

Stratford-on-Bear Creek

A Glimpse Behind the Scenes of the Shakespeare Festival
By Don Berg

As the second week of rehearsals for Ashland's 30-Day Shakespeare Festival got underway, encouraging comments were heard from the Directors, cast members, business office and Board of Directors. Festival promotion materials have been mailed out to automobile associations, chambers of commerce, travel shows, colleges, and thousands of individuals throughout the 48 states and several foreign countries. Over 25,000 Festival brochures have been mailed out and the remaining 5,000 will be distributed within the next two weeks. Newspapers and radio stations in Oregon and California will publicize the Festival free of charge, and that of course means free publicity for Southern Oregon, the Rogue Valley, and ASHLAND. So far, 16 radio stations have agreed to accept Festival news releases, transcribed promotion spots, and many will use 5, 15, and 30-minute programs featuring cast members and directors. Stations publicizing Ashland's August drama event are located in Portland, Eugene, Salem, Corvallis, Albany, Ontario (that is Idaho coverage), Bend, Lebanon, Roseburg, North Bend, Grants Pass, Klamath Falls, Yreka, Crescent City, Eureka, and Red Bluff.

BOUQUETS AND PRAISE TO: The Ashland Service clubs who are helping with construction of the new Festival Benches. Last Wednesday, 11 LIONS CLUB MEMBERS joined RALPH BURGESS, GRAHAM M. DEAN, and DR. B. A. COPE, hard-working Association board members, to help with the bench-assembly project. Nine cast members representing 8 different states also formed a work party the following morning and busily built

benches. Permanent seating project is one of the largest undertakings at the theatre in several years and will increase seating capacity from 650 to approximately 800. The way reservations are pouring in, much earlier than last year by the way, capacity audiences will again fill the old Chautauqua Shell on Pioneer Street. Back to the service clubs and bench project: ASHLAND KIWANIS CLUB is scheduled to form a work party and work on the benches this evening.

A LONG WAY FROM HOME: IS JOAO BRETENCOURT, who

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came to Ashland from Yale University, but whose home is in RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL. The 27-year-old Brazilian won a Yale scholarship with his 4-act play, "The Coherents," has won prizes for two of his radio short stories, written two 1-act plays produced at Yale, and is presently working on a 3-act play. Senior Bethencourt has spent two years at Yale studying drama with a major in playwriting. Received his B.S. degree in AGRICULTURE at Rio school, the "Escola Nacional de Agronomia." Shakespearean plays are done in Portuguese in Joao's homeland and HAMLET was most successful presentation. You'll be seeing JOAO BETHENCOURT of Yale University and Rio De Janeiro in the roles of CICERO in JULIUS CAESAR, and THE GOVERNOR OF HARFLEUR in Henry The Fifth.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

Whitey Sure "Rang the Bell"

Telephone woke me out of a sound sleep last Friday about eleven-thirty. "This is Whitey Fisher out on River Road," says a voice. "I just wanted to tell you how much I like this week's Clarion."

"Thanks, Whitey," I told him. "But why in blazes call to tell me at this time of night?" "Simple," he says, "your paper boy just delivered it a short while ago. Been waiting for it all evening."

Next day, Buzzy Wilson tells me he delivered Whitey's paper late because he stayed for the school dance and thought it would be OK to drop it off on his way home.

From where I sit, I can't blame Whitey for his joke. He was just reminding me we owe other people the same respect we expect from them. Since I'm always talking about respecting the other fellow's rights—including his right to enjoy a glass of beer if he chooses, it was only fair that Whitey should "wake me up" to his right to get his copy of the Clarion on time. Thanks again, Whitey!

Joe Marsh

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FROM SEASONS PAST: TRUBEE and GEORGE BELL visited rehearsal last Thursday eve. and were in town again on Sunday. BELLS are up from Santa Monica and down from Grants Pass. Trubee played roles in three different seasons and George appeared with the 1950 company. Bells will spend the summer at the WETTERAU residence in GRANTS PASS. VIOLA of last year's cast is now playing DRUMS with musical trio. BARBARA HUGGINS CURTIS now on tour with former festival actor and husband, BRAD CURTIS, and former Kenton bass-man, DOUG SAWTELLE. Both Brad and Barbara appeared in VINING REPERTORY plays during fall and winter season.

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