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CELEBRATION SET JULY 4

Festival Attracting Widespread Interest

The Oregon Shakespearean Festival board of directors met Monday at the Lithia hotel ballroom to discuss the 1950 festival. John Cotton, president, says that interest is high even though the opening of the drama program is more than a month away. He said many individuals and groups have already volunteered their help, pointing to full community participation in the event.

Bill McGee, board secretary, reported ticket reservations are still pouring in much faster than previous years. Membership will soon be available entitling the holders to eight seats for the price of only 10 dollars. The membership sale will close July 29, four days before the festival opening, August 2.

Mrs. I. E. Schuler of Medford, association director, reported interest in that city is also much higher than usual. She told of her plan to present Dr. Margery Baley of Stanford university in a series of benefit lectures. The lectures will begin July 14 and end July 17.

Rod Keating reported that the Oregon Journal may sponsor a special train to Ashland during the festival season.

President John Cotton appointed Keating, Dr. Elmo Stevenson, and Rev. A. H. MacDonnell to a committee to investigate the possibility of urging Ashland residents to wear Elizabethan costumes during the festival.

Board members attending the meeting were: John Cotton, Bill McGee, Rod Keating, A. C. Allen, Don Darnelle, the Rev. A. H. MacDonnell, Harry A. Skerry, Jr., Dr. Elmo Stevenson and Miss Victoria Taverner.

Mr. and Mrs. Vart Vartabedian and children Linda and Andy of Chico, Calif., are spending a week with Mrs. Vartabedian's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Harris.

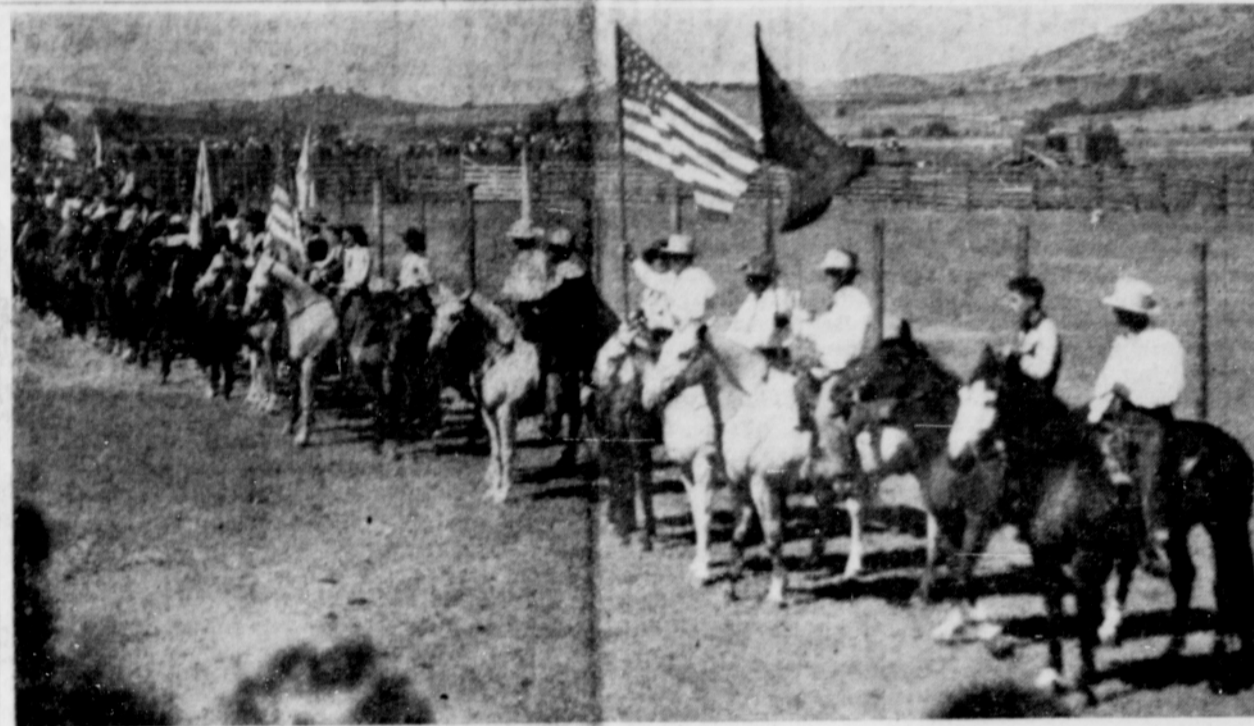
History Is Help In Solving Problems Kiwanis Club Told

Historians, through their study of past events, are in an excellent position to see the causes and results of many present day problems, Dr. Donald MacDougall, professor of history at Southern Oregon college, told Kiwanis club members at their noon meeting Monday at the Lithia hotel.

Dr. MacDougall discussed the inefficient methods and outmoded standards which existed in the ordnance bureau during the Civil war and pointed out how these conditions are characteristic of government bureaus even today.

He concluded that, although bureaus are necessary in the conduct of government affairs, they lose their efficiency in times of stress. No reform is possible, he contended, so long as men are promoted within a bureau. This is due to the hesitancy on the part of bureau heads to institute any reforms that might affect the security of their own positions.

The meeting marked the opening of the club's membership drive and Bert Miller became the first custodian of the newest member, Katy, a white doe rabbit. He will care for the rabbit until he has brought a new member into the club and gains the right to pass her to someone else.



FIRST EVENT of the July 4 rodeo and horse races will be the grand parade entry of all mounted horsemen. Organized mounted units from southern Oregon and northern California and many unattached horsemen will participate. Pictured above is a portion of the 200 horsemen who took part in the event last year.

Leigh Represents Teachers at NEA

Washington, D. C., June 28—Richard Leigh, teacher in the Ashland schools will represent members of the Ashland Teachers' association at the 38th annual meeting of the National Education association in St. Louis July 3-7, NEA headquarters announced here today.

The assembly, representing a record membership of the organization, will be the largest in the history of the association. Approximately 3,300 delegates chosen by state and local associations — one delegate for a prescribed number of members — are expected in attendance.

Delegates will be present from every state and from the territories of Alaska, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico to participate in the discussion of problems confronting the teaching profession.

Scouts To Camp At Lake of Woods

Camp McLoughlin at Lake of the Woods opens July 9 and will stay open until August 13, Mr. George S. Flanagan, Camping Chairman announced last week. The boys will get five weeks of camping instead of the usual four. Since so many new 11 year old Scouts are eligible for camp this year, the additional week was necessary so that all Scouts would have a chance to attend. The second, third and fourth periods are filled, leaving the first, July 9 to 16 and the fifth, August 6 to 13, open for more reservations.

Camp McLoughlin stresses outdoor Scoutcraft. Trained instructors are available in all phases of outdoor skills. The rifle range is an added feature, stressing safe handling of firearms.

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OREGON STATE FLAG PRESENTED TO CITY

This morning at 7:30 a new blue and gold flag flew from the city standard. The official emblem of the state of Oregon now floats beneath the stars and stripes as a gift from the American Legion Post 14. It was presented by the new commander, Arthur Kreisman. On one side of the 3 by 5 foot flag is the crouching beaver while on the other are the state seal and the date of admission to the Union, 1859.

Marion D. Posey Killed in Highway Accident Tuesday

Marion D. Posey, 928 "B" street, was killed about 6:30 Tuesday evening when the truck he was driving went off the highway and rolled down an embankment just north of the OK Rubber Welders on highway 99.

Eye witnesses reported to County Coroner Carlos Morris that Posey was traveling north at the time of the accident and was passing a car operated by Luke W. Davis, Rt. 4, Grants Pass. A third vehicle was reportedly approaching from the south and, in his attempt to pass the Davis car, Posey apparently lost control of his truck.

The Davis car received only slight damage to the fender. Davis and his mother, Mrs. Sula Everetts, who was a passenger, were unhurt, Morris said.

Posey was employed by the Ashland Sanitary Service and was driving a company truck when the accident occurred.

He is survived by his wife, Amy, and two daughters, Karen and Patricia Ann, of Ashland; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Posey of Cheridan, Ark.; and two brothers, Herbert of Ashland and Ola of Ashboro, N. C. The Litwiller Funeral home is in charge of funeral arrangements.

Three Day Event To Feature Rodeo And Horse Show

Thousands of visitors from southern Oregon and northern California will be attracted to Ashland for the gigantic July 2, 3, and 4 celebration which members of the Ashland Riding association say will be the biggest Independence day observance here in 25 years.

Mayor Phil Stansbury will be grand marshal of the big western parade which will open activities on July 4. All mounted organizations in the area have been asked to participate in the parade and the grand entry event of the 10th annual rodeo and horse races. The parade, which will start promptly at 9:30 a.m. will consist entirely of horses, mules, donkeys, burros, Shetlands and "kindred livestock," according to the committee in charge.

Golf Course Play Continues Despite Water Shortage

Lack of water continues to be the major handicap in development of Ashland's new Oak Knoll golf course, according to co-manager Al Williams, who spoke at the Chamber of Commerce meeting at the Lithia hotel Tuesday noon.

Williams reviewed the background of the golf course lease and described the progress that has been made since May 1, when he and Merle Russel took over operations.

In answer to those whom he said had questioned the possibility of starting the course with a small investment, Williams pointed out that the course did not require reseeding or an expensive underground watering system and if water had been received as expected, the course would now be in full operation.

Five holes are now open for play, using temporary greens and four more holes are to be opened in a short time. The driving range has been in use for five weeks and is in excellent condition, Williams said.

At present only six youngsters are attending morning classes being conducted under the summer recreation program. The college class has eight members and the free swing classes held each evening are attracting only a very small group. Purpose of the swing classes is to help beginners learn the fundamentals of the game.

In telling of plans for the future, Williams announced that a tournament will be held in September for the Ashland city golf championship and that the trophy has been ordered and will be on display in downtown windows.

Pipe, which is needed to bring water to the course, is expected to arrive August 1. Permanent greens will be sowed early in September.

Highlights of the Sunday program will be the introduction of rodeo queens and princesses at 2 p.m. at the Lithia park band shell, to be followed by a trick horse exhibition and an exhibition of registered horses.

Patriotic religious services with all churches and choirs of Jackson county participating will be held in Lithia park at 6 o'clock Sunday evening.

Events scheduled Sunday afternoon include the children's western parade, bicycle race and roller skating derby. Monday, too, will be a big day for the children with a trout fishing contest in the morning and a afternoon of games and contests at the park playground.

The Browning carnival of Salem, featuring special rides with ferris wheel, airplane pilot ride, snap the whip, kiddies riders and others will be in Ashland throughout the celebration.

Fireworks displays, which may be viewed from all hill streets, are set for 9:30 both Sunday and Tuesday evenings.

Ashland stores are planning special sales and bargain events Monday, while entertainment that day will include an air show over the city at 4 p.m. and a dance at the Elks lounge at 10 p.m.

Highlight of the July 4 activities will be the 16 event rodeo and horse races at the Ashland Riding association grounds just off highway 99 north of town.

Barbecues, concessions, organ recitals and band concerts are scheduled for Lithia park all three days. Final activity will be a street dance sponsored on the Plaza Tuesday night, sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Presbyterians In Diamond Jubilee Celebration

The First Presbyterian church of Ashland is making plans for the celebration of its Diamond Jubilee during the three days of August 26, 27 and 28 when many former members and friends will return to join with the congregation in reliving the 75 years of church history.

Dr. Arthur Taylor of SOC is compiling all the material available into a brochure which will eventually become part of an authentic historical record of Ashland to be kept in the public library. Anyone having any facts or letters bearing upon the activities of the Presbyterian church are asked to contact either Dr. Taylor or Mrs. Faith McCullough.

The three day celebration will combine the fun of old time early Oregon pioneer days with the spiritual growth of the church over its three quarters of a century, and will depict the outstanding events and persons who have played their part in its history. The climax of the commemoration days will be the communion service on Sunday morning, August 27th.

Mythical Queen Bess Rollicks Through 20th Century



SOMETHING NEW in promoting the Oregon Shakespearean Festival is the booster group, which has service clubs laughing at the mad cap adventures of a mythical Queen Bess suddenly turned loose in the 20th century. Pictured above from left to right are Lloyd Halvorsen, Billie Bailey and Maurice Bail-

ey, students at Southern Oregon college. Queen Bess in center is Clara Daniels of Medford, who plays Cleopatra in the 1950 festival production of Antony and Cleopatra.

The group's first local appearance was at the Ashland Lions club installa-

tion Tuesday evening. Arrangements have been made under the direction of Phyllis Beardsley for the boosters to play before service clubs throughout southern Oregon to publicize the tenth annual festival, which opens here August 2.

Interesting Historical Material Discovered in Masonic Cornerstone

Birthdays and anniversaries are occasions for celebration whether by families or organizations, so that Ashland's significant days give cause civic pride, and make residents of the town, whether native or of recent importation, study the interesting past which has gone into the development of a progressive town now credited with a population of 7702. Many of the descendants of the early settlers still live here and remember the events which will one day become either legend or historical fact, depending upon documentation and verification of facts. The recent opening of the box contained in the cornerstone of the Masonic Temple has proved to hold a wealth of incontrovertible historical evidence.

During the past week this interesting material has been made available to the News Review together with the personal reminiscences of Clarence Lane who was born in Ashland and has known it and most of its inhabitants since it was a small settlement of but a few families. He recalled many of the pioneer business men and located their stores which were for the most part centered about the present

Plaza. As a small boy he had witnessed the laying of the cornerstone which June eighth was removed due to necessary reinforcing of the building. He had attended the old "Academy" and he remembered the bucket brigade which fought local fires by hand from the creek, the same creek which to-

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