

Ashland Takes on Cosmopolitan Air During Summer

Ashland-Ashland has taken on a cosmopolitan atmosphere for the summer months, with the gathering of nearly 100 actors, technical and staff people for the 22nd season of the Oregon Shakespearean Festival.

Twenty states and the District of Columbia are represented.

The flavor of the 21 different cultural areas gives the company an unusual opportunity for exchanges of opinions on modern day as well as Elizabethan problems.

Atmosphere Ideal
The atmosphere is ideal for the hours of study and practice necessary for the high degree of perfection found in each of the Festival productions each season, Producing Director Angus Bowmer noted.

This season, the Oregon Shakespearean Festival is presenting five productions: "Comedy of Errors," "King Henry IV, Part 2," "As You Like It," and "Coriolanus," a special attraction will be seen in "A Thieves Ballad" which will follow each performance of "Comedy of Errors" starting August 6.

Rehearsals are in full swing for all productions, with rehearsal schedules filling most of the morning, afternoon and evening hours of each pre-season day.

The season will open July 21 with the traditional "Feast of the Tribe of Will" in Lithia park prior to that evening's performance of "Comedy of Errors."

The first Seeing Eye dog was brought to the United States from Switzerland 33 years ago.

Dennis the Menace



"I GOTTA KNIFE...IN CASE YOU WANT TO CUT YOUR APPLE IN HALF..."

Three Accidents Are Reported in City

Three automobile accidents were reported to Medford police Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning.

About 5 a.m. Tuesday a vehicle operated by John Maynard Francis, 809 Oak st., struck a wire fence along Corona ave. about 200 feet north of Morrow rd., according to police. No citations were issued.

Another accident Tuesday occurred shortly after midnight near the intersection of Manzanita and Riverside ave. The cars were operated by Bruce Kay Weatherston, 2938 Henley rd., and Richard Gordon Parks, Camp White. Vehicles operated by Alan Adams, 33, of 107 Valley

The Medical Roundup

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Difficult Old People

In his interesting autobiography recently published, Paul De Kruif tells of a conversation he had with Dr. Jack Ferguson, head of the mental hospital at Traverse City, Michigan. Dr. Ferguson asked, "What are we going to do to help the grandmas and grandpas and poor old Aunt Mary?"

In close to a million homes, from coast to coast, there exist poor old gentlemen and poor old ladies, clear-headed one moment, foggy the next. They ask their sons and daughters pitifully, "You're not going to have to put me away?"

Dr. Ferguson went on to say that the number of the state's cases of senile dementia is going up by leaps and jumps. "People don't die the way they used to. It's the power of the antibiotics. These drugs keep the old person from dying quietly with pneumonia when his time comes—pneumonia which Dr. Osler used to call 'the old man's friend.'"

"So these poor old people are pouring in on us from their families, who can't stand their bad behavior." (As many a grown person says to me, "At times, my old mother is just naughty, and makes endless trouble for us.") "Others are coming in from the county poor houses. They're arriving from nurses' homes that can't cope with their incorrigible conduct."

Many of these old people will be perfectly sane for a while and then they will become so confused they will fail to recognize their own son, and will order him out of the house. If the confused grandma's children hire a woman to take care of her, grandma promptly fires her. When the old person's children are poor, the problem of care is big, but even when they are rich, the problem may be almost insoluble. Unfortunately, drugs seldom help any.

Loss of Calcium in the Bones
Many people write telling me they have been told they have osteoporosis. Usually this is diagnosed by an x-ray specialist (roentgenologist) who sees that the shadows of the bones are very light due to the lack of lime salts in them. In a few of these cases, the spine will cave in, especially in its upper portion.

Sometimes, an aged person will become somewhat hunch-backed, and then he or she may suffer much pain due to the pressure of the caved-in vertebrae on the nerves that come out from between them. I remember a woman of 55 who came to me complaining bitterly of abdominal pain which was due to the pressure of her collapsing spine on the nerves that ran down between her ribs to supply the muscles and skin of her abdominal wall.

I keep reading that this osteoporosis with caving-in of the spine is due to the loss of a sex hormone. A professor at Harvard wrote a book in which he advised the giving of sex hormones to these people, but I am sorry to say I have not had any success with this treatment. I fear we physicians still do not know enough about the cause of the osteoporosis.

I was just reading an article on the amount of lime salts in bones in older people, which suggests that these people might help themselves by drinking at least a glass of milk every day—unless they are allergic to milk. Studies of the diet of older people show that especially when they don't drink milk, they can easily lack sufficient lime in their diet, and this conceivably can cause trouble in their bones.

I have never been convinced of the sex gland origin of the disease. So often in women the caving-in of the bones of the spine does not take place at the time of the menopause when the ovaries shrink up and lose most of their function. I have seen the caving-in take place 10 or 20 or even 30 years later. One of my dear friends, a famous surgeon, suffered a serious caving-in of the upper part of his spine—so bad that his head fell forward, so far that he could look only at the floor, and this took place when he was 90.

I do hope that research in this field will some day give us more definite information so that we can help these unfortunate people. In the meantime, they might make an effort either to drink milk each day, or take a tablespoonful of the Syrup of Calcium Gluconate.

A Suggested Cure For Sleep-Walking
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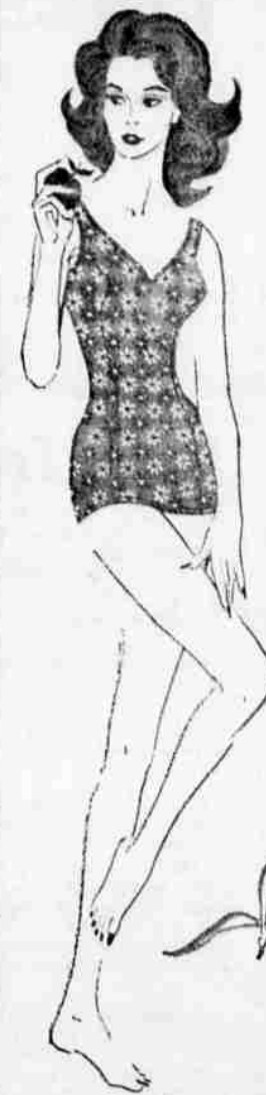
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DIES FROM BURNS
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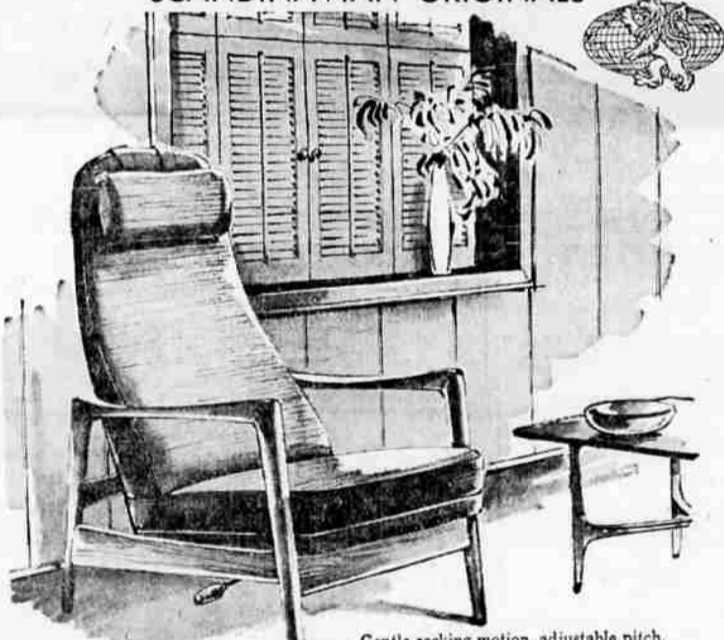
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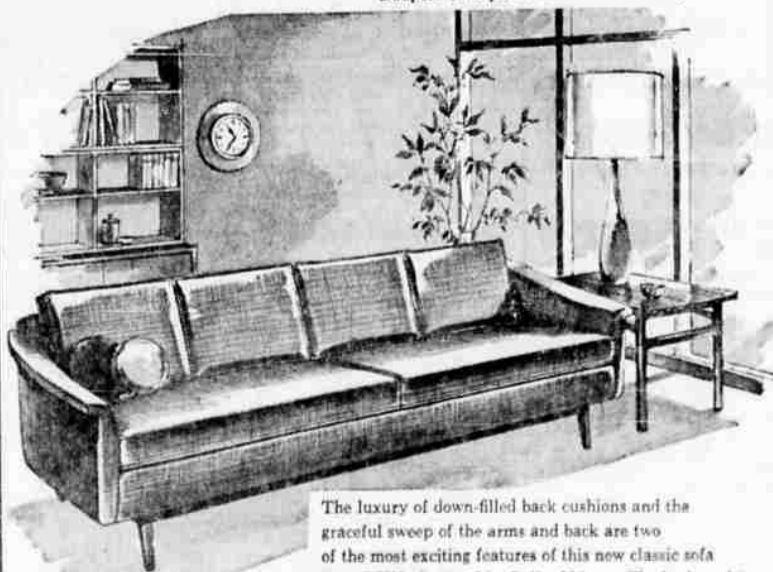
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