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Billy Flies Low Takes Big Money At Hard Top Races

BY WIN MARKS

Billy Rosenbaum, professional crop-duster from Medford "flew low" around the Ashland Rodeo Grounds track Saturday night, in his little white Ford, dusting off top money for the evening of hard top racing.

As if to prove it was not just idle curiosity that brought them to the first night two weeks ago, Rogue Valley people thronged to the second evening of racing sponsored by the Southern Oregon Race Club. Police estimated 825 automobiles were parked, and ticket sales, it is reported, increased by several hundred dollars over the first near-capacity crowd.

By providing an even larger purse, the enthusiastic crowd brought out the best from every driver. Stepped up competition for the big money was apparent from the time trials on, when Rosenbaum in A-1 burned out the fastest track time to date: a sizzling 26.5 seconds.

The most spectacular thrills began when last week's main event winner, Joe Ellison, misjudged on the west turn, spun out and smashed through the barrier backwards. His Ford, sponsored by Carl Hegler, sheared off a twelve-inch post and left the track for good.

Then Jim Funk, Medford, lost control on the stretch right in front of the stands, sideswiped two poles supporting the loudspeakers and almost toppled one pole into the judges stand. Flagman John von Kuhlmann, dancing between the two poles to save his life, is reported to be doing road work this week to improve his chances for survival in next Saturday's races.

In the Semi-main, Monte Hall spun out on the west turn, tried to drive back out on the track

Red Cross Holds Annual Meeting

The Jackson county chapter of the American Red Cross will hold its annual luncheon Saturday, July 26, 12:30 p.m., at the Rogue Valley Country club.

During the business meeting, new board members will be elected and officers nominated for the coming year. There will also be a report by former chapter chairman, Seth Bullis, who is district member of the national resolutions committee.

Mr. Bullis returned recently from Cleveland, Ohio, where he attended the national convention of the American Red Cross.

Principal speaker for the meeting will be Richard Van Metre, regional director of the American Red Cross for the Pacific area. During World War II, Mr. Van Metre served overseas as field director in both theaters of operation.

All interested persons are invited to attend.

ATHANAS SPEAKS

Guest speaker at the Monday afternoon tea held at Southern Oregon college was Ashland author Verne Athanas, who discussed short story writing. Mr. Athanas was introduced by Dr. Arthur Kreisman, associate professor of English.

and was brutally bashed by Dick Imhausen of Medford.

The tremendous support for the Ashland track has attracted a number of new entries for the races scheduled for July 26, 1952. To date, 34 cars are scheduled to go Saturday night, and reports of others from Medford, Grants Pass, Yreka, Central Point and Jacksonville indicate that the Southern Oregon Race Club is snow-balling into the largest and hottest racing spot in the whole area.

Dick Mills, from Grants Pass,

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Festival Dress Rehearsals On; Season Accents Comedy

Dress rehearsals for the Oregon Shakespearean festival plays began Wednesday evening and will run through next Thursday evening, skipping only Sunday evening.

The rehearsal schedule follows the schedule of the plays for the season, with "The Tempest" going last night, "Henry V" tonight, "Much Ado About Nothing" Friday, and "Julius Caesar" Saturday.

The rotation begins again Monday night.

Dress rehearsals will be open only to members of the Association and to visitors from outside southern Oregon, festival officials said. This is a custom established here several years ago.

Accent on Comedy In 1952 Festival

Emphasis will be on comedy at the Shakespearean festival this season.

One of the plays, "Much Ado About Nothing," combining some of the best wit and most hilarious low comedy in Shakespeare, is a laugh riot from the first scene until the final curtain. "The Tempest," a fantasy, is also strong on comedy and is played for that and its pageantry, and "Henry V," despite Sir John Falstaff's demise, is perhaps the funniest of all the chronicle plays.

The play is known for its story of Shakespeare's "perfect king," but Ancient Pistol, Corporal Nym, Bardolph, Fluellen, and other comical characters dominate in many sections of the play.

Even the tight, classic tragedy, "Julius Caesar," has its moments of comic relief, particularly in the scene with the cobbler and the plebeians at the beginning of the play.

At last reckoning, "Caesar" was leading the other three plays in advance reservations, but a better indication will come after dress rehearsals start. Following festival custom, dress rehearsals, which began July 23 and run each night except Sunday for 8 days, will be open to membership card holders.

The rehearsals will follow the order of rotation of the regular season, beginning with "The Tempest," followed by "Henry V," "Much Ado About Nothing," and "Julius Caesar."

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Time For Festival Plays, Music Set

Festival plays will begin at 8:30 p.m., Pacific STANDARD time, this season.

Pre-show music programs will begin about 8:10 p.m.

Patrons are advised to come early. There will be pre-show activity other than music every evening beginning about 8 p.m.

RESERVED SEATS ARE CANCELLED AFTER CURTAIN TIME at 8:30 p.m., and late comers must be seated in the rear.

LINCOLN SCHOOL PUPILS VISIT JACKSONVILLE

Students in the Lincoln Laboratory school class of Miss Bertha Stephens continued their study of the Ashland centennial last week by visiting the Jacksonville museum. Miss Myrtle Lee, curator, conducted a tour of the exhibits, pointing out material of particular interest to Ashland history.

Student teachers who assisted Miss Stephens with the trip were Ursula Thalhofer, Gay Foley, Mary Halloway and Irene Ivory.

Membership Rate Closes On July 31

Membership sales for the 1952 season and the special membership rate for reserved seats — end at midnight July 31. Orders postmarked up until that time will be accepted.

Reserved seats purchased at a saving of \$5.50 on each seat, and this year members get a special "dividend" — two free reserved seats to the special Elizabethan music concert on August 29.

Festival memberships sell for \$10. Each carries 8 transferable admissions, which may be used on any date and in any combination. The 8 admissions are to the plays; music tickets are additional.

At the membership rate, reserved seats sell for \$1.25 each, including tax; the same seats are \$1.80, tax included, at the regular rate.

Membership rates apply only on full memberships. That is, \$15 WILL NOT allow 12 tickets at membership rate. The membership was set up to accommodate couples wishing to see all four plays. Hence they carry 8 admissions and cannot be split.

Best Available Seats Are Listed

The best seats available for festival plays are on the following dates:

"The Tempest": August 3 and 13.
"Henry V": August 2 and 10.
"Much Ado About Nothing": August 3 and 11.
"Julius Caesar": August 4 and 12.

Excellent seats are also available for opening night, August 1.

General pattern of advance reservations has Friday and Saturday evenings heavy, and reservations for the latter part of the season outnumbering those earlier.

Good seats are still available for every night in the 30-day run, however.

Highway Contracts Total Over Million

Over a million dollars worth of highway improvement for Jackson county was approved at a meeting of the State Highway Commission last week.

The section of Highway 99 between Medford and the county farm will cost \$515,869.00. This is a federal aid project.

The section of the same highway under improvement near Gold Hill will cost \$704,706.00 for grading and paving.

Five Candidates File For Ashland Council Posts

Business is picking up at the City hall. Five Ashland residents have filed for city council posts in the past week.

New entries until Wednesday afternoon were Milton Newton, president of Frigider Grocery company; R. L. Linder, shop foreman for the Ashland Tidings; Kenneth H. Jones, young Ashland insurance man; Steve Laninovich, and Mrs. Kenneth Perrine.

Mrs. Perrine is the first woman to file for a city council post here since 1922. She is proprietor of Perrine Industrial Electricians.

The new candidates will vie for posts left vacant by Fred Taylor, Fred Homes, and Dr. W. W. Weller, all of whom have announced that they will not be candidates for office this year.

LT. DeARMOND IN KOREA

First Lt. Richard L. DeArmmond, whose wife, Jacqueline, and parents live at 1103 Queen Anne, Medford, Oregon, recently was assigned as ammunition train commander of Service Battery, 37th Field Artillery Battalion of the 2d Infantry Division.

Before his present duty he was reconnaissance and survey officer for the battalion's Battery C. He joined the division last January.

A graduate of Oregon State College, Lieutenant DeArmmond in civilian life was employed by the Pacific Lumber Distributors of Riddle, Oregon.

A LOOK ABOUT US

By WIN KINNEY

Have you noticed the sharp increase in out-of-state license plates parked around town? Few local residents realize the dollar and cents value to Ashland of the Shakespearean Festival. Main Street Merchants do, of course. Witness the current blossoming out of window valances and signs — which, incidentally, seem much improved this year over the rather gaudy displays of past years.

Each day the male population here takes on a hairier and hairier look. This summer, added to the regular Festival Actor long-haired look, is the successful effort of the Jaycees' Whiskerino promotion commemorating our pioneer forebears of 100 years ago. It is mildly conjectured whether this week's barbershop price increase wasn't a retaliation against the trend. In other words, when volume business drops off, the price must go up.

Might I suggest to the local barbers that they supplement their services and counteract this seasonal slump by specializing in beard styling and trimming? A few of us might even go for a "dye-job," too. These Salt-and-Pepper van Dyke's look pretty scrappy until they get long enough to point.

As if to balance the "beards and bards," and to bring us back to present time, the hard-top racing phenomenon which features smooth faces and short haircuts, continues to dominate the Saturday night activities of the Rogue Valley. Again this week, the Rodeo Ground ticket-sellers report that the largest portion of the wonderful crowd they served came from Ashland. Roland Parks, in a speech to the Chamber of Commerce, highly commended the local Southern Oregon Race Club, for not only providing outstanding entertainment, but for giving the young men of the community a place around which to center and develop their interest in automobiles. He said that since the opening of the track where the boys have had a chance to blow off their steam, the incidence of "squirreling" and rubber "burning" has reduced sharply around Ashland.

If you haven't yet seen these amazing races, you can't go wrong for a Saturday evening's entertainment. Never have I seen Ashland people so quickly enthused over anything. Once you see a hard-top race you'll know why.

OLD TIMERS

Great Cholera Epidemic Strikes Settlers

By R. M. DeMILLE

Along about 1852 a terrible Cholera epidemic caught up with a great wagon train headed for Oregon. This was at that time one of the most disastrous epidemics that ever happened to any caravan enroute to Oregon. It was beyond the power of what any tongue could tell in the American language. But never before nor since were such scenes as those in the thickest of the ravages of cholera. It seemed that people lost control of themselves and of others.

Whole trains could be seen contending for mastery of the road by day, and the power of endurance tested to the utmost, both men and beast at night. The scourge came from the south. These horrible things happened before crossing the Platte river.

One family was completely wiped out by that dreadful disease. They had no facilities whatsoever to bury their dead, only to wrap the dead ones in blankets of some description, dig a grave and shovel the dirt over them and put up a marker, and then push on.

The family I had reference to of seven, were all buried in one shallow grave. The deaths of people ravaged by the cholera was more than forty people in one day.

The impression of these graves were not long to be seen. The great herds of thousands of buffalo trampled the little mounds beyond recognition to that of the oncoming caravans. Dust and sand picked up by the high winds covered the pitiful story of these unfortunate men, women and children that paved the way to reach this golden State of Oregon. No wonder it was a breath-taking stage of close to suicide to make such a journey. An actual count of one day's burial, starting at an early hour in the morning until after twelve o'clock, three victims of the deadly disease were buried before sunrise, starting the day off at the rate of more than one an hour. When the twelve-hour day was at its period of twelve o'clock that night, the total check-up num-

bered 52 persons that had died during that twelve hours.

With unusual opportunities for gathering such information upon this subject through personal acquaintance with early pioneers through the Pacific northwest, all of whom came to that region prior to 1860, it is his judgment that from 25,000 to 30,000 men, women and children were buried in nameless graves between the Missouri river and the Columbia river, as a part of the price paid by the early settlers of Oregon. It is widely believed that all sorts of incidents of human life will break the monotony on the march. Suddenly a wagon is seen to pull out of the train and off to the wayside. The only doctor in the train was Dr. Whitman. He goes with it. Many are the requies of the unusual event; and grave fears expressed of the danger of leaving a lone wagon behind the bluffs out of sight in an Indian country. But the lumbering caravan moved slowly along and faded away out of sight in the midst of the hovering dust from the wagon train.

Unrest and uneasiness from the train caused an early camp for the night in a small creek bottom. After the wagons were all in their defensive circle, the camp fires were built and they were all busy preparing their evening meal while the shadows from the setting sun crept slowly across the desert floor, when behold the lone wagon rolls into camp. The Doctor with a pleasant grin on his face, was asked by someone of the party, "Doctor, we were awfully worried," explained one of the elderly women. Doc let out a good old hearty laugh and said, "You just make a good guess." "All right, Doc, I'll guess, come on now Nancy, hurry-up, guess." Her eyes filled with tears; she kinda stammered and then with a sobbing voice said, "someone died, I'm afraid." "No, No," Doc repeated with a coarse tone to his voice, "It was a dandy new baby boy," and then Nancy's face brightened and then she said "God bless him; and mother, Nancy was not quite satisfied but wanted to

know more. "Say Doc we were all plum nearly scared to death, when we heard that we had lost another wagon." The Doctor gave Nancy a helping smile. — Nancy hesitated for a moment and said to him "Doctor, you surely know your onions."

Those were great days and sad days to the old pioneers. But that silver lining that was shadowed in their hearts came out one day to banish the sorrows and hopeless times when they stood at the threshold of death. No sorrows were more bitter than theirs, the fluctuation of time seemed to stand still and the strife of cold winters coming on. The wild meat was their heat. It furnished many things to the future Build-up to Oregon and its settlers. Jesse Applegate could give a striking account of the emigrant trains coming over the trail headed for Oregon. There were three brothers — Chas. Applegate, Jesse Applegate and Lindsey Applegate, all coming over the old trail with their father, landing at Oregon City with a caravan of over 100 wagons, using mostly oxen on all the wagons. Curious as it might have seemed to the Indian tribes watching those wagons in their snake-like formation of white tops girdling their way among the sage and greasewood far beyond in their sight of vision and the sound of the dead wagon wheels alaminating on their sliding axels against the drop pins, and the skimmers yells were abiding to their string of bulls. The old bull skimmers mostly all had a cussword for every bull in his string. When the old boy let loose with some of that tobacco juice, he could shower a bull ten feet away. They claimed it was good to exterminate the flies and sure death to a rattlesnake. Some of the old boys were kinda mussy around the jawbone; I guess it was from the juice they were carrying. Their long time sweat would fumigate a pest house. As for a bath, that was limited to the first cloudburst that came along.



RICHARD RIZZO, young drama student from San Jose State, plays two top roles in his first year at the Shakespearean festival. Above he is shown in the title role of "King Henry V." The play is having its first dress rehearsal at the festival theatre tonight.