

Festival Cast And Company Hard at Work

Ashland — The Shakespeare festival theater in Ashland's Lithia Park is the scene of almost as much activity now as it will be when the season opens on August 1.

Staff and company members have settled down to a daily routine of work repairing the theater and preparing for the season's shows.

Monday and Thursday mornings are devoted to rehearsals of "Timon of Athens" under the direction of Robert Loper, Stanford University. "Timon" will have special performances on August 23 and 29. In addition to the rehearsals, mornings seven days a week are given to the other work of the theater.

Frank Pinnock, now in his third year as fencing master, is teaching company members the techniques of Elizabethan swordplay. Pinnock has designed the swordfights for "Macbeth" and "Henry VI, part 3," and will also play several roles including Quince in "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and Lewis XI in "Henry VI."

Mornings are also spent in renovating the grounds of the theater. Company members and local citizens have replanted the flower beds, mowed and watered the lawns. The festival technical staff has been laying lines for a new telephone and intercommunication systems, and digging through the stage foundation to lay the lighting lines.

Costuming for the coming season presents its usual problems and a few new ones to the staff. Besides furnishing appropriate costumes for the five plays, the staff has to cope with an ass' head for Bottom in "Dream." This year's staff is headed by Douglas Russell, instructor at Florida State University, who has just returned from a year's study of Elizabethan costumes at Stratford on Avon. His assistants are Miss Agnes David, University of Texas, in her third year with the festival; and Miss Inge Schmidt, Stanford University. According to Russell, several Ashland women have been sewing for him in the afternoons.

One improvement made on the grounds this week was the laying of asphalt on the parking lot outside the theater. According to Bill Patton, festival general manager, the new surface will help to keep the stage and costumes clean during the season.

Rehearsals are now in their second week, and are moving rapidly, according to the directors. "All's Well That Ends Well" is rehearsing on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at 1

Society

Woman Receives Lodge Degree; Girls at Session

Central Point. — Mrs. Forest Thomason of Central Point received the Odd Fellow degree of chivalry in a ceremony held during the fourth annual assembly of Theta Rho girls in Klamath Falls June 17-18. Mrs. Thomason received the degree in recognition of her work as leader of Beta Chi chapter of Theta Rho in Central Point.

Mrs. James Fleming, Medford, also received the degree during the same ceremony. It was conducted by Maj. Gen. E. C. Abbey, department commander of the Patriarchs Militant.

The jewel presented to Mrs. Thomason was a gift from the Central Point group.

Miss Barbara Thomason was installed as second herald for the assembly to be held in Portland next June.

During the convention Beta Chi also paid tribute to the past assembly president with a gift, preceded by a drill.

Attending the convention were the Misses Barbara and Julia Thomason, Dorinda Glenn, Judy Singleton, Nancy McKay, Brenda Barnard and Mary Elin Burkhardt. Also accompanying the girls was Mrs. Ralph Burkhardt. Miss Barbara Thomason and Miss Glenn were the club's delegates.

During the district Rebekah convention in Gold Hill last week, members of Beta Chi paid tribute to the Rebekah Assembly president, Mrs. Edna Bradley, Clatskanie, Ore., with a drill and presented gifts to the convention officers from Mrs. Irene Johnson, convention chairman.

Picnic Planned For Past Matrons

The annual picnic of Reames Past Matrons' club will be held Monday, June 27 at 12:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Ira D. Canfield, Aloha ranch, on Coleman Creek road.

Members are asked to take a potluck lunch and table service for the luncheon. Those needing transportation are to contact Mrs. Frank W. Little, phone 2-4225. Mrs. Ira D. Canfield will be chairman, assisted by several of the past matrons.

p.m. and "Henry VI" rehearsals are at 7 p.m. on those days, with "Macbeth" in the evenings. The rehearsals, as usual, are open to the public.

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Program Closes Annual Day Camp

Day camp for Girl Scouts and Brownies of this area closed last week with many mothers present for a picnic luncheon and final program. Mrs. F. H. Graten, camp director, was presented two wall plaques made by the senior girls in appreciation of her leadership of the 265 registered for the camp period.

She was assisted by Mrs. Maurice Ritchey, assistant director; Miss Helen Bullis, business manager; Miss Jean Tober, first aid; Mrs. J. R. Compagnoni, craft consultant and Mrs. Paul Janney, registrar.

The eight camp divisions and their leaders were: Blue Birds, Mrs. Toni Senter; Canadian Geese, Mrs. Georgia Smith; Echo Lodge, Mrs. T. R. Eslinger; Rocky Site, Mrs. Nan Darras; Camp Fern, Mrs. Jack Sanborn; Hide Away, Mrs. Lucy Greene; Fairies, Mrs. W. E. Ruffner; Leprechauns.

Senior aides were Molly Walker, Sara Turner, Darlene Dwyer, Maradee Coffman, Karen Johnson, Jackie Bates, Marcia Minchall, Judy Kirkland, Carol Valentine, Pat Rushing, Mary Daniels, Audrey Hite, "Carol Swan, Mary Friend, Ruby Rowan, Shelia Spence, Marcia Spence, Linda Parkey, Mildred Darras, Linda Tidwell and Janet Anderson.

Meeting Planned For Grandmothers

Rogue chapter, Grandmothers' club, will meet Monday, June 27, at the home of Mrs. Elsie Walker, 129 North Oakdale avenue, at 10 a.m. Members will quilt, and those attending are to take sewing kits.

Mrs. Rex Note will be cohostess with Mrs. Walker. Members attending are asked to take a salad or dessert for luncheon, and table service.

A business meeting will be held at 2 p.m.

4-H Club News

Antelope Club 4-H club judged classes of dairy animals at the Edwin Hayes ranch at our last meeting. It was voted to have our annual picnic July 17 to be held at Lithia park.

Next meeting will be held July 8 at the Robert Bitterling ranch. Kenneth Bitterling will demonstrate dairy showmanship. Mr. and Mrs. Dale Bush and the Martin Heikamps will furnish the refreshments.

Bob Hayes, Reporter.

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Future of Wagnerian Opera Worries Non-Dieting Singer

By ROBERT MUSEL
United Press Correspondent

London — (U.P.) — Singers think more of their figures these days than they do of their voices so Margaret Harshaw is worried about the artistic future of the Wagnerian operas.

Miss Harshaw, a large and handsome Englewood, New Jersey housewife, has just convinced Britain opera critics that she is in the great tradition of Wagnerian heroines. This took courage as well as talent and artistry for last year the same critics were a bit cool.

"I had to force myself to come back for another try," she said, "and now I am glad I did. They were so wonderful to me I feel it was worth all the hard work I put into the roles."

Miss Harshaw spoke across a large platter of sauerbraten and potato dumplings. The Wagnerian heroines are steak-and-potato eaters because Wagner conceived his goddesses as larger than life-size with the stamina for such five and a half hour operatic marathons as "Götterdämmerung" (Twilight of the Gods).

A friend had clipped reviews of her Covent Garden appearance from newspapers and magazines and these, neatly marked in red crayon, were stacked near her plate.

"I was afraid to look at them," she said, "until I was convinced they were nearly all favorable."

Some critics seemed to feel Miss Harshaw was at long last the successor to Kirsten Flagstad. Others lauded the emotional impact of Brunhilde soaring on the wings of song through the titanic trilogy of "The Ring" operas.

"You need meals like this to sing these roles," she said. "Besides 'Götterdämmerung' there is 'Die Walkure' which lasts four and a half hours and 'Siegfried' which takes five hours. Even the prologue of the ring 'Das Rheingold,' lasts two and a half hours — all in one piece, no intermission."

One of the most charming and likeable of all operatic stars, Miss Harshaw confides that often she wishes she were small and dainty and a singer of popular songs. Her two children share this dream. But stern reality cast her in a massive mould.

"It would have been silly for me to try to starve myself to a sylph," she said, ordering apple

pie a la mode. "But lots of singers do just that these days."

"I often wonder how many of them would have powerful, resonant voices if they built themselves up instead of tearing themselves down. Wagnerian heroines are so rare at any time it would be a shame if somewhere a singer is dieting herself to matchstick size who might, with a few curves here and there, become an operatic star."

And with that Miss Harshaw ordered another double scoop of ice cream.

Group to Attend Salem Tourney

A group of Medford duplicate bridge players will go to Salem this weekend to participate in the annual sectional tournament there. The tournament is a three-day event.

Attending will be Mr. and Mrs. Roy Pruitt, Mrs. G. E. Mermin, Mrs. Ben Todd and Mrs. Richard Milestone.

Six tables of players attended the weekly session of Medford Duplicate Bridge club Tuesday evening. First place was taken by Mrs. Fred Rehling and Emery Wheat for a score of 57 points.

Two couples, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Boyd, Mrs. Paul McDuffee and her partner, Mrs. Frank R. Baker, tied for second and third with 54 points. George Rode and T. J. Fuson took fourth with 52 points.

CALENDAR

Calendar notices and news for the society section of The Mail Tribune must be submitted in writing and deadline for the Sunday edition is 1 p.m. Friday. Deadline for the weekly calendar is 8 a.m. of the day of publication and for week day news is 5 p.m. the day before publication.

Friday 6:30 p.m.—Lady Shriners, Mrs. James Grigsby, Agate rd., route 1, box 124A, Eagle Point.

8 p.m.—Women of Moose, Moose hall.

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