

Society and Clubs

By LOTUS KNIGHT PORTER

To Be Heard in Concert Tonight



Mary Van Kirk.

Combining a genuine love of people with a capacity for hard work, Mary Van Kirk, who sings for the Roseburg Community Concert tonight, October 22nd, at the Junior High auditorium at eight-fifteen o'clock, started her musical career the hard way—by selling newspapers! Extracted from her grade school chorus because "she sang too loud," she took over her brother's paper route in order to buy a violin. Most of her revenue soon found its way to the fruit stands or the candy shops, but finally after much restraint her small venture yielded enough for her to purchase her long-wished-for violin. She learned to play it in spite of caustic comment from her brothers—but a few years later she realized she would never become a female Kreisler, and it became apparent that her voice was her true artistic medium.

Although she was registered for nurse's training, the Aaron lass applied for and won a scholarship to Oberlin Conservatory of Music. Later she was transferred to the Cleveland Institute of Music. After six years of opera routine, scales, repertoire—music became her whole life. She was soloist at Old Stone Church in Cleveland during these years and her first professional appearance was in "The Messiah" with the Chautauqua Symphony Orchestra under the baton of Albert Strossel. During her school days, she sang in opera at the Berkshire Festival.

Seizing upon the opportunity to enter the "Metropolitan Auditions of the Air," Mary Van Kirk rose from an obscure voice student to a member of the Metropolitan, after audiences heard her sing one of the greatest of all contraltos, Erice's Warning from Wagner's "Rheingold." Critics immediately pronounced her "a second Schumann-Heink," and were uncharacteristically lavish in their praise of the blonde, young contralto. She returned to the Institute for graduation and drew the largest crowd in the history of the school when she gave her senior recital.

Since that time she has appeared frequently on the "Voice of Firestone" hour and other network programs. Besides her singing with the Metropolitan, she

has been guest artist of numerous famous symphony orchestras. Recital tours have taken her from coast to coast on many engagements. Last year she toured the South Pacific on a USO tour and her audiences ranged from 4,000 to 12,000 in places like Iwo Jima.

"It was rugged," Miss Van Kirk added. In order to rest up she went to the snow-capped peaks of Canada only to break her leg the first ten minutes she was on a pair of skis.

As for hobbies, Mary Van Kirk collects, of all things, lions in all forms of art, statuary, etchings, photographs, tapestries, as well as miniature pieces, are in her menagerie. She's seriously contemplating adding the two famous lions outside of the New York Public Library if and when the library officials decide to change the landscape.

Her most relaxing pastime, according to Miss Van Kirk, is playing the organ. She does it to calm her nerves or banish stage fright. Her repertoire consists of "Jingle Bells," "Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree" and "Home Sweet Home." An extension of her musical career—and another enjoyable form of passing the time away—is playing her violin. Naturally after working so hard for her first one she feels a sentimental attachment toward it and does it full justice with gypsy selections of Brahms and Liszt.

Members of the association are anticipating a most charming concert by Miss Van Kirk this evening.

C. F. GIRLS TO HOLD SKATING PARTY

A Halloween skating party will be held by the Camp Fire Girls and Bluebird groups of Roseburg and Melrose Friday night, October 24, at seven o'clock at the Winchester rink. Guardians will furnish a hot drink for their girls. Those attending are asked to bring a sack lunch. Those attending are asked to furnish their own transportation.

LADY ELKS TO SPONSOR FASHION SHOW AND BENEFIT PARTY THURSDAY

On of the largest events of the season has been planned by the Elks for Thursday evening, October 23, when they sponsor a fashion show and benefit card party in the beautiful Terrace ballroom of the Elks temple at seven-thirty o'clock.

Mrs. E. G. Young, Jr., is general chairman of the affair, which promises to be one of the delightful benefit affairs of the fall. Proceeds of the party will be used for philanthropic work of the Lady Elks. The fashion show will feature ladies ready-to-wear and accessories from the Fashion Center and shoes from Goldie's Bootery. Refreshments will be served preceding the card party. Prizes will be awarded winners in contract bridge and pinocle. Mrs. L. G. Twoby, president of the Lady Elks, has issued a most cordial invitation to the women of this community to enjoy the affair. Tickets may be purchased at Lawson's, Kampfer's, Goldie's Bootery, Rexall Drug Store and Church's drug store. Reservations may also be made by telephoning either Mrs. Paul Moen at 1019-J or Mrs. S. M. Moore at 293-R.

FULLERTON P.T.A. TO SPONSOR CARNIVAL

Fullerton P.T.A. has invited the public to enjoy a delightful supper and carnival affair to be held Saturday, October 25, beginning at six-thirty o'clock. Booths and concessions are being planned for the occasion. Supper will be served beginning at six-thirty o'clock. Games will be played during the social hour. Proceeds of the affair will go to the gymnasium equipment fund for the school.

The P.T.A. met Monday evening at the schoolhouse with the president, Mrs. J. M. Boyles, in charge. The P.T.A. prayer opened the session, followed by group singing led by Mrs. A. J. Ellison.

Mrs. Jack Chapman was appointed treasurer to fill out the term of Mrs. Robert Franks, who has resigned. A report of 193 paid members to date was given by Mrs. Wilkoff.

Dr. Morris H. Reuch, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, was the speaker of the evening on the subject, "Our children and their development, spiritually, mentally and physically."

Following the meeting, refreshments were served by the mothers of the sixth grade students with the mothers of third grade students acting as hostesses.

COMMUNITY CLUB TO MEET FRIDAY

The Wilbur Community Club will meet at seven-thirty o'clock Friday night at the schoolhouse for an interesting program, which will be followed by refreshments.

All parents of Wilbur school children are especially urged to be present.

TOWNSEND CLUB POSTPONES MEETING

The special meeting planned by the Roseburg Townsend Club for this week has been postponed. There will be no further meetings of the club until the evening of November 6. The meeting place will be announced later.

D. OF U. V. TO MEET FRIDAY NIGHT

Florence Nightingale Tent, No. 15, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War will meet Friday evening, October 24, at seven-thirty o'clock at the K. of P. hall. All members are urged to be present.

GLIDE SCHOOL TO HOLD CARNIVAL

The Glide School will hold its annual carnival at the school gym Friday night at seven-thirty o'clock. A motion picture will be shown and the carnival booths will open at eight-thirty o'clock. The public is cordially invited to enjoy the affair.

EVERGREEN GRANGE ANNOUNCES MEETING

Evergreen Grange will meet Friday evening at six-thirty o'clock potluck supper at the hall. The regular grange session and program will follow. All members are urged to be present.

UMPQUA DAUGHTERS TO MEET AT SUPPER

Umpqua Daughters of the Nile of Zulema temple will entertain Mrs. Maymie Spalding, Queen of Zulema temple, and her court at an informal six-thirty o'clock potluck supper at the home of Mrs. Mare Shelley in Myrtle Creek Friday, October 24. All Daughters of the Nile are most cordially invited.

Test Tube Baby's Mother Fights Husband's Move

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—(AP)—Mrs. Julie Strnad, 31, has begun a legal battle to prevent her estranged husband from visiting her 4-year-old daughter, Antoinette, who she claims is a "test tube baby," born as the result of artificial insemination, attorneys in the case disclosed yesterday. The mother is seeking to amend a state supreme court separation decree, granted her Oct. 8, which gives her husband, Antoine, a chauffeur, the right to visit the child on Sundays. Mrs. Strnad contends that the husband is not Antoinette's father. "I submitted to artificial insemination at the request of my husband, and he paid the physician."

Strikes at Canadian Packing Plants Ending

TORONTO, Oct. 21.—(AP)—Seven independent packing plants in western Canada, employing more than 1,900 men, resumed operations today under terms negotiated with the companies by the United Packing House Workers of America (CIO). The plants had been strikebound.

Approximately 2,350 workers in six other plants—including five operated by Swift-Canadian—were expected to return to work later today or tomorrow. The remainder of the 14,900 strikers, who have been out for periods ranging up to five weeks, still were voting whether to accept the negotiated agreements providing for varying wage increases.

Umpqua Forest Timber Sold to Klamath Firm

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 21.—The Klamath Lake Moulding Company, Klamath Falls, obtained 22,945,000 board feet of timber Monday for the Forest Service price of \$135,128.35.

The Klamath firm was the only one to make a bid at an oral auction conducted by the Forest Service.

The bid, on timber stands in the Diamond Lake district of the Umpqua Forest, was \$5.05 per 1000 board feet of 20,415,000 feet of Douglas fir; \$2.20 per 1000 board feet on 1,026,000 feet of hemlock; \$8.40 per 1000 board feet on 975,500 feet of pine; and \$2.20 per 1000 board feet of 502,000 feet of white fir.

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Oregon Drivers Outside Washington Statute

OLYMPIA, Oct. 22.—(AP)—A resident of Oregon whose driver's license has been revoked by that state can not be prosecuted in this state under statutes making it a gross misdemeanor for Washington residents to drive during the period of suspension of the driver's license, Arty. Gen. Smith Troy said yesterday in an opinion for Phil Sheridan, Snohomish County prosecutor. Troy said, however, that out-of-state drivers may be charged with violation of the code requiring possession of a current and valid operator's license.

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