

# "A Man for all Seasons" Scores With Fine Script, Strong Cast

"A Man for All Seasons" is a play about a good man who fought to keep his head through the morally chaotic reign of Henry VIII in 16th century England.

That he literally lost it in the end — to a headman's ax — is not the measure of his struggle, nor does it detract from the example of his integrity.

Since canonized (in 1935), Sir Thomas More, as the play's author, Robert Bolt, records, continues to stand as a model of shining honor in the checkered chronicle of that sceptered isle.

In a program note, Bolt concedes the play is actually set in the early 1500's, but he begs the audience to understand "it is 1960 which I would wish clearly to occupy the stage."

His obvious point is that the moral choices with which his players grapple are to a large extent timeless and have more than a little relevancy in the contemporary world.

The play's cast at the Broadway Theater League's production in the Holly Theater Friday night, ably abetted the playwright in his task of commenting — in a not necessarily complimentary fashion — on modern man and his society.

There were actually two stars in the production, Robert Harris as Sir Thomas More, and Dick O'Neill as the Common Man. Each, with entirely different styles, represented the possible polar extremes (in a fashion Shakespeare would have approved) of man's nature when placed under stress.

The tension in the plot is provided by King Henry who "wants to change his woman," Catharine of Spain, because she cannot provide him with a son. Only the Pope in Rome could grant the divorce, but because of Spanish "influence," he declines to do so.

Enamoured of a new love, Anne Boleyn, Henry argues that the Pope is just another bishop and has no special powers to deny him what he wants.

Henry appoints a new bishop, incidentally establishing the Church of England, who finds it expedient to grant the divorce, clearing the way for Anne's coronation.

But even the absolute monarch Henry must rally popular support for so drastic a move. Knowing which side their scowls are buttered on, all quickly toady into line. All, that is, except More, the king's Lord Chancellor.

More's support of the divorce was necessary not just because of his high office, but because, as Henry puts it, "You are an honest man," and his reputation as such was well known.

Too loyal a subject to speak against the king's plan, yet morally and ethically opposed to it, More takes refuge in silence. He refuses to utter an opinion on the divorce, even to his family and close friends.

His closed mouth infuriates others as well as the king. A nobleman shouts at him in exasperation, "We've all given in, why can't you?"

The pressure mounts. More resigns his office and together with his wife and daughter assumes a poverty-ridden life of retirement. But Henry can brook no opposition, even unspoken opposition, and at last More is tried on a trumped-up charge, found guilty as a matter of course, and is beheaded.

Bolt's script is talky — action is a minimum — but the language is rich and sprinkled with wit and wisdom. The abstract set is easily adapted to a variety of scenes with a few simple prop changes, and its spare functional quality lends support to the actors' movements without being obtrusive.

A solid group of performers from walk-on to star, the cast abounded with commendable characterizations. Paul Milkin was convincing as Richard Rich, the ambitious young man in gray flannel doublet who learns how to succeed by trying, trying, trying.

Resplendent in a gold costume, Richard Branda scored as the hedonist Henry, though his appearance was limited to one scene. His confrontation with More to sound out his position on the divorce was one of the dramatic highlights of the play.

Jeff Morrow played Thomas Cromwell, the King's "ear." A crow warned More that Cromwell was collecting information about him. More passed it off "Somewhere someone is collecting information about him," he said wryly.

The Duke of Norfolk was vividly portrayed by Robert Donley, who developed the crusty statesman as a man forced to make a choice between his friendship for More and his own political and personal well-being. The latter alternative won, with a sympathetic assist from More himself, and Norfolk served as a judge in the trial that doomed his friend.

The Common Man, a composite chorus, stage manager

and bit player, was superbly handled by O'Neill. Bolt's implicit comments on man in this role are devastating. O'Neill's services are always available to whomever wants to pay for them, and he exhibits all the loyalty and fidelity of a tom cat.

Ideals and principals are beyond his scope, but what he knows, he knows well, including himself. After More has fallen from fortune, he reluctantly discharges the Common Man, who has been his servant, and tells him he will miss him.

"Miss me!" the Common Man explodes, almost in anger. "What's in me to miss?"

But while the great and the mighty fail and fall, the Common Man goes on forever in his own unperturbed way. It is he who smacks down the ax on More's neck at the end of the play.

Robert Harris portrayed More with compelling sensitivity and intelligence. His veteran's sureness and poise kept interest high during the more static scenes, when a less skilled performer might have lost his audience.

Bolt has provided the role with excellent lines and Harris makes the most of them. Todd that the English lords are all supporting Henry's divorce, More snorts, "The nobility of England would snore through the Sermon on the Mount."

Shortly before he is to be led to his execution, his women, played by Lois Kibbee and Vanya Franck, fall into weeping and wailing.

In a tortured voice, More cries, "The King's more merciful than you. He doesn't use the rack."

The players well merited the several curtain calls the three-quarters capacity audience gave them. "A Man for All Seasons" is certain to be the best play of Medford's theatrical season.

—G.H.B.

## Several Accidents Reported To Police

Vehicles driven by Esther Pursel Medley, 816 W. Second St., Medford, and by Lonny Thurman Strande, 817 W. Second St., Medford, collided on West Second Street near Summit Street.

A car driven by Susan Jean Peters, 1425 Fortune Drive, Medford, struck a do-not-enter sign at the intersection of South Riverside and Stewart Avenues Friday.

Cars driven by Judith Ann Isted, 17 Route 3, Box 193J, Medford, and by Robert Edward Swenson, 20, of 1025 Wabash Ave., Medford collided at Edwards and Niantic Streets.

Miss Isted was cited by Medford police for failure to yield right of way.

Donald Joseph Henderer of Eugene reported a car registered to Carl Henry Voegtly, 2012 Westerlund Drive, was damaged in the O. K. Market parking lot, 1202 N. Riverside Ave., Friday.

A car registered to Allen East-

## Civil Service Seeks Job Applicants

The U. S. Civil Service, U. S. Army Engineer District, Portland, is giving examinations for firemen-water tender and accepting applications until further notice.

Firemen will be paid \$2.73 an hour and will serve aboard a steam seagoing hopper dredge which operates in the Columbia River and off the coast of Oregon, Washington and California, with some assignments in Hawaii. Other assignments will be available on pipeline dredges for the Columbia and Willamette Rivers.

Subsistence and quarters are furnished without cost when available. No written test is required. Further information may be obtained from the Medford post office.

Announcement — The Medford Lincoln School Parent-Teacher Association will hold a rummage sale Wednesday, Dec. 11, at the Eagles Hall, 210 W. Main St., in Medford. Hours for the sale are 9 a. m. to 3:30 p. m. Persons with rummage to donate to the sale are asked to leave it at the school or to call Mrs. Virgil E. Stieckley, 773-1866, and the rummage will be picked up.

Christmas Party — The Mechanical Contractors Association of Southern Oregon will hold a Christmas party Friday, Dec. 13, at the Rogue Riviera. The annual event is planned for 7:30 p. m. Each member is asked to take a small gift, wrapped and marked to be given to a boy or girl. The gifts, as in the past, will be added to the fire department's collection for distribution at Christmas time.

Announcement — Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Mesloh of A. St., Eagle Point, have received announcement of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Larry Knudson, now of San Jose, Calif. Mrs. Knudson, their daughter, is the former Charity Mesloh, a 1962 graduate of Eagle Point High School. The baby was born Dec. 5 and weighed 6 1/2 pounds.

Birth Reported — Word has been received in O'Brien that a daughter, Karen Lynn, has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Russell Berkner of Pomona, Calif., former residents. The girl was born Nov. 23. Both parents are graduates of Illinois Valley High School. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Peninger of O'Brien and Mrs. Roy Dietzler of Cave Junction.

Meeting Scheduled — The Jackson County Horsemen's Association will meet at 8 p. m. Wednesday, Dec. 11, in the recreation room of the Tex Nash Ford Tractor Improvement building, 3005 Crater Lake Highway, Medford. Movies will be shown by Mrs. Wallace Hamlin on the Tennessee Walking horse. The public is invited.

Toastmasters To Meet — The Medford Toastmasters will meet Monday, Dec. 9, at The Colony. The program will be presented by Cap Beard, as toastmaster, John Welch, in charge of table topics, and Dan Hull, Pete Norntenson and Richard Moore, as speakers.

New Managers — Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Cox have moved to Ashland from Tillamook and are managing the new Madrona Manor Apartments.

Hospital Patient — Donald Hancock, P. O. Box 933, Gold Hill, was listed as a medical patient Saturday at Sacred Heart Hospital.

Roundtable Speaker — Richard Travis, Medford city councilman and chairman of the recently dissolved Capital Improvements Committee, will address the Monday noon luncheon of the Chamber of Commerce Roundtable. Travis will discuss the reasons for the committee's decisions. The Roundtable meets at North's Chuck Wagon.

Woman Arrested — Jackson county sheriff's deputies Saturday arrested Jacquelyn Ruth Kepthars, 28, on a warrant from Everett, Wash., charging her with obtaining signatures under false pretenses. The woman was lodged in Jackson county jail to await extradition to Everett to answer the charge.

Cabin Fire — A sleeping cabin valued at \$1,500, located beside the Summit Cafe on the summit of the Siskiyou, burned to the ground at 10:45 a. m. Saturday. No fire department answered the call. Due to favorable winds, the fire was confined to the cabin and no one was hurt. Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Goucher, 1255 South Pacific Highway, Ashland, are the owners.

POLICY REAFFIRMED — NAIROBI, Kenya (UPI) — G. Menen Williams, U. S. assistant secretary of state for African affairs, Saturday reaffirmed that President Lyndon B. Johnson would carry on the African policy of President Kennedy.

## OBITUARIES

ADA ELY CASTILLO  
Funeral services for Mrs. Ada Ely Castillo, of 322 N. Oakdale Ave., who died Friday, will be held at 10 a. m. Tuesday in Conger-Morris Chapel. The Rev. Frederick Ross Evans of the First Christian Church will officiate. Committal will be in Mt. View cemetery, Ashland.

Mrs. Castillo was born Nov. 16, 1888, at Athena, Ore. She was a graduate of the old Weston Normal School at Weston, Ore., and taught school for a time near Colfax, Wash. She lived in Portland for 47 years, coming to Medford seven years ago.

She was a member of the First Christian Church in Medford; of Rose Croix Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, Portland; of the Daughters of the Nile; of the Pythian Sisters, Portland; was first president of the Marysville PTA, Portland; was an active member of the Southern Oregon Art Association, and of the Rogue Valley Art Association; she established the first amateur outdoor fish pond on the West Coast, and had published a quilting book.

She was married May 31, 1910 in Los Angeles, Calif., to Alfred J. Castillo, who survives.

Other survivors include a son, Franklin Bly Castillo, Seattle; a grandson, Norman Walter Castillo; and a granddaughter, Carol Jean Castillo.

Casket bearers will be: M. E. Olson, Roy Henry, Herbert Ostrick, William Brooks, Floyd Cary, Ab Gresset.

Friends who wish, may in lieu of flowers make a memorial to the Children's Farm Home, Route 1, Box 427, Corvallis, Ore.

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR HARRY EARL WEBBER, 82, of 740 West Jackson St., who died Thursday, will be held at 10 a. m. Monday in Conger-Morris downtown chapel. The Rev. Bernard Andrews of the First Baptist Church will officiate, assisted by the Rev. Harold Sanner of the First Church of the Nazarene. Committal will be in Eastwood Oddfellows Cemetery.

Mr. Webber was born Oct. 18, 1881, in Jewell County, Kansas, and had lived in Southern Oregon since 1909. He was a member of the First Baptist Church. He was married in 1904, in Denver, Colo., to Jessie O. Bittner, who survives.

Other survivors include two sons, Clifford Webber, Hayward, Calif.; and Russell Webber, Gresham, Ore.; three daughters, Mrs. Nolan Arnett, Klamath Falls; and Mrs. George Sherman and Mrs. Rex Vowell, Medford; 15 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren.

Pallbearers are Ron Sherman, Woodie Weber, Michael Weber, Gerry Weber, Larry Vowell, Renny Vowell.

W. K. CLIFTON  
W. K. Clifton, a former resident of Medford, died Thanksgiving Day in San Diego, Calif., according to word received by valley relatives of Mrs. Clifton, the former Winifred Law of Central Point and Medford. He is survived by his wife and one son.

L. ROY MOON  
Funeral services for L. Roy Moon, 72, Redlands, Calif., who died Wednesday, will be held at 11 a. m. Tuesday in the Chapel of the Trees mortuary in Siskiyou Memorial Park.

Bishop Thomas G. Huffman of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints of Medford will officiate. Interment will follow in Siskiyou Memorial Park.

Mr. Moon was born Oct. 18, 1891, in Star, Idaho. In April, 1917, in Wendell, Idaho, he was married to Vivian E. West, who survives. The family had been former residents of this community.

Survivors, besides his widow, include four daughters, Mrs. Nellie Wigler, Montague, Calif.; Mrs. Bernice Dunithan, Mentone, Calif.; Mrs. Beverly McBeth, Sacramento, Calif.; and Mrs. Venice Guyer, Coos Bay; four sisters, Mrs. Alice Pinkham, Central Point, Mrs. Eunice Hobley, Leslie, Idaho, Mrs. Elsie Schmidt, Redding, Calif., and Mrs. Pearl Wilson, Redding, Calif.; eight grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. Two daughters and one brother preceded him in death.

Pallbearers will include Lee Pinkham, Arden Pinkham, Berkeley Pinkham, John Pinkham, Nathan Pinkham, and Arley Walker.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Siskiyou Funeral Service directors of Chapel in the Trees mortuary.

ELMER J. JOHNSON  
Funeral services for Mrs. Elmer J. Johnson, 113 Ash St., Central Point, died Saturday morning at his home. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Conger-Morris Funeral Directors.

MRS. AILEEN M. FIELD  
Funeral services for Mrs. Aileen Marie Field, Hawthorne Garden Apts., Medford, who died Thursday, will be held at 11 a. m. Monday in the Chapel in the Trees mortuary in Siskiyou Memorial Park.

Dr. D. Kirkland West of the First Presbyterian Church will officiate. Private entombment will follow in Siskiyou Memorial Mausoleum.

Mrs. Field was born Feb. 17, 1885, in Oakland, Calif. On Aug. 21, 1915, in Oakland, Calif., she was married to Morey D. Field, who preceded her in death in 1954.

Mrs. Field attended the First Presbyterian Church of Medford. She was a member of the Rogue Valley Hospital Auxiliary, a member of the board of directors of the Junior Service League's Hard of Hearing School, and a member of the Medford Ladies of Elks. With the exception of a few years living with her daughter in Portland, she had lived most of her life in the Rogue Valley.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Robert Sherwood, Portland; Mrs. Norton Smith, Medford; and Mrs. James Stanley, Walnut Creek, Calif.; one sister, Mrs. Louise Gorman, Oakland, Calif., and nine grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Siskiyou Funeral Service directors of Chapel in the Trees mortuary.

JAMES ANDRUS  
James Donald Andrus, former Medford resident, now of Kent, Wash., died in his home. Friday, friends here reported.

He is survived by his wife, LaVerne Andrus of Kent; a son, Ralph Andrus, and three grandchildren, all of Seattle, and a brother, Dean Andrus.

Mr. Andrus was formerly employed by Northwest Manufacturing Company, Eagle Point. Funeral services will be held in Kent at 1 p. m. Monday.

DOLA MILLER  
Dola Gordon Miller, former Medford resident, died Friday in Everett, Wash.

He moved to Medford from Colorado in 1947, and to Everett in 1953. He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Plumbers and Fitters Union.

He was born in Frasier, Colo., Nov. 7, 1910. He was married June 4, 1959, to the former Iva Benvenise, who survives.

Other survivors include two brothers, Floyd S. Miller, Medford, and Sterling C. Miller, Klamath Falls; two daughters, Mrs. Darlene Lowe, and Mrs. Pat Lowe of Medford; two sons, Gordon Dee Miller, Corvallis, and Murray B. Miller, Medford; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p. m. Tuesday, Dec. 10, in Everett, Wash.

## Public Hearing on Annexation to City Not Held by Council

A public hearing scheduled Thursday by the Medford City Council on a proposal to annex an area at the northwest corner of Prune Street and Columbus Avenue was not held because two signatures had been withdrawn from the petition.

The annexation was withdrawn due to the lack of sufficient signatures.

In other action the council voted to:

—Approve a change of zone from single family to single and two family zoning for two lots on Crestbrook Road.

—Meet with representatives of the Rogue Valley Council on Aging, Mark Goldy and representatives of the Medford Shop-

ping Center regarding property at 601 E. Jackson St.

—Repeal Is Approved — Approve the repeal of an ordinance regarding right-of-way on Columbus Avenue from the Torrens system.

—Approve an ordinance validating the house numbering system in Medford. It establishes as a base line Main Street for north and south and the Southern Pacific Railroad tracks for east and west.

—Approve establishing two-way traffic in the alley near the old Federal building site which is now a parking lot.

—Award the contract for sanitary sewer construction on Stewart Avenue and Chestnut Street.

Projects Are Accepted — Accept the sewage treatment plant digester mixer project and paving of Barnett Road extension between South Riverside Avenue and South Holly Street.

—Assess Hillcrest Road paving projects from Valley View Drive to 120 feet east of Country Club Park Subdivision.

—Extend the completion dates of contracts for paving 10th Street from Columbus Avenue to Hamilton Street and on Pearl Street from Saling Street to Jackson Street.

Consideration of a zone change request on property between Interstate 5 and Biddle Road was continued pending possible action by the Bureau of Public Roads.

LITTLE HOPE SEEN  
SAIGON, Viet Nam (UPI) — U. S. military sources said Saturday there was little hope that any of the five men aboard a bomber which crashed Friday morning would be found alive.

The two physicians will describe some of the most pressing health needs of the two countries, and discuss problems they encountered while serving in countries where the customs and languages of the people sometimes presented special difficulties.

The Jackson County Tuberculosis and Health Association, which sponsors the series of programs on health, stated that this is a different type of program than those usually presented on "Adventures in Medicine," but that it points up the fact that tuberculosis is a serious problem in underdeveloped countries.

Contrasts in treatment and control of diseases here and abroad will be noted by the physicians.

Funds Recommended To Construct AF Club  
WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Senate Appropriations Committee recommended Friday that \$173,000 be appropriated for construction of a service club at the Adair Air Force Station, near Corvallis, Ore.

Funds for the club were cut from the military construction budget by the House earlier.

\$54,000 Restored To Library Board  
SALEM (UPI) — The State Library Board Friday restored \$54,000 in cuts and adopted a \$791,000 austerity budget for the balance of the biennium.

As a result, most book lending services to elementary and secondary schools and colleges were restored.

In September, fearful of the Oct. 15 tax referendum and under the impression it would suffer a \$122,000 cutback if the tax bill was defeated, the board halted the book lending services and canceled purchase of children's books and fiction.

Those items also were restored at the Friday meeting. Fifteen vacancies in the library staff will remain unfilled.

LOST ESTIMATES RISE  
WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Army has nearly doubled early estimates of the cost of deploying its Nike-Zeus anti-missile missile but still believes the program will be adopted eventually, it was learned Saturday.

## October Traffic Shows Increase

SALEM (UPI) — Oregon's traffic volume showed a general increase throughout the state for October, compared to the same month a year ago, the Highway Department reported Saturday.

Rural interstate highways had an increase of 7.3 per cent, while non-interstate rural highways had an increase of 7.9 per cent.

Urban interstate highway traffic was up 5.98 per cent and other urban roads had an increase of 0.1 per cent.

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