

Shakespeare Players Please Large Crowd With 'Julius Caesar'

With the presentation of Shakespeare's powerful political tragedy, "Julius Caesar" last night in Ashland, the fourth of the 1952 Oregon Shakespearean festival plays was launched. Living up to the heavy advance ticket sales, the play drew one of the largest audiences ever to see a Monday night performance, Monday being traditionally a poor theater night.

"Julius Caesar" while popular with both actors and audiences, draws heavily upon the resources of any company. The cast is extremely large and the possibilities for interpretation in the roles of Caesar, Brutus, Cassius and Marcus Antonius are many. As was to be expected, the Ashland company is equal to the task and last night's audience saw a production polished and refined both as to acting, costuming, lighting and direction.

Festival Schedule

The schedule of plays being presented in Ashland by the Oregon Shakespearean festival during the remainder of the week includes:

Tuesday—"The Tempest"
Wednesday—"Henry V"
Thursday—"Much Ado About Nothing"
Friday—"Julius Caesar"
Saturday—"The Tempest"
Sunday—"Henry V"

Many festival fans who follow the plays closely from year to year and who wait with excitement for the announcement of castings, were exceedingly pleased when William Oyster, Sacramento, Calif., was cast as Brutus. This fine actor fulfilled their expectations last night in his sensitive portrayal of the honorable Brutus, "noblest Roman of them all." To play Brutus is an idealistic, thoughtful, gentle, yet forceful man, is no easy task but in young Oyster the festival has an actor equal to the task.

However, one cannot say that Oyster is the star for that would be an injustice to Bill Ball, Philip Hanson and H. Paul Kliss.

Kliss is superb as Caesar, the arrogant, confident, even contemptible leader who yet attracted the love and loyalty of his fellowmen. As for Hanson, festival audiences know when they find his name on the program that they will see a skillful characterization. This was true last night, for his talents are well suited to playing the fanatical and choleric Cassius who influences Brutus to adopt a political course which leads to the death of both.

Bill Ball Credited

To Bill Ball, the young drama student from New York, goes credit for the most exciting scene of the play—the one in which Anthony incites the mob of Roman citizens and which includes the famous, "Friends, Romans, Countrymen" speech familiar to drama lovers everywhere. Of course, one does not forget that the actor is not working alone. He first has the power of Shakespeare's words and second the responsive action of the mob, in this case carefully coached by Director Allen Fletcher, to build up the tension. Nonetheless young Ball, with his glowing stage personality make the entire scene one to be remembered, and his entire portrayal of the dashing, reckless Anthony is of high caliber.

High Level of Action

The time-worn phrase "space does not permit" could well be dusted off and used here because the cast of "Julius Caesar" is truly too large to be enumerated in any review. However, one cannot pass by Angus Bowmer, who played Casca and who always brings a warm response from the audience. There was also Dion Chesse as Octavius Caesar, John Bethencourt as Cicero, Tom Brennan with his bright bit of acting as the cobbler in the opening scene and many others who contributed to the high level of dramatic action which the play maintains.

It is good that both Eleanor Prosser and Marjorie Lovberg, who play Portia and Calpurnia, are cast in other plays where their talents can be better displayed than in the few lines which "Caesar" gives them. We particularly liked Miss Prosser's scenes as the anxious wife of Brutus.

Perhaps others will disagree, but this reviewer believes the music, written especially for the play, is unsuitable. Music is, of course, the universal language which transcends time and other influences, but if the music, as played last night, is supposed to set the mood of the play, we believe it is the wrong mood. The music we found harsh, discordant and unpleasant. While political discord is the main theme of the play, it also treats of human

dignity and noble ideals, which are not unpleasant.

Could the strange music be in any way responsible for the fact that the play left us with the uneasy sensation that there was something lacking, some meaning or message which had not been conveyed or which we had failed to grasp and which would have made the entire evening a more satisfying experience? We were, however, highly intrigued and resolved to see the play once or twice more. There is more to "Julius Caesar" than can be absorbed in one evening. —O.S.

North Carolina To Be 'Disaster Area'

Washington — (U.P.) — Federal officials promised "disaster area" status to rain-starved North Carolina Tuesday and indicated Louisiana and Rhode Island soon may join the fast-growing list of states eligible for emergency drought loans.

The entire states of Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, South Carolina, Maine and Massachusetts, 44 counties of Missouri, and 27 counties in Arkansas previously had been labeled disaster areas.

The designation allows the Agriculture Department's Farmers' Home Administration to make emergency loans to farmers in the area who have suffered crop and livestock losses, and who are unable to get private credit to buy seed, feed and other items needed to keep their farms going.

Bank Employee Held For Embezzlement

Portland — (U.P.) — An ex-bookkeeper of the Sixth and Morrison Branch of the First National bank was in custody of Deputy U. S. Marshal Ray Hume here Tuesday on a secret indictment charging embezzlement of \$1700 from the bank.

A bank official said Miss Irene Eigabrodt, 27, was dismissed in April after her accounts had been investigated. The official said full restitution had been made.

Neither FBI agents nor bank officers have been able to learn what the missing money was used for. Miss Eigabrodt, they said, does not smoke or drink and is a member of a Portland church.

Egypt's Wafd Party Continues Cleanup

Cairo, Egypt — (U.P.) — The Wafd party, Egypt's biggest, purged 12 members of Parliament from its ranks Tuesday in a cleanup campaign.

The party appeared anxious to set its own house in order before Premier Aly Maher's government investigators begin looking into past and present activities of Wafdists.

The Wafd Executive committee gave no specific reason for expelling 12 members of the Senate and National Assembly from the party. It said only that the action was taken in line with the party's decision to "purge itself by itself."

MAGGIE ATTENDS OPERA

Salzburg, Austria — (U.P.) — Margaret Truman, here for the Salzburg music festival, attended a performance of the Verdi opera Othello Monday night as the guest of Austrian Chancellor Leopold Figl. The daughter of President Truman arrived here Friday for an eight-day visit.

Dead line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturdays.

Convicted Killer Placed on FBI's Most Wanted List

Washington — (U.P.) — The FBI Tuesday added Leonard Joseph (Bad Eye) Zalutsky, a half-blind convicted murderer with a weird sense of humor, to its list of "10 most wanted criminals."

Zalutsky, under life sentence for the murder of a Miami, Fla., policeman has been at large since Sept. 3, 1951, when he escaped from the state prison at Raiford, Fla. It was his fourth successful prison break.

Replaces Bank Robber

He replaced bank robber George Arthur Heroux on the "10 most wanted" list. Heroux was picked up in Miami, Fla., July 25. The FBI list is still not up to full strength; a replacement is needed for Gerhard Arthur Puff who was caught after a wild gun battle in New York July 26.

Cold Blooded

FBI agents warn that Zalutsky can be vicious and cold blooded.

Zalutsky, who has been quoted as saying he will never be taken alive, is 37, of medium height and build. He has dark hair, his eyes are blue, the left one being quite noticeably artificial. His arms are decorated by several tattoos and he has scars on the back of his left hand and over his right eye-brow.

Zalutsky has gone under the aliases of Frank Beck, Frank Beck, with Leonard Mason, Leonard Maivs, Leonard Mason, and John Savitsky.

Ashland Man Winner Of Jubilee Contest

Jacksonville — Estle James, Ashland, was winner of \$100 first prize for placing first in the log bucking contest at the Jacksonville Gold Rush jubilee. Using a 3½-horse power saw he cut his log in 63 seconds.

Art Swanson, Shady Cove, was second with a time of 78 seconds. Other high finishers were Paul Winningham, Jacksonville, 35 seconds; Charles Anderson, Jacksonville, 36 seconds, and John Minor, Lakeview, 44 seconds. Motor displacement and horse power were the main considerations in the judging.

Anderson was winner in the free-for-all sawing. His time was 46 seconds. Winningham and Minor were second and third, respectively.

Electrical Workers, GE Open Negotiations

New York — (U.P.) — The International Union of Electrical Workers CIO and the General Electric Co. opened negotiations here Tuesday for a new contract for 70,000 GE workers to replace an agreement which expires September 15.

IUE President James B. Carey announced demands Monday night for increased wages and other benefits estimated to total about 21 cents an hour. The union also demanded restoration of the company's profit sharing plan for production workers and a modified union shop provision also contained in earlier contracts but not in the present one.

Talent Farm Bureau Slates Meeting Today

The Talent Center of the Jackson County Farm bureau will meet this evening at the Valley-view schoolhouse, north of Ashland. This is the regular monthly meeting and all members are urged to attend and bring their friends.

Many things of interest will be discussed. Anyone with farm problems is invited to bring them in for discussion and consideration.

The Farm bureau is an organization of farmers designed to benefit the farmer and improve his general welfare. L. S. Tieg is president of the Talent Center.

Former Grants Pass Mayor Taken by Death

Grants Pass — (U.P.) — Joe Alexander Wharton, former mayor of Grants Pass and long-time civic leader, died at his home here Sunday at the age of 79.

Wharton, operator of a sporting goods store, also served his city as a councilman and member of the water commission.

The Grange

Live Oak Grange

Belle Nelson, HEC chairman of Live Oak Grange, announces a special meeting at Grange hall, Thursday, August 7, at 2 p.m. It is important that all members and all ladies of the Grange be present.

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Production of Rain Can Heap Trouble on Brow of Rainmakers

By DELOS SMITH
United Press Science Editor
New York — (U.P.) — The good news for drought-stricken areas of the East and South is that many prominent authorities say man definitely can produce rain from the sky provided he has a cloud of the right kind to work with.

The bad news is that any man messing around with the weather in areas criss-crossed with city and farm interests must watch his step or he will find himself

under a steady rain of law suits. Insurance Against Suits

Present drought areas of the East and South are urban and rural, freely intermixed. As the result, only one rain-making project has been publicized and that one has \$500,000 insurance against suits.

But in the mountain and desert states of the West, where towns are far apart and rain helps everyone, professional rainmakers are numerous. The best available statistics show they have contracted to produce rain if and when they can, over more than one-third the area west of the Mississippi.

Few in Eastern States

East of the Mississippi, the professional rain-makers are very few in number and are disinclined to advertise their prowess, in contrast to their Western brethren. One, Wallace E. Howell Associates, now is preparing to produce rain in the parched Connecticut River Valley. Tobacco farmers are paying the fee and also the premium on the insurance.

Dr. Howell was employed by New York City in 1950 when its reservoirs were threatening to run dry. It rained more than the normal amount that summer and he is named along with the city in 115 pending suits asking \$1,250,000 in damages. The plaintiffs are farmers who didn't need so much rain and resort keepers whose business always is hurt by rain.

What is needed before professional rain-making can progress are court precedents establishing degrees of responsibility and a national law or uniform state laws that will permit drought areas to save themselves by rain-making if they can, even if adjacent areas get so much rain it hurts certain kinds of business.

Truman Casts Vote At Independence; Ends Vacation

Independence, Mo. — (U.P.) — President Truman voted Tuesday in Missouri's primary election and ended his 10-day vacation at the Little White House in Independence.

Mr. Truman's DC-8 Independence took off for Washington from Fairfax airport in Kansas City, Kan.

Took Three Minutes

The President and Mrs. Truman entered the voting booth at Memorial Hall, about a block from their famous house on Delaware street, at 9:01 a.m. Three minutes later they handed their folded ballots to George Wallace, Mrs. Truman's brother and a Democratic election judge. They posed briefly for pictures at the ballot box.

A photographer asked Mr. Truman if he would tell how he voted.

"No. The ballot is secret," the President said.

Photogs Accommodated

The president and Mrs. Truman walked back to the Little White House slowly to accommodate the photographers—professional and amateur.

The presidential party departed immediately for the airport. Mrs. Truman will stay here with her 90-year-old mother, Mrs. David Wallace, who has been ill.

White House Press Secretary Joseph Short said Mr. Truman did not yet have any visitors scheduled for Wednesday when he returns to his White House office for the first time since July 25.

Jacksonville Woman Injured in Accident

Mrs. Betty Rachel Parrish, Jacksonville, was shaken up in an accident Monday afternoon when she lost control of her car and hit another car head-on at the Jacksonville hill, the state police report.

The driver of the other car was Jess Palmer Bogart, Jacksonville. The damage to Mrs. Parrish's car was severe. She received minor injuries and was taken to Medford for treatment before the police arrived.

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has filed his final account in the estate of Georgia Fikes, deceased, and the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Jackson County has fixed September 8, 1952, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a.m. in the Circuit Courtroom at the Courthouse, Medford, Jackson County, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing objections to said final account, and for the settlement thereof.

ROBERT R. DICKEY, Administrator with the will annexed of the estate of Georgia Fikes, Deceased.

ADVERTISING FOR BIDS

Sealed bids will be received by the Board of Talent School District No. 22, Jackson County, at the office of the Superintendent at Talent School until 8 p.m. August 21, 1952 for the construction of a (1) story shower room. Addition to the High School Gymnasium, and will then there be opened and publicly read aloud. Bids received after the time fixed for opening will not be considered. Bids shall be submitted in an opaque sealed envelope bearing the contractor's name. Plans, specifications and form of Contract documents may be examined at the School Superintendent's office and at the office of R. J. KEENEY, Architect, 32 North Central Avenue, Medford, Oregon, and a set of said plans, specifications and forms may be obtained at the office of R. J. KEENEY, Architect, 32 North Central Avenue, Medford, Oregon upon deposit of \$25.00.

The full amount of deposit for one set of documents will be returned to each actual bidder within a reasonable time after receipt of bids. Other deposits will be refunded with deduction not exceeding the actual cost of reproduction of the drawings upon the return of all documents in good condition within 30 days after the date of opening bids.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond (with authorized surety company as surety) made payable to the Board of Talent School District No. 22, in amount not less than 5% of the amount of the bid.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a prequalification statement. These forms are available at the office of R. J. KEENEY, Architect, 32 North Central Avenue, Medford, Oregon and are to be delivered to the office of the Superintendent at Talent, Oregon, at least 10 days prior to bid opening.

The Board of Talent School District No. 22 reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and to waive formalities. No bidder may withdraw his bid

after the hour set for the opening thereof, or before award of contract, unless said award is delayed for a period exceeding 30 days.

Mr. Roy Parr, Superintendent

Mrs. Grace Millage, 223 Maple St., Ashland, Oregon, Clerk, School Board, District No. 22

NOTICE

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Jackson County

In the Matter of the Estate of Verna E. Goldtrap, also known as Verna Parks, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed a final account in the above entitled matter, and the above entitled Court has fixed the 4th day of September, 1952, at 9 o'clock a.m. in the Circuit Court Room of the Court House in Medford, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing objections to said final account, and for the settlement thereof.

Dated and first published this 5th day of August, 1952.

TOY T. GOLDFRAP, ADMINISTRATOR

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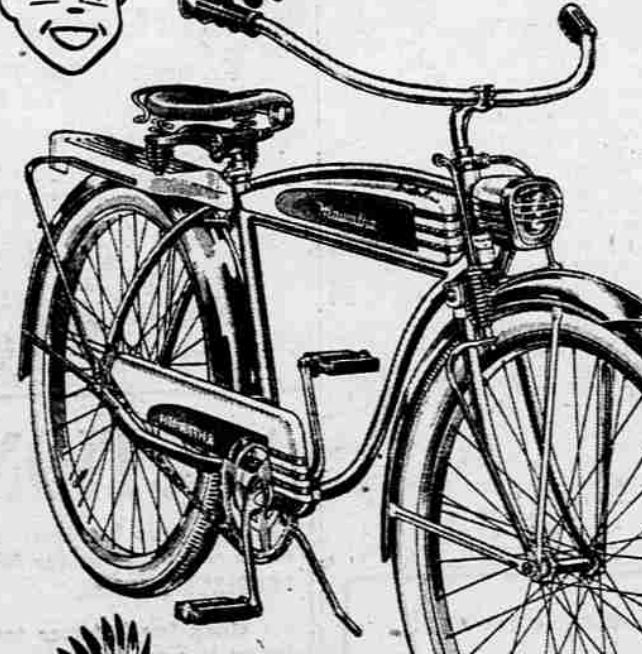
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