

RELIGIOUS cultists who worship snakes by permitting them to sink poisonous fangs in the fanatics' arms and legs have become a new high in disgust...

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.

Democrats as well as republicans can be thankful for Willie. At last cartoonists have somebody they can caricature besides Roosevelt.

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.

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.

Americana: Grousing about having to pay gasoline taxes while speeding along a new super-highway.

"Your country needs you" say army enlistment posters during current drive to add manpower to national defense.

First question asked convicted murderers seeking parole should be "And what do you plan to do for your dead victim and his dependents?"

Fifth columnists are reminding of mistletoe--both being fungus growths which live off healthy specimens until they destroy them.

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 third dramatists assembly at Stanford university, where the winning plays will be reviewed and read.

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 sentenced to 60 days in the county jail for drunkenness on the public highway.

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:

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DIRECTORS TO EYE 13 FOR C-C SECRETARY JOB

WHICH of the 13 applicants will be selected to succeed Winston 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 service, 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. Snider, Gordon McCracken, Dean Pieper, Hugh Page, Horace Badger, Roy Parr, Ed Bridgen, 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 booster 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 participation in the work, helped to build up the office into a self-supporting, energetic community force.

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 organization behind him.

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 annual 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.

The Board of Trustees is composed of J. W. McCoy, chairman; F. S. Engle and G. H. Wenner.

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Flames Gulp Garb But 'Show Goes On' For Shakespeareans

By DEAN PIEPER TRUE to the age-old adage 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 entirely new shows from the ashes of the fire which early Thursday morning resulted in approximately \$2000 damage to 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 disastrous 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.

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, smoldering cigaret in the dressing room or a short-circuit in wiring was responsible.

Thursday morning found remains of the apparel strewn about the lawn in rear of the theater building as seamstresses started to rebuild the shows. Smoked costumes were refinished, sewing machines hummed and by curfew time yesterday evening a semblance 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 "As You Like It" now will be done in modern dress. Both Director Cottrell and A-T 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 continues to prevail, theater patrons will see the final plays of this season's repertoire rise to heights unequalled in dramatic circles throughout the entire northwest.

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, Skipper Rush. Also surviving is a son, Frank Dougherty of Dunsmuir, Calif.

Interment took place in Mount-ain View cemetery.

SPIKE GREEN - Junior Forester



Ah-h-h, What to Do!



WHAT TO DO in settling the question of love was of major importance 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, Jacques is giving Rosalind a few pointers on this vital issue...

SOCE GRAD WILL ALIENS WILL BE TEACHINGRADES RECORDED HERE

Melvin Smith, graduate of Southern Oregon College of Education and a resident of Sams valley, has been signed by the Ashland school board to replace Wilma Nutter, who has resigned her teaching post at Washington grade school.

School directors also decided to properly light six rooms on first floor of Washington school, according to Supt. Theo J. Norby, in preparation for opening of classes Monday, Sept. 9.

Other changes in teaching staffs will include Lois Hogan, who replaces Mrs. Marguerite Mills, who resigned to accept a position in Hawaii while on leave. Two new athletic coaches will replace Forrest L. (Skeet) O'Connell. 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.

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.

Wonderland Features Will Be Feted at Fair

Jackson county has representation 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-Cascade Wonderland association. It is planned by the association, according 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.

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 Wonderland known to California State fair visitors.

In conformity with a nationwide registration of aliens in the United States to be conducted from Aug. 27 to Dec. 26, the Ashland postoffice will become registration headquarters for aliens in this end of Jackson county, according to Postmaster John H. Fuller.

All aliens 14 years of age or older are required to register. Alien children under 14 years of age must be registered by their parents or guardians. Generally speaking, foreign-born persons who have not become citizens of the United States are aliens.

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.

In Jackson county alone upwards of 1000 aliens are expected to register. Besides the Ashland postoffice, aliens also may register 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.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wagner and children are visiting here for several 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 Santa Monica where he will be employed in the Douglas aircraft company plant.

FINAL PLAY ON SATURDAY ENDS 'BEST' FESTIVAL

ASHLAND'S sixth annual Shakespearean 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 audiences were recorded throughout the eight days and from a dramatic angle, the four plays scheduled will have been the best yet.

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 two showings.

Tentative plans are being discussed for the 1941 season but nothing definite has been decided. The annual election of officers for the Shakespearean Festival association 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 position; 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 unwillingly 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 Saturday, Aug. 17, as previously announced. 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 close of business tomorrow to qualify for their camera.

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.

SEEN IN A DAZE



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 prying cigars together.