

Society and Clubs

By LOTUS KNIGHT PORTER and BETTY ALLEN

AMARANTH CHRISTMAS PARTY ANNOUNCED FOR NEXT MONDAY EVENING.
Amaranth members are invited to the annual Christmas party and program to be held at the Masonic temple at a six-thirty o'clock potluck dinner Monday night, Dec. 12. Those attending

are asked to bring food for the potluck with the exception of dessert, which will be furnished by the committee. Members are also asked to bring a toy for children at the Shrine hospital. Each member is requested to bring a guest.

GIFTS that are "DIFFERENT"

So you've got to write a letter, perhaps even 6. This civilized age does exact its penalties, but there's one thing about letter writing that every participant should know. The prettier the paper, the more readily the thought glances function. If we must be literate, let's have fun, I always say.

Now consider the engaging papereries at DOROTHY'S, that swank salon at 323 S. Stephens St., where the stationery is a thing of beauty and a joy to every eye. Let's get a box of "Floral" in a cunning gingham box. Let's get another box of Corklyn's all-white with lots of paper and envelopes. Then, just to be sure we have the paper to suit every mood and every notion, a box of "Varieties" with 4 different papers and envelopes to match. Stationery is one of my little luxuries and I like to pick my paper to match the receiver at the other end, if you know what I mean.

Then there are the Frontier notes, styled for the younger femmes, the bobby-soxers, the coeds, and the giddy gals who go for gorgeous gadgets. These notes come in all white with Western scenes in gay colors.

And all those gay and glamorous notes at DOROTHY'S make one year to say "Howdy" to any number of people

not on the regular roster. "Hustle Bustle" folders by Ars Sagra, "Cinnamon Notes," scribble notes and thank you notes. If you haven't time for a participant page letter, let your paper speak for you and carry a message of cordiality and good taste.

Go to DOROTHY'S for all your literary requirements, either fluent or stationery. Go to DOROTHY'S, too, for gifts at \$1.00 to \$4.00. Satin covered padded hangers with hand painted floral designs have a dainty fragrance about them. Hanky, hosiery and lingerie cases of satin, embroidered or hand painted, quilted or lace trimmed, are only \$1.00 and up. Sachets in balls or miniature pillow shapes are packed in boxes at \$1.00 and up. A double-duty gift is the milky glass vase filled with sachet balls, for only \$1.00. The vase makes a lovely foil for baby rosebuds or fragrant bunches of violets.

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REBEKAH PRESIDENT TO PAY OFFICIAL VISIT

Roseburg Rebekah Lodge No. 41 will meet at a six-thirty o'clock dinner Tuesday night at the I.O.O.F. hall to be followed by the official visit of Mrs. Leah Ramsey, president of the Rebekah Assembly of Oregon. A social hour will follow in charge of Evelyn Fredrickson, Daynise Beach, Minnie Clark, Mattie Gosnell, Annabelle McClure and Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Plummer.

The dinner will be for Rebekahs only. Initiation will be exemplified at the lodge meeting.

ALPHA THETA CHAPTER TO MEET ON TUESDAY

Alpha Theta chapter, Beta Sigma Phi will meet Tuesday evening at eight o'clock at the home of Mrs. Charles Williamson with Mrs. Eugene Powell, assisting hostess. All members are urged to be present.

EDENBOWER COMMUNITY CLUB TO MEET TONIGHT

The Edenbower Community club will meet at eight o'clock tonight, Dec. 9, at the schoolhouse. The Tawasi Camp Fire girls will present the program. Refreshments will be served. All parents and friends are invited.

Roseburg Choral Society To Offer Noted "Messiah"

By WARREN A. MACK
More than 200 years ago, a heavily built man in his middle fifties sat in his London home writing feverishly. Hastily blotting sheets of music paper, he scattered about and, as he wrote the last "Amen" and the final resounding chord, he laid aside his pen with a great sense of spiritual achievement.

This famed composer had, in 24 days, given the world the story of Christ's birth, martyrdom and ascension in a form perfectly suited to the composer's musical genius.

The composition was the oratorio, "Messiah." The composer was George Frederick Handel.

Roseburg's civic choral society this year joins countless other musical organizations in again giving music-lovers what is now considered Handel's musical masterpiece. A free public performance will be given at the Roseburg Junior high school auditorium Tuesday, Dec. 20, under the direction of Charles A. Rickets.

Obstacles Fought

Although "Messiah" is now thought to be Handel's most enduring work, it was in a sense written as a last resort—as an act of devotion and spiritual release. His attempts at the more popular form of dramatic music, opera, had met with disappointment and failure. Petty court jealousies teamed with Handel's misunderstood integrity and independence to ruin the performances of his operatic attempts. Bankrupt and almost friendless, the composer turned to the oratorio to find his new medium of expression. Bitter disappointment had taught him to cater to public tastes, the English public Dryden referred to as "the ignorant and ill-judging audience of the London nobility." After spending his lifetime writing vocal music with dramatic background, Handel chose the oratorio, the closest he could bring himself to writing to the dictates of current fashion.

The oratorio was first presented at a second-rate music hall in Dublin, Ireland. At that time the main musical societies of Dublin performed only for charity and it was for "the benefit and enlargement of poor distressed prisoners for debt" that the oratorio was presented. This set a pattern, for

Bake Fruit Cake For Your Friends

By GAYNOR MADDOX
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Raisins, prunes, walnuts, eggs, cooking fat—all these are on the list of December plentifuls and also part of the Christmas fruit cake story. So let's get started well in advance—meaning now. This recipe was so successful when featured 10 years ago, we repeat it this year.

rarely was it ever performed for the composer's benefit. No other musical work has raised more money as a charitable institution. Unpopular in London

The Dublin performance was a great success and had much to do with re-establishing the composer's name in England. However, Handel feared to present "Messiah" before the critical London audience and, after a year's wait, it was performed on three occasions. His masterpiece was ignored. Handel bitterly regarded his latest effort as a failure.

Two years later, it was revived by the composer, but again it proved unpopular with London audiences. Not until 1749, eight years after it was written, did it achieve a favorable reception and from that time until the present it has become a favorite with audiences and choral groups alike.

Through the years, Handel's work was received with varying respect and consideration. Twenty years after the composer's death, "Messiah" was suffering a decline in popularity, and not until the late 1800s was it revived, but again popularity was not lasting. The increasing demand for large-scale choral festivals in the 19th century again brought "Messiah" to the foreground. This desire for festivals on a

cups butter or fortified margarine, 3-4 cup brown sugar, 3-4 cup granulated sugar, 4 eggs, 2 teaspoons vanilla extract, 3 1/2 cups sifted all-purpose flour, 1/2 teaspoon baking soda, 3-4 teaspoon salt.

Rinse raisins, drain and dry on a towel. Pour boiling water over prunes and like and let stand for 10 minutes, drain and dry on a towel. Cut prunes from pits in thin slices. Clip stems from figs and cut figs into thin strips. Rinse orange peel, citron and cherries, and dry on a towel before cutting. Combine fruits, peel, citron, nuts, jelly, orange juice and spices, and stir to blend; cover and let stand overnight.

Cream butter or margarine; add sugars and cream thoroughly. Add beaten eggs and vanilla extract and stir to blend. Add half of flour sifted with baking

soda and salt and mix. Add fruit mixture and stir until well blended. Add remaining flour and stir to mix. Pour batter into two greased 1-1/2 quart heat-resistant glass casseroles.

Topping

One cup seedless raisins, 3-4 cup broken walnut meats, 2-4 cup halves candied cherries, 2 tablespoons butter, 1-3 cup light corn syrup.

Blend all topping ingredients and spread on tops of cakes. Cover and bake in slow oven (250 degrees F.) about 3 1/2 hours. Test with pick or cake tester before removing from oven.

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