

Ashland Festival Opens With 'Much Ado' Tonight

ASHLAND—Opening night festivities will begin here in Ashland at 6 o'clock today when the Oregon Shakespeare Festival premieres its newest and longest season. Opening four days earlier than ever before, America's first Elizabethan theater will offer four Shakespearean plays in nightly rotation through September 4. Following the colorful banquet in Lithia Park, a capacity audience will convene at the theater to witness the premiere performance of "Much Ado About Nothing."

Over 750 dignitaries, honored guests, and first-nighters will be "piped to the table" for the Feasting of the Tribe of Will at 6 o'clock. The annual opening night banquet takes place in Lithia Park adjacent to the theater, and is

elaborated with costumed dancers, Elizabethan singers, a kilted band, flaming torches and banners, and a complete menu in the Elizabethan manner, "served up by lasses in new caps."

Oregon's Gov. Robert D. Holmes and Mrs. Holmes will attend the celebration, and will remain in Ashland for the first full round of plays. Other state officials who will attend are Secretary of State Mark Hatfield, State Treasurer Sig Unander, and Chancellor John R. Richards of the Oregon State System of Higher Education. Representatives of press, radio and television from all the Western states will also be guests of the Festival association for the banquet and play.

Formal opening ceremonies will start at 8:30 Pacific Standard Time at the theater, followed by the first performance of Shakespeare's comedy "Much Ado About Nothing." Three other "opening nights" follow with "King Lear" on Tuesday, "The Merchant of Venice" on Wednesday, and "Troilus and Cressida" completing the cycle of four on Thursday. With the latter performance, the Oregon Shakespearean Festival will have offered all 37 plays in the Shakespearean canon. The four will rotate with eight other performances through September 4, enabling visitors to "stay four days; see four plays."

General Manager William Patton reports that, at opening time, advance ticket sales continue to double the totals registered last year at this period. In view of this, plus the large daily volume handled by the box office, another record run is anticipated. Tickets may be ordered for all performances at several branch box offices in Oregon, in San Francisco, or by writing "Shakespeare, Ashland."

Sales Drive Gives Funds

YREKA — Successful outcome of the recent magazine sales drive recently conducted by the ladies auxiliary to Post No. 3813, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will now provide the organization with additional funds to purchase more hospital equipment for the use of Northern Siskiyou County residents.

Results of the magazine sales drive were disclosed at the meeting of the auxiliary held Thursday evening, July 17, at the Yreka Inn, with the president, Mrs. Homer Haley in charge.

Mrs. S. D. Houston, who attended the recent Department of California convention at Long Beach as a delegate, reported on various events taking place there, and also announced that the Yreka auxiliary had received a citation for outstanding work in membership for the year 1957-58 and also a citation for the publicity program.

Another announcement was made relative to the next 20th District meeting of VFW posts and auxiliaries to be held at Weaverville, August 10. Meetings will open at 10 a.m., with the auxiliary to meet at the Trinity High School auditorium. Dinner will be a barbecue event at Lowden Park. Presiding officers will be Mrs. W. D. Houston of Yreka, district auxiliary president, and Ray Ellis of Weaverville, district commander.

Other discussions included plans for the fair concession booth, the post and auxiliary picnic, and membership.

Concluding the meeting was the serving of refreshments by the hostess for the evening, Mrs. Lee Muehett. The next meeting is slated for August 7, and will include the initiation of new members.

Alturas Rites For Scammon

ALTURAS—Funeral services for ELLSWORTH-Gupitll Scammon of Cowhead Lake, Surprise Valley, 88, were held from Kerr Mortuary Friday morning, July 25, with the Rev. Karl E. Olson, pastor of the Federated Church, Alturas, officiating. He died in Redding, Monday morning after suffering a heart attack the evening before at the home of a niece.

Scammon, native of San Joaquin Valley, California, came to Surprise Valley with his parents Benjamin and Mary Jane Gupitll when an infant, and spent most of his life there.

Many buildings in Modoc County stand as landmarks and are a credit to his labors as a carpenter and architect.

He served as auditor and recorder of Modoc County from 1898 until 1905, when he accepted a position in Minneapolis, Minnesota, with Thomas B. Walker and the Red River Lumber Company. After 13 years in that city with frequent trips to Siskiyou, Shasta, Modoc, Lassen and Plumas counties in the interest of the company, he returned to California where Walker built a sawmill in Westwood, Lassen County. He retired from the company in 1943.

His first marriage was to Josie May Hornback of Surprise Valley in 1895, who died two years later. Vine Maple Wood of Alturas became his bride on February 7, 1901, and together they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in Sacramento with their sons J. Victor and Ellsworth Wood; and again in Redding, with a host of nieces and nephews.

Since the death of his wife seven months ago, he has made his home with a niece, Gertrude James in Alturas. Others surviving in addition to the sons and Mrs. James, are a granddaughter, Ona Vine Scammon, San Francisco; two grandsons, John Victor Scammon, Berkeley, and Paul G. Scammon, Sacramento; also numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Final rites and interment were in the Alturas Cemetery.

STREET NAMES SOUGHT
HONOLULU — City planners are hard put to find names for new streets in Honolulu. In the past, Hawaiian names have been used but most of these have already been used up. Worse yet, dangers lurk in trying to combine English and Hawaiian words. Said one city planner: "In working out new names, we've actually come up with some immoral words without knowing it."

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MISS UNIVERSE, 1959—Luz Marina Zuloaga, from Colombia, South America, was named "Miss Universe of 1959" in the finals at Long Beach, Calif. She was crowned by Miss Gladys Zender, of Peru, South America, who has been the reigning "Miss Universe" for the past year.

TIZZY By Kate Osann



"Ronnie? Edgar? Joe? Harry? Tom? Bill? Dick? George? Ernest? Charlie?"

Oregon Weather

Western Oregon—Fair through Tuesday except for some cloudiness late Monday night and possibility of evening thundershowers in Cascades; much cooler Tuesday, Low Monday night 50-60; high Tuesday 75-85. Winds near coast westerly to northwesterly, 10-20 m.p.h.

Eastern Oregon—Clear through Tuesday except possible thundershowers over Cascades Monday night and over eastern mountains Tuesday. Low Monday night 56-66; high Tuesday 85-95.

Northern Oregon—Clear through Tuesday with chance of fog, becoming partly sunny in afternoon. Beach winds westerly to southwesterly, 5-15 m.p.h. Temperature range 55-75 degrees.

Grants Pass and vicinity—Fair through Tuesday with chance of lightning in Cascades. Low Monday night 68; high Tuesday near 90.

Tulelake area—Fair through Tuesday with chance of lightning in Cascades Monday night and slightly cooler Tuesday. Low Monday night 55-62; high Tuesday 88-95.

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Tenth Anniversary Marked By VA Center

CHICAGO (AP)—The Veterans Administration blind center at Hines, Ill., has just celebrated a decade of teaching men to do things they've done all their lives. That sounds like a modest project, but it's one complicated by fear.

According to one of 470 World War II and Korean War veterans who have taken the unique 16-week course, the greatest fear is that sudden blindness has changed everything. Being free of this fear, he said, "is more protection for a blind man than a tank is for a soldier."

Russell Williams, institute director who was blinded by an exploding shell in World War II, is proudest of the center's work with a lawyer, two preachers and a chicken farmer.

All feared that blindness had ended not only their careers but almost everything else that had been wonderfully routine in their lives.

Williams recalled, "We first introduced them, as we do all our patients, to the long white cane."

"Then we made them mobile again, both inside and outdoors. We taught them how to eat and make their own beds."

They learned to negotiate the hospital corridors and grounds, nearby streets, and eventually Chicago's busy Loop.

Finally, they returned to their law, ministry and chicken farming.

RIGHT PLACE AT RIGHT TIME
OLMAHKA — As far as Mrs. Harold Rock was concerned, her nursing class couldn't have picked a better place for a reunion than Clarkston Hospital. In the midst of the reunion, Mrs. Rock realized that something was about to happen which would take precedence over the reunion. She took the elevator to the maternity ward where a short time later she gave birth to a 6 lb., 15-oz. son.

Williams measures the center's success by small yardsticks—a blind veteran's ability to change a flat tire and carry a pail of ashes from the basement to the alley.

When someone with no vocational training comes to the center, there are instructors and facilities for starting him toward the use of shop tools so that he can lead an independent life.

Williams lives the objectives of independence which he teaches, having recently returned from two weeks of camping out with his family in the Rocky Mountains.



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