



Miss Eleanor Prosser of San Marino, Calif., and Gerald Gardner, Sheridan, Ore., are shown here in their roles for the tragedy of "Julius Caesar" one of the four plays being presented this season by the Oregon Shakespearean festival in Ashland. Miss Prosser plays Portia, wife of Brutus, and young Gardner is his servant, Lucius. "Julius Caesar" will be presented again Friday, August 8, and tonight's offering will be "Much Ado About Nothing." Curtain time is 8:30 p.m.

Festival's Colorful Pageant of 'Henry V' Continues Histories

A character who was introduced to Shakespearean festival audiences two years ago blossomed last night into England's greatest soldier king.

"King Henry IV, Parts 1 and 2" were written by Shakespeare to give him an opportunity to build up to "King Henry V." Last night at the Shakespearean theater in Ashland this play — "Henry V" — was given its second performance of the season. The Oregon Shakespearean Festival association's policy of presenting history plays in their proper sequence has allowed regular attendants of the performances to watch the growth of a wild and carefree prince into a noble and beloved king.

Festival Schedule

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

Thursday — "Much Ado About Nothing"

Friday — "Julius Caesar"

Saturday — "The Tempest"

Sunday — "Henry V"

Monday — "Much Ado About Nothing"

Tuesday — "Julius Caesar"

Wednesday — "The Tempest"

More than any other play in the 1952 repertoire of the festival cast, this play is a "one man show." King Henry is center-stage throughout most of the long play — the longest presented this year — and when he is absent he is there in spirit.

Young Richard Risso, new to Ashland Shakespearean followers, gives everything he possesses to the role. Risso is a loving king, an understanding king, an angry king; but he is not a regal king. His attempted characterization of kingliness and nobility comes closer to pompousness.

Risso's finest scene comes at the very end of the play. Then he forgets all regal manners in the wooing of the French Princess Katherine. Not until then is he completely accepted by some reserved viewers.

Hanson Lines Well

Risso must be highly commended for his handling of lines. His role gives him more lines than does any other role in the four plays presented this year. (More lines than any role in Shakespeare according to one statistician.) But not until the

very end of the last scene did he muffle a line obviously. And even that one was not harmful to the action.

In substance, Risso is a good King Henry. He is not great; yet he is far, far better than some diaphanous critics have insisted.

Second in importance to Risso in making the play a success — which it very definitely was — were John Taylor and William Oyler in two very different roles.

Taylor does a beautiful job as Lewis, the French Dolphin. He is the giddy youth that King Henry has been; only he lacks Prince Hal's ever-present common sense. Despite his bulk Taylor's Dolphin is little more nor less than a spoiled child.

Oyler, excellent in any role, plays the leeching Auncheon Pistol with even more swagger than he gave the role last year in "Henry IV, Part 2." The rest of the dead Sir John Falstaff's group of rowdies are all fun-provoking. The best is Thomas Brennan in his onslaughts on the English language as Corporal Nym. Marjorie Lovberg's voice fits Hostess Quickly better than it has suited her other roles; William Ball is at his best as Pistol's boy, and William Erwin is loud as Bardolph, which is about all the role requires.

As King of France Angus Bowmer is a perfect foil for the heroics of Henry. When the two are together, the French king reminds one of nothing so strongly as the comic strips "Little King."

Excellent performances are offered by two women, Virginia Chesne and Suzanne LaMarque. Hanson, the play's best scene features these two alone and is spoken entirely in French. It is the tremendously clever scene where Mrs. Chesne as Princess Katherine begins learning the fundamentals of the English language from her attendant, played by Mrs. Hanson.

Fine Directing Job

"Henry V" was aided greatly by one of the finest directing jobs yet seen here. Philip Hanson followed in his own footsteps — having directed last year's Henry play. He succeeds famously in bringing two mighty monarchs "within the girdle of these walls."

Hanson almost did away with the opening and closing of the curtains and thus disposed of the interruption of curtain girls trooping in and out. Instead of curtains he used his lighting effectively to show what was to

Missouri Election Seen as Good Omen For GOP Victory

Washington — (U.P.) — Sen. Everett M. Dirksen, (R-Ill.), said Thursday the outcome of the Missouri Democratic senatorial primary was a good omen for a Republican presidential victory in November.

But Sen. Theodore F. Green, (D-R.I.), shrugged off the defeat of President Truman's candidate in the primary by terming the election "just a good old intra-party scrap."

Political leaders here were quick to seek national straw-in-the-wind in the runaway victory of Stuart Symington over Mr. Truman's candidate, State Attorney General J. F. Taylor.

Dirksen, chairman of the Senate Republican Campaign committee, gave this interpretation of the election outcome to a reporter:

It is a significant fact and I am sure it will not be lost on the voters of this country that shortly after Adlai Stevenson accepted not only the platform, but the program with which President Truman was so intimately identified, that the voters of his native state saw fit in their wisdom and good judgment to royally trounce the President's candidate for the United States Senate.

Burning Plane Falls Into German River

Mainz, Germany — (U.P.) — A burning United States Air Force B-26 light bomber crashed into the busy Rhine river in downtown Mainz Thursday and broke in two.

The pilot and co-pilot were thrown clear and picked up at once by Germans in small boats. They were hospitalized with slight burns and reported not to be in danger.

The other two crew members, both enlisted men, were trapped in the sunken fuselage. Rescue workers found the body of one of the men when they hauled to shore a section of the fuselage.

A German diver went down in the river to search for the other body.

Western Education Commission To Meet

Timberline Lodge — (U.P.) — Second annual sessions of the Western Regional Commission for Higher Education will be held here this week-end.

The commission was formed last year to increase training opportunities in medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine and public health.

Dr. O. Meredith Wilson, dean of University college, University of Utah, is chairman of the commission. Participating states include Oregon, Utah, Montana, New Mexico, Arizona and Colorado.

VISITOR KILLED

Eugene — (U.P.) — David R. Holden, 71, who was visiting his son here from the Midwest, became Eugene's first 1952 traffic fatality Wednesday. Holden died from injuries suffered in an automobile accident Sunday. It was the 18th traffic death of the year for Lane county.

be seen and hide the rest, and to highlight the play's impressive costuming.

The one critical comment to be made about the direction is that Hanson might have placed the actors more judiciously so the King would not be constantly looking up at the man next to him.

Supporting Cast

Hanson was aided greatly by a fine supporting cast. But it would seem — despite the size of the cast — that less doubling-up of characters would have been wise. Or it could have been made less obvious. William Erwin walks off the stage as Bardolph and returns almost immediately — sans red nose — as the Duke of York. This is too much for an audience to swallow.

"Henry V" makes use of two of the company's magnificent voices — Richard Graham and H. Paul Kliss — in starting at a high peak. These two fine actors, in minor roles, are the first voices heard. Unfortunately this high peak is then lost until midway through the play. But the drop is more the fault of the play than of the actors. — D.D.

Chicago Hammer Slayer Begg To Be Stopped Before It's Too Late

Chicago — (U.P.) — Police patrol cars cruised through the narrow streets of Chicago's Near North Side Thursday searching for a hammer killer who threatened to kill again and begged, "Stop me, for God's sake, before it's too late."

The dragnet was thrown out after a man wearing a "light" suit confronted two women at a streetcar stop and told them, "I have killed a man with a hammer and I know how to take care of myself."

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HST Would Have Backed Barkley; Likes Stevenson

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Mr. Truman told his news conference that he had never at any time pledged his support to Mutual Security Director Averell Harriman.

To Support Stevenson

He said he thought Stevenson is a man who can be elected, and he expects to support him.

Mr. Truman told his first news conference in five weeks that Barkley had gone to Chicago expecting to be a candidate. Had the vice president, stayed in the race for the nomination, he would have supported him, Mr. Truman said.

Barkley withdrew his name after some union leaders told the 74-year-old vice president he was too old.

Voted for Governor

Mr. Truman's alternate to the convention, Thomas J. Gavin, Kansas City, then voted for Stevenson, announcing that the Illinois governor was his and the president's choice.

Mr. Truman said his conference next Tuesday with Stevenson here will cover everything that is necessary to help the Democrats win the election.

He told newsmen such a conference is customary whenever a president of one party is not running for reelection. Stevenson will lunch with the president's cabinet.

Youngster To Survive Jolt by 7200 Volts

Dayton, O. — (U.P.) — Hospital officials said Thursday they expect Ronnie Hansell, 7, to survive a jolt of electricity that was four times as strong as the current used in electrocuting murderers.

The boy touched a power line carrying 7,200 volts while climbing a tree Wednesday. He received second degree burns on his body and hands.

HST Denies Beating In Missouri Election

Washington — (U.P.) — President Truman denied at his news conference Thursday that he took a "beating" in the Missouri senatorial primary.

Mr. Truman's candidate, J. E. (Buck) Taylor, was defeated for the Democratic nomination by W. Stuart Symington.

Mr. Truman said the president has