

'Titus' Said Brutal Play; Opens Friday

Ashland—Patrons of the Oregon Shakespeare festival will have one of the rarest treats of this or any other season Friday evening, August 24, when the festival produces one of its two special performances of the seldom-done "Titus Andronicus."

The last playing of "Titus" before a large audience was at Stratford-upon-Avon in England last year, and the event was newsworthy because of the number of people who fainted at the performance of a play which was a great favorite of Elizabethans, but which is so packed with blood and horror as to shock modern audiences.

The play is so brutal, in fact, that in the 19th century Shakespearean scholars often attempted to prove that "gentle Shakespeare" didn't write it. Tough-minded critics—and audiences—of the 20th century have reversed this trend, but the play is still one which is not recommended for the faint hearted.

Ceremony Held At Parish Home

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley L. Parish, 303 North Holly street, was the scene August 11 of a double wedding ceremony. Married were Miss Lea Ella May Summers, daughter of Mrs. Roy Thigpin, Kingsburg, Calif., to Claude Maurice Gabbard, son of Mrs. Oscar Mitchell, Corcoran, Calif., and Miss Carole Louise Smith, daughter of Mrs. Isaac Van Gorkom, Gold Hill, to Glenn King.

The Rev. W. H. Johnson of the Central Point Pentecostal church read the ceremony and the reception which followed was in the Parish home. Both young couples make their home with Mr. and Mrs. Parish.

In Europe
Mrs. Clyde Leonard, formerly of Medford and now of Portland, is currently on a tour of Europe. Mrs. Leonard recently wrote from Garmish, Germany, where she is visiting her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Rosette, and their newly born child.

Mrs. Leonard plans to spend some time in Paris and London before returning home.



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Dennis Conner Home From Japan; To Enter School
Dennis L. Conner, who has been in Japan for more than a year on assignment with the United States Air Force, is expected to arrive in Medford today. The young airman arrived in San Francisco last week and was to have been discharged from the service during the week.

He was met in California by Mrs. Conner, the former Marilyn Payne, who has been making her home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Payne, Coker Butte road. The couple has a small son, Mark Bradley.

Mr. Conner, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Conner, 208 Stark street, will enroll at the University of Oregon this fall and the couple will live in Eugene.

Richard Graham To Give Weekly Trinity Lecture

Ashland—Richard Graham, actor and staff member of the Oregon Shakespeare festival, will present the Wednesday noon lecture this week in the Institute of Renaissance studies. The lectures are held each Wednesday in Trinity hall of Trinity Episcopal church, Ashland, at 12 o'clock.

Mr. Graham will speak on "English Prose of the King James Bible," and read from the Bible. In addition to playing many leading roles in the festival the past several years, Mr. Graham has served as a lay reader at Trinity Episcopal church.

Last week's Wednesday program was given by Dr. Margery Bailey who read "The Lost Dauphin Struggles with the Bard" from Mark Twain's Huckleberry Finn.

The concluding Wednesday lecture will be August 29 and will be given by Miss Myra Brunton Hughes of the Playhouse Repertory company of San Francisco. Miss Hughes will read "Second Best Bed" and unpublished play on Shakespeare and Anne Hathaway by N. Richard Nash.

Thursday, August 23, Edward Brubaker of the festival company will give the week's "Gresham Lecture" in the Assembly room of the city library. His topic will be "Perspective and Dramaturgy."

Sunday afternoon concerts have been a part of the Institute of Renaissance studies this year and the final one is set for August 26. It will be presented by the Samuel Pepys Recorder Consort of Los Angeles at 4 p.m. The group of musicians is being brought to the festival by T. D. Cooke, Los Angeles, festival patron who has been responsible for financing the augmented music program of recent years.

Mrs. Myron Root Home After Tour

Mrs. Myron Root has returned to her home, 28 North Berkeley way, after spending several weeks in Europe. Mrs. Root left May 9, and toured both the continent and the British isles.

In Vienna she saw a production of "The Magic Flute," in the lavish new opera house in that city. In Rome Mrs. Root met Mrs. I. E. Schuler and Miss Chloe Fairweather, Medford, by chance while the latter were having coffee at Doney's cafe, and the two women spent two days together.

Later Mrs. Root was in Sorrento and Venice, toured Switzerland, made a trip down the Rhine river and spent some time in the Low countries. She also toured through the Scandinavian countries and made a plane trip from Oslo to Bodø "The Land of the Midnight Sun" and experienced the sensation of living where the sun never sets. The trip out was by way of the scenic Sogne Fjord to Bergen. After a stay in England Mrs. Root returned home by way of Montreal, Canada.

Recent Meetings Held by Weavers

Rogue Valley Handweavers' guild has held two recent meetings.

A dinner and social meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hans Loeff, Grants Pass, August 19. Last night a special meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Clegg, 2235 Oakwood drive, to see an exhibit brought by Russell Groff of Robin and Russ company, Santa Barbara.

The next regular meeting of the guild will be at the home of Dr. and Mrs. C. I. Drummond, Ross lane, September 18 at 8 p.m.

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 9 a.m. of the day of publication and for week day news is 5 p.m. the day before publication.

Tuesday
8 p.m.—Crater Lake Post and Auxiliary 1833 VFW Hall, 42 North Front st.

Wednesday:
12 noon—Medford Townsend club, Carpenters Union hall, 123 1/2 West Main st.
12 noon—Ester circle, Zion Lutheran church, home of Mrs. Irvin Eitrem, 917 South Ivy.

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Priscilla West To Work With Portland Church

Miss Priscilla West left yesterday morning for Portland where she will be minister of music and assist with young people's work at Central Presbyterian church. Miss West is a daughter of Dr. D. Kirkland West, pastor of First Presbyterian church here, and Mrs. West.

Miss West was graduated from Lewis and Clark college in Portland, taking a degree in music, and last year attended Westminster Choir college, Princeton, N.J.

Visitors Arrive From Washington

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Doty have arrived from Washington to spend 10 days with Mrs. Doty's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Birdseye, Central Point-Jacksonville road.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Doty have been attending Washington State college at Pullman. Next month the couple will take up residence in Colfax where Mrs. Doty will teach school and her husband will continue his studies at the college.

Auxiliary to Hold Initiation Thursday

The auxiliary to Crater Lake aerie, Fraternal Order of Eagles, will hold initiation at a meeting set for Thursday, August 23, at 8 p.m. in Eagles hall.

A conductress will be elected. Women attending are asked to take a salad or sandwiches for the refreshments.

At the last meeting Mrs. Stewart Forbes was installed inside guard and Mrs. Frank Boyes, as trustee.

Officer of the auxiliary will meet tonight at 8 p.m.

August Meeting Canceled by Club
Phoenix—Phoenix Thursday club announces that no August meeting will be held. Next session of the group will be September 13.

Berry-Rum Cake
For a festive dessert treat, marinate sweetened berries in rum for two hours and then heap on top of thick slices of pound cake letting the sauce soak into the cake.

Plans Announced By Junior Posse For Week End Ride

Junior posse members made plans Monday evening for a week end ride to Willow Creek dam about 10 miles beyond Butte Falls. They will leave Thursday, August 23 at 2 p.m., from the posse grounds and the first night will stay at the Clyde Bunker ranch near Eagle Point.

A potluck dinner will be served Thursday evening at the Bunker home and those who attend should take food contributions.

Except for the dinner Thursday, food will be furnished by the Junior posse. Those who were not at the meeting but plan to make the ride may obtain further information from Miss Marlys Brown, telephone 3-3909, or Miss Nancy Wilson, telephone 2-8652.

Friday at 9 a.m., the riders will leave for the dam where they will stay Friday and Saturday nights and return home Sunday.

Jim Bunker, captain, presided for the special meeting Monday, held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Knips, 753 Oak Grove road, and is in charge of general plans for the ride. Those who make up the food committee are Miss Brown, Scott Phillips, Miss Lynda Knips, Miss Wilson and Gary Brown.

Chaperones on the ride will be Mr. Knips, Mrs. Mary H. Brown and Miss Montana Emerson. Other adults who will assist on the trip are Mrs. Knips, Mrs. Stanley Phillips, Clyde Bunker and Mrs. Paul Bulkin.

Guest Leaves

Mrs. Guy Childers left for her home in Fresno, Calif., Saturday after having visited in Medford with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Moran, 924 East Jackson boulevard.

Mrs. Childers, who formerly lived in Medford, is a sister of Mrs. Moran.

Around Hollywood

Editor's note: Aline Mosby is with the UFA convention bureau in San Francisco. Today's Hollywood story is provided by John Barrymore Jr.

BY JOHN BARRYMORE JR. Written for the United Press
Hollywood —(U.P.)—The two most important sounds to an actor's ears are laughter and tears. The latter sometimes come too easily. The former, not easily enough.

I've been fortunate, although I'm only on my sixth picture, to have been around people in show business who've been blessed with a great sense of humor.

An Argument
One of my favorites was the late Constance Collier, who at the age of 78 could tell a story as beautifully as George Burns at 25. One of her best stories was about the time she rehearsed a play for six weeks with a certain actor. At each rehearsal he made his entrance from the center of the stage. However, on opening night a young scenic designer informed the actor his entrance should be from downstage left.

A violent argument ensued between the two. Miss Collier went on stage to open the play with a monologue. Just as it came time for the actor to appear, her speech was interrupted by the harsh sound of a knife cutting through the backdrop in the center of the stage. A swift kick sent the slashed part of the backdrop flying. Through the opening stepped the adamant actor.

"As I said," he announced triumphantly, "I shall make my entrance from the center of the stage."

Then there was my father. Once he was dramatically delivering the lines from Richard III, "a Horse, a horse, my kingdom for a horse." Sudden a balcony heckler broke into raucous laughter. Without stepping out of character, Dad looked up, pointed his sword at the balcony and snapped, "Saddle you braying ass."

During his performance in Chicago of "My Dear Children,"

By ALINE MOSBY
United Press Correspondent

Dad was constantly interrupted by the irritating cough of a patron in the front row. Finally Dad walked to the footlights, pointed at the offender and announced, "throw that seal a fish."

Humor has played an important part in my life. Four years ago my sister introduced me to a girl with a French accent. I thought she was the epitome of Paris charm until we attended a Halloween party. At midnight when everybody took off their masks my French girl took off her accent. Between laughs she confessed being as American as the Fourth of July.

But, as you can plainly see, the last laugh was on her, for this charming creature is now Cara Williams, my wife.

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