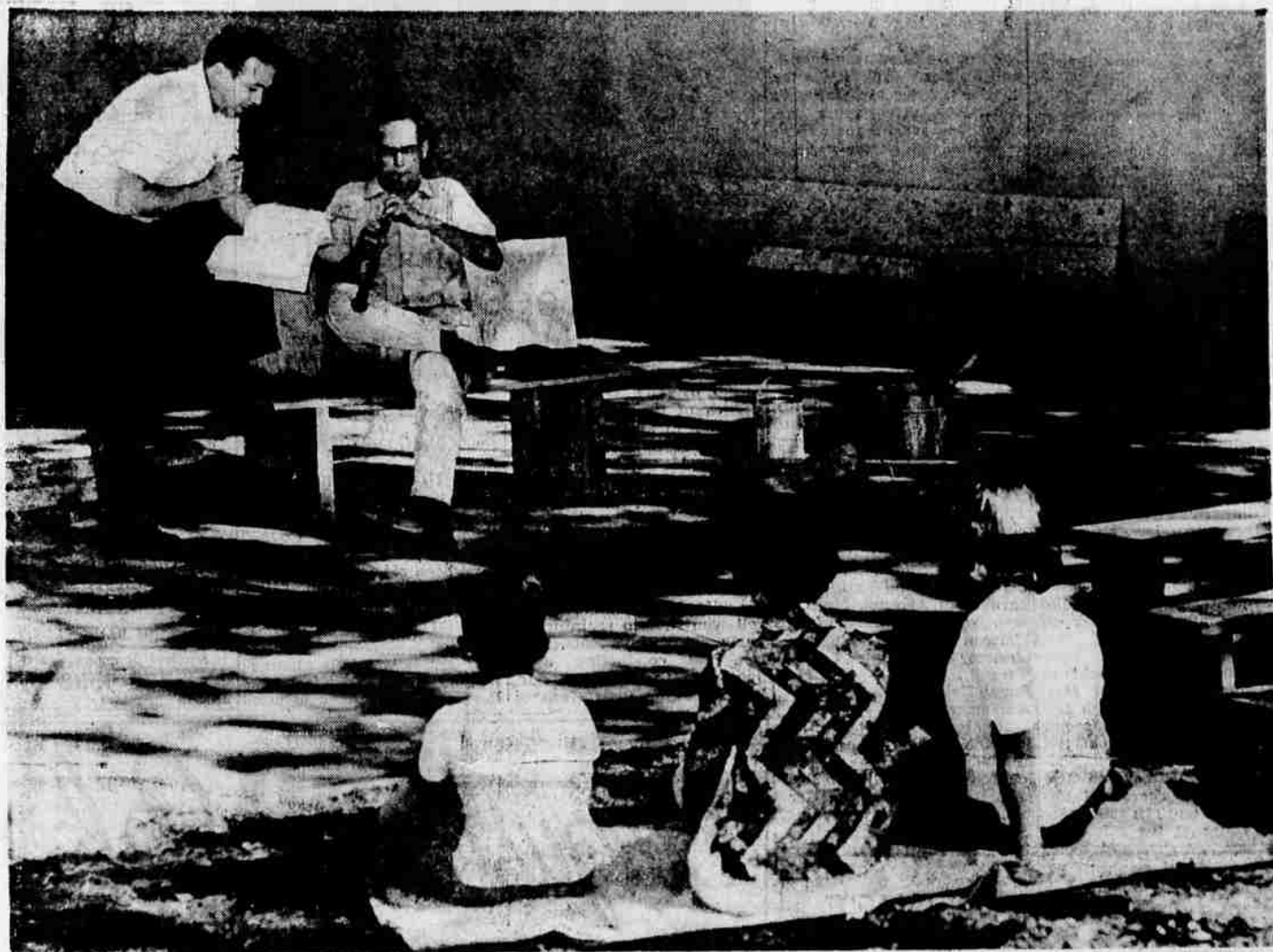


Britt Festival Opening Today in Jacksonville



A new and exciting musical venture for Oregon — the Peter Britt Gardens festival—opens in Jacksonville today at 4 o'clock and musicians arrived the middle of last week for rehearsals. First here was Director John Trudeau (at left) Portland, and soon after Peter Christ, solo oboist with the San Diego Symphony orchestra, who will play first chair oboe in Jacksonville, arrived. Even rehearsals attract an audience, and visitors to the gardens are treated to a free concert.



Mrs. James Pree, president of the Peter Britt Gardens Festival board, has been at the festival site endless hours in recent weeks. Mrs. Pree is shown here during a conference with Carl Burk who supervised stretching of an awning roof over the orchestra shell.

Festival preparations included erection and painting of the orchestra shell, cleaning up of the grounds, pruning trees and shrubs, spreading of bark mulch and of crushed granite, building a piece of road at the edge of the audience area and placing of temporary seating, this to be used mainly for "senior citizens." Most of the work has been by volunteers.



Grazing deer are a familiar site in the Britt gardens, which adjoin the natural wooded area of the Jacksonville hills.



Among the many volunteers helping to put the Britt gardens in order for the festival were Mrs. Paul Godward (at left), Jacksonville, and Mrs. Arnold G. Motschenbacher, Old Stage road. In addition to trimming hedges, the women pruned, dug, planted and otherwise helped restore the grounds.



Miss Martha Wyatt (at left) Miss Oregon for 1962 and a Jacksonville resident, is heading the usher committee for the festival concerts. One of her helpers will be Miss Joyce Anderson, Central Point. It is suggested that those attending the 4 and 8 p.m. concerts wear casual, comfortable clothing and walking shoes, and bring with them cushions or blankets since most concert patrons will be seated on the lawn.