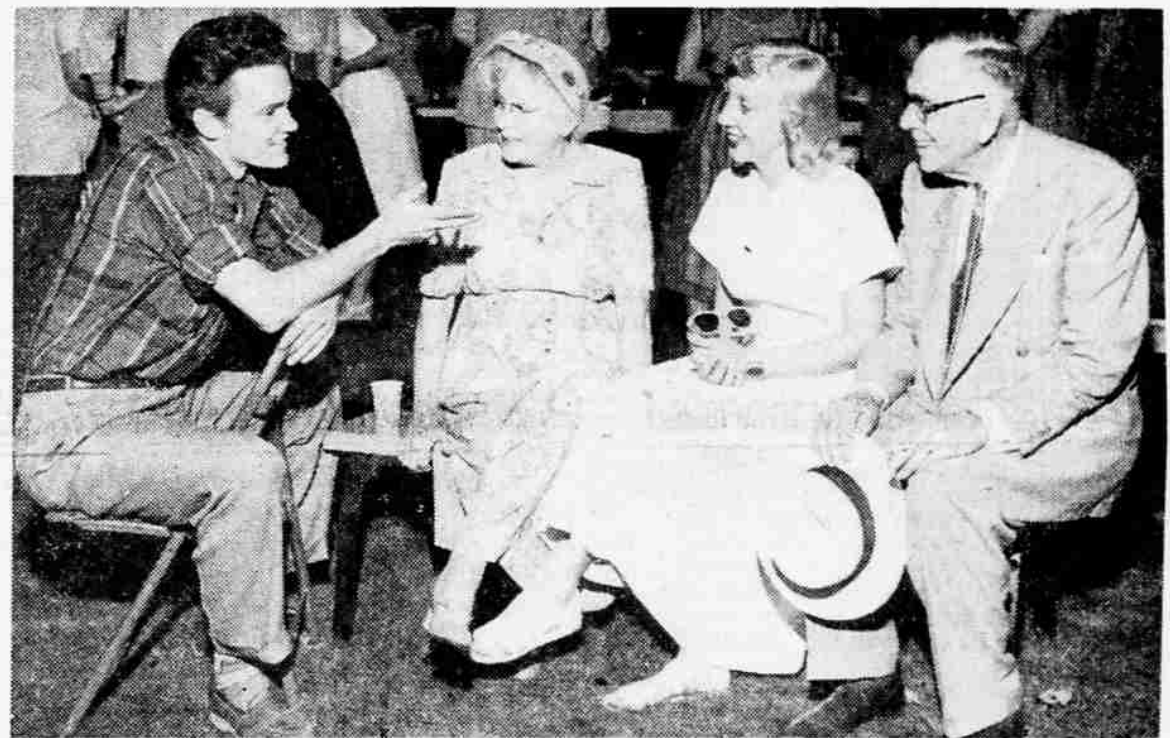




Public Meets Festival Actors At Bard's Heyday



By SUE LICHTY
Actors and valley people mingled at the third annual Bard's Heyday held for the second time at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Berthold Barnum, South Pacific highway, Sunday, July 20, with the coming Shakespeare plays at Ashland the main topic of conversation.

Given by the Tudor guild, a subsidiary organization of the Oregon Shakespeare festival, the Heyday raises money for players and other festival purposes and provides an opportunity for the public to meet the actors and producers of the plays. A large group was present for the outdoor program and speeches about the festival, and interest seemed to be high as they realized that the opening of the season is drawing near.

Gathering around the pool and in groups in the yards they enjoyed the buffet supper served outdoors. Shown above (left to right) Rodney Keating, president of the Oregon Festival association; the Rev. A. H. MacDonnel, rector of Trinity Episcopal church, Ashland, and long-time festival supporter; and Mr.

stage, takes the part of Miranda in the Tempest, Princess Keating's son, Tim, eat and talk Shakespeare. Mr. Keating later acted as master of ceremonies for the program.

Whenever a player was in a group attention centered on him as it was on Arnie Nelson (shown above right), who was in the midst of telling (left to right) Mrs. R. W. Frame, Phoenix; Marjorie Lovberg, actress; and Mr. Frame, about his parts of Marullus in Julius Caesar and Jany in Henry V. He has roles in all four plays to be presented. Miss Lovberg's main part is Hero in Much Ado About Nothing, and is in all of the plays also.

Greeting the guests at the Heyday was (below left, left to right) Mrs. Berthold Barnum, hostess; welcoming Hans Lampl, new music director for the festival; Miss Janet Saltus, Ashland, a player who sold souvenirs wearing an Elizabethan costume; and Mr. and Mrs. Dion Chesse, both actors. Besides his role of Fluellen in Henry V, Mr. Chesse plays Octavius in Julius Caesar, Francisco in The Tempest, and Borachio in Much Ado About Nothing. Mrs. Chesse, who goes by the name Virginia on the

Katharine in Henry V, and also plays in Julius Caesar. Those who met Mr. Chesse had questions about his beard which he said was not especially grown for his part in the festival.

Officers of the Heyday were not too busy to chat with the actors and join into the fun of the day. Below right (left to right) are Rick Rizzo, actor; Bill Oyler, actor; Mrs. Richard Finch, Medford, Heyday chairman; and Mrs. Harry Skerry Jr., Ashland, supper chairman. Rick, whose real name is Richard, has been rehearsing for his part of King Henry, in Henry V, along with learning his lines for Ferdinand in the Tempest and Metellus Cimber in Julius Caesar. Bill Oyler received the part of Brutus in Julius Caesar this year, and will act in all three other plays with the roles of Pistol in Henry V, Antonio in the Tempest, and Conrade in Much Ado About Nothing.

At the end of the Heyday there was swimming in the pool, and the actors stayed after dark, for this was their last main social event before dress rehearsals which begin this week. From now on their schedule will be a rigid one.

—(Photos by Brainerd)

