

# Shakespearean Theater Building Program Announced

## Construction May Start After '58 Season of Plays

Preliminary plans for a half-million-dollar, long-range building program for the Ashland Shakespearean Festival were announced here Friday.

Construction on new buildings is expected to begin after the 1958 season of plays, it was reported at a press-radio-television luncheon in Medford. Graham Dean, publisher of the Ashland Daily Tidings, was host, and Mrs. John Cotton, president of the festival association, presided. Other members of the festival staff explained phases of the project.

The plans recently were approved by the board of directors of the festival association.

**Present Site**

The buildings have been designed by Richard L. Hay of Ashland, Kan. Plans call for use of the present theater site in Ashland's Luthia park. The circular wall now surrounding the theater, which served originally as a base for the dome of a historic Chautauque theater, will be retained.

The proposed buildings have been designed to enhance the unusual atmosphere of the existing bowl, long favored by festival patrons.

Designer Hay served last year as visiting technical director at the University of Bristol in England. He has been associated with the festival at Ashland for a number of years as art and technical director.

**Three Basic Units**

Three basic units are planned for the new theater. They include a new stage-housing and production building, an administration building, and a proposed building for the Festival's Institute of Renaissance Studies. The theater will continue as an open-air theater. Tentative plans are now under consideration to extend the season forward into the month of July. Seating capacity of the bowl will be 1,000 persons. Approximately 25,000 square feet are contained in the buildings represented.

Major features of the new project include an off-street passenger unloading ramp located in front of the administration building, a box office, entrances to the theater will be on each side through arcades under the administration building, and institute buildings into "garden foyers."

**New Chair**

Seating will be completed with new chairs as at present in the half of the theater bowl nearest the stage. The rear portion of the bowl will be devoted to lobby area, and will be landscaped to include a coffee terrace and gift booth.

In the center of the bowl, at the immediate rear of the seating area, will be a raised terrace used for pre-show music and country dances. The control booths for lighting, sound and music will be located beneath this terrace, overlooking the audience. Extensive grounds and landscaping will also be added.

A "Screen" supported by five flag poles will be erected at the back, or street, side of the bowl to block automobile headlights from the hill above flooding onto the stage. It will be decorated with a reproduction of an early 17th Century view of London, showing the Globe, Fortune and other historic theaters.

**Future Theater**

The stage building plans are based on the dimensions of the lifetime theater contract of the year 1599 in London. Its four floors will contain the three "inner stages," a penthouse over the stage containing stage machinery and the "bridge" for lighting instruments. It will also include the production areas, costume vault, photo studio and storage, dressing rooms and costume and scene shops will be in the attached wing.

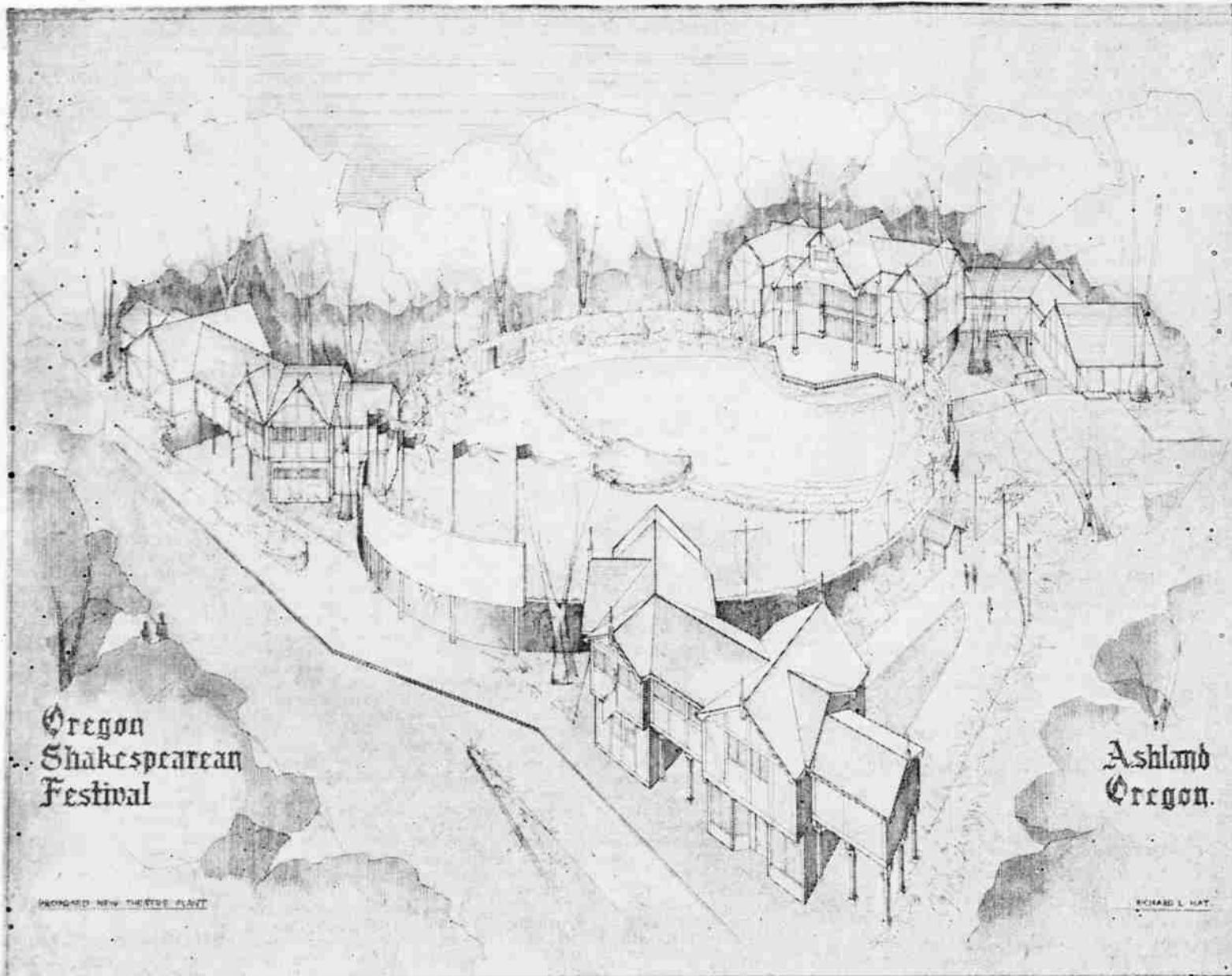
The administration building will contain box office facilities and a Tudor Guild gift shop on the first floor, with offices, publicity, and mailing room on the second.

The institute building is planned to be completed at a later date, with the exception of the first section which will house public lavatories on the ground floor and initial office and exhibition space on the second floor.

**Future Plans**

Future plans include a promenade for exhibits of paintings and photographs by local artists. There will also be a Tudor room overlooking Luthia park which can be made available through the winter months to local groups for teas and social gatherings.

Construction of the buildings will be primarily frame, with the style of architecture Tudor half-timber. Some parts, particularly of the stage, will be of reinforced concrete. The building program would be financed through voluntary gifts and donations from interested individuals in the west, and from foundations and corporations throughout the nation.



**BUILDING PROGRAM**—Proposed half-million-dollar building program for the Oregon Shakespearean Festival in Ashland will provide for the construction of a new housing for the stage with a wing for dressing rooms and costume and scene shops. The building at lower right, facing street, will contain box office, administration offices and Tudor Guild gift shop. The building at left, for the Institute of Renaissance Studies, would be built in two stages, the first portion to contain public rest rooms, and the second half, to be built in the last part of the building program, classrooms and offices for the Institute. Architecture would be Tudor half-timber. The designs for the major expansion program have been prepared by Richard L. Hay, Festival art and technical director.

## Passive Resistance by Haitians Forces Magloire to Seek Exile

Port-Au-Prince, Haiti—(UP)—The people of Haiti wrote a new shining chapter in their national history last week. They deposed another would-be "Emperor Bulls"—not with bombs and bullets but by passive resistance.

Gen. Paul E. Magloire, a husky six-footer, bowed to the unprecedented popular pressure and flew off to exile Thursday. He had been a dominant figure in the Caribbean republic for more than a decade, and president for the past six years.

Magloire, known on the island as "Iron Pants," was a popular president. He was elected in 1950 by an overwhelming majority and his administration was regarded as a good one.

But when the time came for him to step down, he was not

quite willing to go. On Dec. 6, after completing the constitutional six-year term, he resigned as president but promptly had the Army proclaim him provisional chief of state and commander-in-chief of the armed forces.

**Constitution Suspended**

He followed this by suspending the constitution and clapping prominent opposition party leaders in jail.

Rule by a military dictator was repugnant to a people, whose ancestors had wrested independence from the armies of Napoleon Bonaparte 153 years ago this coming New Year's day.

Their reaction was immediate. A nationwide general strike first paralyzed the capital city of Port-Au-Prince and then spread throughout the republic. Virtually every shop, store and market closed. Transportation and communications were almost at a complete standstill. Lawyers refused to try cases in the courts.

Workers, shopowners and professional men ignored repeated government appeals. Magloire blamed the protest on "foreign interests"—including the United States—and intervened personally to break the back of the strike.

**Store Ordered Open**

Escorted by armed police and troops, he drove to the main department store in Port-Au-Prince and ordered the owner to keep the doors open. The doors remained open but the store was empty.

He next called in 30 of the more influential businessmen, including some Americans, and had them sign pledges to keep their stores open. They signed pledges but the stores remained shut.

Tension ran high, but there were only a few scattered clashes by the more hot-headed elements. The Haitians were content to sit it out.

Strike leaders adopted a novel method of spreading the stop-work call. "Chain-letters" were passed by hand and each recipient was urged to make three copies and pass them on. There were reports Magloire sought to whip up Negroes against the mulattoes. The Negroes, descendants of African slaves, make up the majority of the republic's population as well as its working class. The mulattoes are descended from the former French settlers and generally are more educated and more prosperous.

**Magloire Resigns**

But Magloire's desperate attempts to retain control proved fruitless against the mass will of the people. On Wednesday, he resigned as provisional chief of state and turned control of the

## Posters on Display in Medford Library

A selection of posters made by students of Washington school in observance of Children's Book week is on display in the junior department of the Medford public library.

Each of the nine posters represents a favorite book of the artist-pupil by illustration or design in cut paper.

Sixth grade students whose work is on display include Shirley Tillery with a poster suggesting "The Secret Garden"; Dixie Taylor, "Bambi"; Mike Burns, "Shining Shooter"; Wayne Couch, "Dusty Star"; Steven Swartsley, "Junior Quarterback"; Mark Lawrence, "Skyblazers"; Sue Ormby, "Shasta of the Wolves"; Mary Rolland, "Knute Rockne"; and Jimmy Hatch, "John Henry."

Miss Laura York is the instructor under whose directions the posters were made.



## Arlington Voters To Elect Officers

Arlington—(UP)—Voters in this doomed Columbia river city will vote next month on a new slate of city officials who are serving past their terms because of an election mixup.

Ballots for city offices failed to arrive from the printers in time for the November elections so the mayor, recorder, treasurer, and our city councilmen are serving on a de facto status until successors can be elected. Nominations will be by petition instead of the former party caucus method which was found to be illegal for city offices.

The city council will have the responsibility of negotiating with the Army Engineers for relocation of at least one-half the city which will be inundated when John Day dam is built on the Columbia river. The engineers are already mapping plans for the move with planning funds authorized by Congress.

## Neuberger to Propose Village for Indians

Portland—(UP)—Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.), said here Saturday he would propose to the next session of Congress that the Army Engineers' village at McNary dam be turned over to the Umatilla Indian Agency for development as an industrial site.

The village is now held by the General Services Administration as surplus property. Neuberger said it could be adapted to a privately-operated industrial project offering employment opportunities to as many as 200 or 300 Indians.

The proposal is part of a program being advanced by Indian Bureau officials to locate industrial projects adjacent to areas in which large groups of Indians reside.

The village cost about \$3 million to build and contains 60,000 square feet of space in buildings suitable for assembly plants and has 315 dwellings. The site is close to water and power supplies and is served by rail, highway and river transportation facilities.

Cave Junction—John Mattoon, district ranger at the Illinois Valley Ranger station, has been transferred to the Olympia national forest, where he will be employed in the supervisor's office. He and his wife plan to leave the valley shortly after Jan. 1.

## McDonald Elected Dagwell Foundation

Portland—(UP)—James McDonald, British consul, was elected president of the recently established Benjamin D. Dagwell Foundation at the first meeting of the foundation's board of directors Friday.

The foundation was established with money contributed by friends of the Rt. Rev. Benjamin D. Dagwell, who will retire in July, 1958, after 22 years as bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Oregon.

Purpose of the fund is to support charitable, social welfare, health and educational activities of the kind that have been aided by Bishop Dagwell.

## Three County Doctors Return From Meeting

Dr. J. Scott Heatherington, Dr. Milton Snow and Dr. A. A. Griffin, Jacksonville, have returned from an Osteopathic post-graduate course and the mid-year business meeting in Portland.

Dr. Heatherington was appointed a member of the public education on health committee, and Dr. Griffin is a member of the board of trustees. A report was given on the progress of the campaign for funds for a new \$750,000 Portland Osteopathic hospital.

## Tacoma Man Hanged For 1954 Slaying

Walla Walla—(UP)—Artell Junior (Spud) Farley, 27, Tacoma, was hanged at the state penitentiary here at 12:05 a.m. Saturday for the Feb. 21, 1954 slaying of his sweetheart.

Farley went to his death on the gallows a few hours after he failed in a last-minute attempt to get a gubernatorial reprieve to halt the execution.

Farley was convicted of the fatal beating of Mrs. Flora McFarland, 30, a Tacoma divorcee. Her body later was found floating in a flooded gravel pit.

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## Those Making Appointments For Bloodmobile Are Listed

Bloodmobile officials will continue to accept appointments through Dec. 17 for residents desiring to donate blood Tuesday, Dec. 19, when the Bloodmobile will be at the Elks temple from 1 to 5 p.m.

Fifty-three appointments have been made by donors so far, but officials said 200 more donors will be needed to meet Medford's 250-pint quota.

Those who have made appointments include Dora Burnett, Ella Applegate, Lester Wallace, W. H. Reichstein, Fred Hall, Don Krotz, K. W. Copinger, Harold Head, Nevius Curtis, George Brownell, Elizabeth Parish, Ed Haas, Ellen Shearin.

Mary Moore, Tom Hall, Lucille Smith, J. M. Gunn, Robert Stewart, Carolinne Perrine, Beryl Farfan, G. W. Simmons, Kathleen Steele, Sam Steele, Janet Pinkham, Helen Payne, David T. Ormond, Geraldene Johnson, Dick Frost, Cora Dalton, Mrs. Lester Wallace, Gula Wobbe, John Reynolds, Suz Bergman, J. K. Ness, H. H. Hingman, W. H. Wright, L. S. Horton, William Prentice, Regina Adams, Richard F. White, Bonnie Graves, Richard Henselman, Gaden Knox, Maxville Heisel, Eleanor Stambough, Ruth Kilbourne, Rhoda Williams, Louis Kilbourne, Homer Masten, Alva Ingram, Thomas L. Sloop, Joe Dubucue and George W. Simmons.

Appointments may be made by telephoning Bloodmobile headquarters, 3-3813, or in person at the Red Cross office on the first floor of the county courthouse.

## English Girl Plans Wedding Saturday

Ashland—Miss Jean Thompson, young English woman who underwent major surgery after becoming critically ill during a visit with her sister, Mrs. Harold Ross, in Ashland two years ago, will be married Dec. 22, it was learned here recently.

Mrs. Ross, who lives on Hartley lane, near Talent, learned of the wedding plans in a letter. The letter also told of the last of several operations Miss Thompson has had since returning to her home at Stoke-on-Trent in January, 1955. The most recent operation was this fall.

She received several transfusions as well as the operation while in Ashland and Jackson county people financed much of her hospital and nursing care through contributions to the Jean Thompson Friendship Fund. News of local efforts on her behalf was carried to England by press association wires and a similar fund was established in Miss Thompson's home town.

Mrs. Ross said the letter indicated her sister's doctor thinks she will recover from her illness. Miss Thompson plans to marry a young science teacher whom she met in south England while recuperating from one of her operations.

## English Girl Plans Wedding Saturday

Corvallis—C. B. Conroy, Jackson county extension agent, was elected vice president of the Oregon county extension agents' association for 1957 at the annual Oregon State college agricultural conference held here recently.

Walter J. Andrzejewski, Klamath county, was elected president. Ripah Douglas, Josephine county, extension agent in home economics, was elected to a two-year term as president of the Oregon home demonstration agents' association.

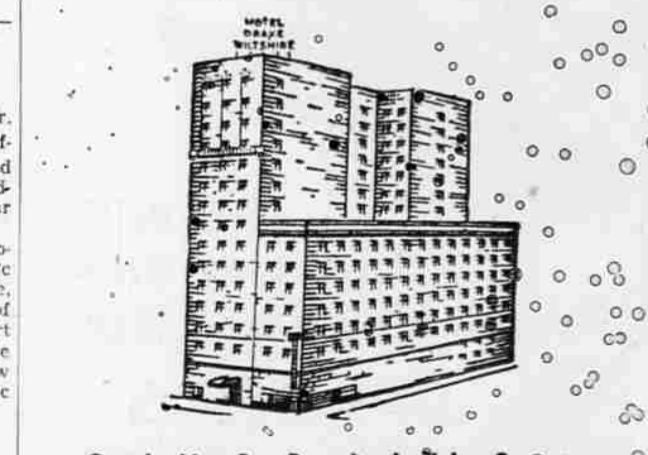
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