

## Society and Clubs

By LOTUS KNIGHT PORTER

NEXT CONCERT TO BE PRESENTED HERE THURSDAY, MARCH 23

Todd Duncan, world-famous Negro baritone, assisted by June McMechen, as Bess in the popular "Porgy and Bess" entertainment will be presented in concert by the Community Concert association in Roseburg next Thursday evening at 8:15 o'clock at the junior high school auditorium.

Members of the association only (with the exception of men of the armed services) may attend the concert. No charge is made for men in uniform.

Duncan, the baritone star of concert, stage and screen, was born in Kentucky and received his bachelor's degree from Butler college and his master's degree from Columbia university. Immediately following his student days, he started his career as a voice teacher, eventually going to Howard University in Washington, D. C., to become Professor of Music in this, the largest Negro school in the country. He came to Broadway for his debut as Porgy direct from this post and, although the theatre has occupied most of his time in recent years, he is still a member of the Howard University faculty.

The original production of "Porgy and Bess" was in the autumn of 1935. The premiere took place in Boston on September 30; the New York opening on October 10. With his rich-voiced portrayal of DuBoise Heyward's hero, Todd Duncan skyrocketed to fame. Previous to that his public appearances had been limited to concerts and to one operatic role, Alfio in "Cavalleria Rusticana" which he sang at New York's Mecca Temple.

Following his brilliant Porgy debut, Todd Duncan went to London, where he was co-starred with Leslie Banks and Edna Best in "The Sun Never Sets." He returned to America to play the Lawd's General in "Cabin in the Sky." Later he did a picture in Hollywood for RKO, "Syncope."

"Porgy and Bess," with Duncan, was revived December 1941. After 10 months' smash hit business on Broadway, the company went on a year's coast to coast tour. Mr. Duncan's personal success throughout the country more than bore out the late George Gershwin's statement that "Todd Duncan is one of the finest artists ever developed in his race."

Last summer the baritone was soloist with the New York Philharmonic-Symphony at the Lewisohn Stadium Concerts and with the Philadelphia Orchestra at Robin Hood Dell. Other orchestras with which he has sung include Los Angeles Philharmonic, the St. Louis Symphony, the NBC Symphony and the BBC Symphony in London. He has made a number of appearances as guest

artist on radio programs with Frank Black, Rudy Vallee, Jack Hilton, Ben Bernie, Alfred Walenstein, Erno Rapee and others.

Leading newspapers throughout the United States have had only the highest praise for his performances and acclaim him one of the greatest artists of the time.

**BENEFIT CARD PARTY IS LARGE AFFAIR**

MELROSE—The party held at the Elgarose schoolhouse last Saturday evening and sponsored by the Comfort club ladies, was enjoyed by ninety-six children and adults. A fish pond, Chinese checkers and other table games were enjoyed by the children and young people, while the older folks enjoyed playing pinocle, five hundred and visiting. Twelve tables of pinocle and five hundred were at play. The winners of pinocle were: W. P. Hackney, Mrs. Amy Kruse, high and low went to Mrs. Nettie Woodruff and Looey Johns. Five hundred winners were Mrs. Ben Chilson and Stanley Sjogren, high, and Mrs. Royce Busenbark and Ben Chilson, low. A silver offering was taken and at a social hour of visiting the club ladies served lovely refreshments. It was announced by Mrs. Nell Fisher that the school will sponsor another card and children's party at the schoolhouse Saturday evening, March 18, to be in the form of a St. Patrick's party. Everyone will be most cordially invited to attend.

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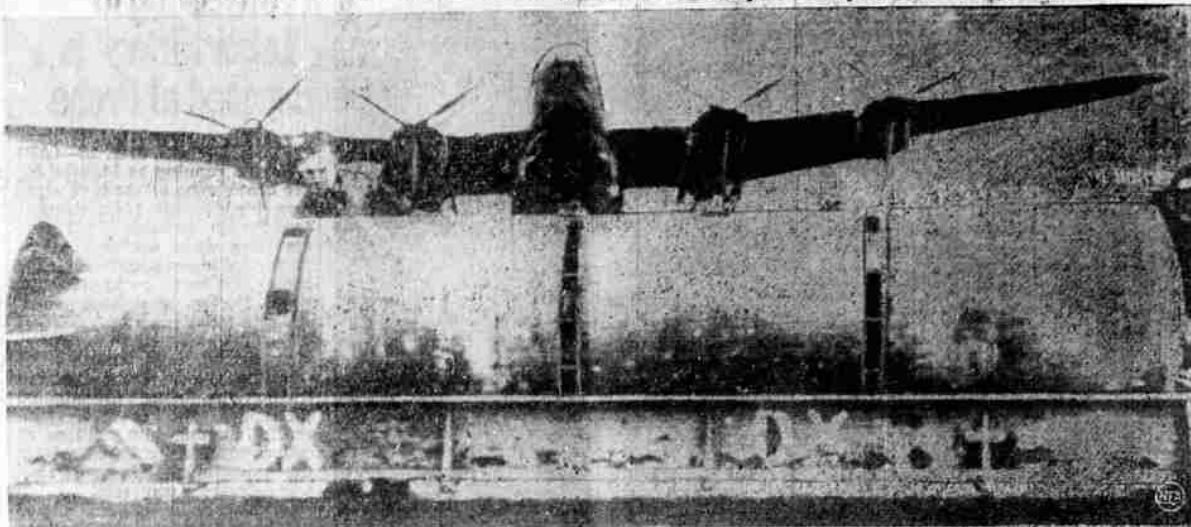


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**MR. AND MRS. HAHN ENTERTAIN AT PARTY**

TENMILE—Mr. and Mrs. Purley Hahn entertained a number of friends and relatives at their home Sunday at a surprise birthday party in honor of Mr. Hahn's sister, Mrs. Alta Howard. A large birthday cake, which had been beautifully decorated by her sister, Mrs. John Abbott of Grants Pass, and Mrs. Earl Ollivant of Olla, and which bore the inscription "Best Wishes for Your Ninetieth Birthday Alta" was presented to Mrs. Howard, following a most delicious chicken dinner. A long table in the living room held service for Mrs. Alta Howard, honor guest, her husband, Ralph Howard and daughters Nona and Darla Sue. Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Abbott and daughter Alta Mae of Grants Pass, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Ollivant of Olla, Mr. and Mrs. Doc Bushnell of Blue River, Mrs. Della Howard and son Chester, Mrs. Rilla Hahn, Evelyn and Lavern Hahn and the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Purley Hahn. Many lovely gifts were received by Mrs. Howard who has made her home in Tenmile for many years, coming here from Pomona, California when a young girl.

**COMMUNITY CIRCLE IS ENTERTAINED**

TENMILE—Mrs. Leon Simpson most graciously entertained the Tenmile Community Circle at her lovely new home Wednesday. A delicious potluck dinner was served at twelve-thirty to Mrs. Minnie Lockwood, president, Mrs. Bert Mellius, vice president, Mrs. John F. Brown, secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Harry Smith, Mrs. Grace Barnes, Mrs. Charles Siegel, Mrs. Lawrence Lockwood, Mrs. Don Lakey and daughter Kay, Mrs. Elbert Smith, Mrs. Jim Henry and daughter Doreen, Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Dorothy Wilson, Mrs. Otto Huebner, Mrs. Jerry Paul, Mrs. Della Howard, Mrs. Vic Hahn, Mrs. Nuzum and the hostess, Mrs. Simpson. Mrs. Ann Lockwood and Miss Doreen Henry had charge of the devotional service and Mrs. Bert Mellius was appointed chairman of the labor party group who are to make wool laprobes for the veterans hospital. The next meetings will be at the home of the president, Mrs. Minnie Lockwood on March 22. After this meeting the ladies will entertain in alphabetical order, beginning with the L's.

**UMPQUA REBEKAH LODGE HOLDS MEETING TUESDAY**

ELKTON—Umpqua Rebekah lodge met Tuesday evening at the hall with 37 members present. Following the session, a social hour was enjoyed and refreshments were served by Mrs. Ruby Thomas, Mrs. Ella Steinmuller and Mrs. Esther Gates.

**D. A. R. TO MEET AT CAMPBELL HOME MONDAY**

The D. A. R. will meet Monday evening at seven-thirty o'clock at the home of Mrs. W. M. Campbell on South Main street. Mrs. George M. Brown, regent, will conduct the meeting. All members are urged to be present.

**LOYAL LEADERS CLASS TO HOLD PARTY TONIGHT**

The Loyal Leaders Sunday school class, taught by Mrs. Len B. Fishback, will hold an Irish party tonight at 7:30 o'clock at the First Christian church. Games, an Irish program and refreshments will be enjoyed.

**I. O. O. F. LODGE HOLDS MEETING**

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**PUBLIC INVITED TO GRAND COUNCIL FIRE ON SATURDAY EVENING**

The public has been cordially invited to attend the Grand Council Fire to be sponsored by the Roseburg Camp Fire girls Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the junior high school gymnasium.

Mrs. Harrie W. Booth, Council president, has announced the following program: Wohelo cull; entrance of girls singing; procession, Kabinto, Kanya; hand sign of the fire; roll call of groups; candle lighting ceremony; law of the camp fire; talk on "Wohelo, its meaning and significance" by Mrs. R. A. Peenstra; awarding of honors, camp honors, by Athalia Taylor; honor beads and ranks of guardians; candle extinguishing ceremony; closing song, Call of the Fire.

**BOX SUPPER TO BE HELD BY BENSON P.T.A. MONDAY**

The public has been cordially invited to enjoy the Benson P.T.A. box supper affair next Monday night at the schoolhouse at seven o'clock. Al La Pan will sell the boxes and the ladies are requested to each bring a decorated box containing supper for two. Children are asked to bring their own lunch.

A very interesting and varied program has been planned to follow the supper, after which table games will be enjoyed.

**SPECIAL MEETING TO BE HELD BY GRANGES EVENING OF MARCH 24**

A special meeting of all granges in Douglas county will be held at the Riversdale grange hall Friday night, February 24, for the purpose of conferring the first and second degrees on candidates.

Grange ladies are requested to bring sandwiches and the Riversdale grange ladies will furnish the coffee.

**W. S. OF C. S. HAS MEETING WEDNESDAY**

ELKTON—The Woman's Society of Christian Service met Wednesday afternoon at the church parlors with a fine attendance of members. A business meeting was followed by an interesting St. Patrick's day program, after which Mrs. Effie Moore and Mrs. Beth Cherry, hostesses, served delicious refreshments.

**CRUISERS CLUB TO HOLD POTLUCK SUPPER**

The Cruisers club will meet at a 6:45 o'clock potluck supper next Monday evening at the First Presbyterian church parlors. All members are urged to be present.

**KEYSTONE CLUB TO MEET NEXT MONDAY**

The Methodist Keystone club will meet next Monday at a seven-thirty o'clock supper at the home of Mrs. Clifford E. Smith in Laurelvood with Mrs. M. M. Nelson and Mrs. Lucien Cobb as assisting hostesses. All members are cordially invited to attend.

Oregon Business and Tax Research, a Portland firm, proposed that a sales tax be substituted for income tax revenues to provide additional school funds.

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**Ex-Gov. Walter Pierce Is Hospital Patient**

PORTLAND, Mar. 17—(AP)—Walter M. Pierce, former governor of Oregon, who was taken to

Good Samaritan hospital here yesterday is not in a serious condition, his doctor said.

Pierce became ill shortly after arriving in Portland. His home is near Salem.

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