

ASHLAND WEATHER

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July 2	88	45	
July 3	92	52	
July 4	85	54	
July 5	80	48	
July 6	86	44	
July 7	97	47	
July 8	99	56	
Pre. since Jan. 1			8.66
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Hospital Board Asks \$233,000 Fed. Aid

The board of directors of the Valleyview hospital district submitted a request for \$233,000 in federal financing to the state hospital advisory committee in Portland yesterday, and will submit the request again tomorrow when the state board of health meets.

The money could be granted under the Hill-Burton act if the board of health approves.

The bill allows one-third of the cost of a hospital to be federally financed, and Don Lewis, chairman of the board, said that

the costs of the hospital may fall beneath that figure.

Letters from Director Harry Morris have gone out to hospital architects, asking for ideas on the new construction, but specifications have not yet been drawn up. Last week it was estimated that the hospital would cost between \$560,000 and \$770,000.

Since the cost of the hospital would have to be near \$700,000 before the requested amount could be granted, Chairman Don Lewis said that the amount was asked to give a margin of safety should hospital construction costs rise. The final amount spent must be approved by the voters of the district.

Any funds allowed by the government and not spent by the end of the 1953 fiscal year may be returned to the government without penalty.

The final approval of the request before it is submitted to federal agencies rests with the state board of health, which determines the most critical areas in the state.

Stratford-on-Bear Creek

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

Fourth of July float, boulevard signs, program pictures, and sweltering rehearsal schedules kept festival actors, directors, technicians and box office people occupied during the past week. During few free moments cast members can be found cooling off in local pools and at the BARNUM and BILL PATTON pools in Phoenix and Medford respectively. Opening night (Aug. 1st) just 3 weeks away and much remains to be done. This season's presentation of "JULIUS CAESAR" probably responsible for interest in GOP Convention in Chicago. Between scenes, actors rush to nearest radio to learn how issues are progressing. Some think Taft will win and of course, others think Ike will "Caesar."

LOOK FOR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCES from: BILL OYLER doing repeat performance of PISTOL role in "HENRY V." MIKE ONOFRIO as DON JOHN in "Much Ado." RICHARD RISSO as the mature Prince Hal, HENRY V.

PUNCH and JUDY arrive in Ashland: CHEESE'S, Virginia and Dion, are busy with costumes and fine points of marionette show for TUDOR FAIR.

OSFA NEWSLETTER: 2nd issue due off presses in a week or so. Will be mailed to thousands in U. S. and abroad who appear on Festival's ever-growing mailing list.

MUTE THAT LUTE! Original request by HANS LAMPL for rare, stringed, pear-shaped instrument is bringing results from such random spots as Miami, Florida, Brooklyn, and the latest response from Lebanon, Pa. A Mr. and Mrs. Adams write that they think they have one, but are not sure. Looks like the instrument used in movie "Rob-in Hood" they say. Also rumored that new EDDIE SAUTER - BILL FINNEGAN Dance Orchestra will utilize the Elizabethan instrument in their new arrangements.

DR. MARGERY BAILEY: Expected to arrive in Ashland August 4th with BETTY WATTENBERGER who portrayed Isabella in Measure last season. Dr. Bailey is Academic Advisor to the Festival. Measure Director, JAMES SANDOE, expected to arrive in Bardville for dress rehearsals and remain with Mrs. S. and children for first round of plays.

YOUNGEST SHAKESPEARE FAN: 2-week-old Chris Dawkins, who seems much more calm about it all than proud father, William.

PROGRAM PHOTOGRAPHY: Again being done by BOB ARBUCKLE and JACK MORAN of Medford, who did outstanding work on '51 book.

FAUX PAS: PHIL HANSON directing all four plays this year according to Bay area magazine. As OLIVE STARCHER reported in POTPOURRI, Phil is directing "HENRY V." Phil portrays Cassius in "Julius Caesar," directed by ALLEN FLETCHER, and will appear as Dogberry, the pompous "Jack-in-Office" - Constable of Messina - in "Much Ado About Nothing," directed by ANGUS BOWMER. The Tempest will be directed by RICHARD GRAHAM. We suspect Phil appreciates the help of the other 3.

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COMBINED BAND PLAYS TONIGHT

Two bands — the Ashland city band and the Medford summer band, will play in a joint concert at Butler Memorial Band shell in Lithia park tonight.

The bands will be conducted by Glenn Matthews of Ashland and I. A. Mirick, Medford.

The combined groups will number over 100 musicians, Matthews said. Harvey Woods, Jr., Ashland high school cornetist will be soloist.

College Singers On Radio Tonight

Four numbers by the Southern Oregon college choir will be heard on the weekly radio program to be broadcast by Radio Station KWIN at 8:15 Thursday evening.

The numbers were recorded during the spring concert of the 50-voice a cappella group directed by Ascar C. Bjorlie, assistant professor of music. Ralph Wood, Ashland, will announce.



Mayor Stansbury Asks Re-Election On Nov. Ballot

Mayor Phil H. Stansbury of Ashland has announced that he will seek re-election in November.

Mayor Stansbury served an unexpired term in office, then was elected in 1950.

Meanwhile, two city councilmen announced that they would not seek re-election this year. They are Councilmen Fred Homes and Fred Taylor.

Mr. Homes said that his duties with various organizations and associations made it impossible for him to run again, although he had enjoyed his experience as a councilman here.

Mr. Taylor said that he expected to leave on an extended trip next winter, and that this would prevent him from assuming duties here.

Candidates for city offices must have petitions filed in their behalf before September 4, 60 days before the general election in November.

MEDFORDITE PROMOTED

With the 25th Infantry Div. in Korea — Angel S. Chavez, son of Mr. and Mrs. Angel Chavez, 2 Clark, Medford, Oregon, was recently promoted to corporal while serving with the 25th Infantry Division in eastern Korea.

Four-Lane Ashland-Medford Highway Before Commission

California Man Arrested Here

A 27 year old man, wanted in California for allegedly contributing to the delinquency of a minor, was arrested here last Saturday evening as he came from a movie with a 14-year-old girl.

The man, George Mac Myers, Fairfax, California, admitted that he brought the girl across the state line, police said.

Police had been warned through a bulletin that he was wanted and that he might be armed and dangerous. He was seen entering the movie with the girl, and was arrested when they came out.

The girl was put into the custody of the Jackson county juvenile department, while Myers, an ex-marine, was held for San Rafael, California, authorities.

Bank Deposits Up At Ashland Branch

Quarterly statement of condition figures released by the Ashland branch of the First National Bank of Portland show that on June 30, 1952, deposits at the branch were \$6,620,329 and loans were \$3,640,756. The figures were released by G. H. Wenner, manager of the branch.

Released at the same time were comparable totals for the branch for June 30, 1951. On that date deposits were \$6,074,765 and loans were \$2,907,827.

Further figures show that on June 30, 1952, deposits at the First National Bank of Portland with its 46 statewide banking offices were \$543,840,875, loans were \$284,150,608 and resources were \$596,020,154.

In releasing these figures, F. N. Belgrave, Jr., president of the First National, reported that all three figures represented increases over a year ago. Over June 30, 1951, deposits at First

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Summer Students Go to Crater Lake

Summer session students at Southern Oregon college will take an all-day excursion to Crater lake on Saturday, according to Dr. Eugene Bowman, weekend trip coordinator. The tour of the national park will be conducted by Oscar C. Bjorlie, assistant professor of music.

The group will leave Church Hall on the campus at 8 o'clock Saturday morning, traveling by private automobiles. The sight-seers will arrive at Crater lake in time to hear the 11 o'clock lecture by a park ranger and then will enjoy a picnic luncheon.

The return trip will be made by way of Diamond lake and it is tentatively planned to stage a program of square dancing there. Ashland townspeople will be welcomed to join the excursion, Professor Bjorlie said, and those desiring transportation will be asked to pay a small fee.

Stock Car Races Here on Saturday

Ashland's first hard-top stock car races will be held at the Rodeo grounds Saturday evening, July 12, with time trials beginning at 7:30 p.m. The races will be held every Saturday evening until fall weather forces discontinuance.

The races are sponsored by the Southern Oregon race club. Blair Crosby is president.

Various changes have been made in the track, previously used for horse racing, at the rodeo grounds. A concrete safety wall is being constructed to protect spectators, the track is being shortened to the regulation one-quarter mile, the track will be lighted, and other changes will

be made. Norman Skippers is track manager.

Prices are \$1.50 for adults and \$.50 for children, tax included. Beer, soft drinks, hot dogs, and other refreshments will be sold.

The race club said that extensive parking facilities, with attendants, would be provided.

Local merchants will give prizes to audience and contestants, it is understood.

The races will be judged by George Sennatt, with Verne Smith as track steward, Win Marks as announcer, and Von Kuhlman as pit manager.

The stock car races, not held here before, have been extremely popular in nearby towns, including Yreka, where many local drivers have been competing.

OLD TIMERS

Few Comforts of Home for Settlers

By R. M. DeMILLE

In the evenings their crude fireplace made the enjoyable comforts in their little cabin. They blessed it although their freedom was not quite secure. This new land in which they gained their freedom became taunted by the selfish Indian tribes that dominated this territorial wild country of Oregon.

The pioneer settled on land that was his own choice and repudiated any claims of ownership by the Indians. This did not work out since any dispute might happen with the redman. The Indian didn't realize at the first appearance of the white man. But when the settlers became too bold for the Indians

fair judgment, the fat got in the fire and started burning up the excuses of what the settlers would peddle to the Indian Chiefs. That form of promises failed to prevail on the settlers rights of intruding.

The young buck Indian seemed to adhere to the fashions of the pale face. He tamed much quicker to the ways and means of the settlers. He then crossed and recrossed the white settlers' trail and soon refused to budge. What happened? The emigrants kept on coming like a tidal wave after wave, till there was no rest for the uncivilized Indian.

Soon it became unbearable in his behalf, soon his arrowhead

arsonal exploded and arrows started flying, plundering and massacring the settlers in their hard earned homes, such as they made in their buildup.

The settlers quaint earnings were shattered beyond a doubt. Things began to lash and wail at the door of his beloved cabin; it was restless days and sleepless nights. Some settlements were massacred to the limit, and he began to realize he was not into a land of freedom. His sorrows were but untold, his heart and mind nearly perished for the want of safety of his loved ones. At times he was ridiculed by sickness and starvation. His brawny hands and face were

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A contract for widening the Pacific highway between Medford and the county farm, the first step in the proposed 4-lane highway between Ashland and Medford, is scheduled to be awarded by the state highway commission, meeting in Portland today and tomorrow.

The project calls for widening and resurfacing the present pavement to provide a 48-foot pavement with 4-foot shoulders, and a new 24-foot pavement by-passing Phoenix on the east side.

This by-pass would serve north-bound traffic in that locality.

Another major project to be considered July 11 is a four-lane highway in the Gold Hill section of the county.

A grading and paving project on the Rock Point-Blackwell Hill Section of the Pacific Highway, a major relocation project, will carry the traffic along the southerly side of the Rogue River about 0.25 mile southerly of the existing route through Gold Hill.

Plans call for construction to the highest type of modern design, with complete separation of traffic on all County road crossings. The ultimate development of this section will be 4 lanes of pavement throughout, but at the present the contract calls for a divided 4-lane pavement at the north end of the project for separation of traffic to and from Gold Hill over the present route, and acceleration and deceleration lanes at the site of the County road grade separation structure (to be let at a later date) near the south end of the project.

Frontage roads are to be provided for local service with access at controlled points and other features built into the construction to provide a fast, safe through highway with provisions for local service. The existing structure at the north end of the project now carrying traffic through Gold Hill at the present route is to be widened at a later date under separate contract.

The minimum width of pavement is to be 24 feet, with 10-foot rock shoulders along the outside edges of pavement and a minimum 2-foot rock shoulder along the inside edges of pavement on the divided 4-lane sections. This project is scheduled for completion by September 30, 1953.

Mrs. Pratt is survived by 3 daughters and two sons, Mrs. Oscar Silver of Ashland, Kathryn Ruth Pratt Reekman of Harbor, Ore., Mrs. Claude Holland of Weaverville, Calif., Emerson Trefren Pratt of Tacoma, Wash., and Louis Carroll Pratt of Klamath Falls. One son, John Raymond Pratt, lost his life on Oct. 16, 1942, in a bomber crash in World War II.

One sister, Mrs. Herbert Specht of Ashland, and one brother, L. J. Trefren of Bradenton Fla., also survive, as do five grandsons, six granddaughters, one great grandson and one great granddaughter. Mr. Trefren had planned to visit Ashland on his vacation and left Bradenton yesterday, but will not arrive in time for the services.

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