which he calls a "scooter mobile," is 75 inches long, weighs 250 pounds and is powered by a four-horsepower one cylinder engine.

One of the car's nicer features, Affanato said, is that he gets 60 miles per gallon of gasoline while traveling at from 20 to 25 miles an hour.

### Drunk Repeater Fined, Given 'Floater' Order

When Robert Salo of Rock Island Lumber Company, Sutherlin, appeared Saturday in Municipal Court in Roseburg for the second time in three days on drunk charges, he was fined \$30 and "floated" according to the report of Judge Ira B. Riddle. Salo was in court Thursday and released after paying a fine, then appeared again Saturday morning after being picked up Friday night for the same offense.

Barton Guy Herrick, Roseburg, was fined \$30 or 15 days in the city jail on a charge of being drunk in a public place.

### Draft Registrations Start Here Sept. 30

Roy O. Young, member of the Douglas County Draft Board 14, along with Dr. Morris Roach and John L. Saunders, said today that the first registrations for the selective service draft of 18 to 25-year-old youths will begin Sept. 30, in compliance with government regulations.

Young said, however, that the board has not as yet secured an office nor clerical assistance, but that the headquarters would be announced as soon as a suitable place has been secured.

### CRANE CATCHES FIRE

A gasoline-operated crane at the Roseburg Lumber Co. log pond caught fire at 8:30 this yesterday, while its tank was being filled with gasoline. Cause of the fire was not determined, said Fire Chief Glenn H. Taylor. Name of the crane operator was not immediately available.



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