

Mellerdrama 'Oil Can Annie' To Be Ripe for Hissing, Booing

"Oil Can Annie," mellerdrama in five fast-paced acts, will hit the boards during the 1969 Golden Days celebration, according to general chairman Ron Davis.

"We wanted an original mellerdrama for Golden Days this year," Davis said, "and Julian Rivers' Muse-Arts organization came through for us."

Davis indicated that his committee is attempting to arrange an outdoor facility at Alaskaland for the mellerdrama performances during the six-day celebration from July 22 through 27.

"We hope to set up tables and chairs outdoors where the audience can enjoy refreshments while hissing and booing and throwing peanut shells at the villain on stage," Davis said.

Rivers, production manager of Muse-Arts, said "Oil Can Annie" is complete with musical score and "the possibility of dramatic excellence."

He said the mellerdrama was written and will be directed by Mrs. June Allen.

"The show features Oil Can Annie," Rivers said, "who began

her questionable career some years ago as Alcan Annie when the highway was under construction. Now she has regrouped her troupe of girls and is trying to get a piece of the North Slope oil action."

Other characters in the mellerdrama, according to Rivers, are Brooks Range, the hero, and Petro Sales, the villain.

Rivers said Muse-Arts has begun casting the play and will go into rehearsal soon. Performance dates and times will be announced later.