

Dress Rehearsals Start at Shakespearean Festival

Cast Works Until Midnight Preparing For August Plays

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Ashland—The entire cast of the Shakespearean Festival worked until midnight yesterday preparing for this afternoon's dress rehearsals.

Production Director Angus Bowmer seemed well-satisfied with his cast as he remarked, "We have much more depth in every part than we have had in previous years. Practically all these people have had considerable acting experience in Shakespearean roles."

Final terse bits of advice were given to the throng of actors and actresses at the stage entrance as the cast prepared to start its 8:30 to midnight rehearsal yesterday. Costume then consisted mainly of levis and a varied assortment of gaily colored shirts for the men and some levis mixed in with colorful summer dresses for the women.

Cast Appears Relaxed
The cast appeared quite relaxed as they lounged on the benches offstage or in the entrance. However, they seemed slightly on edge as some walked through their parts and others mentally ran through their lines.

This afternoon's dress rehearsal will be a kind of preview of the real thing. Only season ticket holders and their out-of-state guests will view the colorful pre-season production.

Colorful in itself is the cast which represents 17 states. One of these, Mrs. Mary Evans, assistant stage manager, hails from the University of Bristol, England.

Directors this year include the Festival's founder, Angus Bowmer; James Sandoe, University of Colorado; and Robert B. Loper, staff director of the Stanford university drama department.

Five Plays
Scheduled for performance this year are "As You Like It," "Othello," "The Gentlemen of Verona," and "Henry VIII" offered in nightly rotation throughout August. "Pericles, Prince of Tyre" will be staged as a special production Aug. 23 and 29.

Serving to wet the appetites of the local Shakespearean enthusiasts was the annual "Bard's Heyday" Sunday at the Oregon Shakespearean Festival theater. This included several games, special entertainments, prize contests and refreshments set in the Elizabethan era.

The local enthusiasm hardly needed stirring, however, as the ticket sales are three weeks ahead of last year's. Festival officials reported.

Residents also reported visiting rehearsals in increasing numbers as the Aug. 1 opening night nears.

Last night completed the technical rehearsals, concerned mainly with coordinating sound and light cues.

Mayflower Captain Takes TV Winnings
New York — Capt. Alan Villiers, who sailed the barque Mayflower II across the Atlantic ocean, played it safe Tuesday night and kept \$16,000 he had won previously on "The \$64,000 Question" TV quiz program.

Mrs. Muriel Hasbrouck, New York City, a Canadian-born housewife, reached the \$8,000 level on the CBS show by answering questions about George Bernard Shaw.

A third contestant, Joyce Myron, 18, North Bergen, N.J., a sophomore at the Drexel Institute of Technology in Philadelphia, advanced through a \$1,000 question in the "atom" category.

Oregon May Aid in Traffic Injury Check
Salem — The State Traffic Safety Commission is expected to decide Friday whether or not Oregon will participate in a research project to uncover injury causes in traffic accidents.

If approved, the project will involve extensive study of injury-producing accidents in four areas of the state over a two year period.

State police, the State Board of Health, and private physicians and hospitals would be involved in the work, which is being conducted in a number of states by Cornell University's medical school.

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EYE ON CAST—Angus L. Bowmer, production director, keeps a sharp eye on the cast of the Shakespearean Festival as they run through scenes from "As You Like It." Assistanting him is Mrs. Mary Evans, University of Bristol, England. Mrs. Evans is in this country on a Rotary International scholarship. She is assistant stage manager.



AS YOU LIKE IT—Ken Gist and Mary Jo Randall do a scene from "As You Like It" at the Shakespearean Festival cast worked on their parts. Dress rehearsal is scheduled to start this afternoon. The theater is modeled after the old theater of the Shakespeare era.

TV Lectures Due At Oregon Schools

Portland — Students at two Oregon colleges and the university next fall will be lectured by a television screen in some classrooms, Dr. Glenn Starlin told the Board of Higher Education here Tuesday.

Starlin, acting head of the speech department at the University of Oregon, said the television project, which he is directing, would involve the University of Oregon, Oregon State College and Oregon State College of Education at Monmouth. Students in classrooms of 25 to 30 will receive the lectures over 24-inch screens. In addition, Starlin said, there will be discussion and laboratory work under teachers in the classrooms.

The three lectures-by-TV will be beginning chemistry, U.S. history, and a series of education courses.

The board re-elected Dr. R. E. Kleinsorge, Silverton, and Henry Cabell, Portland, president and vice president respectively for another year.

John Quincy Adams Poem Now Exhibited
Medford, Mass. — A poem written by former President John Quincy Adams a day or two before his death in 1848 has been exhibited at the Eaton Library of Tufts University. Written in a shaky hand it reads:

"In days of yore the Poet's pen
From wing of birds was plundered
Perchance of goose, but now and then
From Eagle's pinion sundered.
But now metallic pens disclose
Alone the Poet's numbers—
In iron, inspiration flows
Or ilt the Poet slumbers."

Odd Address Used In Retrieving Purse
Wilmington, O. — Mrs. Paul Darnier of Dayton, Ohio, stopped at a store near here and, after making a purchase, drove away without her purse.

Undaunted by the fact that she did not know the name or address of the store, she addressed a letter to: "Ice cream parlor, right off route 68, going south to the left hand side, going toward Wilmington, just outside the city limits, I think."

She is going to get her purse back. The store owners received the letter.

San Fernando, Calif. — Police today sought a thief who might be planning to open a barbershop. Clippers, shears, combs and hair tonic were stolen early Tuesday from a local barber-shop.



A STITCH IN TIME—Jo Turner stitches up a costume in the prop room backstage in the theater at Ashland. Her husband, Jerry Turner, is an actor in the Shakespearean Festival.



NEW ACTING AREA—The Festival technical crew has completed building a new "pavilion" at the Shakespearean theater in Ashland. The removable structure, designed by Richard L. Hay, Festival art and technical director, will be used in "Othello" and "Pericles." Working on the structure are left to right, Gene Chesley, David Thayer, Hay and Ed Brubaker.

Cost of Living Sets Mark for 10th Month

Washington — The cost of living rose last month to 120.2 per cent of the 1947-49 base average, setting a record for the 10th month in a row.

The Labor department said today that the consumer price index rose one-half of 1 per cent between May and June, mostly because of higher food prices, to pass the 120 per cent mark for the first time.

The increase means cost of living pay increases ranging up to 4 cents an hour for approximately 650,000 workers in the trucking and in electrical and aircraft factories whose wage

contracts provide for changes based on the consumer price index for June.

Radioactivity Found In California Snow

Sacramento, Calif. — Some snow and runoff water in the northeast mountain area of California has shown "radioactivity higher than the safe limit for continuous ingestion," the Department of Public Health reported today.

A spokesman at department headquarters in Berkeley emphasized there is no threat, as yet, to storage reservoirs.

"We do not presently consider this a threat," the spokesman said. "There is no indication of any radioactivity in the reservoirs of the state or any domestic sources."

The spokesman explained that if a person were to drink he runoff waters over a period of months, then "the possibility might exist that some danger could be involved."

MAIL DELAYED
Gouverneur, N. Y. — A postcard received recently by Nelson B. Winters, secretary of the Gouverneur Chamber of Commerce, was mailed 43 years ago by a Leo Price of Ithaca who requested information on veterans here. The card was postmarked March 15, 1914. Winters' reply to Price was returned, marked "person and address unknown."

Umatilla County Raid On Pinball Machines

Pendleton — City police officers, sheriff's deputies and state police took part Tuesday night in a raid on pinball machines in Umatilla county. District Attorney John E. Walker said law officers had orders to round up the machines in bars, taverns and private clubs in Hermiston, Umatilla, Helix, Pilot Rock and Pendleton.

The devices were to be trucked to the Umatilla county courthouse here.

FRENCH ACTOR DIES
Paris — Alexandre-Pierre-Georges Guitry, better known as Sacha Guitry, died today at his Paris home after an illness of several months. The famed actor, author and movie director was 72.

Potato Meeting Said Unsuccessful

Nyssa — A potato growers meeting here Tuesday night, to determine possible steps that might be taken to improve the market price on round reds, met with little, if any, success.

The growers decided that there is not much chance to make improvement in the market price through their market regulations. There was considerable discussion about procedures which would entail voluntary curtailment of shipping of spuds until sold, but there was no forcing the regulation.

County Extension Agent Turner Bond said that shippers advised the growers that their customers are getting red potatoes from other districts, particularly Texas and Colorado, and prices are competitive but at a lower freight rate.

Local markets are in the Midwest and both Colorado and Texas have an advantage in lower freight rates all the way from 50 cents to \$1.00 per 100 pounds.



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