

Festival Footnotes

Glimpses of Oregon's Shakespearean Festival

The recent heat wave has caused many of the cast members to shed most of their clothing for rehearsals, and brightly colored shirts and shorts have been the predominant costume for afternoon rehearsals. Director Phil Hanson, who will appear as Dogberry in "Much Ado About Nothing," wore a pair of gaudy red and white shorts the other day, and Mike Onofrio, portraying Gonzalo in "The Tempest," wore a gay marigold behind one ear as an accessory to his tan shorts.

The thundershower which pelted Ashland late Friday afternoon was welcomed with cries of joy by actors in "The Tempest" who had been rehearsing since two that afternoon. Several of them, remembering the movie "Singing in the Rain," shown recently at the Varsity theater in Ashland, did an impromptu take-off on Gene Kelly's dance to the title tune on the forestage, which was exposed to the rain. Pat Hines did an imitation of Al Jolson singing "April Showers," and Marge Lovberg and Paul Reinhardt danced a can-can while the rest of the cast sang.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond B. Curtis (nee Barbara Huggins), who will be remembered for their outstanding performances in last year's festival and both seasons of the Vining Repertory, visited the theater last week on their way to Klamath Falls to play a nightclub engagement. They returned to Ashland later in the week, telling festival friends that they would leave soon for Texas. Barbara is a graduate of the University of Texas, and will work toward her masters degree next winter. Brad will also attend classes at the university. Both hope to return to the festival next summer.

One of the most active members of the festival company is Bill Ball, of New Rochelle, N.Y., who in addition to acting in all four shows and directing several dancing groups for the festival, is planning the program for the annual Bard's Heyday, to be held July 20 this year at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Berthold Barnum. The Madrigal singers, a group that includes several of the actors, will perform, and the country dancers who will dance on the green before play performances are to demonstrate a pavanne, a galliard and a volta.

Hans Lampl, music director, will direct the singers and will also speak on Elizabethan music. Allen Fletcher will speak informally on the four plays to be given this season.

As all of the cast consult the backstage bulletin board every day for notices of parties, special rehearsals and picture-taking schedules, they have also started to watch for the latest in a series of "tintypes" which someone in the company has

been tacking up. They have appropriate captions in the style of Constance Bannister's baby pictures and Clare Barnes, Jr.'s "Home Sweet Zoo" and "White Collar Zoo."

According to box-office workers, ticket sales in Portland, Salem, Eugene and Klamath Falls are ahead of those in Medford and Ashland with less than three weeks until opening night. Executive Secretary Bill Dawkins is hopeful, however, that sale of memberships will improve since they are now on sale at both Purucker's and Pruitt's music stores in Medford. —R.S.

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CALENDAR

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Sunday
5:30 p.m.—Past Noble Grands of Olive Rebekah lodge, at home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Byer, 29 Myrtle street.

Monday
12 noon — Adarel Past Matron's club, at home of Mrs. E. Evans, Jacksonville.
1:00 p.m.—Pre-school conference for Oak Grove school district, Oak Grove school.
7:30 p.m.—Eagle Point Lady Lions, Jackson hotel.
7:30 p.m.—SPEBSQSA, Jackson hotel.

8:00 p.m.—Epsilon Sigma Alpha, at home of Mrs. Eloise Winkleback, 940 Whitman avenue.

8:00 p.m.—FL club, at home of P. M. Aldredge, 1016 Court street.

8:00 p.m.—Olive Rebekah lodge, Medford Odd Fellows hall.

Tuesday
11:00 a.m. — Medford Navy Mothers, Ashland park.

12 noon—Eagle Point Garden club, Butte Falls city park.

12 noon — Circle 9 of First Methodist church, at home of Mrs. Lee Van Ausdall, 338 Fairmont.

12:30 p.m. — Circle 1, First Methodist church, Hawthorne park.

1:15 p.m. — Circle 2, First Methodist church, at home of Mrs. H. G. Wilson, 7 Chestnut street.

1:15 p.m. — Circle 11, First Methodist church, at home of Mrs. Harry Ward, 145 North Oakdale.

1:30 p.m.—Circle 8, First Methodist church, at home of Mrs. Harold White, Rt. 3 Box 375.

8:00 p.m. — Circle 7, First Methodist church, at home of Mrs. Jack Harney, 831 Palm street.

8:00 p.m.—Miss Anna Streed's Bible class, at home of Mrs. Doris Morris, 1244 Covina street.

8:30 p.m. — YMCA square dance, Kershaw square.

Wednesday
12 noon — Gleemen club of Baptist church, at home of Mrs. Ethel Van Cleave.

1:00 p.m.—Get Together club, Eagles hall.

1:15 p.m. — Circle 5, First Methodist church, at home of Mrs. F. F. Burk, 1320 Ridgeway.

1:30 p.m. — Circle 3, First Methodist church, at home of Mrs. Harry Olsen, 40 Berkeley way.

1:30 p.m. — Circle 5, First Methodist church, at home of Mrs. Ralph Woodford, 526 South Holly street.

6:30 p.m.—Past Chiefs club of Pythian Sisters, at home of Mrs. Carl Fichtner, 613 South Holly street.

7:30 p.m. — Medford Navy Mothers, Camp White.

Thursday
6:00 p.m. — Business Profes-

Around Hollywood

Hollywood —(U.P.)— Rosemary Clooney, the "Come-On-A My House" girl, has landed in the movies but, she confessed, she's nixed any sexy Come On - A looks for celluloid.

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sional Women's club, TouVelle park.

6:30 p.m.—Crater Lake auxiliary of FOE, Eagles hall.

8:00 p.m. — Circle 6, First Methodist church, at home of Mrs. Edward Branchfield, 1001 Queen Anne avenue.

By ALINE MOSBY
United Press Correspondent

her firm announcement that nobody is going to make a glamour girl out of her.

She figures she made her success as a sweet, corn-fed female, and she wants to stay that way.

"Let's face it," she shrugged. "If I were Marilyn Monroe I'd be glad to do cheesecake, but I'm not, and why show what you haven't got?"

Children's Records
"Besides, I do children's records," she went on in her soft, whispery voice. "That's real important to me. When I pose for publicity pictures for those it's always in the white collar."

Her studio, she said, took her no-leg-art edict "as a matter of course." But she admitted she blushed when she told them she wouldn't crawl into a bathing suit for the regulation cheesecake art that newcomers usually submit to.

"I was embarrassed," said the singer apologetically. "I dunno why."

"When they asked me to pose that way, I tried to say 'no' quietly but somehow it always comes out a big 'NO!' I just explained to them that I've been kinda successful with just a different style and I thought I might stick with it."

Not A Siren

"I've been singing for so long that I don't have to do something different and be a siren. If I have to resort to this cheesecake right now I don't think it would be a good idea."

"Soo—" she laughed. "We went back to dresses with high necklines and three-quarter sleeves."

In "The Stars Are Singing," Rosemary sings, dances and even acts, an accomplishment not common to most singers imported to Hollywood. After working hours, Rosemary and her "girl Friday" and traveling companion, Jackie Sherman, live in a rented Beverly Hills home.

"I haven't dated much," she said with a shy smile. "I just haven't met anybody that I'd like to see often."

\$100,000 Fire Hits Myrtle Creek Mill

Myrtle Creek —(U.P.)— Thomas E. Castle, owner of the Western Timber Products sawmill at Myrtle Creek, Saturday estimated damage at \$100,000 in a fire that destroyed the mill Friday.

Castle said about half of the loss was covered by insurance. He had purchased the mill three months ago in partnership with his sons.

Two firemen were injured as they attempted to keep the flames from spreading to nearby buildings. Lester Laurentz was hurt seriously when a hose nozzle struck his head and left eye and Louis Arbogast suffered burns on both arms.

The fire was the larger of two which struck this lumbering community south of Roseburg Friday. The Renfro Body shop and five cars in the building were destroyed about noon and a house near the shop burned as the flames spread.

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