

In Shakespearean Festival Wide-Spread Interest Shown

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ASHLAND, Ore. (Special to News-Review) — Shakespeare works his timeless magic once again this August, with the Oregon Shakespearean Festival Association's presentation of four of his plays on the outdoor stage in Ashland's old Chautauqua shell.

Friday night, Aug. 1, was opening night with the performance of "The Tempest." This is the story of Prospero, rightful Duke of Milan, whose pre-occupation with books and the study of magic allows his brother to take over the government.

Saturday night's performance of "King Henry the Fifth" presented the former playboy Prince Hal of last year's "Henry IV" in his role as King of England.

The presentation of "Much Ado About Nothing" on Sunday night was moved indoors to the stage of the Lithia Theatre because of heavy rain. This comedy is practically the original of the boy-meets-girl, boy-loses-girl, boy-meets-girl tradition, highlighted by a double romance and a wicked conspiracy.

The festival players moved into high gear on Monday night, with the performance of "Julius Caesar." Against a background of

curtains and extremely simple "props," the action proceeds without interruption or intermission as in Shakespeare's day. Elaborate costumes achieve distinctions between rival factions, good and evil characters, and different historical periods. For "Julius Caesar," the Roman costumes are merely suggested by using cloaks, helmets, and draped togas over Elizabethan clothing, much as it might have been done in Elizabethan times.

Outstanding performances are turned in by Philip Hanson, both as actor and director. Hanson, a Washington State College graduate, will be remembered for his portrayal of Malvolio in last year's "Twelfth Night." This year, he plays two very different roles: the illiterate Constable Dogberry of "Much Ado," and the shrewd Cassius of "Julius Caesar."

Running a close second as an outstanding actor is Thomas Brennan, of Cleveland, Ohio, with his portrayal of Corporal Nym in "Henry V" and the jester, Trinculo, of "The Tempest."

William Oyler, of Sacramento, Calif., brings the role of Brutus to a forcefulness of his own; his portrayal of Ancient Pistol in "Henry V" is especially imaginative. William Ball, New Rochelle, N. Y.,

another in his second season with the Shakespearean Festival, makes an airy Ariel in "The Tempest," and an eloquent Mark Antony in "Julius Caesar," but his Claudio in "Much Ado" is weak.

Excellent work in minor roles is done by Dion Chesse, San Francisco television star; Mainer Hines, Texas winner of a Festival scholarship; H. Paul Kline, dancer and radio actor from Buhl, Idaho; and Douglas Meeker, Washington State College drama teacher, who makes a properly ghoulish Caliban in "The Tempest."

The four serving as directors this year have confined themselves pretty much to minor roles onstage. Philip Hanson, as director of "Henry V," makes of it one of the stronger dramas of this or any season. Allen Fletcher, Yale University graduate student, has made an excellent job of "Julius Caesar," and Angus Bowmer, founder of the Festival, of "Much Ado."

Veteran of five years with the Festival, Richard Graham directs "The Tempest," and serves as chorus for "Henry V," wherein he speaks the prologue to each act, catching offstage action and setting the background for ensuing action. In "Much Ado," Graham seems well-cast as the boastful

Benedick, but in Sunday night's performance he repeatedly fluffed his lines.

Richard Rizzo as "Henry V" deserves brief mention. New to the Festival this season, Rizzo comes from Palo Alto, Calif. He brings to the role of King Harry a sedateness and spiritual quality which seems appropriate to the character of the converted playboy.

Now in its twelfth season, the Oregon Shakespearean Festival has wisely added a musical director to its staff, and has been fortunate in acquiring Dr. Hans Lampl of the University of Southern California's music department to serve in that capacity. His madrigal singers and instrumentalists perform before each of the plays, also, and will present a complete program of their own in the special concert on Aug. 29.

Again this year, the Festival coast-to-coast over the National Broadcasting Company network, on Aug. 16 at 3:30 p.m., PST. A portion of "Julius Caesar" will be aired directly from the Festival stage, with tickets available without charge on a first-come, first-served basis.

Racket In Last Year Car Thefts Hits \$95 Million

WASHINGTON (AP) — Auto thefts jumped into a \$95 million dollar racket last year, FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover said Wednesday in announcing plans for a series of regional conferences to deal with the problem.

Hoover said that starting in the early fall, the FBI will convene such conferences in all parts of the country, in conjunction with local law enforcement agencies, state motor vehicle bureau representatives and others.

The sessions will aim at coordinating efforts to thwart the car theft and broaden the use of techniques which have been found most effective in catching such thieves and recovering stolen vehicles.

Hoover noted that the FBI's jurisdiction in the car theft field is limited to those cases where the stolen vehicle is taken across a state line.

However, he said an analysis of reports received from local police in 1951, communities showed that car thefts in large cities rose 21.2 per cent and in rural areas 15.1 per cent during 1951.

4-H SCHOLARSHIPS

CORVALLIS (AP) — Award of \$100 college scholarships to Jerry Wipperfurth, Turner, and Joan Karns, Oregon, was announced Tuesday by 4-H Club officials here.

The scholarships are the O.M. Plummer Memorial awards.

Local News

Move From Grants Pass — Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Colewell and two-year-old son, Danny Lynn, have moved to Roseburg from Grants Pass to make their home. Mr. Colewell is a member of the sales force of the Sewing Machine Center. It was previously incorrectly announced the Colewells had moved from Roseburg to Grants Pass.

At Bleile Home — Mr. and Mrs. John Bleile of Elkhart, Ind., and Mr. and Mrs. Arriell Miller of Warsaw, Ind., have arrived in Roseburg to enjoy an extended visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bleile, in Westmoreland. John Bleile is a brother and Mrs. Miller is a sister of Mr. Bleile of this city. The Indiana visitors came west via the northern route and will return home by way of the southern route.

Visit At Taylor Home — Mr. and Mrs. Ed Scholer have returned to their home in Klamath Falls, following a few days in Roseburg as guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Taylor and family. Mr. Scholer is head of the civilian air defense in Klamath Falls. He has his own airplane, which he flew to Roseburg for the trip, which took approximately an hour and 15 minutes.

Brothers in Korea — The two sons of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Teater of Roseburg, Mr. Vernon Teater and Sfc. Robert L. Teater, both are now in Korea and recently had a visit together there. Vernon is stationed at Ung Chung Po and Robert is at Chun Chong, Korea. It was the first time for them to be together since 1947. Vernon sailed for Korea last January and Robert sailed in February.

Woman Ousted By Reds Rejoins Catholic Church

NEW YORK (AP) — Dr. Bella V. Dodd, who drifted away from the Roman Catholic church to become a top woman Communist party leader, has been received back into the Catholic faith.

She and Roman Catholic sources disclosed Tuesday that she was baptized on April 8 in St. Patrick's Cathedral after taking weekly instructions from the most Rev. Fulton J. Sheen, auxiliary bishop of New York.

Dr. Dodd, an attorney and former political science teacher at Hunter College, said she is "happier now than . . . ever before."

After becoming a party member in 1944, Dr. Dodd was taken into the Communist National Com-

Camas Valley School To Open On Sept. 4

The Camas Valley School will begin on Sept. 4, according to Superintendent Marlen Yoder. The faculty has been asked to report at 9 a.m. Sept. 2, in the school library.

The date for the pre-school and ninth grade physical exam will be announced as soon as arrangements are completed, Yoder reports.

mittee and eventually was considered the foremost woman Red in New York state.

She is a former legislative representative of the Teachers Union (Ind.).

In 1949, during the conspiracy trial of 11 top Communist leaders, she was expelled from the party for "conduct or actions detrimental to the working class and the nation . . . as well as the interests of the party."



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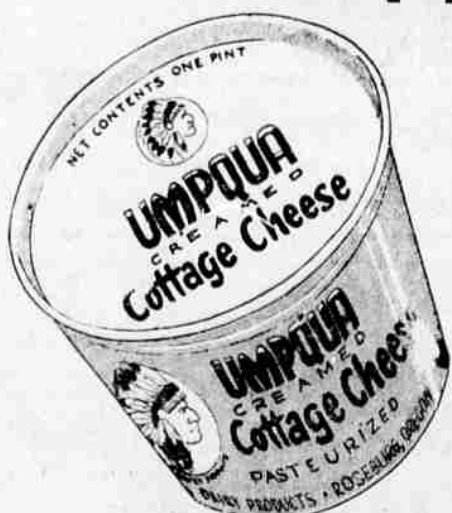
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