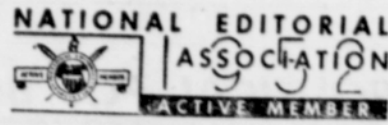


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"Even OPINION is of force enough to make itself to be espoused at the expense of life." —Montaigne

## Buoquets to Vining

Our congratulations go this week to Ashland's Vining Repertory company, for a splendid opening of another month of modern plays in our town. Through the efforts of this group and our incomparable Shakespearean Festival, Ashland is fast becoming the biggest little theatre city in the country.

The Shakespearean Festival has, in recent years, brought our town favorable attention not only nationwide, but in all parts of the English-speaking world. The Vining company, on the other hand, while hardly destined to attract the attention that the Festival so rightly commands, is still a unique venture, and one of which we can be proud.

And while the lion's share of the credit for bringing southern Oregon this unusual theatrical fare must go to Angus Bowmer and Richard Graham and the group of young people who have worked long and hard, with little financial reward, to entertain us all, we must not forget that many Ashlanders had a hand in solving the multiple problems that faced the group at the outset. The Vining company is a professional company, but the project is a community project for all of that.

Our hats are off to all who had a share in getting the show on the road.

## Parents and Citizens

District Attorney Paul Haviland hit the well-known nail on the head before the Ashland Kiwanis Club this week, when he placed the blame for juvenile delinquency largely on parental shoulders. To paraphrase the famous old saw, too many parents respond to reports of evil-doing on the parts of their offspring with "every child is a bad child but my Willie."

The district attorney finds our time a particularly crucial time so far as the young are concerned, since he is convinced that the paternalistic attitude assumed by the government for these past several years leads to a disregard of responsibilities on the part of young and old alike. Too many parents are satisfied to let others assume the responsibility of teaching their children, this attitude leading the younger generation, in turn, neither to accept their responsibilities nor to develop self-reliance.

We certainly won't argue with the district attorney's thesis; we think he is right. But if the implication is that a change of administration on the national level will, in itself, go far toward lessening juvenile delinquency or erasing any of the many ills which beset us at the moment, then we must challenge the idea for not going far enough. A change at the top level of our government will no more guarantee good government than chiding an erring child will guarantee good conduct. We must follow up our basic moves with responsible action.

It behooves every parent not only to punish his child if and when he strays off the straight and narrow; rather he should help his child find the path in the first place and keep an eye on him to see that he stays on it. Likewise it behooves every citizen not only to send public officials who do not serve their country well back to the farm, but to help those who, in theory at least, simply expedite the citizen's ideas and desires to do what they are elected to do. The citizen, as well as the parent, must assume responsibilities. He must be vigilant.

## SOC Hears Panel Discuss Religion

In observance of religious emphasis week at Southern Oregon college, Wednesday morning's assembly was a panel discussion concerning the topic, "Is Religion Essential to the Young Today?" Ralph Wood was assembly committee chairman.

Panel members were the Rev. D. Kirkland West of the Methodist Presbyterian church; the Rev. Paul Harms of Grace Lutheran church, Ashland; the Rev. C. L. Lineham of Sacred Heart church, Medford; Dr. Donald A. MacDougall, assistant professor of social studies; Winston Marks, Ashland businessman; and Hal McKellips, SOC undergraduate.

Dr. Arthur Kreisman, associate professor of English served as moderator. Wood emphasized that the program was not a debate between panel members, but was arranged to encourage audience participation. Object of the assembly was elevating the spiri-

## Demo Dinner Saturday Evening

Jackson County Democrats will hold their second annual Roosevelt Memorial dinner next Saturday evening, April 19, at Hotel Medford with David C. Shaw, Gold Beach attorney giving the address of the evening. Shaw was Fourth District Democratic nominee for congress in 1950.

The dinner, beginning at 6:30 will be attended by Democratic state party officials and candidates for both major and county offices, according to Mrs. Edward C. Kelly, county chairman. Spokesmen for both Senator Kefauver and Governor Adlai Stevenson, competing in the Oregon preferential primary, will be heard on the program.

tual life of students, Wood explained. The three visiting clergymen conducted campus conferences later in the day and attended a special luncheon Wednesday noon.

Have it PRINTED—at the News Review.

## Our Town

We see by the papers — and like the late Will Rogers, all we know is what we read in the papers — that television is due to come to our town in the not-too-distant future, since FCC has at long last (or all too soon, according to your point of view) lifted the ban on new TV stations.

Television is, at best, a dubious blessing. Certainly it has been a great boon to unemployed vaudeville actors and at least one presidential candidate, but its effect on the rest of us is not so easily determined.

We suspect that in Our Town, as elsewhere, TV will be greeted by some as the greatest thing since bear-baiting, by others as the greatest menace since the atomic bomb, and by a larger number more or less indifferently. But however we see it, certainly it will have its effect on us.

Despite all the serious debate concerning television — and the debate rages in areas where it has already fastened its tentacles — we might as well face it: TV is here to stay. It's as much a part of our civilization, as indicative of the state of man in these uncertain days, as the welfare state and "progressive" education. Once upon a time, man depended upon his own faculties even in his entertainment. In the more remote areas, our primitive forefathers and their neighbors developed whatever talents they had and entertained themselves; in the centers of culture, for ages past, man has had paid entertainers, but the very form of the entertainment — the stage play, for instance — demanded a certain intellectual and emotional activity on the part of the viewer.

But alas, them days, while not gone, is a-goin' fast. The movies and radio took a great deal of the responsibility once assumed by those being entertained away, but even they demanded some exertion. One at least had to get up and leave the house to see movies, and one had to use his imagination to some extent to enjoy the unseen benefactors on radio. But not so TV. Now we have all the horrors right in our living rooms. The only effort we must expend goes into turning the dial.

As a friend of ours once put it, TV is the perfect medium for a population longing for nirvana. Turn on your set, put your mind in neutral, and relax.

And still on the subject of entertainment, this is a great week in Our Town in that phase of human endeavor. Not only is Vining Repertory, Ashland's own professional, legitimate theatre, riding high again, but this is the time of year when this pleasant community is once again blessed with that unique gift, SOC's Faculty Follies.

Certainly no one can accuse the comedians on the stage at the college of being professionals, but certainly the frustrated hams who pose the rest of the year as intellectuals give their all. The show, if it approaches last year's — and it is supposedly half-dollar admission charge, and then some. Our one regret is that Lee Mulling and the powers that be in Follies planning couldn't work Jack McAulay's "The Thing" into the act again this year.

The faculty begin their folly at Churchill hall this evening and give up Saturday.

And STILL on the subject of entertainment — this time the national pastime — Citizens of Our Town, young and old and of both sexes, helped the baseball season get underway this week via radio broadcasts over KWJN. And despite our distance from any city with a team in organized baseball, with games broadcast daily and rousing pennant fights promised in both leagues, interest in the sport should be high in Ashland all summer.

All of which leads us to indulge in that peculiar pastime so popular with everyone interested in the sport about this time every year — predicting what the state of things will be at the close of the season in October. As far as we're concerned, there's no doubt about it: it will be the Indians and the Phillies in a whole of a World's Series, come autumn. The fact that hundreds who know more than we do are not picking the Phillies doesn't bother us in the least. (A number of respectable prognosticators have picked Cleveland.) We have our National league picked on the belief that (1) the Phils are not as bad as they looked last year and that the 1950 pennant was no fluke, and (2) that they have the

## Capital Parade...

By Murray Wade

### CAMPAIGN PLAYS DEAD

May should bring to the registered voters of Oregon considerable more political excitement than a dance around the Maypole. Last week it was piano.

Oregon workers for the several presidential candidates have been marking time awaiting a release of the expected Eisenhower platform.

The personal appearance of Senator Estes Kefauver in Portland last week was the only out-of-state drawing card Oregon had. He promised Senator Jack Bain he would return May 10 for a short swing of the state.

Governor Adlai Stevenson of Illinois is scheduled to be the principal speaker at the Jackson-Jefferson banquet in Portland May 1.

Governor Earl Warren of California will attend a republican rally at the Senator Hotel on April 24. He will be the house guest of Governor Douglas McKay.

### CONVICTS WIN DIPLOMAS

Approximately 250 state prisoners attended the graduation exercises of 11 of their brother prisoners last week. It was the first similar event at the Oregon penitentiary in the 101 years of its existence.

About 75 of the student body are taking courses furnished by the University of Oregon. The state department of education grades the papers of the inmates taking the courses and university credits are given the men who make the proper grades.

Rex Putnam, superintendent of public instruction, said he has arranged for high school certificates for men who take school work at the prison.

Governor McKay presented the diplomas and commented, "this is something no one can take away from you." He complimented the graduates, the student body and convicts who are members of the faculty.

### STATE NEEDS AUDITORS

State Civil Service Director James M. Clinton sent out a call for revenue auditors for the public utilities commission divisions in Ontario and Roseburg.

The starting salary in these positions is \$336 a month with retirement pay. Other attractive conditions are, a 5-day week, special health, accident and life insurance, 12 days a year vacation, 12 days leave for illness and an average of 11 holidays a year.

The State Psychiatric hospital wants a dietitian and a laboratory technician with salaries of \$284 and \$261 a month.

### ELECTRICITY RATES RAISED

An order raising the rates of the California-Oregon Power Company to users of electricity in Oregon was signed Wednesday by Public Utilities Commissioner Charles Heltzel. The order provides the company additional annual revenues totaling \$234,893.

In some classifications of service the company's rates are reduced, Heltzel said. The average increase amounts to 2 per cent, although some lumber mills have their rates doubled, he added.

### OPINIONS OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

The legal name of a married woman is her Christian name, followed by husband's surname.

The state speed control board has authority to designate a speed or speeds differing from those prescribed by specific Oregon laws.

Although a "public highway" may be established by adverse uses by the public, it does not thereby become a "county road" in the sense that the county is liable for its upkeep and repair.

In payment of veterans compensation to survivor or guardian of survivor of deceased veteran, the warrant should carry notation showing relationship of such survivor to the deceased veteran.

The county court may legally permit a forest road contractor to waive reimbursement for maintenance costs from other logging operators using the contract forest road under Oregon laws 1951.

strongest front-line pitching corps in the league.

We eliminate the two pre-season favorites quickly. Brooklyn can't win without pitching, and Roe can't pitch 'em all. Besides, the Dodgers are almost as ancient as Stanky's Cardinals. As for the Giants, the spark is gone with Stanky, and Durocher and a convenient groundskeeper may end up playing in the outfield.

Willie Mays is pleading for a draft deferment on the grounds that he is the sole support of a large family. He might have more success if he based his "hardship" argument on the grounds that he is the sole support of Leo's Giants.

### SUNDAY CAPITOL TOURS

Tourists and visitors will find Oregon's Capitol open to them again Sundays commencing April 20, Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry said Monday.

The initial Sunday opening will be in conjunction with the first day of Salem's Blossom Week. The Salem Cherrians, headed by King Bing Paul Stege will assist the regular state guards in guiding the outside crowds about the Capitol and to direct them to the many blossom routes.

### Faculty Fun Begins Three-Night Run

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degree of hilarity at the 1975 college commencement.

Hay, Too  
Loan of three bales of hay for the Southern Oregon college faculty follies assures that the production can be staged as originally planned. It was announced by Alta Alvis, property mistress. The Bellview Feed store generously offered the properties, Mrs. Alvis reported.

Final dress rehearsal for this week's three-night stand was held late Wednesday afternoon and Producing Director Leon C. Mulling said several Bear creek drama authorities have been invited to preview the extravaganza.

Arriving along with the baled hay were costumes ordered earlier from Moe's Tuxedo Exchange in Los Angeles. Director Mulling said they will help add a professional touch to offset what otherwise might be a seedy effect.

Special practice sessions have been held for the past four days by a faculty symphony orchestra. Featured number in its concert will be the beautiful "William Can't Tell Overchoir." Mulling said he feels the symphony is such a vital part of the "San Francisco Culture (loosely termed) Tour" theme of the program that he will direct the ensemble himself.

Staff members who have offered their musical talents (very loose) include Alta Alvis, Lois Baccus, Frances Barta, Oscar Bjorlie, Betty Lou Dunlop, Dr. Horatio Seymour Fowler, Don Lewis, Elliott MacCracken, Glenn Matthews and Otto Wilda.

The productions will include 17 scenes of drama, music and corn. An intermission has been scheduled early in the performance for the convenience of patrons who are unable to stand any more, although the aisles will be kept clear at all times, Director Mulling promised.

Col. Charles Stafford, Jackson county civil defense director, and his Aid & Welfare chief, Mrs. Blanche Lyman, met with state and regional officers Tuesday morning to study Aid & Welfare aspects of civil defense.

## Letter from Washington...

By HON. HARRIS ELLSWORTH  
Member of Congress, 4th District

It is doubtful if any great government — or system of government — has ever undergone a greater strain than our own country is now experiencing, and emerged intact. But here there is no violence, no threat of revolution and no indication that the giant is anything more than annoyed. We continue the trek into the future strong, powerful and confident. Why?

How can this be true in the face of our fighting a war that has no goal nor even an end in sight and which is costing \$5 billion a year?

How can our economy carry on with such health and vigor when our communications systems are partly paralyzed by strikes and the great steel industry is on the brink of nationalization — or the alternative, closure by a strike?

When our present government administration itself staggers through its last months scandal ridden and all but leaderless why is there no revolution, physical violence and bloodshed?

With a powerful enemy ready to march against us, with taxes nearing the point of confiscation, with inflation ready to strike and with a public debt so great it surpasses understanding, we carry on without panic and with what amounts to good cheer. How do we do it?

The answers lie in two simple words: FAITH and FREEDOM. We are a Christian people. We believe that truth and right and goodness will prevail. With the individual exceptions which any of us might note, our basic code is the Golden Rule.

We are a free people. There is no sovereign against whom we might revolt. We rule ourselves. Our ballots select our officers and the representatives who conduct the business of governing. With faith in the right, with our free ability to choose the right, and with the determination to exercise our rights as citizens, we have ample reason to look into the future hopefully.

There is sometimes the lighter side here in Washington. Not long ago an Office of Price Administration attorney was arrested in one of the D. C. parks while trying out a slingshot. He told the court he was testing it for the manufacturer who wanted the item decontrolled. I might add that they have already decontrolled crepes suzette and walnut sauce.

Senator Styles Bridges of New Hampshire told the Senate the other day that he had just compiled some figures on taxation. From the day the first President of the United States took office until Harry Truman was sworn in as President on

Oregon has opened two new state parks to the public this year at Hilgard junction near LaGrande and at Red Bridge on Starkey road west of Hilgard junction.

April 12, 1945, the Federal government had collected in taxes from the American people a total of \$244,200,000,000. From the day Mr. Truman became president until now (April 4, 1952), seven years, a total of \$310,463,056,589.59 has been collected. In other words, this one president has collected more taxes in seven years than did ALL of the other presidents in their one hundred and fifty years.

All of the regular appropriations bills, except the Agriculture, Legislative and foreign aid bills, have been completed by the House with some eight billions chopped off the budget thus far.

The House Foreign Affairs Committee is conducting hearings on the 7.9 billion foreign aid bill. The State Department propaganda mills are laying down a barrage of material, in all fields of communication, to the effect that "not one cent should be cut from the request." Yet the witnesses to date have not justified any such sum. The situation is the same as it was one year ago when ECA had a 5 billion carry-over, yet it was requesting 7.5 billion. As of January 31, 1952, there was an unexpended balance of \$9,617,152,042. The question that all members are asking is — with such a large unexpended balance on hand, why appropriate 7.9 billions more? I am sure the request will be reduced, and it should be.

### LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON, FOR JACKSON COUNTY IN PROBATE

In the Matter of the Estate of AGNES BERTHA LEWIS, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I have been appointed by the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Jackson County, as Administrator of the estate of Agnes Bertha Lewis, deceased, and have duly qualified. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present them, with proper vouchers and duly verified, to me at the office of Edward C. Kelly, No. 22 Goldy Building, Medford, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice.

DATED at Medford, Oregon, this 14th day of April, 1952.  
GEORGE LEWIS  
Administrator

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