

U. of O. Library

Letter From Washington

By Hon. Harris Ellsworth, Congressman, 4th District

After considerable deliberation the Commission charged with the responsibility of renovating, replacing or rebuilding the White House, has now decided to restore it and leave the external appearance as it is now. (It badly needs a coat of paint.) I learned from one of the members of the Commission recently that one of the troublesome problems faced by their group is what to do with the old lumber, bricks and stone removed from the building. There will be a vast amount of such stuff, he said.

After all, the White House is no ordinary building. Every ounce of wood and masonry in the structure is steeped in history. Some of the replaced timbers are blackened from the fire set by the British during the war of 1812. Some of the stones I am told, bear chisled inscriptions names and dates done at the time they were laid in place.

Will Save Material
None of the material will be destroyed — at least not until everything that is wanted by museums and for souvenirs has been saved. Definite plans have not been made but it is guessed that the old wood may be made into gables, canes or panels and that paper weights may be made from the bricks and stones. The Commission is having a hard time deciding just what to do about it.

The Administration demand that we supply arms and ammunition to the Pact countries is meeting tough sledding in the House of Foreign Affairs Committee. This country is asked to dig up an additional billion and a half dollars for that purpose. The idea does not appeal to me and I do not think we should take any such dangerous step in haste. Off hand, it seems to me that piling up that much high grade military equipment in Western Europe would be offering a mighty tempting prize for a predatory power.

Our country has been correctly referred to as the "Arsenal of Democracy." If the arsenal is kept here we know pretty well what is going to happen to it. Our experience in placing large stores of arms and ammunition on other shores is not encouraging. The Russian army even now moves on trucks made in the U. S.

War Spending Heavy
On the other hand the United States is spending an enormous sum for war materials. During this fiscal year our spending for the Department of Defense alone will amount to about \$40,000,000 per day (counting Sundays and holidays). In dollars that will represent just three times the amount to be spent on military defense in Europe—including the billion and a half dollars from us if they get it!

Under the terms of the Pact as signed and sealed, we are bound to go immediately to the aid of any European country which may be attacked. If military equipment is kept here it can be quickly sent where and when it is needed most. If it is sent abroad, we have no actual way of knowing just what will become of it or precisely where it will be if and when it is needed.

The Rivers and Harbors bill recently reported from the Public Works Committee appears to be bogged down in the Rules Committee. This bill carries important authorizations for the Willamette project. It may get lost in the shuffle at the closing days of the session. If that happens it will, of course be pending on the calendar for early action next year.

ANNUAL ELKS-PICNIC SCHEDULED FOR AUG. 21
The Elks Lodge, BPOE No. 944, will hold its annual picnic at Jackson Hot Springs on Aug. 21, according to an announcement by Secy. J. S. Reed. Food and refreshments are to be furnished by the Lodge but each family is expected to provide its own silver service.

Games and swimming will follow the picnic lunch which is scheduled to begin at 1 p. m.

Oregon Shakespearean Festival Schedule	
Thursday, Aug. 11	Othello
Friday, Aug. 12	The Taming of the Shrew
Saturday Aug. 13	Romeo and Juliet
Sunday, Aug. 14	NO PLAY
Monday, Aug. 15	Richard II
Tuesday, Aug. 16	Midsummer Night's Dream
Wednesday, Aug. 17	Othello

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Horse Show Slated Here Aug. 28

Riding Program Scheduled For Rodeo Grounds

The Ashland Riding Association will present a two-and-a-half hour riding show at its rodeo grounds in Valley View on Aug. 28, John Daugherty, secretary-treasurer of the organization announced today.

With a well-planned program arranged by having individual event chairmen, Daugherty said that patrons can be reasonably certain the show will start, and end, on time.

Twenty-one events have been listed for the show which will get underway at 2 p. m., beginning with the Grand Entry and including several types of races and exhibitions.

Daugherty also announced that the Ashland Riding Association grounds will be rented Sunday, Aug. 21, to the Rogue Valley Ramblers motorcycle club. The club is sponsoring an afternoon of motorcycle races on that date.

A list of events for the horse show follows.

1. Grand Entry (all contestants)
2. Shetland Pony race (1/4 mile)
3. Tennessee Walking Horses (exhibition)
4. Girl's Race (12 years and younger)
5. 3-Gaited Pairs (Exhibition)
6. Boys Race (12 years and younger)
7. Squaw Race
8. Slow Race (Owners trade horses, last horse wins.)
9. Sulky Race
10. Scoop Shovel Race
11. Ladies Race
12. Baton Race
13. Cow Horse Race
14. Broom Polo
15. Hunter Class (Exhibition)
16. Balloon Race
17. Relay Race
18. Squealing Pig Race
19. Hot Blood Race (1/2 mile)
20. Chuck Wagon Race
21. Chariot Race

New Location Of College Library Wins Approval

In committee meetings this week at Southern Oregon college, members of the State Board of Higher Education approved the new site for the \$360,000 library-classroom building.

Architect Howard Kable of Portland, will design the building which is to be located on Ashland Street, west of the previous site. The new location will keep the building closer to Churchill Hall, providing room for future improvements.

The building committee also authorized an immediate survey to determine practicability of installing a central heating plant at the local college. Results of the survey are to be acted upon when the board meets in September.

Use of sawdust in the proposed central heating plant was mentioned at a recent city council meeting as a solution of the complaints of property owners in the industrial district.

While here, members of the state board and presidents of Oregon colleges and their families were guests of the Ashland unit of American Association of University Women at a tea on the Elizabethan stage and at a panel discussion by Shakespearean Festival officials Sunday.

Monday evening, the educators and their wives were guests at picnic supper and later, were treated to the Shakespearean Festival presentation of "Romeo and Juliet".

W. R. Mayfield, head of Mayfield Gardens in Ashland, is in San Francisco, attending the Western Packaging exposition. Mr. Mayfield is in the pre-packaging business.

Chamber Employment Study Voted At Tuesday Luncheon Meeting

Ashland Chamber of Commerce members voted at their Tuesday luncheon to continue their program of inviting guest speakers who will discuss local winter, and year-round, employment possibilities.

Dr. Elmo Stevenson, president of Southern Oregon college and chairman of the program committee, reported on the meeting of the State Board of Higher Education and asked for a vote on the program for the remainder of the year.

"After careful consideration, we members of the program committee decided that the problem of securing steady employment in Ashland is our most crucial task," Dr. Stevenson told the chamber member in explaining the choice of programs that had been offered.

Speakers who have appeared in the past few months have covered subjects relating to water power, domiciliary work at Camp White, mineral prospects and a survey of industrial possibilities.

Subjects to be discussed in the future are on wild life, forest products, crop and soil studies, climate benefits of the area the fruit, stock and poultry production, and tourist needs.

He mentioned the \$360,000 library-classroom building athletic field, renovation of Churchill Hall, new property purchases, central heating plant, etc., as projects under consideration at the college.

In recalling the response of state board members to Monday's presentation of Shakespearean Festival he said that after seeing the one play, "Romeo and Juliet," another dozen members of the party had decided to remain in Ashland in order to attend the whole series.

The chamber also asked that all the hundreds of people who have donated their time and efforts to the Festival be commended. President A. W. Woodward mentioned, particularly Otto Wilda, college prof who worked into the wee hours of the morning getting the stage repaired, props made and general backstage policies in effect, Victoria Tavener and Rose Robinett who conducted a membership drive, publicity director Bob Edwards, and Festival board officers Bob Dodge and John Cotton.

Henry Galey, head of the membership committee for the chamber announced that a new drive would begin Aug. 26 to secure new members. He pointed out that there are two classes of memberships, a \$25 one for the business houses and the individual membership of \$12.00.

—And Not A Drop To Drink

Does the strange taste in Ashland's water of the past several days remind anyone of the old flood days back in early '48? Well, not for long, reports Utilities Superintendent Elmer C. Biegel.

Biegel explained that the taste is oil from dead algae and that the water is being treated with chlorine, ammonia and carbon. The carbon will eventually rid the water of the algae and the H2O ill be itself again.

He said that recent tests prove the water absolutely harmless, even though the taste be disagreeable.

Fire Destroys Lumber Yards, \$2,500 Damage

Fire which broke out Monday afternoon destroyed the Copeland Lumber warehouse and Whittle Fuel's wood yard at the corner of Third and A Streets, as well as damaging other nearby buildings.

The fire, which caused an estimated \$2,500 damage to the Copeland and Whittle properties alone, was started by two boys lighting firecrackers. Fire Chief Clint Baughman said the youths had been apprehended.

While fighting the blaze, the fire department received two other calls. An automobile at 100 Nursery Street was about 50 per cent burned and a brush fire in the area above Upper Lithia park covered nearly an acre before being halted.

Fire Chief Baughman stated that only the cooperation by over 50 volunteers prevented the A St. fire from causing more damage. He said that both Talent and Medford fire departments had called and offered to send additional aid.

Spot fires from flying sparks set nearby storehouses and the Powell Cider plant afire. Power poles were burned in the area and for awhile, the blaze threatened to engulf the entire block and the Southern Pacific freight depot across the street. A locomotive was drawn up alongside the freight house to furnish water from its tender to sprinkle railroad buildings and equipment in the area.



Picnickers and motorists from all over Southern Oregon and Northern California have been flocking to Lithia Park during the past few weeks seeking relief from the heat wave. The young lady in the photo above is enjoying the view of Ashland creek, which runs the entire length of the park.

Girls Charged With Starting Park Blaze

Chief of Police Vern Smith reported Wednesday that the department had apprehended another group of juveniles responsible for causing fires. Two boys who started the A St. blaze had been identified earlier.

Four girls were arrested for starting the grass fire which swept an acre of the area between the scenic drives in Lithia Park.

The girls, whose ages ranged from 16 years to four, admitted they had been smoking cigarettes in the brush and had thrown the lighted butts on the ground. They started to run away and had gone about 25 feet when the fire began.

Chief Smith said the three older girls, 16, 12 1/2, and 10-year-olds, would be turned over to the county juvenile officer.

Faster Mail Service Is Now Available

A new faster schedule on first class and special delivery mail for points in California and points from Eugene north has been announced by Postmaster E. E. Vail.

Mail dispatched from the Ashland post office at 10:30 a. m. will have delivery the following morning in Eugene, Salem, Portland and the Bay Area.

VA Advises Veterans On Fall Enrollment

Veterans planning to attend school this fall under the GI Bill are advised by the Veterans Administration to make certain their certificates of eligibility are in order. If a veteran is planning on changing either his school or course, he should contact the VA office or the registrar of his college.

Festival Wins Praise from Journalists

Harold Hunt, Oregon Journal—"Within the very near future, Ashland's annual festival may become as widely known and anticipated as the Portland Rose Festival."

Herbert Larson, Portland Oregonian—"The rollicking romantic comedy, 'Taming of the Shrew', as given under direction of Allen Fletcher, was speedy and gay. Its slapstick interludes brought hearty laughter from the appreciative audience."

Eric Allen, Medford Mail-Tribune—"If the opening night's performance of 'Romeo and Juliet' is any indication, patrons of the ninth annual Shakespearean Festival in Ashland will see an impressive series of plays. I am glad to recommend the play to you, as a vehicle of entertainment and beauty and to voice my admiration for those who had a part in its re-creation here in southern Oregon."

Arnold Marks, Oregon Journal—"An enthused audience enjoyed every minute of the pathetic tale of two young lovers, 'Romeo and Juliet.' The theatre under the

big dipper proved a thrilling experience. Excellent acting made realistic through colorful costuming and smooth, fast-paced action enthralled an appreciative audience for nearly three hours."

Herbert Larson, Portland Oregonian — With state dignitaries and a capacity audience present, the festival enjoyed a magnificent launching with an elegant production of "Romeo and Juliet." Playing, lighting, costuming and direction were all in the finest tradition of the theatre, resulting in stage presentation seldom equaled on the western slopes of this country."

Myna Brunton Hughes, Stanford U. Dramatists' Alliance—"Uncut Shakespeare in its own house is a fine thing and all who are privileged to view it at Ashland should be properly grateful to the intrepid staff of Southern Oregon college under whose excellent auspices these particularly to Angus Bowmer, performances are presented, and particularly Angus Bowmer, the festival director, who has worked

so long and unceasingly to create at Ashland the only Shakespearean Festival in an authentic Elizabethan theatre in America."

New York Times—Stanford U., with 12 participating, leads in the number of student actors taking part in the ninth annual Shakespearean Festival, which opened at Ashland on August 2. Southern Oregon college has nine players. Other members of the cast come from the Univ. of Oregon, Montana State, Univ. of Washington, Pasadena Playhouse and Washington State.

Myna Brunton Hughes—Stanford Dramatists' Alliance—For this reviewer, the current Oregon Shakespearean Festival reached its height in last night's performance of "Richard II". Everyone near and far must hear this superb production and must be urged to see it. It is really magnificent. I have never seen it better performed. My profoundest thanks to the cast for giving me a memorable and thrilling evening.

O. S., Medford Mail-Tribune—"Shakespearean Festival audi-

ences were treated again to first-rate drama when 'Othello,' fourth of the opening-week plays of the annual play series, was given in Ashland. It seems a pity that the amphitheatre cannot be filled to overflowing each night and it probably would be if the valley people only realized what they are missing.

No where else in the nation can one find Shakespeare presented as repertory theatre in the traditional manner of Old England, to say nothing of the fine casting and directing that marks the festival this year."

Other articles on the festival have appeared in the Christian Science Monitor, the New York Times, Detroit Free Press and Newspaper Enterprises Association, a nation-wide news service.

Bob Edwards, publicity director for the annual play series, has stated that newspapers and radio stations in the Northern California and Southern Oregon area have been particularly cooperative this year.