

RELIGIOUS cultists who worthem to sink poisonous fangs in the fanatics' arms and legs have become a new high in disgust, seond only to overzealous who believe refusal to salute the American flag increases their Godliness.

1 1 1 The war of nerves in Europe is being overshadowed by the war of arithmetic, where each side loses but one plane to their enemy's three. What this war needs, to date, is an audit for the benefit of neutral observers.

1 1 1 Democrats as well as republic-ans can be thankful for Willkie. At last cartoonists have somebody they can caricature besides Roosevelt. To caricature some of the other republican hopefuls would have been too much like gilding the lily.

1 1 1 Traveling along the highway, from state to state, one marvels at the proper sequence of things. Touring California the motorist passes sign after sign announcing liquor, while once into Oregon the highways are appropriately lined with frequent signs announcing drinking water. Greatest use of the roadside springs comes from northbound traffic during forenoons.

1 1 1 Rhythm and big feet are said to be fundamental requirements of a good swimmer and the only thing that ever kept Weston Leader Editor Clark Wood out of the championship bracket was his inability to even get his paper out on time.

Two Grants Pass men, on discovering their young relatives had never enjoyed a horse and buggy ride, promptly wheeled out an old carriage and hitched up for a ride, giving them a treat seldom enjoyed by modern youth, which will never know the view from over a buckboard.

1 1 1 Americana: Grousing about having to pay gasoline taxes while speeding along a new superhighway.

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"Your country needs you" say army enlistment posters during current drive to add manpower to national defense. Isolationists Wheeler and Vandenburg please ignore.

1 1 1 First question asked convicted uously.



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**DIRECTORS TO** EYE 13 FOR C-C **SECRETARY JOB** 

WHICH of the 13 applicants will W be selected to succeed Win-ston O. Hotell as secretary of the Ashland Chamber of Commerce will be considered at noon today by the 12 directors who are expected to either make a definite selection or weed out the list to a final two or three candidates.

After more than a year's serv-ice, Secretary Hotell will retire Sept. 1, at which time the new secretary will take over. Hotell succeeded Mrs. Marchial Stansbury, who served for two years. Applicants for the post, in the

order of their receipt, were given by Pres. C. M. Litwiller last night as follows: E. J. Farlow, F. L. Nutter, John Murphy, A. A. Sni-Gordon McCracken, Dean der, Pieper, Hugh Page, Horace Badg-er, Roy Parr, Ed Brigden, C. G. Burk, Bryan Ryan and Edward A. Moore.

During past years Ashland's Chamber of Commerce has had its ups and downs ,with directors at one time considering consolidation with the Medford boster club as the best way out for a failing organization. At that time the chamber was reorganized, moved to its present location and placed under the guiding hand of Chief of Police C. P. Talent who, until impaired health caused his retirement from active participain the work, helped to build up the office into a self-supporting, energetic community force, enjoying enthusiastic support not only from Ashland business men and residents, but also from surrounding communities. The chamber of-fice took over the issuance of hunting and fishing licenses, dog licenses and many other services which, through cooperation with the police department, were made available 24 hours a day. The local combination of closely cooperating police and C of C offices soon became the county's most popular service headquarters' for visiting sportsmen and new car buyers. The office also took over leadership in registering out-of-state cars, leading all other portal

The secretary selected by directors will have an outstanding record of popularity and service to maintain, but will go into office with a solvent, closely-knit organ-ization behind him. For that reason, Ashland business men are watching developments with unusual interest.

cities in the state almost contin-

Flames Gulp Garb But 'Show Goes On' For Shakespeareans

### By DEAN PIEPER

TRUE to the age-old adage f of the theater that "the show must go on," production heads of the Shakespearean festival in progress here are undertaking the "impossible" —that of building three en-tirely new shows from the ashes of the fire which early Thursday morning resulted in approximately \$2000 damage the back-stage departments in the civic Elizabethan theater.

It was a stunned and bewildered group which early Thursday morning set about repairing damage of the dis-astrous blaze. The wardrobe for male characters was virtually entirely gone. The fire had eaten out a large hole in the corner of one of the dressing rooms and had consumed practically all of the apparel used in the play. In the women's dressing and storage rooms, the damage was not so great but tongues of flame had licked through the more elaborate feminine garb and thick smoke had saturated the costumes the flames missed.

The blaze itself was discovered by two young boys about midnight Wednesday. Quick response by the Ashland fire department extinguished the blaze before it could reach the front portion of the stage. The front stage curtains were damaged slightly by smoke and gave no evidence of the accident to Thursday night patrons

Investigators already have launched a probe into origin of the fire. It is believed that either a forgotten, smoulder-ing cigaret in the dressing room or a short-circuit in wiring was responsible. Director William David Cottrell said he made an inspection of all rooms before locking up after the Wednesday evening show but discovered nothing amiss, No insurance was carried.

Thursday morning found remains of the apparel strewn about the lawn in rear of the theater building as seam-stresses started to rebuild the shows. Smoked costumes were refinished, sewing machines hummed and by curtain time yesterday evening a sem-blance of order had been established. Thursday night's show, "Much Ado About Nothing," drew a packed house. Reservations for the production had been pouring in the fore part of the week and word that the play schedule would be continued brought many additional patrons. Tonight's and Saturday evening's plays, "The Comedy of Errors" and and "As You Like It" now will be done in modern dress. Both Director Cottrell and Art Director Lois M. Bowmer are emphatic in their statements that even the loss of costumes and props would not halt progress of the festival. And if the plucky spirit which has been evidenced since Wednesday morning con-tinues to prevail, theater pat-rons will see the final plays of this season's repertoire rise to heights unequalled in dra-matic circles throughout the entire northwest.

## Ah-h-h, What to Do!

ASHLAND, OREGON, FRIDAY, AUGUST 16, 1940



WHAT TO DO in settling the question of love was of major im-WHAT TO DO in settling the question of love was of major im-portance in the days of William Shakespeare, even as in the present. Here, in a scene from "As You Like It," to be given in Ashland's civic Elizabethan theater Saturday evening, Jaques is giving Rosiland a few pointers on this vital issue, while Celia lis-tens in. From left to right, Dorothy Lee, Ethel Mae Robinette and George Francis Smith. The Saturday night production closes the 1940 season for Shakespeare. (Bushnell Studio Photo.)

## SOCE GRAD WILL ALIENS WILL BE **TEACH IN GRADES RECORDED HERE**

Melvin Smith, graduate of Southern Oregon College of Edu-cation and a resident of Sams United States to be conducted valley, has been signed by the from Aug. 27 to Dec. 26, the Ash-Ashland schol board to replace land postoffice will become regis-Wilma Nutter, who has resigned tration headquarters for aliens in her teaching post at Washington this end of Jackson county, ac-grade school. Smith will assume cording to Postmaster John H. Fuller. Alien registration forms will be obtainable at the postofsome responsibility for art instruction in upper grades and is ex-perienced in art and physical ed-ucation. He taught at Table Rock fice free of charge. All aliens 14 years of age or older are required to register. during last three years, and is married.

Alien children under 14 years of age must be registered by their School directors also decided to properly light six rooms on first floor of Washington school, ac-cording to Supt. Theo J. Norby, in preparation for opening of classes

Monday, Sept. 9. Other changes in teaching staffs will include Lois Hogan, years of age or over must be finwho replaces Mrs. Marguerite gerprinted as part of their regis-Mills, who resigned to accept a tration, and a fine of \$1000 and position in Hawaii while on leave. imprisonment for six months is place Forrest L. (Skeet) O'Con- register, for refusal to be fingernell. They are Leighton Blake, who has spent the summer here and who will become football mentor, and Gerald Gastineau, who will take over basketball duties. Both are graduates of Willamette university. B. C. Forsythe, as usual, will be principal at high school, while other heads will include Earl Rogers at junior high, Edith Bork at Lincoln and Elden Cottrell at Washington.

# FINAL PLAY ON SATURDAY ENDS **'BEST' FESTIVAL**

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A SHLAND'S sixth annual Shake-spearean festival will close Saturday night, Aug. 17, with the final showing of "As You Like It," completing what has been enthusiastically acclaimed the most successful repertoire since the organization of this unique enterprise in 1935.

From both an attendance and presentation standpoint, the 1940 season has been tops. Large aud-iences were recorded throughout the eight days and from a dra-matic angle, the four plays sched-uled will have been the best yet. Painstaking work on the part of Director William David Cottrell and Art Director Lois M. Bowmer were shown throughout the schedule, and patrons have been high in their praise of the productions.

Financial returns have not been tabulated as yet but unofficial sources believe the festival topped last year's box-office. A noted increase in the attendance of both "Much Ado About Nothing" and "The Merry Wives of Windsor" was noted this week over the first

was noted this week over the first two showings. Tentative plans are being dis-cussed for the 1941 season but nothing definite has been decided. The annual election of officers for the Shakespearean Festival asso-ciation will be held in October, although meetings of the board of directors and the executive committees are expected prior to the elections.

As far as the participants in the festival are concerned, majority of the out-of-town players are making arrangements to return to their various homes. Harry Moses will leave for Washington, D. C. within a short time; Richard Farmer plans to rejoin the cast of "The Drunkard" in Los Angeles; Delmar Solem is returning to Tracy, Minn. and a teaching po-sition; Harriet Uecker will leave for Hollywood and Doug Hubbard is going back to Spokane. Locally, the participants will store the two months of intensive theatrical training in their album of memories and return to the modern era. a few rather unwillmer plans to rejoin the cast of

modern era, a few rather unwill-Two new athletic coaches will re- prescribed by law for failure to ingly after actually living the days of the immortal Bard. CAMERA OFFER EXPIRES The Southern Oregon Miner's sensational camera premium offer, which has placed a number of fine new cameras in readers' hands as gift premiums, will expire Satur-day, Aug. 17, as previously an-nounced. Late-comers who would like a free camera should inspect the display in Bushnell studio window immediately and bring their subscription or subscriptions into The Miner office before be designated with the approval close of business tomorrow to qualify for their camera.

murderers seeking parole be "And what do you plan to do for your dead victim and his dependents ?"

Fifth columnists are remindful of mistletoe-both being fungus growths which live off healthy specimens until they destroy them. Mistletoe has the edge, however, because a few folks get kissed in the process.

**Bowmer's Play Gets** Dramatic Attention

Angus L. Bowmer, assistant professor of English at the Southern Oregon College of Education, has received word that his one-act play, "Rogue Rest," was in the first 10 comedies selected by a board of critics for dramatic writing in America and Canada.

Dr. Margery Bailey, proctor for drama awards at Stanford University, made the announcement and has requested the privilege of reading Bowmer's play to the dramatists assembly at third Stanford university, where the winning plays will be reviewed and read.' Bowmer left by plane to attend the reading of his play.

CAR THIEF NABBED

In justice court Monday Irving Kenneth Becknell was bound over to the grand jury on car theft charges and his companion, Earl Francis Feltenberger, was sen-tenced to 60 days in the county jail for drunkenness on the public highway. Charges arose after the car driven by Becknell, and stolen from Noel Taylor, was involved in a collision with an automobile driven Joseph Spayde of this city near Bybee's bridge on Rogue river east of Medford. Becknell's bail was set at \$1,000.

T. E. Fowler and Companion Are Invited to Be Guests of the Southern Oregon Miner To See Their Choice of the Following Varsity Theater Programs: (Friday and Saturday)

"EARTHBOUND" "THE LIGHT OF WESTERN STARS"

(Sunday, Monday, Tuesday) "NEW MOON"

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Please Call at The Miner Office for Your Guest Tickets

**Student Loan Fund Ends 11 Years With** \$38,393 Total in Aid

Trustees of the Ben E. Evans Student Loan fund recently filed their 11th anual report with the county court.

This fund is the bulk of the estate of the late Ben E. Evans who left the principal in the hands of a board of three trustees, with authority to use the income for the purpose of assisting worthy students living in and adjacent to the city of Ashland to obtain an education.

During the 11 years this fund has been administered, a total of 325 loans have been made to 173 individuals. The total loan fund now is \$15,773.46. The principal or investment fund aggregates \$36,800.00. Interest rate of three per cent per annum is charged on all loans. Total loans made, \$38,-393.15. Loans paid to date of the report, \$23,548.13. Unpaid loans outstanding, \$14,845.02, of which \$1775.50 was charged off as losses. Recoveries of \$648.75 leave net losses \$1126.75. Considering the volume of loans handled and that in all cases borrowers are without employment at the time loans are made, trustees feel that the low percentage of loss indicates a high ration of integrity on the part of

these young students. The Board of Trustees is com-posed of J. W. McCoy, chairman; F. S. Engle and G. H. Wenner.

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#### EMMA LOU DOUGHERTY

Funeral services for Mrs. Emma Lou Dougherty, 73, who died Aug. 12 at her home here following an extended illness, were held at 2 p. m. Aug. 14 at the Methodist church with J. P. Dodge and Sons in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Dougherty is survived in Ashland by her husband, W. J. Dougherty, three daughters, Mrs. Margaret Rush, Mrs. H. S. Harrison, and Miss Edna Dougherty and a grandson, Skippy Rush. Also surviving is a son, Frank Dough-erty of Dunsmuir, Calif.

Interment took place in Mount-

### Wonderland Features Will Be Feted at Fair

Jackson county has representa-tion on the general committee to arrange county participation in the "Shast-Cascade day" monday, Sept. 9, at the California State fair sponsored by the Shasta-Cas-cade Wonderland association. It is planned by the association, accord-ing to General Manager Tom L. Stanley; to take full advantage of this opportunity to publicize the scenic and recreational attractions of all nine counties of the Wonderland region. "We are fortunate in having Sept. 9 designated as Shas-ta-Cascade day," says Stanley, "because the Admission day holiday always attracts to the California State fair the heaviest single day attendance of its dura-

tion." J. H. Coleman, judge of the Jackson county court, of Medford is named on the general committee appointed by A. H. Gronwoldt of Redding, president of the Shas-ta-Cascade Wonderland association.

This is the first year in the history of the California State fair that a day has been designated for the nine counties of the Shasta-Cascade Wonderland region and it is proposed to take full advantage of this opportunity to make the resources of the Won-derland known to California State ployed in the Douglas aircraft fair visitors.

printed or for making registration statements known to be false.

In conformity with a nation-wide registration of aliens in the

cording to Postmaster John H.

According to the United States department of Justice, the alien registration act was passed so that the United States could determine exactly how many aliens there are, who they are and where they are. Registration, including fingerprinting, will not be harmful to law-abiding aliens. All records will be kept secret and confidential and will be made available only to such persons as may

of the attorney general. A receipt card will be sent to all aliens who register and will serve as evidence of registration. The law also requires all aliens to report changes of residence address within five days of the change.

In Jackson county alone upwards of 1000 aliens are expected to register. Besides the Ashland postoffice, aliens also may regis-ter at the Medford armory. Sample forms for aliens and instructions may be obtained at the Ashland postoffice, according to Fuller.

### DROPS \$10 HERE

Ben Rodriguez Karganilla, Filipino, early Thursday posted \$10 bail before going on his way in Police Judge C. P. Presnall's court following his arrest for violating the basic traffic rule. Karganilla was charged with driving 60 miles an hour in a 25-mile zone.

• Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wagner and children are visiting here for sev-eral days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Trueman.

· Mrs. Eugene Detrick and children of Bly are visiting here for several days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Detrick.

· Bob Ohrt left recently for Sancompany plant.

MEDFORD MAN FINED

A Medford man, Robert C. Cuffell, was fined \$2.50 plus \$2.50 costs in the city court Tuesday on charges arising from violation of the basic traffic rule.

. Mr. and Mrs. Logan Nininger and Mrs. Billy Hulen of Medford attended the Shakespearean play here Thursday evening.

. Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Klum of Klamath Falls visited here recently with friends.



MIKE BIEGEL, on vacation, complaining that his favorite beach has acquired a strange odor.

L. I. MOON describing his job as that of a pilot-pile it here and pile it there.

STEVE ZARKA going home mad from a recent fire because the smokeeaters wouldn't let him hold a hose. MARJORIE LEE taking a

backstage bow in front of an audience at the Shakespearean

first night. BILL BROWN and CHRIS PETERSEN attempting to confuse hungry crab-feed crashers by being vague about their social calendar.

JACK PETERSEN defacing the face of advertising posters. RAYMOND LININGER and BERT WRIGHT pricing cigars together.

