

## "Two Gentlemen of Verona" Produced First Time by Ashland Festival Cast

With the production of "Two Gentlemen of Verona" Saturday night in the Oregon Shakespearean festival theater in Ashland, Producing Director Angus L. Bowmer is one step nearer his goal of staging all of the Bard's plays in the Ashland theater. In the Oregon festival's almost 20 years of existence, this is the first production of "Two Gentlemen."

One of Shakespeare's earlier works, it remains one of his less popular plays and is not often produced. However, as staged in Ashland Saturday night, it drew the approval of the audience and will probably prove to be good "box office" this season.

The presence of Director Bowmer in the cast is almost a guarantee that it will draw audiences, for throughout the years this actor has built up a solid following of fans. Those who particularly enjoy Bowmer in comedy roles are in for a treat, for this year he plays Launce, one of Shakespeare's delightfully comic moronic servant characters.

Those familiar with the play know that Launce has some lines which must be delivered with finesse lest they offend the audience, even though they were written by an immortal poet and playwright. Bowmer's Launce is an artless, wide-eyed innocent saying "what comes naturally."

As such, the audience feels free to laugh and enjoy the scene instead of being embarrassed. **Dog Makes Hit**

Too, Launce's scenes are the better for the presence on stage of Crab, an English sheep dog with a decided bit of "ham" in his makeup. If anything, Crab is a bit too aristocratic and well-bred looking to be Launce's dog, but it doesn't really matter—the audience loves him.

Launce and Crab, however, don't have all the comedy scenes. There is the role of another servant, Speed, played in a crisp, sprightly manner by Nagle Jackson which blends well with Bowmer's portrayal of Launce.

The "two gentlemen" are played by William Oyer and David O'Brien, two of the festival's outstanding actors this season — or any season. Oyer is a polished, suave and truly gentlemanly Valentine. O'Brien is cast as Proteus, upon whom Shakespeare conferred the title of gentleman but who acts in a most ungentlemanly manner. O'Brien makes the character as believable as possible, but the

playgoer wonders if Shakespeare didn't stretch a point in making Proteus change so swiftly from good to bad and back again.

**Women Charming**  
Doris Vio and Margaret Vafiadis play the two sweethearts, Julia and Silvia, with charm and grace and both make pleasing stage appearances. Marcia Thayer does well as Lucetta, Julia's waiting woman who also indulged in a little earthy conversation.

Surveying the cast as a whole, one finds that it is a thoroughly competent group, ably directed by James Sandoe. Richard Graham, wearing gorgeous purple raiment, makes an imposing Duke of Milan and Jim Speldon is cast as Thurio, the foolish suitor. Jerry Turner and Michael O'Sullivan play Proteus' father and his chamberlain; Tom Markus. Fred Strange, Norman McPhee, Rudolf E. Vest Jr., William Crosssett and Pauline Peotter complete the cast.

The Ashland festival is fortunate to have Douglas Russell as chief costumer. A man of knowledge and imagination, Russell's costumes compare favorably with those designed and produced for the Shakespearean festivals of the nation. In "Two Gentlemen" he uses the pleasing device of using the same color for the clothing of each pair of sweethearts which adds to the impact of the costuming.

Hugh Morton, Julia Sandoe and Diane Cochran provide a bit of music for the play, and Director Sandoe and Marcia Thayer, festival choreographer, have added dash to the production by closing it with dancing, rather than the traditional assemblage of the cast for routine curtain bows.

If there are those who find "Two Gentlemen" a bit tedious in spots, it is the fault of the play itself, and not the acting or production. It is not only present-day playgoers and critics who find fault with "Two Gentlemen." In October of 1785 an unidentified person wrote in Lady's Magazine, published in London, the following paragraph under the title "New Observations on the plays of Shakespeare:

**Strange Mixture**  
"In this play (Two Gentlemen of Verona) there is a strange mixture of knowledge and ignorance, of care and negligence. The versification is often excellent, the allusions are learned and just; but the author conveys his heroes by sea from one in-

land town to another in the same country; he places the emperor at Milan, and sends his young men to attend him, but never mentions him more; he makes Proteus after an interview with Sylvia say he has only seen her picture, and, if we may credit the old copies, he has, by mistaking places, left his scenery intricate. The reason of all this confusion seems to be that he took his story from a novel which he sometimes followed, and sometimes forsook, sometimes remembered and sometimes forgot."

All of which proves nothing except that even Shakespeare sometimes turned out a bit of faulty writing—but that faulty or not, the play deserves the attention of all true Shakespearean fans and playgoers who want to know the playwright in his entirety.—O.S.

## Society

### St. Mary's Class Holds Reunion

Members of the 1947 class of St. Mary's school recently held a reunion at Mon Desir inn near Central Point.

Attending the dinner were Mr. and Mrs. James Messer, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rickman, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ranstead, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rickman and Neil Murphy. Of these Mr. Messer, Mr. Rickman, Mrs. Ranstead, who was Lois Kneeland, Mrs. Rickman, the former Mary Lou Ryan, and Mr. Murphy were members of the class.

Unable to attend were Mrs. Dan Tanable, Seattle; Mrs. Joseph Victorine, Malin, Ore., and Mrs. William Neely, Eugene. The last member of the class of nine, Barbara Bell, has been "lost" and her classmates were unable to locate her.

### Plan Sale

Central Point—A sale of iris will be held during a meeting of Central Point Garden club set for Wednesday, August 7. It will be held at the home of Mrs. John Holmer, Old Stage road, and dessert will be served at 1:30 p.m.

Save time and fuel by halving large potatoes before baking them.

## Good Casting Seen in Henry VIII; Three Parts Highlight Play

A "history" play has been defined as one in which there are a series of historical events having no distinct formality of structure. Such a play is composed of episodes — episodes in the life of a man or an age.

William Shakespeare, in "The Life of King Henry VIII," has taken four outstanding events from the busy life of Henry VIII (who had six wives and was in part responsible for the separation of the Church of England from the Church of Rome) and has woven some of his finest writing achievements in his history plays.

### Three Episodes

Three of the episodes serve as a basis of unity for the play. Each in itself is a type of tragedy. The three persons involved conduct themselves with dignity in the face of disaster; they maintain a grace which gives them victory over their enemies.

Those episodes lead to the fourth — the christening of Elizabeth, which provides a note of assurance that England has been blessed by her birth. Thus the play ends with reverence despite the fact three principals meet tragic ends.

Such a play, which probably was no simple matter to write in the beginning, requires especially good casting for the parts of Duke of Buckingham, Queen Katherine, and Cardinal Wolsey, the three persons in the "tragedies."

### Fine Selections

Director Robert B. Loper made extremely fine selections for those parts in David O'Brien, Mary Jo Randall and Michael O'Sullivan.

O'Brien's presentation of Buckingham, crossing the stage as a condemned man, is penetrating as he delivers one of Shakespeare's best speeches by a man doomed to death. He is pathetic, and captures the audience's sympathy.

Katherine likewise attains compassion of the audience, both at her trial and in two later scenes. Miss Randall spoke with the eloquence and passion of a queen herself at her trial. She maintains her dignity in an argument with Cardinal Wolsey in a moment of weakness. But her final appearance is perhaps the most touching. As dowager, she retains her finesse, although overwhelmed by her divorce from Henry, and stirs the audience to her favor.

### Speeches are Moving

The third tragic episode is that of Cardinal Wolsey, and despite his unscrupulousness, O'Sullivan portrays him as a man who captures attention and sympathy when he is left alone. His speeches are moving, almost to a point of forgiveness of his selfish ambition and pride, and the audience is left with the feeling that, after all, he is a reverent man and has been unduly accused.

But Shakespeare regarded Wolsey as a great man, a fact which is borne out in early histories. It was necessary then to have Wolsey reinstated, as it

were, after being "tripped by his own arrogance."

It is those three characters who highlight "Henry VIII." They are the unifying trend—the fall from high standing. And O'Brien, Miss Randall and O'Sullivan certainly carry their parts with the dynamic force with which the lines were written.

The fourth noteworthy episode which Shakespeare included is the birth and christening of Elizabeth. The christening itself brings to light the greatness and goodness of Cammer, played by Jerry Mickey, in whom the author provided a sort of prophet. Cammer projects into the future the virtue and glory of Queen Elizabeth, and does it with moving tenderness.

**Portrayal of King**  
Richard Graham's portrayal of King Henry is not as dominating as the characters of Buckingham, Katherine and Wolsey, but it is questionable if Shakespeare wrote the part to be as effective as those of the latter three.

Another part which is noteworthy is that of the Duke of Norfolk, played by William Crosssett. It is not so much the part as it is Crosssett's presentation. Some of the lines are delivered with a fury which contrasts sharply with his more subtle words to Cardinal Wolsey when the latter's cunningness has been revealed.

Loper has directed the history so it progresses with flowing ease.

Last night's performance was the fourth play. The series starts again tonight with "As You Like It," and if each production is as smooth as those this writer has seen, the month should prove to be a success for the Shakespearean Festival.

—E. H. A.

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## Ceylon Ambassador Given Endorsement By Ceylonese Envoy

Washington.—Maxwell H. Gluck, controversial new U. S. envoy to Ceylon, has been given an important endorsement from the Ceylonese ambassador to the United States.

Gluck's appointment sparked a controversy after he flunked a Senate quiz on Ceylonese matters, including the name of Ceylon's prime minister. Ceylon's newspapers have been calling for him to turn down the assignment.

**Favorably Impressed**  
But Ambassador R. S. S. Gunawardene said a two-hour visit Saturday with Gluck, who has been boffing up on his new job, left him "very favorably impressed."

"He certainly knew the name of the prime minister," Gunawardene said, "although he found it difficult to pronounce it correctly."  
The prime minister's name,

Solomon Bandarakaike, according to the Ceylonese embassy is pronounced Ban-dar-a-nye-ka.

**Idea of Conditions**  
Gunawardene said Gluck, 57, millionaire race horse owner turned diplomat, had "quite a good idea" of conditions in Ceylon.

In a statement issued Sunday by the Ceylonese Embassy here, Gunawardene said, "I am very favorably impressed with him. I am particularly glad he is going to Ceylon with an open mind and wishes to see things for himself."



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Mr. Miksche, now living in New York City, is a free lance artist and does many illustrations in such magazines as Esquire and The New Yorker.

Recently Mr. Miksche illustrated an article on Caryl Chessman, the San Quentin prisoner who has written and published two successful novels. The article will be carried in a coming issue of Esquire.

## Actress Honored At Patio Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. Albert W. Gandt, 141 Clover lane, were hosts for a patio dinner Tuesday evening of last week which honored Miss Rosalyn Newport, actress in this year's cast of the Oregon Shakespearean festival in Ashland. Miss Newport, who is from Wichita, Kan., is a cousin of Mrs. Gandt.

Guests for the dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Schute, William Patton, Paul Gandt, Mr. and Mrs. John Frantz and Miss Newport.

This is the second year Miss Newport has appeared with the festival company.

## Raccoon Coat Staging Comeback

By GAY PAULEY  
United Press Correspondent

New York.—The newest fashion for coeds is as old as the flapper, the Stutz Bearcat and the Charleston.

Yes, the raccoon coat is back. In some cases, it is available second hand and in "magnificent disrepair," as advertised by one New York specialty shop.

But mostly, it is new raccoon copied after those worn 30 years ago or else shortened to car coat length.

Revival of the long-haired fur in coats and accessories is just part of fashion's return to the Roaring 20s for ideas especially for the campus and young career girl group.

The "so's your old man" era also is reflected in new cloche hats, shorter skirts, fringed and beaded dresses, and lowered waists. Even Christian Dior last week in Paris dropped the waist to the hipbone, a la the flapper.

**Three-Length Types**  
The vintage raccoons, which the specialty shop bought from a private collection, retailed for \$25 each. The new ones will cost \$150 and up. One New York shop featured three lengths of raccoon — the shortest, actually a jacket length; another, 32 inches or car coat style; the third, to mid-calf.

Most of the new old-timers rolled collars. Others have adjustable hoods and bright plaid linings.

Raccoon also abounds in accessories and trim. One college shop used the fur for huge, pouch bags and hats, and as cuffs for wool knit gloves. One red leather car coat has a raccoon collar. Another store even included raccoon slippers, in its collection of be-furred accessories.

**Trims Suits With Raccoon**  
Designer Jeanne Campbell of Sportsworld trimmed two-piece tweed suits with raccoon collars. Goldworm Sportswear used the fur for collars of its two-piece knits.

Here are other trends in coed fashions for fall:

Red in all shades is a leading color in everything from shirts to suits. Other color leaders are black, olive green, gold and beige.

Jackets mainly are short and semi-fitted, some of them piped and suggestive of the loose jacket made famous by Chanel of Paris.

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