

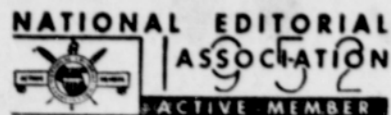
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"Even OPINION is of force enough to make itself to be espoused at the expense of life." —Montaigne

Commendable Effort

The report that the Ashland Chamber of Commerce is to conduct a campaign to raise funds this year and expand its activities is an encouraging one, and one fund drive we certainly hope succeeds. Problems of finance before an organization of this kind, particularly in a small city such as Ashland, are always great, but they can be solved. And they must be solved here. No matter how efficient the personnel, the Chamber cannot function properly without money.

Often the value of a Chamber of Commerce, like the value of so many similar organizations, is lost to the general public. No one knows how many families have moved to Ashland because of information and help given by the organization, how many businesses have been established here because of similar activity, how many tourists have been persuaded to stay over another day. All of these mean money in the pockets of Ashland citizens and progress for the future. But because the Chamber doesn't sell a tangible piece of merchandise, few ever see its real value; few know all of the phases of its activity.

It was also encouraging to note that members of the organization are interested in the tourist and what he could do for the economy of Ashland and this area. Tourist attractions are unlimited here, although they are not known as well as they should be. It would be well to make them known, however. It would pay none of us to ignore the state's third largest industry.

Fresh Air in the Arena

At least two refreshing things other than the ex-general's refreshing personality have been quite evident in Dwight D. Eisenhower's all-out campaign for the presidency so far. One of them is his off-the-cuff speeches and other indications that he intends to conduct his own campaign and indebt himself to as few of the professional politicians as possible; the other is his ready admission that he doesn't know all the answers to specific questions.

Pro-Taft men and the senator from Ohio himself have tried to pooh-pooh Ike's unwritten speeches as a political maneuver, but that seems highly unlikely. What professional politician would dare let his man, particularly if that man were an amateur like Eisenhower in the political arena, speak on his own? Few would take that chance.

There is another indication that this fresh approach of the candidate's is a sincere one. Those who have bothered to read what he has said and compare that with the views of many of his backers will find that, on domestic policy, he is far to the right of most of them. As a matter of fact, Oregon's Senator Wayne Morse was reminded on a radio program last Sunday that on domestic issues, he and Taft were closer together than he and Eisenhower, whom he backs.

The admission from a candidate that he doesn't know all the answers is, on the other hand, more startling than the unwritten speech. It is almost unheard of, but certainly honest. Of course the man doesn't know all the answers; we doubt that he ever will. We have an idea, however, that he won't be long learning them.

Letter from Washington . . .

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

This letter is written earlier in the week than usual for the reason that Mrs. Ellsworth and I have been called out to Los Angeles because of the sudden death of Miss Margaret Gildea. Miss Gildea has been a foster mother to Mrs. Ellsworth since her childhood after her own mother passed away. We are flying out and back, and will be gone but a few days.

The Defense Production Act, the law which carries the authority for material allocation and for price and wage controls, has been under consideration in the Senate. It will be brought up in the House soon. The law will expire at the end of June unless extended. I think it is safe to predict that there will be very few, if any, basic changes made in it although it seems likely the renewal will be for a shorter term than a full year — perhaps until March 31, next year. At that time a new Congress and (presumably) a different President can take another look at the situation.

The Russian communist government and its stooges on both

sides of the world are kicking up a lot of trouble. Whether it may get big or stay little no one knows — at least no one in the free world knows. The agreement by the Western powers on a treaty with the West German Republic was a serious blow to the Kremlin. This, coupled with the growing military defense in Europe, apparently leaves the Russian rulers in a state of frustration — if not fear. They would, if possible, frighten all concerned as much as possible in the hope that one or more of the parliaments would be afraid to ratify the German agreement. Although during this month Americans are quite preoccupied with our own political problems, it must not be overlooked that right now is a time of world tension equal to none since the end of World War II.

Washington, D. C. has been swarming with visitors for the past few weeks. From the standpoint of climate, the months of May and June are about the best of the year here. (Although a few days ago we suffered a brief hail storm with hailstones as big as marbles!) It is a pleasant sight to see the crowds of

visitors in the corridors of THEIR Capitol.

And speaking of Washington being crowded — the Joint Committee on Reduction of Nonessential Federal Expenditures (the Byrd Committee) reports that civilian employment in the Executive branch of the government increased by 10,665 during the month of April. The total number of such civilian employees on April 30, the Committee said, was 2,549,714.

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"JOE BEAVER"

By Ed Nofziger



"He's got the 'Small Sawmill Operator's Manual' from the Forest Service, and boy has he improved his operations"

Festival Footnotes . . .

By DON BERG

New personalities in this year's Shakespeare Festival cast include an ex-burlesque comedian, a former Stratford-upon-Avon Shakespearean Actor, a student from Rio de Janeiro, a night club M.C., a radio continuity writer, and woman's program director, a TV actor, a mechanic, and dozens of other unusual occupations. . . . Public is invited to rehearsals in afternoons and evenings. Cool evening breeze wafting up to Chautauqua Shell lures many residents, who find it a cool, enjoyable, and economical way to spend an evening. . . . No truth to rumor that Festival Exec-Sec, BILL DAWKINS, has turned mercenary. Bill is searching for a musical instrument for HANS LAMPL'S Elizabethan musicians — not the green type "loot" that is also hard to find — usually March 15th and other inconvenient times of the year. . . . Prior to Monday try-outs, Festival founder and producing director, ANGUS BOWMER, with MRS. B. followed annual custom of taking off for parts unknown for 1 whole week. Suntan and the gleaming smiles on Gertrude and Gus could only mean they were hiding out at White Rock, California. . . . Cast members billeted at SOC men's dorm are eating well this year at Wal-Mar restaurant — thanks to Wal-Mar folks and ex-motel man, ROGER RATH.

BEHIND THE SCENES

DIXIE McCULLOCH, lately of ARC hospital social work at Camp Omiya, Japan for 1 year run, now doing an efficient job as "A Number One Girl" assistant to Bill Dawkins. Dixie's parents, GRACE and RALPH McCULLOCH, on hand again this year helping with 1000 and one details that must be completed long before first curtain goes up August 1. . . . As if the opening of rehearsal season weren't enuf, Bill Dawkins is expecting to become a post-Father's Day Father any day now. MRS. D. takes it all very calmly and MICHAEL, the 5 year old son of the Festival's Exec. Sec., has no comment as yet, except that he thinks his brothers will probably arrive at the hour known only to MIKE as "5 o'clock to 2". . . . There'll be a resounding response this year if anyone asks, "Is there a DOCTOR in the house?" Over THIRTY Portland doctors and their wives are expected to attend this year's Festival and have made reservations for all four plays. . . . Su-

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perb lighting is assured again this season with the return of BILL PATTON of Medford. Bill has done extremely well down in Hollywood — viz: lighting of Jack Benny's radio show on CBS and the invention of a new outdoor game called "Padlac." The game can be played anywhere in a limited space and is a combination of tennis, badminton, and squash, and handball. Game is due to be marketed soon, Bill hopes, and he and partner Bob Scothorn are the brains behind PATTON-SCOTHORN ENTERPRISES. . . . Speaking of lights, Bill Patton and his crew are in the process of hooking up new lighting console on the Festival stage. If doubtful about how the Festival profits are spent, check price list of new equipment installed.

HELP WANTED

Box Office Typists, bench assembly crews, backstage workers, musicians, and extra actors and actresses for short roles are needed by the Festival. Report to the box office on Pioneer St. in a.m. if possible.

SONNETS AND PRAISE TO RALPH BURGESS, ROGER RATH, GRAHAM DEAN, DR. B. A. COPE, JOHN HAMACHER and the many others who have worked at regular jobs during the day, then donned overalls and work clothes to build and assemble new festival benches. Lumber for benches, incidentally, was donated by JOHN COTTON and DICK REYNEN — two of Ashland's most generous lumbermen. . . . Youngest member of "YOUNG TRUMVIRATE" is JOHN HAMACHER, known to his intimate acquaintances as "JOHN the GAUNT." Other board members comprising trio are NANCY CLARK JONES and ROBBIE COLLINS. "Gaunt John" and Mrs. Jones were elected to the Festival board last year. Incidentally, Nancy Jones is president of the TUDOR GUILD, which sponsors the annual Shakespearean HEY-DAY.

TIPS TO THE WISE

Some of the Shrewder merchants will feature Shakespearean WINDOW DISPLAYS this year. If enuf are interested, perhaps a contest could be held and prizes awarded. Out of town guests (and over 52 per cent of Festival patrons are from outside Southern Oregon, which in this case, includes Roseburg and Klamath Falls) have all day to shop in Ashland or Medford.

THE YOUNGER SET

They still attend rehearsals and remain transfixed as actors and actresses utter the Bard's immortal words. Each year, these children, unexposed to MACBETH in high school and certainly incapable of understanding the lines being read, find a fascinating appeal to the drama, action on stage, and, later in the season, colorful costumes, paraded before their in-



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Capital Parade . . .

By Murray Wade

New State Jobs Created

At every session of the legislature the ways and means committee has to estimate the amount of money a state institution or department needs for the coming biennium. The old routine has been for the committee to make a second guess after the institution or department head had made his guess.

Harry Dorman, director of the state department of finance, believes he has the answer to that one and he convinced the emergency board this week that his plan is a good one. The board, which has only an advisory capacity, gave the green light to an expenditure of \$46,120 to provide salaries for several budget examiners. Dorman's plan is to have an examiner spend two or three months in various departments to get a day by day picture of just what state support is needed.

These budget examiners will report to the budget department and their observations and data will be available to the ways and means committee and other legislative committees. They will also be available to appear at public hearings.

Not infrequently a department has more funds than are required to finish a biennium and often the department has a head who is resourceful enough to find needs for the money in his department instead of returning it to the state.

Bonus Checks Flowing

Of the 90,000 applications for veterans' bonus checks processed by the state veterans department, checks have been written

recent eyes. Perhaps TV will change all that, though we doubt that even HOPALONG CASSIDY will lure them away for long!

YOUNG FAMILIAR FACES

CLARA DANIELS of Medford one of the few remaining local actresses to survive strong competition from outside the Rogue Valley is back for her 5th season. . . . Other survivor is SUSANNE LA MARRE HANSON, wife of Director PHIL HANSON. Sue is beginning her 6th season and PHIL, whose portrayals of "HOTSPUR" and "MALVOLIO" will long be remembered, is embarking on his 4th year as actor, his 2nd year as a director in the Festival. . . . Costumer DOUG RUSSELL returns for his 5th year as chief of all Festival costuming.



for 37,000 veterans by the state auditing division of the office of the secretary of state and are being mailed at the average rate of 750 a day.

The first 75,000 checks call for a total of \$31,000,000 and will average approximately \$415. A total of \$46,000,000 in bonds has been sold to finance the bonus payments.

No Raise for State Workers

The 4.7 per cent pay raise proposed by the state civil service commission to attract a more efficient class of workers to state jobs was turned down by the emergency board last Friday when Governor Douglas McKay sent the board a letter asking that they request the civil service commission to give the subject further study.

It was generally predicted that this will hold up any raise until the legislature meets next January. Many department heads and institution superintendents have declared the present salaries, particularly in the lower brackets, are not attractive to workers who are efficient and willing.

Fraternities Out at OTI

Secret societies and fraternities have been banned at Oregon Tech Institute and at any junior college that may be established in this state.

A request to establish a policy regulating fraternities and secret societies was made by Winston Purvine, director of OTI, a two year vocational school operated by the state at Klamath Falls.

The decree of abolishment was made by the state board of education, meeting in Salem this week.

Aid for State Highways

Federal cooperation in financing Oregon's highway program has been augmented by allocation of \$8,620,000 by congress and expected to be approved by the president this week. Only alteration in the allocation would be a presidential veto.

This sum is a part of the fed-

MEDFORD SOLDIER PROMOTED

With the 40th Infantry Div. in Korea — George S. Green Jr., whose parents live at 1410 Euclid ave., Medford, was recently promoted to sergeant while he was serving with the 40th Infantry Division in Korea.

Now on the central front south of Kumsong, the 40th entered the fighting last January after 16 months of training in the U.S. and Japan. Originally a California National Guard unit, the division is now filled with men from every state in the Union.

Green entered the Army in November 1950 and is now serving as a member of Company M of the 160th Infantry Regiment.

eral aid act for 1954 and 1955, totaling \$575,000,000.

Pay to Jobless Up

Unemployment compensation to jobless workers during the benefit year ending June 30 will amount to more than \$60,000 a working day.

Payments made during the first 11 months amounted to \$13,376,018, an increase of 32 per cent above the same period of 1950-51. The month of May showed a 62 per cent increase.

Persons claiming unemployment compensation during the 1951-52 benefit year passed the 92,000 mark this week. This is 6,000 more than were receiving jobless benefits at the same date last year.

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