

SRO Crowd Turns Out For Opening Night At Ashland

By RONNIE OWENS

To the strains of the pipes echoing out across the wide green lawns, more than 1,200 people followed the call to the Feast of the Tribe of Will for the opening of the 1959 Shakespearean Festival held at Ashland's Lithia Park Tuesday evening.

Young dancers performed to the sounds of tambourine and flute, while strolling girls sang songs dating back to the Elizabethan period and the Ashland Bagpipe Band played during the festive banquet, which was served buffet style.

Following the feast, the many theater-goers ascended the hill to the site of the new \$275,000 Shakespearean Theater for the opening performance of "The Masque of the New World" and "Twelfth Night."

Many components went into making the evening a most charming and memorable one for all assembled. Besides a beautiful building, in which Shakespeare would feel perfectly at home for

its authenticity, the performance was enhanced by a clear starlight roof for the open-air theater. The audience was clearly appreciative of the atmosphere and play, for they responded warmly and courteously.

When the governor of Oregon, Mark Hatfield, appeared on the stage to give the dedication speech, he was greeted by a standing ovation. He mostly thanked those who had for so many years attended the plays and worked toward the day when the new theater would rise as a monument to Oregon's culture and to William Shakespeare.

Other guests were introduced and received equally well, including the lovely motion picture star, Ginger Rogers; the president of Southern Oregon College, Dr. Elmo Stevenson; and the president of the University of Oregon, Dr. O. Meredith Wilson.

But it was the talented actors and actresses themselves who made the evening a sparkling treat. They managed to take the audience back 300 years to another opening night, when Shakespeare first presented his last romantic comedy, "Twelfth Night."

Fort Klamath Camp Opens

FORT KLAMATH — This month saw the opening of a new business near Fort Klamath by Mrs. Myrtle Copeland, who is the widow of the late Alvin Q. Copeland, member of a pioneer Wood River Valley family.

After extensive preliminary preparations this spring which included digging a well to insure a supply of pure water, Mrs. Copeland has opened part of her 28-acre Sun Mountain ranch two miles north-east of Fort Klamath as a public resort. Modern facilities for picnicking, overnight camping and trailer house parking were installed, and a modern cottage near Mrs. Copeland's ranch home is available for rent by the day, week or month.

Located on the banks of beautiful Wood River and well shaded by pine trees, the Sun Mountain ranch resort is off the beaten track and may be reached by traveling north or south on State Highway 232 over Sun Mountain pass. Direction signs point the way to the off-highway vacation spot.

Here for the summer to assist Mrs. Copeland is her late husband's sister, Mrs. Eva Nichols, Portland.

Prior to the play, they presented "The Masque of the New World," especially designed for Oregon's Centennial year. It led into a riotous comedy which followed a plot of deception and love, mischief and foolery performed excellently by Theodore Marcuse as Sir Toby Belch, drunken uncle to Olivia. His antics and innuendos kept the laughter high, as did the actions of his partner in his deeds: Sir Andrew Aguecheek, played by Richard D. Rizzo.

Their willing helpmate in pranks is Maria played by Auriol M. D. Smith, while Viola was performed with pixie-like humor by Barbara Waide. Olivia, who suffered through her uncle's schemes, was portrayed by Mary Jo Randall, and the "fool," who narrates and jests throughout both performances was deftly played by Paul Nagle Jackson. Malvolio brought chuckles from many and was performed by Philip Hanson.

The plot unfolds slowly until the end of the play, when, so to speak, all lives happily ever after. The lights dimmed with the dying echo of the clown's song announcing the close of the play. The audience sat quietly for a few moments and then broke into spontaneous applause in appreciation of a fine performance of one of Shakespeare's most enjoyable plays.



CENTENNIAL SPECIAL, an Oregon-Nevada-California Fast Freight, Inc. truck, carries a full-color mural on its trailer to advertise Oregon's 100th birthday. The truck will have carried the invitation over 70,000 miles to two million Oregon and California residents before the year is up, officials estimate. The truck is now in Klamath Falls awaiting freight and an assignment.

GRANGE NEWS

LOST RIVER

The Centennial theme for the Lost River Grange No. 846 meeting held recently at the Olenne Grange Hall was well carried out in the various games and activities.

Lecturer Emma Kinney put on a program which included the naming of old automobiles from pictures placed upon the blackboard. Marion Barnes won for correctly naming the most cars.

Oldtime items were displayed, including bonnets, jewelry, coins, wood tools, miners tools, candle holders, buttons, pieces from the Civil War and numerous other objects, such as old prints and books.

Centennial clothing was modeled by Lucille Barnes, Rosa Meeker and Marge Newham, and copies of the minutes of some of the Jacksonville County granges were read by Duncan Stewart. Some of them dated back to 1874.

Guests at the meeting included state grange treasurer, Bonifay Yancey; county deputy, Knute Barleen; master of the upper Klamath Grange, Mickey Wampler and delegates from Poe Valley, Shasta View, Midland and upper Klamath. They were introduced by Lost River Grange Master Pavitt Newham.

At the meeting's conclusion, refreshments were served by the home economics chairman, Zetta Sullivan, and her committee.

HIGH LIVING SPUD

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Over The Garden Gate

The July meeting of the Mt. Laki Garden Club was held at the home of Mrs. Will Blackman. Several members of the year-book committee met at 11 o'clock to complete plans for the book.

Mrs. Robert Burdick volunteered to design the book cover.

At 1:30 p.m. the business meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Dick Henzel. Roll call was answered by 20 members giving new ideas recently obtained on gardening. There were seven visitors, Mrs. Kenneth Foust of Iowa, Kansas, who is visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. William Wales; Mrs. E. C. Schweitzer and Mrs. Earl McFall of Tulelake; district chairman, Mrs. Scott McKendree and Mrs. Edith DeLap of Klamath Falls, and Christiann and Sara Leigh Deer of Eugene, who are visiting their grandmother, Mrs. Kelly.

"Lilies" were chosen as the flower for special study this year. A discussion was held on the

two arrangements exhibited by Mrs. I. W. White. One was "The Red Man's Paradise" featuring all Indian material and the other "Footsteps of Time," using a glass slipper as the container.

Also, two arrangements made by Mrs. Crystel Cheyne were discussed. They were "Irish Influence," an all green one, and the second of dried and fresh flowers.

Mrs. Cheyne discussed the divisions and sections of the various classes to be exhibited at the District Flower Show August 1 and August 2 at the county fairground exhibit building.

Each member was asked to donate two dozen cookies for the silver tea to be held in conjunction with the show.

Mrs. E. C. Schweitzer, chairman of the staging committee, gave instructions and asked all members who could do so to be at the exhibit building at 8:30 a.m. July 31 to help with the preparations. Blue and gold will be the decorating colors.

Also, Mrs. Schweitzer showed colored pictures of blue ribbon winners and unusual arrangements from several local garden shows as well as others taken at Corvallis, Portland and Gresham shows.

Pictures taken at the Lewis and Clark College campus, when the recent State Garden Club Convention was held, were shown. The rose gardens there were beautiful.

Secretary, Mrs. George Carson, who attended the state convention gave an interesting report at the June meeting.

An iced drink and cake were served by Mrs. Blackman and the co-hostesses, Mrs. Ed Born and Mrs. Charles Johnson. The August meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Dean Marcum, 2300 Patterson Street.

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