

**Insurance and Shakespeare**



Almost 100 members and guests of Region 9, National Association of Insurance Women, attended a performance of "Much Ado About Nothing" in the Oregon Shakespearean Festival theater in Ashland last Saturday. Two members, Mrs. Betty Allyn May, Portland, (at left) and Miss Nadia M. Harger, Eugene, are shown here buying Elizabethan-style sweets from hostess Jody Mittag.



Insurance women who attended a meeting and Shakespearean festival play in August, 1957, were so enthusiastic about the idea that a second meeting was promoted for 1958, this time on the northwest regional level. The women and their guests first attended a social hour and banquet in the Jackson hotel and then motored to Ashland in time to hear the festival singers and watch the dancing on the green before the play began. Following the play an after-theater party was held in the Pioneer room of the Jackson hotel.



Miss Florence Robinson, Medford, (at left) and Mrs. Leah Knutsen, Grants Pass, registered members and guests who attended a meeting of Region 9, National Association of Insurance Women, last week end in Medford and Ashland. At the desk are (left to right) Mrs. Opal Lewis, Mrs. Ivan Long and Mrs. Leona Teske, all Salem, and Mrs. Fred Miller, president of the Portland club.



In the group of Insurance Women and their guests at the Festival play last Saturday were (left to right) Mrs. Louella Tennent, past president of the Roseburg club; Mrs. Muriel Babcock, Eugene, Region 9 director; V. D. Harger and Miss Nadia Harger, Eugene, and Mrs. Gladnae Harger, Eugene club president, and Miss Evelyn Hile, Eugene.



Miss Jacqueline Walker, member of Insurance Women of Jackson county, serves punch to (left to right) Mrs. Ethel M. Sanger, Mrs. Ruthella Hile and Miss Evelyn Hile during the social hour which preceded last Saturday's banquet of Region 9, National Association of Insurance Women. The dual purpose "business and pleasure" session was the first of its kind sponsored by Region 9 of the group.



Mrs. Eva M. Brower, Portland (at left), treasurer of the National Association of Insurance Women, Mrs. Irene Ostrander, Jacksonville, co-chairmen of the regional meeting held in the valley last week end; Mrs. Marion Walker, San Francisco, and Mrs. Imogene Owen, Portland, chairman of the event, are shown here before the banquet. Mrs. Ostrander, a past president of Jackson County Insurance Women and regional membership chairman, started plans for the August meeting back in February. Banquet decorations included special dolls made by Mrs. Henry Davis, Medford doll authority, for the event. The dolls represent Henry VIII and his wives.



William Patton, general manager of the Oregon Shakespearean festival, was speaker for the Insurance Women's banquet in Medford last Saturday evening. Seated at Mr. Patton's right is Mrs. Muriel Babcock, Eugene, Region 9 director. The festival manager also spoke for last year's meeting and members asked that he appear again this year. Mr. Patton spoke about the new festival building.



Admiring table favors at breakfast Sunday are (left to right) Mrs. Eva M. Brower, Portland, national treasurer; Mrs. Marion Walker, San Francisco, first vice-president of the national association and editor of "Today's Insurance Woman," national magazine, and Miss Carolyn Bagley, president, Insurance Women of Jackson County.

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