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Assistance Going To Families Hit By Tragic Fire

Residents of Ashland and the vicinity have started a drive to assist the families whose children died in a tragic fire last Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Don McBride, whose house was razed, lost all their belongings in the fire, and two friends, Jim Warren and Charles Wilson, began the effort to raise funds and essentials.

Yesterday they reported that several hundred dollars had been contributed, and that clothing, foodstuffs, and other essentials were being supplied by Ashland merchants, the Butler Memorial fund, and charitable Ashland citizens.

Three children died in the fire at the McBride home. They were Mrs. McBride's 11-year-old stepson, Donald Vernon Marston; Sidney Marcus Decker, 9, and Sharon Lee Decker, 10. The Decker children were the son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Decker.

The children were sleeping upstairs and evidently suffocated. Mr. McBride attempted to reach them after the fire was discovered, but was driven back by the flames, which almost trapped him and his wife, who were sleeping on the first floor.

Original Number At Band Concert

A number by a local musician will be featured in the band concert this evening in Lithia park.

The number was written for the band by Fred Divisek, who will also be drum soloist for several numbers.

The concert, under the direction of Glenn Matthews, will include several popular request numbers.

Lincoln Pupils Hear Old Timers

Pupils in Miss Bertha Stephens' class at Lincoln Laboratory school continue to study Ashland of 100 years ago with first hand accounts of early days from old time city residents.

Clarence Lane, lifetime resident of the city, spoke to the group last week, illustrating his discussion of pioneer days with pictures and exhibits. J. B. Cook also described pioneer day tools and loaned them to the class for an exhibit.

Oscar C. Bjorlie, assistant professor of music at Southern Oregon college, demonstrated use of the auto-harp, and the zither and accompanied the pupils in songs of pioneer times.

National Broadcast Originates From Festival Stage August 16

Ashland establishes another claim to being the country's most widely-publicized small city this August, when the National Broadcasting company will originate a coast-to-coast program from the stage of the Oregon Shakespearean festival theatre.

The "live" broadcast will be 30 minutes long. The program will be aired on August 16, at 3:30 p.m., Pacific Standard Time.



SUZANNE La MARRE HANSON as Alice and VIRGINIA CHESSE as Katharine, the French princess, the Shakespearean festival's production of "King Henry V." Mrs. Hanson, a veteran of a number of years of festival work, is seen in the type of role which she does best. Mrs. Chesse, a newcomer from San Francisco State college, is charming both as Katharine and, as Miranda in "The Tempest."

Story in San Francisco Paper Brings Quick Tourist Response

The idea of combining fishing and Shakespeare evidently appeals to people in the bay area of California.

Last Sunday, the San Francisco Chronicle ran a story by Bill Dawkins, Shakespearean festival publicist, suggesting a "combination" vacation in the valley in August.

By early Wednesday morning, the festival office had received more than a score of letters from San Francisco and environs, asking that the Shakespeare office make reservations not only for performances, but at lodges and lake resorts as well.

"Just call us the Chamber of Commerce auxiliary," the office staff said.

The story, run in the travel section as the "lead" story under a large head, follows:

Won't Somebody Please Announce For City Council?

It seems that almost nobody wants to be a city father in Ashland. Councilman Fred Taylor, Councilman Fred Homes, and Councilman W. W. Weller have announced that they will not run again, but no one has yet filed for the posts.

August 25 is the deadline for petitions in behalf of candidates—which must carry 25 signatures. They must be filed in the City Recorder's office by August 25, 70 days before the general election.

Thus far, only Mayor Phil Stansbury and Recorder John Austin have announced definitely that they will run. City treasurer Gertrude Easterling has announced "probable" plans to file for office.

City officials were mystified at the lack of appeal of the council posts, since they carry the magnificent annual salary of \$75.

Roughly figured, this is at a rate of approximately four and three-quarter cents an hour.

BAXTER IN KOREA

Pvt. William C. Baxter of 39 Myers Court, Medford, now is serving with the 2d Infantry Division in Korea.

The division was one of the first to fight in Korea and gained fame last fall by its conquest of "Heartbreak" and "Bloody" ridges.

Baxter, who was formerly stationed at Camp Roberts, Calif., now is serving as a rifleman with the 2d.

"England Comes To Oregon"

Bay Area vacationists planning to drive north in August might well plan to stop off for a night or two in Ashland, the Oregon town with a Shakespearean festival that is unique in the West.

Ashland, 20 miles above the California border on Highway 99, puts everything it has every year into presenting some really outstanding Shakespearean drama in its open air theater. In the past, Chronicle drama writers and others from West Coast papers have gone up to cover the productions.

Young actors from professional theaters and college drama departments from almost a score of States make up the casts.

This year beginning August 1 and continuing for the rest of the month, four Shakespearean plays will go on in rotation, with a different play each night.

For the first time, the festival features an extensive program of Elizabethan music, with concert orchestra, chorus and madrigal singers. Plays offered are "The Tempest," "King Henry V," "Much Ado About Nothing" and "Julius Caesar." The city also has a score of public tennis courts, three large swimming pools, and a public golf course.

Reservations for festival performances should be made early for week ends; during the week, good seats are usually available at curtain time. The by lakes or at dude ranches and lodges on the Rogue river. Ashland's 100-acre Lithia Park offers a pleasant place to relax. Many of the 15,000 expected visitors will stay at mountain fishing lodges on near-by.

Facilities for visitors to the festival are excellent. Ashland has two large hotels and numerous small ones. The festival also makes reservations for living accommodations and furnishes tourist information without charge. Write "Shakespeare," Ashland, Oregon.

CALLAGHAN RETURNS

The aircraft carrier USS Tarawa has returned to the United States after a 6-month tour of duty in the Mediterranean.

Serving aboard her is Jerry E. Callaghan, chief interior communications electrician, USN, of Ashland.

While in the Mediterranean the carrier participated in joint training operations with other naval units of NATO.

But it was not all work and no play for crew members of the Sixth Fleet's Tarawa, they visited such ports as Gibraltar, Athens, Istanbul, Palermo, Naples and Cannes. And overnight tours were held in Paris, Rome and Switzerland.

OLD TIMERS

Before the Pioneers Came

We have always heard and thought with imagination often getting away with our ideas, how the first pioneers cut their way through the great mountain passes which took months and years for the ax and saw to accomplish. The bitterness of hard work, which gave way to that long trail among the lonesome timber, rock and dirt, nature in the buildup rocked the earth and sea. This formed the mighty passes through the upheaval of time, these mountain ranges. It seemed that nature gave a way for human beings to travel and explore at will, a land of opportunities for the traveler to exist in.

On this great western soil, the Indian held within its bounds, the first stage of development in its primitive way. The stone age had cut of, as history has a faint idea of, what the human race accomplished prior to his way of living. We have in our midst, here in Oregon, prehistoric mammals of that historical age found within the boundary lines of Ashland city limits, which were mined down many thousands of years back in that prehistoric stone age.

I will give an estimate of a few of the historical animals that roamed this Oregon country in those days of the stone age. It was the Saber Tooth Tiger nearly twice or three times the size of an ordinary tiger. All these animals of the stone age were mammoth in size, to the ordinary animal at this present time. Next was the three-toed horse of ordinary size, same as the horse of today, but nearly twice in length and using three toes on each foot, tail similar to that of a domestic beef, head resembled that of a horse, with short and round, stubby ears.

The ancient camel was very large, using a two-toe foot, an extra long slim neck but carried no hump on his back. Back run nearly level similar to that of our present deer.

Next was the Dinosaur Lizard which measured thirty foot in length with a growth like a shield or a high collar back of two protruding horns about two feet high just back of the eyes.

On its nose it carried a short stubby horn similar to that of a rhino horn. Its mouth featured that of a turtle, short legs, carrying the body about two foot from the ground, tail something like that of a common rat. Skin smooth with tiny nubs or bumps all over the back.

The Mastodon was one of the largest of the prehistoric race, carrying a pair of ivory tusks, of great size turning upward in a curve position. A great growth of hair covered their body hanging several inches below the body. That of course is not credited to the elephant at this modern age.

Now comes the last, is the Oregon prehistoric Rhinoceros, peculiar to any other rhinoceros in size, he was on an average a longer beast than the Rhino of today. His body also carried a great growth of long hair like that of the musk ox.

The ancient living in their creation or evolution, or how they started to multiply in great numbers is a mystery. The reptiles on the earth and the fishes in the sea came first. Then the land animals and the birds. Finally the human structure of man came. Those prehistoric massive animals grew to a great size, roaming over this state of Oregon which was a tropical country at that time. After that race of people had disappeared

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Hard Top Races Judged Success

A number of thrilling smash-ups brought the estimated crowd of 2500 to their feet many times at the opening hard top races at the Ashland Rodeo Grounds on Saturday night.

No one was hurt, but of the twenty-two Rogue Valley cars entered, two were practically demolished, four were badly battered and many others suffered concussion ranging from mundane blow-outs to spectacular radiator blow-offs that rivaled Old Faithful Geyser, itself.

In spite of some greenness in the official stand and among the drivers, the races went off remarkably smooth, and much surprising skill was displayed on the track. Several hot "rhubarbs" over interpretation of the rules added color and emotion to the event and were eventually settled to the satisfaction of drivers and crowd.

Elmer Seismore of Ashland collected the largest portion of the fat purse by winning two firsts and a second place. But Don Trombley in his hot little Mercury provided the greatest excitement. First Trombley won the fourth heat, then bashed his way between the two leaders to steal the trophy dash. When presented with the handsome Jim Busch trophy, Trombley once again proved he could take advantage of an opportunity when he planted a long-fingered kiss on the lips of the trophy presenter, comely Jane Hudson.

But Trombley's climax was yet ahead of him. In the 20-lap final event, he tried to cut inside of Kenny Taylor, driving a Ford, on the second lap. As both cars cut into the west turn Taylor's car skidded out of control for a second, Trombley skidded after him, hit the Ford, climbed over it, stood on its nose momentarily and flopped over wheels up. Miraculously, both drivers escaped more than bruises.

It was thought at first that the main event was won by Dick Mills of Grants Pass, because

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Meteor Thought Seen Over Area

Guests at an outdoor birthday party in Medford last evening reported that a blazing light was seen streaking across the sky. The report was another in a series from the northwestern cities during the past few days.

Later, a pilot flying into Medford reported that he had seen a large meteor while flying somewhere in the vicinity of Red Bluff, California, and it was believed that this was the object the party-goers saw.

Fire, Burglar Alarms Installed In Theatre

The Shakespearean festival theatre is being wired for protection against fire and burglary this week.

A system being installed by Miller Alarm Systems of Whittier, California, combines protection both against fires starting on or beneath the festival stage and against unauthorized persons entering festival buildings after they have been locked.

Two alarms will be run from festival property, one going to the fire station and another being mounted outside festival grounds.

School District Five Announces Appointments, Installs Officers

G. Edwin Dunn was installed as chairman of the School District 5 Board when the directors met Monday evening. Ben T. Lombard is the new vice-chairman and Irene E. Roach will continue as clerk for the district.

Arrangements were made for the annual audit of the district books and the routine was set up for the business operation of the schools for 1952-53.

School is to open September 10 with the teacher reporting Tuesday, September 2. There will be two weeks Christmas vacation and a week in the spring. School will be out Friday June 5. The Jackson-Josephine County Teachers' Institute is to be in Medford October 13-14.

The staff is practically complete, according to Leland P. Linn, superintendent of schools. With the increased enrollment there will be two more teachers at Bellview and two more at the Walker school. Temporary classrooms will be arranged in the Rowley house adjacent to the Bellview school. In the building program there will be two new classrooms and a multipurpose room at Bellview. It is planned to transport the Siskiyou bus students to Bellview and the overcrowded conditions at Lincoln will thus be alleviated.

Rossi New Coach

As previously announced E. John Rossi is the new basketball coach at the Senior High. He will also handle the gym classes and assist with other athletics. Elected last night for the girls' physical education position was Nadine George of Snohomish, Wn. Miss George is a graduate of Washington State College in 1948 and has taken special work at San Jose and at Stanford. She has studied physical therapy and has done work in that field in California. Book-keeping and part of the typing classes will be under the supervision of Laura M. Hershey who was teaching at Blaine, Washington before she took an office position in San Francisco.

Miss Hershey was invited to Ashland for a personal interview last Saturday and is expected to fill this vacancy. She received her degree at Northern State Teacher's College and also attended the Gregg College and the University of Washington.

Rosalind Foster who was graduated from Reed College in June is to have charge of girls' physical education at the Junior High. Miss Foster did her practice teaching at the Holladay Elementary School in Portland. On the campus at Reed she was a leader in student affairs. During the summers she has been acting as counselor at Lo Echo, the Girl Scout camp.

First grade next year at Bellview will be taught by Gunvor C. Clute. Mrs. Clute will take

College Is Host To State Board On August 2-5

Plans are being completed now for reception of the Oregon State Board of Higher Education here August 2-5, according to Dr. Elmo N. Stevenson, college president. The board will hold its postponed July meeting at Southern Oregon college and be present for the opening series of plays presented by the Oregon Shakespearean Festival association.

Board members and their wives are expected to arrive here on Saturday, August 2 and the next afternoon will be the guests at the annual Shakespearean tea sponsored by the Ashland branch, American Association of University Women. The board committees will meet in separate sessions on Monday and that afternoon has been reserved for recreational events.

The visitors will be feted by the college staff Monday evening with a picnic and will attend the festival production that night. The formal board session will be held on Tuesday, August 5 at Susanne Homes hall.

This is the third year that the board has met at Ashland, the last time having been in 1949.

A LOOK ABOUT US

By WIN KINNEY

I crashed the gate at the driver and officials meeting Monday night, when they got together to hash over the Saturday night races out at the Ashland Rodeo Grounds. Like all post-mortems after an opening, everybody had twenty questions, thirty answers and fifty suggestions.

These daredevil drivers are a special breed, and when you get some thirty of them under one roof at a time, the rafters start shivering and the walls bulge noticeably. Blair Crosby, president of the Southern Oregon Race Club, and track officials Bob Mullins, Geo. Sennatt, Bob O'Hara and von Kuhlman exposed themselves to the "slings and arrows" of criticism of the crowd. Things got pretty wild for a time — almost like the Texas delegation dispute last week — but once again, democracy won out on the many disputed issues, and the majority had their ways.

After the rough usage these intrepid drivers suffered at each other's hands on the track, I fully expected open warfare and bloodshed. There were some exciting moments but no violence. All agreed that it was a wonderful crowd, a good race and an interesting evening.

An offhand census of the ticket sellers and takers revealed that citizens filling the stands had swarmed in from Ashland, Medford, Grants Pass and all points surrounding. The management had sadly underestimated the attendance, and the two ticket offices were swamped. Two more ticket windows are planned for next Saturday, I am told, and the concessions which were surrounded twenty deep, will have tripled personnel in attendance, plus vendors in the stands.

Track manager, Norm Skippers, says they'll be ready for the mob next week, and from what I saw of the show he put on last Saturday, he'd better be. It was a really big evening.