

Brothers Wrap Up 64 Years in Army
Nuttley, N.J. - Sixty-four years of Army service by four brothers came to an end recently when Sgt. John T. Romanski retired from the Army.

John served for 20 years, his brother Leonard contributed 23, Julius, 3, and Frank, 18.

Though all returned to civilian life, John made sure the family had left its mark. While serving as a recruiter, he helped put more than 400 young men into uniform.

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YMCA Day Camp To Start June 20 On River Site

Starting June 20 the Medford YMCA will hold its third annual day camp on the Applegate river south of McKee bridge for 60 boys, according to Robert Jones, YMCA general secretary.

Participants will leave the Y at 9 a.m. Monday through Thursday on a bus and will return before 5 p.m. each day.

Friday night they camp out, and fathers are invited to spend the night at the campsite with them.

Age limit has been set at 7 and 8 year olds, Jones said. Older boys are urged to attend the Diamond Lake Y camp.

The day camp program emphasizes the study of wild life, preparation of camp sites and learning to build shelters, cooking out, sand sculpture, woodcarving, rock collecting, bird study and hiking, combined with a daily swim, and to generally make it possible to give the boys experience in group living, Jones said.

At the camp, boys are divided into groups of six with a trained counselor. The staff is picked high school juniors and seniors. Special attention to safety in the woods is taught by a ranger from the Star Ranger station, and personal safety is taught by the camp staff.

Bruce Burns, YMCA youth secretary, is program director. Carl E. Gordon, a senior at the University of Oregon, is assistant director.

Adults with special skills in astronomy, rope use, fishing, gold mining, and nature lore will accompany the boys each day to help them in instruction, Jones added.

Exterminators Liked To Boost Business

Riverhead, N.Y. - Exterminator salesman Charles Sciacci and Peter LoFolla were arrested on charges they carried their own termites to the homes of prospective clients.

Pickin' Pears News and Notes From Camp White

By SID HOLLINGSWORTH
Medford has much to commend it as the metropolis of southern Oregon, but the little neighboring town of Ashland has in the face of war and temper, achieved an enviable reputation as the Stratford-on-Avon in the United States.

Wherever the name William Shakespeare is venerated, the Ashland festival is known as the place where his plays are produced in a sylvan setting and on a stage, carefully designed in conformity with the Elizabethan tradition.

Comparisons are said to be odious, but there is a parallel in spirit, at least, between the efforts that persisted to make the Shakespearean enterprise at Ashland a success, and the same enterprise and stick-to-itiveness that resulted in the building and development of Camp White as a home for disabled war veterans.

The two interests, of course, are not similar except as they apply to bringing two distinct influences into southern Oregon which are not indigenous to the region. It took a great deal of the pioneer spirit for Ashland and Southern Oregon college initially to sponsor, and for the group forming the festival association to press forward such an undertaking, so far removed from the cultural scene of its origin.

The enthusiastic support of the various volunteer organizations and public spirited citizens of the area, who have kept working to make the agate desert, near Medford, bloom and grow, comes from the same frontier approach.

Now it is time to view in retrospect something of the nature of these achievements in the post war period.

In the case of the Oregon Shakespearean Festival, the 20th season is at hand with a greater national and international interest generated than ever before.

A new Elizabethan theater was dedicated last season and for the first time, the cycle of four plays from the Shakespearean library was broken with an original playlet "Masque of the New World" - a gesture in recognition of the Oregon Centennial celebration.

The season has now been extended between July 25 through Sept. 3, due to demand and the convenience of patrons. Again one "extra" will be presented - "The Duchess of Malifi" by John Webster.

"Julius Caesar," "The Tempest," and "Richard II," are the four plays of the master to be offered in rotation.

Angus L. Bowmer, producing director, whose genius made possible the unique brand of showmanship accountable for the widespread response among true lovers of the theater, will not be present this year. He is making a tour of all the other festivals here and abroad, a number of which have sprung from his venture in this hallowed field of the drama.

As he leaves, he can give a parting glance at the firm, reinforced concrete structure housing his project and see a permanent home for the dreams of the golden age of literature. They can be reenacted each summer as long as the people appreciate such a contribution to their cultural education.

It is worth the price of admission just to see this stage and contemplate the artistry that conceived it for the type of plays Shakespeare wrote.

Lighting and costuming provide the color to enhance the poetry of the lines. There is still work to be done in arrangement of lighting facilities for better effects, and in addition of two at the entrance.

On the left will be the classrooms for the Institute of Renaissance Studies, now conducted by Dr. Margery Bailey, professor emerita of English at Stanford university. To the right of the entrance will be the festival offices.

Richard L. Hay is the designer and technical director of the new theater and Jack A. Edson, of Medford, is the architect.

William Patton has been the general manager of the Oregon Shakespearean Festival for the past six years. He says that ticket sales this year are a month ahead of last season.

Those who have not been to Ashland for some time will find significant changes. The Shakespearean atmosphere has been enhanced by the remodeling of the Lithia hotel, now the Mark Anthony which will open July 15.

Driver License Examiners Have Tough Job Telling Friend He Can't Operate

Driving through a plate glass window is not the only reason that scores of Oregon driver license examiners have to refuse licenses, but it is one of the most dangerous.

In reviewing the driving ability of a friend or employ-

er, the examiners have a tough job in telling them they can't drive, or are not qualified for a license without making them angry.

Local examiners George Plane, E. Leo Sevcik, and Walter Michael have found this to be true while being exposed to these circumstances nearly every day.

Like the other 43 Oregon department of motor vehicle driver examiners around the state, Plane, Sevcik and Michael are called upon to test the driving knowledge and experience of their employers, the public, five days a week.

Two Powerful Hazards
In their occupation, they face two powerful hazards - the wild rumor and the wild ride. Both seem inevitable.

Occasionally, drivers in larger cities start a rumor that it's easier to get a license from examiners in outlying field offices even though the department's standards are the same statewide.

Examiners throughout Oregon use the same phrases when administering a law test or vision test. They are taught to give drive test instructions dispassionately and clearly. They are taught to be polite, but professional, engaging in no small talk which might distract applicants.

Despite the fact that all

driver examiners are carefully selected on the basis of civil service tests and given the same 80-hour training course at the central office in Salem, each two-man examiner team faces the hero-villain rumor.

"Watch out for the tall examiner," says a would-be driver. "The shorter fellow is the good Joe. He'll pass you."

"Watch out for the short one," says another examinee who flunked. "He gets a personal satisfaction out of flunking you. It's the tall one who's the good guy."

The conscientious work of examiners is apparent in consistently high ratings of the Oregon program by the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators and National Safety Council.

Each applicant who successfully completes his law and vision tests moves on to a drive test that averages about 15 minutes.

"Some are good drivers; some are not. Believe me, it's tough to reject a driver and keep his good will while doing so," examiner Sevcik says.

Even so, their public relations seem to be high. A five-month survey of public opinion toward examiners completed last December showed less than 1 per cent of 2,800 respondents unfavorable.

Examiners Sevcik, Michael and Plane cover a territory bounded by Medford, Ashland and Cave Junction. Last year they gave 5,772 law tests, 4,122 vision tests and 4,537 drive tests.

They are constantly in danger of injury if an inexperienced driver makes a mistake at the wrong time. Failing to signal for turns, turning from or into wrong lanes, changing lanes without checking traffic and signaling, failing to keep check on conditions through side and rear-view mirrors - these are potential accident causes and signals to examiners that the driver isn't ready for a license.

Of course, it's the really wild rides that stand out in examiners' memories, like the time the mayor of a coast town completed his drive test by driving through a plate glass window. He didn't get his license that trip.

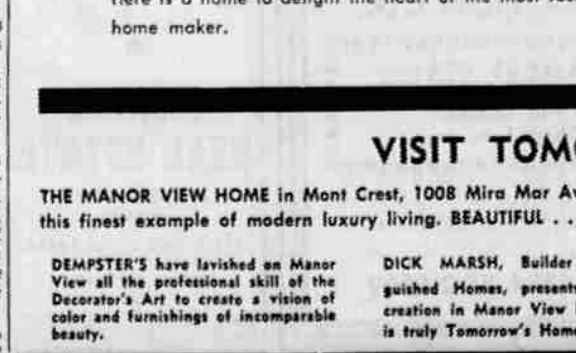
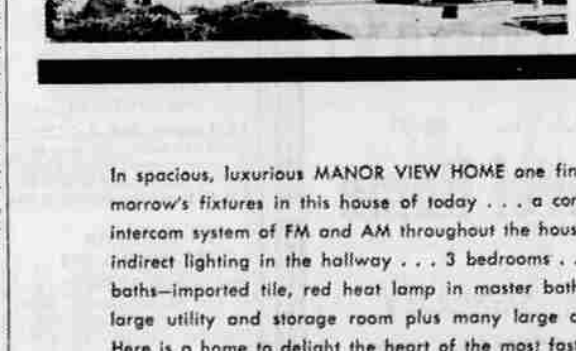
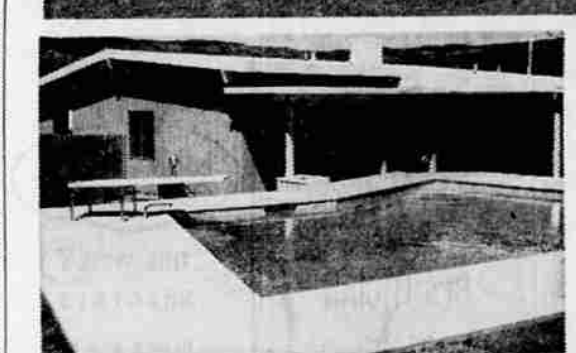
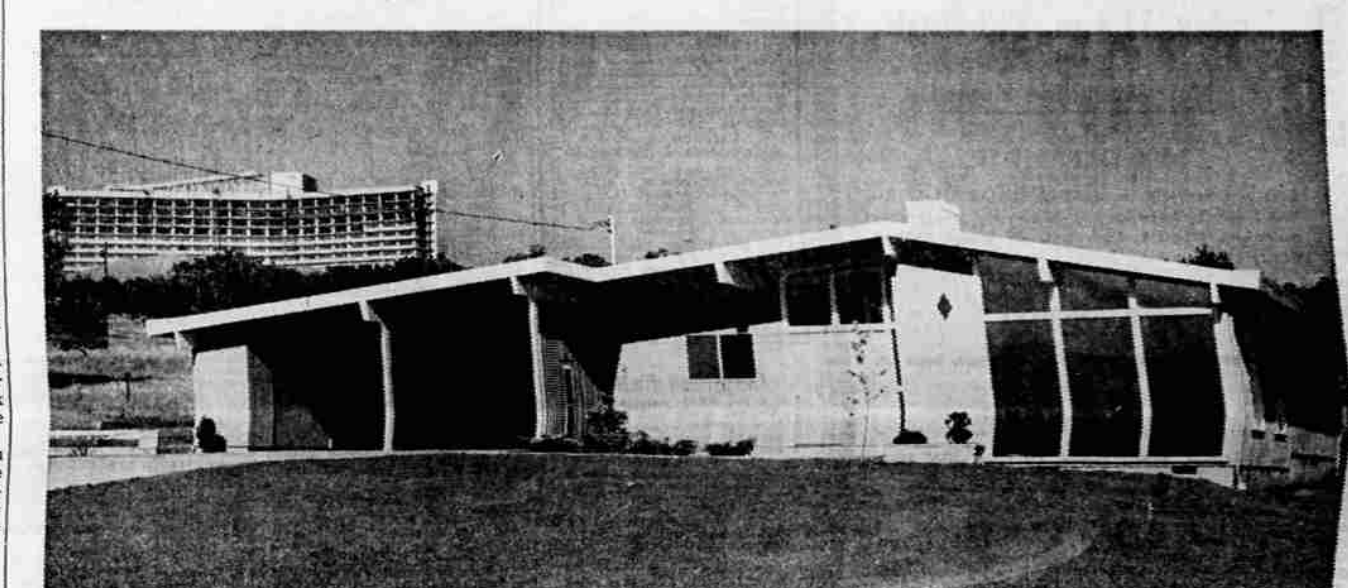
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