



TO MARRY—Mr. and Mrs. Vic Lashua, 1416 Hickory, Roseburg, announce the engagement of their daughter, Donna Lee, to Neil Wissing, son of Mrs. C. O. Russell of Bishop, Calif. The bridegroom-elect is a junior at Oregon State College and is a member of Delta Tau Fraternity. The wedding has been planned for early fall. (Miller-Modern Studio Picture)

MRS. WOODWORTH IS HOSTESS TO BRIDGE CLUB ON WEDNESDAY

Mrs. Frank B. Woodworth entertained her bridge club at a charming one o'clock luncheon Wednesday at her attractive home on Chadwick Street. Saxafraga and heather graced the serving table, while bouquets of plum blossoms formed the room decorations.

Covers were placed for Mrs. John Killip, Mrs. S. J. Cooper, Mrs. C. M. McDermott and Mrs. Ted E. Reed, guests, and Mrs. M. C. Bowker, Mrs. Bert Corkrum, Mrs. Jane Fies, Mrs. E. A. Pearson, Mrs. Ted H. Wirak and the hostess, Mrs. Woodworth.

CARLA TAYLOR IS HONORED ON BIRTHDAY

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Taylor of Roseburg were hosts to a dinner

party honoring their daughter, Carla, on her birthday. Present were: Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Briggs, Kee, Clifford and Stephanie Briggs; Tom Taylor and Miss Janet Hargis.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB ENJOYS BRIDAL SHOWER AT MEETING

Members of the Friendship Club of the Pythian Sisters met Thursday, March 20, at the home of Beulah Harder on Walnut Lane with Vera Hosford as co-hostess. The main event of the evening was a bridal shower in honor of Glenna Hayden, a recent bride. Those participating in the party were: Ethel Skavdal, Ingrid Anderson, Inga High, Mattie Jackson, Ora Worthington, Geraldine Fowler, Belle Crenshaw, Dee Lauer, Marion Bolsinger, Alta Arthur, Elizabeth Gardner, Grace Helvey, Fannie Whips, Elvita Barnes, Viola Curtis Thelma Cameron and the hostesses Beulah Harder and Vera Hosford and the guest of honor, Mrs. Dennis Hayden.

BADOURA CLUB HAS SEWING MEETING TUESDAY AFTERNOON

Badoura Club, Daughters of the Nile, met Tuesday afternoon at a one-thirty o'clock dessert-luncheon at the home of Mrs. M. B. Green, 242 S. Rose Street, at which time the group sewed for the Shrine Hospital.

The Easter motif was prettily carried out in the decorations, while bouquets of spring flowers were used about the rooms.

Covers were placed for Mrs. John Thorne, Mrs. Bert Wells, Mrs. T. B. Virden, Mrs. W. H. Carter, Mrs. B. A. Young, Mrs. A. J. Young, Mrs. C. B. Wade, Mrs. E. C. Patterson, Mrs. Roy Catching, Mrs. Earl Bleile, Mrs. O. M. Berrie, Mrs. A. J. Ellison, Mrs. M. C. Cassel, Mrs. John Zimrick and Mrs. Green, members, and Mrs. E. J. Sullivan and Mrs. Paul Jenkins, guests.

The next meeting place and date will be announced later.



MISS JANICE PLUMMER, above, was recently elected to membership in Mu Phi Epsilon, national music sorority, at Lewis and Clark College in Portland, where Miss Plummer is a junior majoring in English. Miss Plummer is an organ student of L. Stanley Fjelstrom. She is a member of Theta Kappa Sorority. Miss Plummer is spending the week of spring vacation here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Plummer, on Winchester Street. (Bruno Studio)

Society

LOTUS KNIGHT PORTER
and DONNA RAE PUGH



GUEST SPEAKER at the Roseburg Woman's Club next Tuesday at one-thirty o'clock at the clubhouse will be Angus Bowmer, professor at Southern Oregon College of Education in Ashland and producing director of the Oregon Shakespearean Festival Association. Plans are being made by KRNR for interviewing Mr. Bowmer on the air during his stay in Roseburg. Members of the club are urged to attend Tuesday's meeting.

Professor Bowmer came to Southern Oregon College as an English and drama instructor in 1931 after receiving his master's degree from the University of Washington. He is a native of Bellingham, Wash. Except for a year's leave of absence in 1940, when he studied in England and Italy, and several years which he spent in the army during World War II, he has been in Ashland ever since.

His opportunities to go elsewhere have been reported as many, but the Shakespearean Festival is his "child" and his life work, and it more than anything else, has led him to give up opportunities that few college professors or theatre people ever have and to remain in southern Oregon.

At the University of Washington, he studied under B. Iden Payne, the famous advocate of Shakespearean production on the Elizabethan stage, and there caught Professor Payne's enthusiasm. Professor Payne later directed at Stratford Memorial Theatre in England and is now head of the department of drama and the Globe Theatre in San Diego. The fame and accomplishments of his pupil have outstripped his by now however, Angus Bowmer is probably the world's leading authority on Shakespearean production on an Elizabethan stage. The Festival in Ashland is the largest in the world devoted exclusively to Shakespeare outside of Stratford. While there are other theatres that do Shakespeare on an Elizabethan stage, the Festival is the only place in the world where one may see Shakespeare played on an Elizabethan stage in repertoire.

Soon after Professor Bowmer went to Ashland, he noticed the old Chautauqua shell above Lithia park and decided that it was the ideal spot to produce Shakespeare as he wished to produce it. By 1939, his dream had become a reality and he has been continuously in charge of productions since, except for his leave of absence. (The theatre was blacked out during the war). And, although he has had excellent support from the community and in the last few years from the entire state, those in close contact with him state that 95 per cent of the credit for the success of the Festival must go to him.

Until very recent years, Professor Bowmer directed all the plays each season, acted in them, did the promotional and publicity work, supervised the business office and box office — in other words, did what seems now to be a superhuman task. But as the Festival has grown, he has surrounded himself with an excellent, enthusiastic staff which takes some of the load off his shoulders. Still, the most difficult part of the yearly productions is his. He directs one of the plays, acts in several, recruits all the young actors and actresses who come each summer, many from the east coast and some even from foreign countries, to act in the plays for no pay except the experience of participating in this unique event. He oversees the entire season's production and always seems to know more about every department of the Festival

than does the person in charge.

Equally as valuable as his knowledge of this type of production and his ability as a director and as an actor is his genius for handling a large company of young actors and technicians during the rigorous period of rehearsals and the long season.

His great triumph as a play director came last season with his production of King Lear, which received nation-wide acclaim. He has played every type of role in Shakespeare, from the tragic hero such as Hamlet to such low and hilarious comedians as Sir Toby Belch and Bottom and he has never been above grabbing a spear and doing a walk-on when the occasion demanded.

It has been his policy to prevent a star system from growing in the festival and he himself adheres to the policy most strictly.

The Festival last year had an audience of 12,500 and was recognized by leading magazines and newspapers national. A coast-to-coast broadcast over NBC was held from the Festival stage.

This year, Professor Bowmer established the Vining Repertory players in Ashland with a group of young actors from last season's Festival company doing modern plays in repertory in an Ashland theatre. Although professional theatre people have said for years that repertory theatre is dead in America, the group had a successful winter season and is now rehearsing for a spring season which opens April 13. Mr. Bowmer is producing director for the company and acts in several of the plays.

Mrs. Edwin G. Young and Miss Muriel Mitchell, program chairmen for the year of the Roseburg Woman's Club, have reported that next Tuesday's program promises to be one of the most outstanding to be held at the club in many years. Mrs. W. Sherman Plimpton, pianist, will be guest artist for the occasion. Mrs. Earl Plummer, president, will conduct the meeting. Tea will be served at the close of the program.

MRS. LYDIA ALLEN HONORED AT SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY

Mrs. Lydia Allen, known to her many friends as "Aunt Lyddy," was the guest of honor at a surprise birthday party in her honor at her home on East Douglas Street Thursday, March 13.

The rooms were attractively decorated with spring flowers. A lovely birthday cake was cut and served with ice cream by Mrs. Ida Neal and Mrs. Howby Counts.

After opening the many gifts and cards, the guests remained for an old-fashioned get-together.

Guests present included Mrs. Cynthia Germond, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Singleton, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pearce, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Moore, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Rose, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Neal, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Neal, Mr. and Mrs. Byron Allen and Mrs. Howby Counts and Jon.

Stanley Fjelstrom To Teach Piano Students

A talented and interesting young pianist, Stanley Fjelstrom, a newcomer to Douglas County from California, has announced his intentions of teaching beginners and intermediate piano students.

For the present, Mr. Fjelstrom is residing at the family ranch home at Oakland, Mr. Fjelstrom has planned to teach piano students in their respective homes.

He was graduated from Walla Walla College Conservatory of Music, where he received his Bachelor of Music degree, after which he took advanced study at the Juilliard School of Music in New York.

Registration of piano pupils with Mr. Fjelstrom may be made by calling Oakland 2975 Monday through Friday.



WILL MARRY IN SEPTEMBER—Miss Virginia Colbourn Gibbons and Harold Delwin McKay Jr., above, will marry in September. The engagement of the couple was announced by the bride-elect's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn A. Gibbons, of Roseburg, Thursday evening at a party at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Burt Lageson in Medford. The Lagesons' daughter, Miss Nancy, is a close friend of the bride-elect, Mrs. Gibbons and Virginia, accompanied by the bridegroom-elect's mother, Mrs. H. D. McKay, left Thursday morning for Medford. The Gibbons family resided in Medford before moving to 4 Cherry Drive, Roseburg. The bride-elect attended school in Medford and University of Oregon. She is a member of Gamma Phi Beta Sorority. The bridegroom-elect, who is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. McKay of Roseburg, attended the Roseburg Schools and both Oregon State College and University of Oregon. He first entered radio work for KORE in Eugene, prior to engaging in radio work in this city. He is now a stockholder in KRXL radio station in Roseburg, where he is program director. (Picture by Gene Powell of the Master Studio)



MISS ADELE CALVIN, above, was guest of honor at a charming bridal shower party Tuesday evening given by Mrs. Paul Jenkins at her beautiful home in Laurelvood. Miss Calvin will become the bride of John Morgan, April 6. (Picture by Paul Jenkins)

Preceding the opening of the many lovely gifts, Mrs. Jenkins served an eight o'clock dessert-supper at tables beautifully appointed in a pink motif. The luncheon cloths were pink and were centered with a tall white candle circled with Pink Perfection and Debutante camellias. The nut cups of pale green were topped by a miniature umbrella holding a fresh pink blossom.

A huge bouquet of yellow blossoms decorated the dining room, while pink plum blossoms and other pink shades of spring flowers were used in the living room. A miniature bridal party graced the fireplace mantle.

Mrs. Jenkins was assisted in serving by Mrs. Chester Morgan. Invited by Mrs. Jenkins to honor Miss Calvin included: Mrs. W. L.

Calvin, Mrs. Thomas Calvin, Mrs. Chester Morgan, Mrs. S. M. Moore, Mrs. E. C. Patterson, Mrs. P. K. DeShields, Mrs. Phil Strader, Mrs. Jack Wynn, Mrs. Al Ritzau.

Mrs. Richard Stark, Mrs. Don Kruse, Mrs. Richard Buswell, Mrs. Dale Woodruff, Mrs. Ray Ward, Mrs. Fred Stora Jr., Mrs. Rodney Peterson, Mrs. Glenn Neseth, Miss Zona Wilshire, Miss Janet Strader, Miss Rhea Brown, Miss Laurelee Winniford and Miss Doris Dorch.

Games were enjoyed during the pleasant social hours.

PARTY HELD AT DONALDSON HOME THURSDAY EVENING

Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Donaldson of Roseburg were hosts Thursday

evening at their home when they entertained the YMCA board members. A potluck dinner was followed by a short business meeting. Fellowship games were led by Mr. and Mrs. Jack West and Mr. and Mrs. Donaldson.

Those present included: Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Feldkamp, Mr. and Mrs. Alva Laws, Mr. and Mrs. Don Reed, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Adair, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Wimer, Mr. and Mrs. Al Fiegel, Truman Goodwin, Mr. and Mrs. Cace Sherwood, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Green Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Harold Backen, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Warg, Mr. and Mrs. Jack West, Mr. and Mrs. John Ulrich and Mr. and Mrs. Donaldson and son, Clem.