

Medford Group Travels To Eugene for Program

When recounting the advantages of the freeway type of highway, one should not forget the fact that it widens the cultural horizon for those who have access to it. The ease and speed with which one can travel to Eugene, Portland or even San Francisco for concerts, plays or other musical or dramatic events means that an increasing number of persons are doing so.

Thus it was that a substantial number of valley members of Jackson County Civic Music association were in Eugene Saturday night for the Civic Music attraction, "A Program for Two Players" starring two of this nation's outstanding dramatic performers, Helen Hayes and Maurice Evans, in Shakespearean material. Twenty-five members chartered a Greyhound bus for the trip, the first time such a venture has been carried out within the membership, and others went by private car.

Executive Experience
This writer cannot speak for others, but we found the evening a completely satisfying—even an exciting experience. The combination of two truly fine stage players and Shakespeare could hardly miss. Miss Hayes and Mr. Evans first performed this program for the American Shakespeare theater festival in Stratford, Conn., last summer and since it was so successful, it is on the road this winter with a total of 80 cities to be visited.

Surely the two and their company of managers and assistants will not find anywhere else on their tour, such an unfavorable place in which to stage a dramatic production as McArthur court at the University of Oregon. It's main virtue is its size — the main virtue of the number of persons who wish to attend a performance in it, there is always room in the cavernous building, used mainly as a basketball court. Because of its size, open construction and bad acoustics, musicians find the building a poor one in which to give a concert. To present a program such as Miss Hayes and Mr. Evans are giving is truly a great challenge, and the two met the challenge admirably. Microphones and loudspeakers are, of course, a necessity, but the system Saturday night worked so efficiently and unobtrusively that one was seldom aware that the words were being amplified.

After Saturday night's experience in Eugene, this writer is convinced that Miss Hayes truly deserves her great reputation as an actress. After 57 years on the stage (she made her debut at the age of five) Miss Hayes is a still vital, magnificent. The program runs the gamut of Shakespeare—tragedies, comedies, histories, songs and scenes, and Miss Hayes is equal to all of it. True, she may create a more perfect illusion for one character than another, but this is of little consequence.

"Constance" Memorable
This reviewer chose her portrayal of "Constance" in "King John" as the high point of the program. Seated with covered, bowed head, her face showing the agony of a mourning mother, she gave the scene in which Constance laments the death of her son, beginning with the words "I Am not Mad." Although brief, the scene is a memorable one.

In other parts of the program, the great actress was scarcely less fine. She strutted about the stage and created a bright and gay Rosalind for Mr. Evan's Orlando; with coy looks and fluttering eyelids she was Katherine responding to the wooing of Henry V. And she strongly matched wits with Mr. Evans in scenes from "The Taming of the Shrew."

Technique is usually taken for granted in the truly great, but we cannot resist mentioning this woman's excellent diction. It is a positive joy to hear her speak the English language.

Evans Distinguished
Mr. Evans, whose career in American theater is also distinguished, both as an actor and as a producer, received the warmest applause Saturday night for his rendition of the scene from "A Midsummer Night's Dream" in which the parts are being distributed and he is Bottom and company, changing the timbre of his voice for the various clowns. Mr. Evans enjoys it with him.

He was commanding in his rallying cry speech from "Henry V"—"once more into the breach, dear friends." This may be heard, but we had expected more of Mr. Evans. His voice—at least as he used it in the vast reaches of McArthur court, seemed to lack the richness and authority which we have found in some of the actors who have appeared on the Ashland stage for the Oregon Shakespearean theater. Like every other Shakespeare fan in the audience, we waited for the famous "O, that this too too solid flesh" speech from Hamlet, but it failed to stir us as it has done time after time from the Ashland stage.

But as we have indicated, players are working against great handicaps when appearing under such circumstances and with such a program—the actor must shift swiftly from mood to mood, from role to role and there is little time for the actor to make the necessary mental preparation—to build the character.

Miss Hayes and Mr. Evans present their scenes and sketches on a small stage with a few simple benches and couch-like pieces of furniture; variety to the staging is furnished by different stage levels. Miss Hayes opened the program wearing a handsome blue chiffon gown and after a time changed into one of brilliant green. She completed the program wearing an



New York—James Galanos, the youthful California designer, sits in front of one of his highlights for Spring 1963, unveiled at a preview here January 2. The sleeveless, time dress done in bright orange chiffon has a hemline just covering the kneecap, same length as in the designer's last several collections. A number of the costumes were tied at the waist with a wide self-belt softly draped in a bow to one side. (UPI photo)

New Noble Grand Names Officers

Gold Hill—Mrs. Albert Gascion, incoming noble grand of Amethyst Rebekah lodge, announced appointive officers who will be installed with her during joint ceremonies for 1963 officers of Odd Fellow lodge and the Gold Hill Rebekah lodge Tuesday, January 8 at 8:30 p.m. at Gold Hill Grange hall.

They are Mrs. Roy Bornman, right support to noble grand; Mrs. Joe Lewis, left support to noble grand; Mrs. George Dorman, chaplain; Mrs. L. L. Martin, warden; Mrs. Charles Stripling, conductor; Mrs. Walter Dye, flag bearer; Mrs. Earl Moore, outside guardian; Mrs. Evert (C) Jennings, inside guardian; and the retiring noble grand, Mrs. Walter McLean will be installed to the office of past noble grand for the coming year.

A team from the Jacksonville Odd Fellow and Rebekah lodges will conduct the ceremony. Mrs. Earl Moore, recently elected by Amethyst lodge as district deputy president, will assist.

Return
Mr. and Mrs. Dana W. Bowers, 48 North Rose avenue, have returned after being in Eugene to visit their son Everett Bowers and his family, and in Portland to visit another son, Donald Bowers, and family.

CALENDAR	
Monday:	7:30 p.m.—Oak Grove P.T.A. school cafeteria.
7:30 p.m.—Parents Without Partners, First Christian church, 209 South Oakdale ave.	
7:30 p.m.—Ruth Esther and Susannah Wesley units, Wesleyan Service guild, at First Methodist church.	
7:30 p.m.—Westminster Guild, fireplace room, First Presbyterian church.	
7:30 p.m.—Women's Missionary circle of Berean Baptist church, with Mrs. Francis Poole.	
8 p.m.—Olive Rebekah lodge, Odd Fellows hall.	
Tuesday:	9 a.m.—Women's Fellowship executive board, First Christian church.
9:30 a.m.—Women's Association circles of First Presbyterian church: Hope, with Mrs. R. C. Housel, 547 Oakdale dr.; Mercy, with Mrs. A. A. Dumas, 2011 East Main st.; Temple, with Mrs. Otto Frohnmayer, 1636 Spring st. 10 a.m.—Woman's Mission society, Eastwood Baptist church.	
10:30 a.m.—Oak Grove Extension unit, home of Mrs. Al Purdy, 1850 South Peach st.	
12:30 p.m.—Woman's Association of First Presbyterian church, Jacksonville, home of Mrs. Dave Allen, 1000 Huener lane.	
12:30 p.m.—Women's Association circles of First Presbyterian church: Bethany with Mrs. E. R. Durno, 2512 East Main st.; Faith, at church; Grace, with Mrs. E. G. Randolph, 1316 Siskiyou blvd.	
12:30 p.m.—Women's Fellowship, First Baptist church, at Girls Community club.	
1:30 p.m.—Gold Star Mothers, Medford chapter, home of Mrs. Matilda Dietrich, 939 North Central ave.	
1:30 p.m.—Red Cross Community Service club, Red Cross chapter house, 60 Hawthorne ave.	

Security Benefit Club Sets Event

A large attendance was noted for the Security Benefit club's first meeting of the year on January 2. The group meets each Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Pythian building. A noon lunch is served and dancing is conducted from 2 to 4 p.m. Interested persons are invited.

The committee for January in charge of the lunches is made up of Mrs. Letha Jones, Mrs. Rose Crawford, Mrs. Leta Estes, Mrs. Jesse Stag, Mrs. Mamie Bryant and Mrs. James Bishop.

Fred Clifford and Woddy Murphy assisted other members of the orchestra in furnishing the music for dancing at last Wednesday's meeting. The regular group is made up of J. P. Graham, Mrs. Ellaleen Townsend and Mrs. Otto DeJarnett.

A dance is planned for the evening of Friday, January 25. Hours will be from 8 p.m. to 12 midnight, with lunch for a nominal charge to be served at 10 p.m. The event will be held in the Pythian building.

Assembly To Install

Jacksonville—The tri-annual open installation of officers of Warren assembly, International Order of Rainbow for Girls is scheduled for 2 o'clock in the afternoon, Sunday, January 13.

All Masons and Order of the Eastern Star lodge members and friends are invited to attend.

Officers and choir girls of the assembly are to attend a practice session at the hall Saturday, January 12 at 1 p.m.

Washington PTA Sets Observance

Dad's night will be observed by the Washington Parent Teacher association Thursday, January 10 at 7:30 p.m., in the Washington Elementary school.

Dr. Betty Lou Dunlop of Southern Oregon college, will speak on "Current Trends of Education."

Songs will be provided by Jarl Dyrud, vocal student at Medford High school. Refreshments will be served.

Return Home

Gold Hill—Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Smith and infant daughter, Shauna Jean Smith, have returned to their home at Corvallis after spending the holidays in southern Oregon. They were guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Smith, Sardine Creek road and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Skyrman, Central Point.

At School

Gold Hill—Miss Donna Burnett, a student at University of Oregon, has returned to Eugene after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Burnett, Upper River road.

Social Events ♦ Women's News

Family Dinner Recent Event

Mr. and Mrs. John Benson, Highway 270, Eagle Point, and their son, Donald Benson, a Southern Oregon college student, joined Mrs. Benson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gleason at their home in Medford for a holiday observance.

Others attending were the Gleasons' son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Peterson and family, Medford; Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Gleason and family, Portland; and David Knox, formerly of Ashland, now a student at Long Beach State college, Stanton, Calif.

The Ernest Gleasons earlier spent several days at Albany, Ore., where they were with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Royal Gleason, and children. They were met there by another son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Al Gleason and their three sons from Lake Oswego, Ore.

Relatives Visit Hickman Home

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Hickman, 539 North Holly street, are their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Sutherland and children, Barbara, Debbie, Scott and Brent, Redway, Calif. Brent stayed at the Hickman home until the other members of the family returned from southern California.

Another daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Dunagan, Connie and Ronnie have just returned to their home in Red Bluff, Calif., after visiting here.

Mrs. Sutherland and the Dunagans are former Medford residents.

Canadians Leave After Visit Here

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Campbell of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, and Mr. and Mrs. Lynwood Campbell of Coburg, Ore. were houseguests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Barneburg, 1297 Sunset avenue, during the New Year holiday. Mr. and Mrs. Barneburg entertained with a dinner Sunday afternoon for their honored guests and Mr. and Mrs. Don Anderson.

Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Barneburg were childhood friends of Lynwood Campbell and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Campbell in Canada. Mr. and Mrs. Lester Campbell left Tuesday morning for San Diego and Phoenix, Ariz. where they will spend the winter. Mr. and Mrs. Lynwood Campbell returned to their home in Coburg.

Washington Family Leaves After Visit

Gold Hill—Mr. and Mrs. Vern Divers and five children left for their home at Ellensburg, Wash. after spending the holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Holderness, Maple lane.

While in Gold Hill the Divers also visited with her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Holderness and three children. A family dinner was held at the Paul Holderness home.

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Couple Entertain At Dinner Party

Col. W. H. Paine and his sister, Mrs. Winifred Vail, 36 North Orange street, entertained a number of friends at dinner on New Year's day. Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Renne Grosh, Wilderville, Ore.; Mrs. Mollie Keene, Karl Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Barneburg, and Mr. and Mrs. Don Anderson.

The event was held at Stanley's restaurant.

Visit

Central Point—Recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Gordon, 741 Freeman road, were their grandsons, Finley and Roland Pacey, Grenada, Calif. While here they also visited their other grandmother, Mrs. Julie Tummers, Mon Desir Dining inn, 4615 Hamrick road.

Wednesday Meeting Set at Rogue-Elk

Rogue-Elk—The members of Rogue-Elk Home Extension unit will meet Wednesday, January 16 at 10:30 a.m., in the home of Mrs. George Eastman.

Mrs. Albert Estin will assist the hostess and the project leaders will be Mrs. Oscar Hanson and Mrs. Morris Bush.

Wilson School PTA Will Meet

Don Hansen, Medford attorney, will be guest speaker for the monthly meeting of the Wilson School Parent-Teacher association Friday, January 11, at 2:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Mr. Hansen's topic for the afternoon will be "The Legal Aspects of the School and Your Child."

Entertainment will be furnished by the Hungry Five, a Hedrick Junior High group. Refreshments will be served by mothers of children in the fifth grade.

Teachers will be in their rooms from 2 to 2:30 p.m. and available for parent consultation. Child care will be available in the activity room for pre-school children.

At Lodge

Hornbrook—Among the guests at Kutzkey's lodge on the Klamath river are Robert Culpepper and his son, Earl, both of Sacramento. The pair arrived the day after Christmas for their eighth annual winter fishing vacation at Kutzkey's.

Returns

Ashland—Rex Clarke, 106 Fork street, has returned from San Francisco where he spent three days visiting with a cousin, Thomas Spiva, Houston, Tex.

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