

Thunderstorm Sets Stage for Will's Play 'The Tempest'

Ashland—Southern Oregon obligingly set the stage with a genuine thunderstorm last night, but the Shakespearean Festival presentation of "The Tempest" was not quite able to sustain the mood.

Though certainly not a bad play, it often lagged, partly because of some missed cues and almost-forgotten lines. Some of the responsibility also must rest with Mr. Shakespeare since the script sets something less than a torrid pace.

"Tempest," as a whole, needs polishing, but there are numerous positive things to be said about Wednesday's opening night performance.

The costumes—all of them—were near perfect, staging was extremely smooth and there were several good individual performances, notably those by Ed Brubaker as Caliban, Graham Woodruff as Ariel, Shirley Patton as Miranda, Will Mackenzie as Trinculo and Robert B. Loper as Prospero.

Acts 'Monster' Part
Most of the laurels probably should go to Brubaker. As Caliban, he looked, acted and sounded every inch the "monster" of the strange little island. His costume—webbed hands, long, stringy hair and a crude, leaf-like covering—made him appear as though he had just crawled from beneath a rock.

Woodruff's portrayal of Ariel, the sprite, was adequate throughout but reached its high point during the banquet scene in the forest. Flourishing his bat-like wings and denouncing the enemies of his master, Prospero, with crisp authority, he had the audience all but in his pocket.

Shirley Patton's Miranda emerged as she should have—sweet, compassionate and naive. She handled it perfectly, with tenderness and humor, and was careful to avoid those last few grains of sugar that easily could have proven too much.

Mackenzie portrayed the bouncy Trinculo with ease and wit. He made the most of his several humorous lines, yet wisely did not overdo them.

Speeches Nicely Done
As Prospero, Loper on more than one occasion hesitated in the midst of delivering a line. His fine voice and bearing offset this, however, and his major speeches were nicely done.

The best scene, and the only one which the storm-stricken audience applauded, was the discovery of Caliban by Stephano (Mark Hammer) and Trinculo.

"What have we here?" asks Trinculo upon spying the ugly Caliban hidden beneath a canvas. "A man or a fish?"

One whiff of the cave-dweller and Trinculo pronounces his verdict: "Fish."

It can be safely assumed that the play's assets will go

Fire Destroys Barn, House in Astoria

Astoria—UPB—Fire believed caused by short-circuit wiring broke out near here Tuesday and destroyed a barn and a small house.

The barn was owned by John Reith Sr. of Lewis and Clark valley just outside Astoria. About 75 to 100 tons of new cut hay at the barn were destroyed by the blaze.

Firemen managed to save the main residence and a tool shed that were endangered and smoldering and prevented the flames from spreading into tinder-dry hay fields and nearby timber.

Portland Council OK's Tax Measures

Portland—UPB—The city council Wednesday approved three more tax-measuring measures to go before city voters in November, bringing to eight the number of money measures now slated for the November ballot.

Grand total of the eight money issues now stands at \$31,375,000 over a 10-year period, plus an additional \$500,000 permissive annually.

Approved by the council were measures calling for a \$550,000 zoo levy for five years; a \$9.5 bond issue for the dock commission; and a supplemental levy of up to \$500,000 a year if needed for the fire and police pension fund.

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Chief Nurse Takes Over at Domiciliary

Mrs. Catherine C. Ford has taken over the duties of chief nurse at the VA Domiciliary, White City, replacing Miss Grace Stuhr, who retired last month after 40 years in her profession, most of them spent at VA stations in the northwest.

Mrs. Ford comes here from the VA hospital, Seattle, and has been engaged in public health nursing for the past 16 years, having held a super-

PICKING ON LITTLE GUYS

Los Angeles—The city council ordered a survey to give compact cars additional parking area. Councilman Harold Henry said many small cars are damaged in rear-end collisions while parked—because big cars scott into a space the driver thought was empty only to find a small car already there.

Mrs. Ford will be accompanied to Medford by her family of two children, Carol Ann, 19, now in the Navy with the Waves, and a son, Dan, 17, together with her husband,

Beagle Club Names Officers for Year

Fred Clark, Eagle Point, was elected president at the annual Beagle Community club picnic held July 17 at TouVelle State park.

Other officers for 1960-61 elected were George A. Loftin, vice president, and Mrs. Marshall B. Sweet, secretary-treasurer.

Fifty members and friends attended the picnic which has been held each year since 1942. July 2, 1944, the families that lived in the Beagle area organized the club. Mrs. Alberta Haas was elected the first president.

DIFFERENT POLICE CASE

Oriskany, N.Y. — Police rushed to the scene one day after receiving a phone call from Joan McNabb, 30, of Buffalo, who hysterically reported, "I've just killed two."

They found two Black Angus cows lying dead on the highway.

Austin, Tex.—Sign on a used car lot: "Prices Are Born Here, But Raised Elsewhere."

PROMPT PATIENT

New York—Peter Real, 44, arrived for his doctor's appointment three minutes early despite being handicapped by a cast on his right leg. While he was parking his car, his left foot slipped on the ac-

celerator and the car smashed through a wall right into his doctor's examination room.

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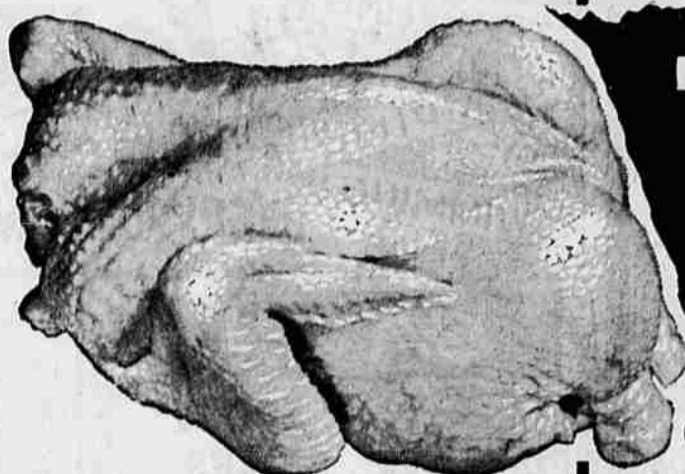
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