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Notice

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FUN WEEK IN ASHLAND

Vining Opens Season; Faculty Follies Begin

Ashland's Pros Open for Month

The Vining Repertory company opened its spring season at the Lithia theatre Monday, when it presented Joseph Kesselring's hilarious farce, "Arsenic and Old Lace."

A near-capacity house was recorded on opening night, but attendance dropped somewhat, as expected, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings when two more comedies, Rose Franken's "Claudia" and Oscar Wilde's "Importance of Being Earnest" were presented. The last play of the first cycle, Arthur Miller's prize-winning "Death of a Salesman," plays tonight, then the cycle begins again with a performance of "Arsenic and Old Lace" on Friday.

Plays will be given in rotation every evening except Sunday through May 10. Following the established News Review practice, a review of one play will be run each week throughout the season.

'Arsenic' Fun; Slam-Bang Farce

"Arsenic and Old Lace," the play chosen by the Vining Repertory to open the spring season in Ashland last Monday evening, is packed with all the ingredients that go to make up a first class laugh-fest — fast dialogue, murder, idiotic situations, torture, double-takes and quick switches insanity, and veiled suggestions of the immoral. The audience on opening night—and quite an audience it was, too—reacted according to form. To resort to the vernacular, one might say that the Vining players knocked 'em dead in the audience and on the stage.

Joseph Kesselring, who authored the farce, said after its New York opening in 1941 that he had picked the situation in which his gentle grandmother would be most unlikely to find herself and cast two nice old ladies in it. The formula paid off. "Arsenic" went on to a record run on Broadway, was made into a successful movie, and has been played often by community and institutional theatres the country over since. And although the Vining production had its rough spots Monday night, one can safely predict the play will be a popular one here.

The roughness of the opening night presentation must not be laid so much to ineptness on the part of the company as to the nature of the company itself. The group is small and every person in it, with one or two exceptions, is responsible not only for playing roles in all four shows in the repertoire, but for various backstage and box office duties as well. Keeping this in mind, later audiences can expect a much smoother performance than first nighters saw.

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ADELPHIAN DIRECTOR — the 40 mixed voices of the College of Puget Sound Adelpian Concert choir will sing a program April 29 in Ashland's First Methodist church. The 8 p.m. concert will find the singing collegians presenting an operetta, comic opera and a program of sacred, secular, classical and semi-classical music. Their director is Clyde Keutzer.

PATIENCE, PLEASE

Producing director Leon Mulling this morning urged potential customers at the annual Faculty Follies to bring open minds and a spirit of forgiveness to Churchill hall with them. He explained that the theme of the show would be followed as closely as possible, but since the 40 staff members participating are all noted for originality and imagination in the classroom, cautioned that anything can happen.

Faculty Fun Begins Three-Night Run

One of the most unique cultural activities ever to be presented in Ashland will be seen this evening at Southern Oregon college. The event is the annual faculty follies which will be offered in Churchill hall at 8:15 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Prepared on a high intellectual plane, the program is based on a "San Francisco Culture Tour" theme, according to Leon C. Mulling, producing director. Reproductions of Bay city highlights visited by undergraduates each quarter will be staged.

Among the many cultural centers to be visited will be the simp-phony, Grand Uproar, 1-2-3 club, the Beery and Curran theatres, radio studios, Moonlight Celler, the famous cable cars, Fisherman's wharf, Fleichaker zoo, Rooshun Balay, Gay Nineties, Semi-Lit Roof and the St. Bernard hotel.

Mulling explained that in order to give some continuity to the conglomeration of unrelated scenes, a group of undergraduate tourists will be impersonated by faculty members. Dr. John D. E. McAulay, regular director of the student culture tour, will also direct the campus expedition.

"But any resemblance between our program and San Francisco landmarks will be a figment of the imagination," Mulling advised. "We don't have a star system in the production simply because no one faculty actor is any worse than any other."

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AHS Alumni Plan Spring Banquet

Plans for the 1952 Ashland High School Alumni association banquet have been announced by officers of the sponsoring class of '45.

The event, which annually attracts more than 300 alumni of the school, has been set for May 30 at the Elks club.

Charles Gettling, president of the sponsoring class, reported a dinner-dance is being planned instead of the usual pot-luck supper and that tickets will be sold for \$2.00.

The featured speaker of the evening will be Mrs. Florence Bollinger of Hood River, who was selected as the Oregon Mother of 1951. Mrs. Bollinger will be remembered in Ashland as Miss Florence Van Etten. She taught in the Ashland school system before her marriage. Serving as master of ceremonies during the evening will be Dr. Arthur Kreisman of the Southern Oregon college faculty.

Other officers of the sponsoring class are Jim Smith, vice president; Mrs. Carl Slack, secretary and Art Phillips, treasurer.

BARNETT WITH KWIN

James Strickland, manager of Radio Station KWIN, has announced appointment of Pat Barnett as sales representative for the station in the Ashland area.

Television Here?

Washington — Jackson county can look forward to its own television on three stations which may be built under a plan of the Federal Communications Commission, in Ashland and Medford.

The FCC plan, which has just been adopted calls for 33 new stations in Oregon. Most of them will operate in the Ultra-High Frequency range, which is an untapped section of the radio spectrum. Use of this UHF band and expansion of the present Very High Frequency service should eventually permit nearly 2,000 new television stations in every section of the nation. The 108 television stations now operating in the United States are in the VHF range.

Walton League To Clean Up Creek

The local chapter of the Isaac Walton league and other interested citizens will this afternoon begin cleaning the debris from Ashland creek in Lithia park.

The work is being done in preparation for Ashland's fishing program for youngsters 12 and under. The state game commission will stock the creek with several thousand trout again this year.

The project will be one of the first undertaken by the league, recently formed here. It is hoped to clear accumulated debris which might hinder the operation of the fish wheel or foul some youngster's tackle.

Mothers' Weekend Planned at SOC

Two campus groups at Southern Oregon college have been appointed to organize the program for the annual Mothers' Weekend, it was announced by Margaret Skerry, assistant dean of women.

The May 10 program will be handled jointly by the Associated Women Students and Associated Men Students. AWS conducted the program singly in past years.

Patsy Lynn, Pasadena, president of AWS, recently appointed Sylvia Keady, Klamath Falls, as general chairman of the affair.

Committee chairmen who have been named by Miss Keady to direct specific details of the program include Dorothea Coe and Rosemary Ring, Ashland; Claire Cross and Carol Wikstrom, Medford; Carol Sheehan and Mary Swart, Portland; Mary Ellen Yost and Dorel Verley, Tulelake; Sally Ahlstrom, Grants Pass; Jean Small and Jeanne Clough, Lakeview; Phyllis Sabin, Springfield; Kaye Benzel, North Bend; Gloria Robinsonette, San Jose; and Mary Campynol, Milwaukie.

6-MAN AT TALENT AGAIN

George Bray, football coach at Talent high school, has announced that the Bulldogs will again play six-man football next fall.

There had been reports that Talent might shift to 11-man football along with Jacksonville.



RICHARD GRAHAM, director-actor in the Vining Repertory company, plays the lead in Arthur Miller's prize-winning "Death of a Salesman," which is presented for the first time at the Lithia theatre this evening.

City Honors Hosler At Council Meet;

The Ashland city council voted unanimously Tuesday night to change the name of Reeder Gulch dam to Earl Hosler dam, in honor of the retiring superintendent of the water department who has been in continuous service with the city for 38 years.

After the presentation of the resolution by Fred Homes, chairman of the water committee, Mr. Hosler was escorted to the platform, where Mayor Phil Stansbury presented him with complete fishing gear in appreciation of his long years of service.

The resolution to rename the dam was the only business handled by the council this week, the rest of the meeting being devoted to a talk by Robert D. McLain, head of the assessment and taxation division of the state tax commission, invited here to discuss the reappraisal program begun in Ashland two weeks ago.

Although the state legislature approved the reappraisal program in 1949, Ashland is the first urban section to be affected. The commissioner said the project would take approximately three years to complete in Jackson county, and 10 years for the entire state. Reappraised values in Ashland will go on the tax books simultaneously with other areas in the county, although the work here will be completed before most others, he pointed out.

The program is for the purpose of equalizing taxes, rather than for adding revenue, McLain said. He said that only those additions or improvements which are not now on the rolls will be added, in an effort to make the general taxation fair to all. All classes of property are being assessed.

The tax commissioner said that the state was only supervising the project and will turn over all information to the regular county assessors. Costs are to be divided equally between the county and state.

Announce Changes In Ashland Polls

Changes in polling places for three Ashland and the Barron district precincts have been announced by Sheriff Howard Gault following completion of arrangements of 84 Jackson county polling places for the May 16 primary and the November general election.

New polling places in Ashland are: Precinct 3—139 Granite street; precinct 5—First Presbyterian church; precinct 9—Lincoln school. The Barron precinct, No. 15, will vote at the Klamath Junction cafe.

Elementary Pupils Stage Sing Time

Pupils of sixteen Jackson county elementary schools have been participating in the weekly "Singing Time" program presented by Southern Oregon college, according to Helene M. Robinson, assistant professor of music. The musical broadcast is aired by Radio Station KWIN at 1:30 p.m. every Wednesday.

Miss Robinson said that it is believed other elementary classrooms also listen to the 15-minute program and are preparing for the annual county elementary school music festival to be presented at the college May 7. Eleven schools have registered officially for the festival, six of them offering to present special numbers.

PAUL HARMS TO TEACH AT PORTLAND SCHOOL

The Rev. Paul Harms will leave his pastorate at Ashland's Grace Lutheran church some time this summer to become a faculty member at Concordia college in Portland.

The Portland church school is a preparatory institution for Lutheran ministers and teachers preparing to enter seminary courses. It is understood that the Ashland minister will coach as well as teach in several departments.

The Rev. Harms came to Grace Lutheran church in 1949, following his graduation from Concordia Seminary.

DAN BULKLEY ATTENDS PHYSICAL ED. MEETING

Daniel Bulkley, assistant professor of physical education, has returned to the Southern Oregon college campus after having attended a five-day convention of the American Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation. The national meeting of the group was held at Los Angeles.

75 YEARS AGO, THAT IS

Settlers and Indians Battle Over Land

By R. M. DeMILLE

In the year of 1877 the settlers had a grave dispute with the Nez-Perce Indians in Idaho pertaining to a strip of land connected to the reservation, which they claimed belonged to them. In the summer of 1877, and into the fall of that same year, this tribe had lived in Idaho, and up to this time had always been at peace with the white population of the surrounding country. As a matter of fact, the thrifty Nez-Perce were regarded as one of the friendliest Indian tribes of that section of the country, who had always treated the white traveler and explorer with hospitality and generosity. The same treatment was not accorded them by the white settlers, whom from fear or general prejudice had always been more or less hostile. Nevertheless, these Indians remained quiet and peaceable, attending strictly to their own affairs and pleasures.

The direct cause of the trouble was a controversy for the possession of the Wallowa Valley. A band of whites claimed ownership of the land; the Indians pointed out that since the land had been allotted to them by treaty, as part of their reservation, they were the rightful owners.

As a result of the dispute, the Nez-Perce were compelled to yield. The settlers succeeded in impressing the government at

Washington with the importance of their claim for the possession of the valley, and to their intense satisfaction saw the military moving in to enforce their demands. This placed the Indians in a grave situation: the alternative of fighting for their rights or abandoning their beloved and cherished land. Sentiment seemed to favor the latter. Rather than save any trouble or war, the Nez-Perce would emigrate. Lookin Glass and Chief Joseph, the leading chiefs, prepared for the removal. Then something happened which changed the whole plan by which hostilities were forced upon the tribe. Some of the hot-headed settlers had become impatient, and tired of waiting for retirement of the Indians, began to annoy them. One white man, more imprudent than the others, shot and killed a Nez-Perce. With this one shot the discontent of the savages that had been smoldering for some time was now fanned into open rebellion. The quiet, undisturbed, harmless Nez-Perce at once became as violent and valiant a foe as ever encountered by the American soldier. And although the subsequent campaign was not of long duration, it was exciting while it lasted, full of thrilling episodes, included a number of sharp counter attacks which

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POLITICAL POT BOILING

Kefauver May Visit; Ike Forces Organize



GENERAL DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, leading candidate for the Republican presidential nomination, was pledged the support of an Ashland group at a luncheon meeting here Tuesday.

Senator Sets Date For Ashland Talk

Sen. Estes Kefauver, democratic candidate for nomination to the national presidency has tentatively scheduled an address at Southern Oregon college on Wednesday, May 14, according to Dr. Arthur Kreisman, chairman of the Ashland Kefauver-for-President committee.

Dr. Kreisman said the meeting will be held at 9 o'clock in the morning and will be open to the public. He said it is hoped that as many people as possible will have an opportunity to meet the Tennessee legislator if he is able to keep the Ashland appointment.

Arrangements for his appearance in southern Oregon are being handled by Mrs. Joado Leonard, Grants Pass. Dr. Kreisman had written earlier to Kefauver's Washington, D.C. headquarters inviting him to include Ashland on his Oregon itinerary if he planned to stump the state.

The May 14 meeting would be important in that it would precede the state primary election by only two days. Dr. Kreisman pointed out. Extent of the candidate's Oregon tour will be either two or four days, and if the latter, it is hoped he can make the Ashland address.

AHS Track Team Tackles Eugene

The Ashland high school track and field team will leave for Eugene Friday to put its Class B Hayward relays title on the line and early season scores indicate the Grizzlies will have little chance to bring it back home again.

The Grizzlies finished a bad fifth with but 14 points in last Saturday's Rogue Relays at Medford, which are considered a tune-up for the Hayward event.

With the exception of the spring events, Coach Mel Johnson lacks depth in his 1952 squad.

Participation in the Hayward Relays will be the lone athletic venture by Ashland this weekend. Coach Gene Allison's baseball crew will be idle until next Tuesday when it will journey to Illinois Valley and Charley Jandreau's tennis squad will not see action again until May 2.

A LOOK ABOUT US

By WIN KINNEY

So much happening — can't concentrate on this column — spring fever, hah! Sleeping little Ashland, hah!

Main Street's buzzin' with trade — foot traffic like Medford (naughty word) — Kids out in track shorts — tennis courts jammed — New courts at college — new lights at High school courts — Oh, oh! One set burned out at park courts, but kids playing in the gloom anyhow —

Skerry likes Ike — Sennatt's going to "Win with Taft" — last minute lineup at Nell Burns registration desk promises real action there —

Opening night — Arsenic and Old Lithia Water — Importance of Being Oscar Wilde — Richard Graham dangling a fat money-bag on way to bank —

Blossoms and bears, (centennial, whiskerino and just plain loggers) — Smudge pots (courtesy Medford cloud breeders) — Rummage sales — Dog trials (habeas caninus) — Professors turning in inhibitions on exhibitions at Faculty Follies (which winds up religious emphasis week at S.O.C. — connection escapes me) — Latest flurry of "IKE" activity booms market price of pins to \$1.00 —

Television freeze off — Telegraph freeze on — Lithia Ponds promise to remain liquid for balance of season —

Gosh — ain't Leap Year Grand?