

Society and Clubs

By LOTUS KNIGHT PORTER

MISS SHIRLEY WILSON HONOURED AT SHOWER AT MEETING OF CLUB

Mrs. J. R. Wilson graciously entertained the Merry-Go-Round Club Wednesday at a charming one-thirty o'clock dinner-luncheon at her home, at which time a lovely bridal shower was given her granddaughter, Miss Shirley Wilson.

Lovely gifts were presented to Miss Wilson from the hostess and Mrs. J. Harold Nichols, Mrs. Mabel Ames, Mrs. George Johnson, Mrs. W. H. Carter, Mrs. Chelsea Browne and children, Cheryl and Chelsea; Mrs. J. Earl Pickett, Mrs. Howard Carnes, Mrs. J. K. Masters, Mrs. H. A. Winston, Mrs. Fred Vehringer, Mrs. Louis Fullerton and daughter, Molly; Mrs. Mable P. Taylor, Mrs. George Bacher, Mrs. Clyde Fullerton, Mrs. Clay Smith, Mrs. Earl Smith and Mrs. Rocky Stone, Mrs. Virginia Gray and Miss Ulah Agnes Winston of Corvallis.

Plans were made for the annual Christmas party, which will be an event of Saturday, December 21, at eight o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Johnson on North Jackson street. Members and their families are invited and are asked to bring their own table service and each person is asked to bring a gift to exchange.

H. E. C. MEETS AT POTLUCK LUNCHEON

The Riverside Home Economics Club met Friday at a one-thirty o'clock potluck luncheon at the home of Mrs. H. B. Kruse. Covers were placed for Mrs. William Love, a guest; Mrs. Eldon Ogle, Mrs. C. W. Cook, Mrs. Graham Evans, Mrs. Harvey Ewens, Mrs. Clem Schneider, Mrs. W. D. Love, Mrs. Harlan Moore, Mrs. E. G. Cloake, Mrs. E. G. Trozelli, Mrs. C. M. Stark, Mrs. C. T. Tip-ton, Mrs. James Howe and the hostess, Mrs. Kruse.

Mrs. C. E. Marks was elected new chairman of the club for the coming year.

Plans were made for the annual Christmas party for members of the grange and their families for December 23 at 8 P. M. at the hall. Those attending are asked to bring a gift to exchange.

Plans were also made for a New Year's eve six o'clock potluck supper and party to be held the evening of December 31 at the hall for all members and their families.

The next club meeting will be a 12:30 potluck luncheon January 10 at the home of Mrs. E. G. Cloake.

WOMEN'S ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION MEETS

The Roseburg Women's Athletic Association held its weekly meeting Tuesday evening. Among the games played were basketball and volleyball. The members enjoyed the relaxation that these games offer.

The club is not a social organization, but has the object of creating sportsmanship and physical education. Any person interested in this type of entertainment, is cordially invited to join the club. The meetings are held every Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the Junior High gym.

At the present time the group has a gift wrapping booth at the J. C. Penney Company's store. The proceeds of this project will go towards buying equipment needed by the club.

In the near future the club intends to organize a volleyball team to compete with other teams in this locality.

F. S. CLUB TO HOLD CHRISTMAS PARTY

The F. S. Club will hold its annual Christmas party at a one o'clock turkey dinner Friday, December 20, at the home of Mrs. Mabel Wilson. Those attending are asked to bring a 50c gift to exchange.

THOMAS J. PETOK AND GLADYS DAHL MARRY

Thomas J. Petok and Gladys Dahl were married at four o'clock Saturday afternoon, December 14 at St. Lawrence's Church in Portland by Rev. R. Vander Zanden. The bride was attractive in a powder blue wool suit. Her corsage was of gardenias encircled by pink rosebuds and bouvardia.

A wedding dinner followed at the Cape Cod tearoom, after which a reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Leader. Guests attending were Mr. and Mrs. Edmund L. Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Leader, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Sharp, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Mortensen, Mr. and Mrs. George Lyons, Miss Rena Davies, Miss Kathryn Hildebrand and Robert Schulz all of Portland and Mr. and Mrs. John Zimrick, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Doyle and Mr. and Mrs. H. Doyle of Roseburg.

Following a wedding trip to points north, the couple will make their home in Roseburg, where Mr. Petok is associated with the Ken Atterbury Contracting Company.

INTER-SE STUDY CLUB TO HOLD HOLIDAY PARTY

The Inter-Se Study Club will hold its annual Christmas party Saturday evening, December 21, at eight o'clock at the Theo Bond home on Moore street. Members and their husbands are cordially invited to enjoy the affair and are requested to bring a gift to exchange and also are asked to bring their own table service.

NAVY MOTHERS HOLIDAY PARTY TO BE TONIGHT

The Navy Mothers Club will hold its annual holiday party tonight, December 18, at eight o'clock at the Armory. Christmas gifts will be exchanged. All members and those eligible to membership are most cordially invited.

PUBLIC INVITED TO ANNUAL VESPER SERVICE

Roseburg Bethel No. 8 of Job's Daughters will sponsor its annual Christmas Vesper service at the First Presbyterian Church Sunday, December 22, at four o'clock. The public is most cordially invited to attend.

P. E. O. CHRISTMAS PARTY TO BE HELD

Chapter 81 of the P. E. O. Sisterhood will hold its annual Christmas party Friday evening, December 20, at eight o'clock at the home of Mrs. Maurice J. Newland at 1225 Riverside Drive in Laurelwood.

MELROSE P. T. CLUB AND SCHOOL TO HAVE PROGRAM

The Melrose P. T. Club and School will hold the annual Christmas program and party at the Melrose Grange hall Friday evening, December 20, at eight o'clock. All members and friends are invited.

Vital Statistics

Marriage Licenses
LONG-LEWIS—Glenn W. Long, Canyonville, and Elsie S. Lewis, Portland.

HUGHES-MOBLEY—George Everett Hughes and Roberta Lea Mobley, both of Roseburg.

Divorce Complaints
SCHNEIDER—June vs. George Schneider, married at Seattle, Wash., February 20, 1944; cruelty.

CARNES—Helen vs. Ralph Carnes, married at Vancouver, Wash., August 16, 1946; cruelty.

Bones of Cortes Stir Old Dispute Over His Conquest

By ROBERT N. COOL

AP Newsfeatures Writer
NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Time has given the last laugh to the ghost of Hernando Cortes, and revived an old dispute.

Was the 16th century Spanish conqueror of Mexico a hero spreading civilization, or a cruel destroyer of native Indian culture?

The recent discovery in Mexico City of a casket which scientists say undoubtedly contains the bones of Cortes has stirred the historic controversy.

In life, the bearded adventurer tricked and outbluffed the Aztecs of Mexico City, finally fastening the yoke of gold-hungry Spain upon Montezuma's people. Survivors of a proud race damned his memory down the centuries, because of his reputed torturing and ruthless extermination of the Aztec leaders.

His Elusive Ghost

Three hundred years after Cortes conquered it, Mexico rebelled against Spain and became a republic. During bloody anti-European riots that swept the capital in 1823 Cortes' tomb was in danger of being despoiled. But just as the old conquistador had escaped from Aztec ambushes in earlier days, a descendant managed to soffit his remains to a secret hiding place.

Another 123 years passed, and the location of the bones remained a mystery. Last month they were reported discovered in Mexico City—long after time had softened the revolutionary fury that had endangered them.

Through a panel in an ornate gold-and-crystal casket, a skull which was declared to be that of Cortes could be seen for the first time since those who carried it off had secretly immured it in the capital's ancient Hospital de Jesus.

But though the bones of Cortes have been found, the question of his position in Mexican history continues to be disputed. By and large, those of Spanish inclination are pro-Cortes, while the more revolutionary, nationally-minded Mexicans preserve the grudge which their ancestors bore him. It has been remarked that no public monument to the conqueror stands in all Mexico.

History indicates that the swarthy politician-general who sought gold and adventure in the New World was a master of strategy. That his methods were cruel and aversive, with no regard for Aztec culture, is also a matter of record.

Bold Venture Undertaken

On November 18, 1518, Hernando Cortes sailed from Cuba with ten vessels, 600 soldiers, 13 cavalymen and a few pieces of artillery. Almost immediately his superior attempted to call him back and cancelled his commission, but Cortes pushed on. He

landed in Mexico and founded the city of Vera Cruz, having himself elected its captain-general.

With this questionable authority, and an army small even for those days, he burned his ships behind him to prevent desertions and set out to conquer the highly developed Indian civilizations. In his march toward the lofty Aztec capital, Mexico City, Cortes quickly found that he had two axes: the disunity of the native states and the terror which was inspired by his horsemen who were believed to be gods. The Mexicans had never before seen horses.

Playing upon the doubts and fears of the people, Cortes soon reached the capital where he held the Aztec king, Montezuma, for ransom.

When Cortes learned that the king had sent a force to attack Vera Cruz, Montezuma was compelled to deliver up his secret task force. Cortes burned them all at the stake. Then he learned that a Spanish expedition was on

its way from Cuba to deprive him of his command. So Cortes marched east, defeated his countrymen and returned, strengthened, to the capital.

Luck Favors Invader

There he found the Mexicans in revolt. Enraptured hordes of Indians swarmed to obliterate the Spaniards, but incredibly Cortes managed to withdraw again to the coast. His luck and courage filled the Mexicans with baffled awe.

On July 7, 1520, an unexpected victory on the plains of Otumba completely turned the tables. Cortes broke the back of effective resistance and consolidated his conquests with bloody ferocity that drove the Indians to despair and new revolt.

Then, the usual payoff: Though he had won a rich treasury for his country, Cortes found himself shoved aside when he finally returned to Spain.

He died on December 2, 1547, and his body was buried in a

More Highway Revenues Asked by Cities League

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 17.—(AP)—

A request that the state give three times as much highway revenues to cities as they now are getting was made here last week at a regional meeting of the League of Oregon cities.

The delegates requested 15 per cent of highway revenues, compared with the 5 per cent they now are getting.

They also asked that aviation gasoline be taxed 4 cents a gallon for development of airports by cities, that cities get at least 10 per cent of state liquor revenues, and that property be reassessed frequently for more equitable taxation.

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family vault at Seville. However, his son brought it to Mexico City in 1562 for interment in the Monastery of San Francisco.

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