



VISIT SHAKESPEAREAN THEATER — More and more frequently, public study groups are journeying to the originating center of Elizabethan production experience in North America: the Oregon Shakespearean Festival in Ashland. Accompanied by teachers Mildred Black and Deane Roberts, this group of four seventh-grade classrooms from Gold Hill Elementary school followed its Shakespearean study plan from book to theater, and made the pilgrimage on Shakespeare's 399th birthday recently. Festival Board President Virginia Cotton and the theater's Founder and Producing Director Angus L. Bowmer marked the occasion by cutting a birthday cake for the young visitors. Next year, the Festival will launch a spirited observance of the Bard's 400th birthday.

Your Money's Worth
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TRANSPORTATION 'CRISIS' CONTINUED—II
 Is our nation's transportation system in a state of crisis which can be relieved only, as President Kennedy has told Congress, "by greater reliance on the forces of competition and less reliance on the restraints of regulation" among the different types of freight carriers? Is David I. Mackie, chairman of the Eastern Railroad Presidents Conference, justified in urging, as he did in a recent interview in this space, removal of the Interstate Commerce Commission's minimum rate regulation on bulk and agricultural commodities shipped by rail—commodities largely carried without regulation by barges and trucks?

The barges do not agree with Kennedy or Mackie, as yesterday's column underlined. Neither do the truckers. Here's an "equal time" interview for the truckers via their spokesman, Clinton L. Sanders, president of the American Trucking Association, Inc.

Porter: Do you think we have a transportation crisis?
Sanders: We in the trucking industry see no crisis in transportation. Even if the railroads were in extremis, which they are not (a colleague calls them the "permanent invalid of American business—robust on Wall Street, at death's door in the public prints and in the halls of Congress"), we would have a crisis only in railroading, not in transportation generally.

The railroad's real problem is you and your cars. They are making good money competing with us on freight. In 1961 the railroads netted \$945 million on freight before deducting a \$408 million loss on passenger operations, while truckers netted \$119.5 million.

Porter: How can our transport system be made more efficient?

Sanders: If we must change the status quo on rate regulation, we would rather have an extension of regulation, because we think that's the only way to have orderly transportation. If the railroad's succeed in selling Congress on the deadly idea of removing from the ICC minimum rate control power over bulk commodities and agricultural products, there will be a crisis in transportation.

Porter: Why is the railroads' proposal "deadly"?

Sanders: With their tremendous financial power and bargaining leverage, the railroads, if free to set their own rates, could selectively pick off the core of a truck line's business.

Once the truckers have been put out of business, who is to say the railroads would not put their rates back up? The fact is even with ICC minimum rate control, the railroads now charge considerably less for hauling the same products the same number of miles where there is competition from trucks and barges than where there is no competition.

Without ICC regulation, truckers would have no real recourse against predatory rate activities by railroads. The railroads actually are asking for freedom from ICC regulation and simultaneously seeking to continue to enjoy their exemption from most anti-trust laws.

Porter: Mackie said in this space that our annual freight transportation bill could be reduced by several billions of dollars if competition were increased and current restraints slashed. Do you agree?

Sanders: Who's getting those billions now? Are the railroads implying that we have this staggering waste in transportation? Are transportation profits hurting the economy? Railroads already have plenty of freedom to compete if they wish to lower rates. The ICC does not initiate rates, it merely passes on those submitted by the roads.

Porter: Are American taxpayers in effect subsidizing trucking through federal roadbuilding programs, as Mackie charged?

Sanders: All of the approximately \$3.5 billion the federal government will spend on highways this fiscal year comes from the federal highway trust fund, which in turn derives its revenues only from special federal taxes on highway users. There is no other source. Trucks comprise less than 16 per cent of the vehicles using the highways, yet pay 37-38 per cent of the special highway users taxes. We feel we are more than paying our way.

Porter: To put it mildly, you're against Kennedy's program?

Sanders: It would create chaos in transportation. Yes! (Porter Postscript: With this lulu of a three-way battle going on, the odds on railroad legislation in 1963 would seem dim indeed.)

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A Gay Little Sport

Game of Place-Dropping Scored in Fashionable, Remoteness Categories

Washington — (UPI) — Place-dropping is a gay little sport, the rules of which are very similar to those of name-dropping.

The main difference is that in place-dropping the players win points for where they have been, rather than for who they have been with.

It is possible to place-drop and name-drop at the same time, but this tends to get complicated and should only be attempted by the more advanced players.

Place-dropping points are awarded in two categories—the fashionable and the remote. For example, Monaco has a rating of 30 points in the fashionable category and Samarkand is worth 50 points for remoteness.

Some places, such as Hyannis Port when the Kennedys are at home, are classed as remotely fashionable and are scored in both categories.

A player must, of course, be able to drop the place into a conversation in order for the score to count.

During my recent trip to Venezuela (10 points), I traveled with a group of highly skilled and dedicated players, all of whom were more far flung than I.

I found myself badly out-classed and, in desperation, began to drop places I had been as a soldier in World War II. Resorting to involuntary wartime military travel is considered bad form.

When the other players discovered what I was doing, I was ejected from the game for unsportsmanlike conduct.

The winner by a wide margin was Myron Glaser, a far flung travel writer for the Washington Daily News. However, it was a tainted victory.

His occupation gives him professional status and amateur place-droppers ordinarily do not compete against the pros except in open tournaments.

Glaser took a commanding lead in the third round, or chukker, by dropping Old Rag Mountain, Va. It caught the other players completely off guard.

He not only scored 15 points

for remoteness, but received a 25-point bonus for dropping a place where the other players hadn't been and a 50-point bonus for dropping a place they had never heard of.

After the match, I asked Glaser if such a place actually existed or whether he had been bluffing.

Grange News

Upper Rogue Grange
 Upper Rogue Grange met recently with good attendance, Master Roy Vaughn presiding.

The third and fourth degree obligation was given to Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Chandler by Past Master Herb Carlton, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dittworth of Bellview Grange were welcomed as visitors.

Agriculture Committee Chairman George Moore reported that the market for local hogs was good, and Herb Carlton spoke on the frost damage to citrus fruit in Arizona, and the water situation in that state, where, because of the low rainfall all crops are irrigated.

Legislative Committee Chairman Paul Torrance commented on bills before the Legislature. Reporting on roads, Roy Vaughn stated the Elk Creek bridge was being widened, and spoke on the proposed access road from Prospect to the new highway now under construction.

HEC co-chairman Georgia Bishop announced a clean-up day at the Grange hall Thursday, May 9, at 10 a.m., members to bring a sack lunch. The HEC meeting will be held following lunch when further plans will be made for the Father's Day ham dinner to be served to the public at the hall June 16.

At the next regular meeting of the Grange on June 6 Upper Rogue Grange will be the host for the visitation meeting. The meeting will start at 8 p.m.

Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting by Mr. and Mrs. Harold Barber.

The Grange social night will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bishop Thursday, May 16, at 8 p.m. Those attending are asked to take their own sandwiches and cookies.

"Yes, Virgil, there really is an Old Bag Mountain," he said. "Some day I'll take you there."

Our expedition is scheduled to get under way within a few hours from the time I write this. The current American expedition to Mt. Everest may overshadow ours somewhat, but we are not doing it for the glory.

If all goes well, my next dispatch will come from the summit of Old Bag. Don't miss it if you can.

Museum Grants To Finance Expedition

Eugene — Grants from two museums will help finance the scientific expedition of a group of University of Oregon graduate students to the South Pacific.

Walter M. Frederickson, teaching assistant in anthropology, has received notification of grants from the Kon-Tiki Museum in Oslo, Norway, and the Bishop Museum in Honolulu, Hawaii. Amounts of the grants were not disclosed.

Frederickson and his wife, Demaris, also a teaching fellow, accompanied by Richard E. Ross, teaching fellow, and his wife, Barbara, will sail for the South Pacific in late

June or early July aboard their unusual three-hulled trimaran. The Fredericksons' 5-year-old son, Erik, will also be along on the expedition.

Under the Bishop Museum grant, the group will do archaeological work on Washington and Fanning islands in the Line Island group, not far from Johnston and Christmas islands.

The group is due in the Marquesas Islands in September to do an archaeological survey under the Kon-Tiki Museum grant. They will be working on behalf of Thor Heyerdahl, Norwegian anthropologist and author of the best-selling book, "Kon-Tiki."

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