

# Incidents

A most entertaining and inspiring... the Central school last Friday afternoon.

After the short business session, a chorus of about forty voices from the seventh and eighth grades, under the able direction of Miss Kye, was heard in several patriotic selections.

Mrs. Talbot then gave a short review of two chapters of the book, which the association has been considering—self-reliance—by Dorothy Canfield.

Mrs. Schilke was the next speaker and outlined in a very interesting and comprehensive manner the recent child welfare legislation of our own state. Her talk impressed her hearers with the fact that Oregon is awake to the needs of the child.

A. H. Prince, principal of Central School then gave a very comprehensive review of the work done by the industrial clubs of the state with special reference to the work of the La Grande clubs of which he has had the supervision. He urged upon the parents the need of their hearty co-operation in this work taken up by their girls and boys, and showed in a new light the importance to the girls and boys of realizing the responsibility of finishing any work which they begin.

This talk closed by an exhibit of handwork done by the sewing class under the direction of Mrs. Prince, and two of the little girls gowned in dresses made by their own hands were present.

The last number on the program was handled by Mrs. George Lyman. Her subject, "Supervision of the Social Activities of the Young People," is always a subject of vital interest and presented in Mrs. Lyman's enthusiastic and convincing manner it became a burning question of the hour.

That the love of fun is a natural heritage of every human being was

the premise upon which we built the argument for this able discussion. Since this is a fact—we should recognize our opportunity to turn into channels for good these untiring instincts which, if left untrained, so often become floods of evil. That not only a favored age—but that every child in a community should be somehow included within the protective care of such social supervision. That chapters should be those who enter into rather than suppress the innocent fun of a gathering and should be chosen for their understanding of the minds of youth. Mrs. Lyman closed her talk with a plea that since the future welfare of our nation depends upon the child of today that no consideration of money or effort should stand in the way of bringing about this most desired change in our social life. That the day might be hastened when wisely supervised play grounds and gymnasiums, free to the public shall be an essential part of our community.

A general discussion followed after which the meeting was adjourned.

There could have been no better compliment to the members of the senior class of the La Grande high school who participated in the production of the play "Mr. Bob" last week than the splendid attendance on the second night of the performance, which was given Friday evening. The high school auditorium was filled that night almost as well as it had been the night before, when the first production was given.

To a large number of those who attended on either Thursday or Friday evening, "Mr. Bob" was perhaps a good deal of a revelation, giving to the members of the cast an opportunity for the display of talent whose presence had been unexpected. And, to say the least for them, the young people took full advantage of the opportunity presented.

There was quite a pleasant little story to "Mr. Bob." "Bob" was the nickname Miss Katherine Rogers had for her friend, Marion Bryant, Miss Rogers and her cousin, Philip Royston, were living with their aunt, Miss Rebecca Luke, and Royston had taken it for granted that "Bob" was his fair cousin's suitor. Robert Brown was the clerk of a law firm and had in his trust a missing will which Miss Rebecca Luke wanted very much to find. Miss Rogers was expecting her friend, Mr. Bob, to arrive for a visit; Royston was anticipating the arrival of his college chum, and Miss Luke had an appointment with a Mr. Brown, an architect, who was to build her a room for her cats, which were a hobby with her. This gave great possibilities for a mix up all around and that is precisely what happened when Brown, the law clerk, arrived to hand over the missing will.

Jenkins, Miss Rebecca's butler and Miss Patty, her maid, had no small part in adding to the enjoyment of the evening. Harvey Carter and Miss Ruth Selzer, playing these parts, filled their roles with exceptional success. Miss Lorna Coolidge and Miss Ardis Palmer as Katherine

the Rogers and Marion Bryant, and Miss Carolyn Palmer, as Rebecca Luke, all made an excellent impression, and the work of Harold Walsinger and Audner Playle, as Brown and Royston, brought forth the highest praise. "Mr. Bob" won for all the members of the cast and Miss Naomi Williamson, who directed the training and the production, heartiest congratulations.

A feature of the evening was that especially appreciated was the music furnished by the high school orchestra, with Miss Katherine Rye directing. This aggregation, which consists of twenty-two young musicians, played difficult music and played it well, and proved themselves to be deserving of the highest praise. The selections which they rendered were a March, "Battle of Gloguato," by Fleming; "Gavotte de Concert," by De Vere; and "Zuleika," a Turkish love song, by Wheeler.

Mr. (late sergeant) and Mrs. John S. Jenkins, of Baker, were visitors in La Grande the latter part of the week, on a somewhat belated honeymoon. Mr. Jenkins, who returned from the service about ten days ago and his bride, are highly elated over the surprise to which they have treated their Baker friends, and which the Baker Democrat of Friday morning last tells about as follows:

Distinctly the brightest and most notable social event of the season occurred last evening at the home of Mrs. Hattie Olsen, when her daughter, Elsie Marie, one of Baker's most charming and talented young women, was announced as the bride of Sgt. John S. Jenkins, one of Baker's rising young business men, who returned home last Thursday from military service in France with the 63d Coast Artillery corps.

The bride's home was beautifully decorated in pink and white, and the wedding presents were profuse and elaborate as well as beautiful and useful. Only the relatives of the bride and groom, including Mrs. A. L. Robbins of Portland, sister of the bride, and a few intimate friends were present.

An elegant wedding supper was served when the young married couple supposedly returned from the parsonage.

"During the supper the happy groom was called upon by the guests to give a toast to the bride, and being a gifted public speaker, Sergeant Jenkins responded with alacrity, but very briefly when he said:

"My dear people, I raise my glass and drink a toast to my bride of 20 months. We were married at Port Townsend, Wash., July 27, 1917, shortly before I sailed for France, by the Rev. Walter Bishop Bell, and I now submit our wedding certificate for your inspection."

Needless to say, relatives and friends were for a moment speechless with surprise, and then pandemonium reigned supreme while the guests and equally surprised relatives of the bride and groom showered them with congratulations and called them "young renegades," "snake," and other mock reproachful epithets provoked by the "camouflage" that has remained the well-guarded secret of Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins for these many months.

Instead of going to the parsonage of Rev. William Westwood, as was given out, Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins drove to the Democrat office to break the news for publication and to disillusion L. B. Bowen, Jr., who was all smiles yesterday in pleasant anticipation of acting as best man at the wedding ceremony. Also Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins had with them their wedding certificate, which had been carefully hidden for months in the attic of the home of Mrs. Hattie H. Olsen, entirely without her knowledge. The best man collapsed.

The groom's gift to the bride was a beautiful Limoges brooch, hand painted by C. Faure, a famous French artist.

Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins will leave immediately for a brief honeymoon trip to Boise, Idaho, and on their return to Baker they will be at home after April 15, at 1617 Valley avenue.

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins are legion, and they all join in wishing the young couple a happy married life. (The Boise trip is also a joke on the Baker friends of the happy couple. They are spending their honeymoon in La Grande.)

A delightful dinner that would have made officers of the United States army feel perfectly at ease was given by Mrs. Henrietta B. Leiter Monday evening at the Foley hotel in honor of Johnny O'Connell, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. O'Connell, who is home on a furlough from the navy. Johnny is on the battleship "South Dakota" and has seen much of the naval part of the great war.

The decorations for the Monday evening occasion were beautiful and consisted of a center piece in the shape of a basket filled with white and red carnations. Red, white and blue streamers from the chandeliers were carried out in streamers around the table. On either side of the center piece a miniature battleship set in an American flag added greatly to the patriotic feature. Fern and flowers were tastefully placed at intervals over the table and place cards consisted of a card bearing an engraved battleship and an American flag.

The military features were carried out completely and all gentlemen guests appeared in uniforms of their country.

The menu was excellent and the service faultless. The invited guests were Mr. and Mrs. J. F. O'Connell, Miss Wilma Oesterling, Miss M. Ash, Miss Stella Destler, Miss Dorothy Meyers, Miss Beattie Allison, Miss Irene O'Connell, Mrs. Henrietta B. Leiter, Messrs. Johnny O'Connell, John Larson, Bud Newlin, James McLaughlin, Frank Clark, Jack Ker and Julian Ash.

After the dinner had been served an enjoyable hour of reminiscences and stories told by the boys who have been in the service. Mrs. Leiter gave the guests a theatre party at the Arcade. This was followed by the entire party becoming guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. O'Connell at the Elks hall.

The piano pupils of Mrs. Harriet R. McDonald gave a recital at her home, 502 Fourth street, Saturday afternoon last. About forty of the parents of the pupils were present, and the following program was given:

"Menuetto," Paderewski—Thelma Killeen.

"Old Irish Melody"—Elma Clarke.

"St. Nicholas March," Christiana Irene Glass.

"In the Spring," Abbott—Marion Thompson.

"A Flower Song," Spaulding—George Frasier.

"An Evening Song"—Conna Rees Waltz, Lath—Doris Zimmerman.

"Silver Threads Among the Gold," (accompaniment)—Raymond Myer stick.

"Menuetto," Schubert—Myrtle Wilcock.

"Echoes From the Alps"—Karl Moter, Elizabeth Payton.

"March of the Flowers," duet—Dorothy Eberhard and Betty Cochran.

"Faust Waltz," Gounod—Cordova Diggs.

"Folk Song," Schumann—Tippie Pierce.

"A Little Prayer"—Lucile Diggs.

Minuet, Beethoven—Muri Gore.

"Rosamunde Air," Schubert—Betty Cochran.

"Prayer From Der Freischutz," Cordova and Lucile Diggs.

"March," Spaulding—Tom Russell.

"Doll's Funeral March," Tschakowsky—Dorothy Eberhard.

"Star Spangled Banner"—Charley Anson.

"Buzzing Bumble Bee"—Kathleen Mires.

Mrs. Kittle Turner of Corvallis, was a visitor the past few days with friends in La Grande and was the guest of Mrs. J. T. Williamson, on Thursday afternoon Mrs. Williamson gave a reception in honor of the visitor at which the most of the attendants were former school mates of Mrs. Turner. A very pleasant afternoon was spent in which reminiscences of the past predominated. In addition to the honor guest the following were present: Mrs. J. Conley, Mrs. Jas. Garrity, Mrs. S. B. Williamson, Mrs. C. D. Hoffman, Mrs. J. H. Childs, Mrs. L. H. Russell, Mrs. H. J. Young, Mrs. E. L. Eckley, Mrs. Mrs. Mattie Golden, Mrs. Kate Hanley, Mrs. Ella Rynearson, Miss Mary Warnick, Miss Fanny Brown.

The annual roll call of Crystal Rebekah Lodge No. 50, I. O. O. F. will be held Tuesday evening, April 1st, followed by a social meeting. This is always a banner occasion, and a large attendance is expected. Social arrangements are in charge of a committee headed by Mrs. John Shaw.

A special feature of the meeting will be the collection of garments for the Red Cross relief work. Every one attending is requested to bring garments suitable for sending abroad, as requested by the Red Cross. This will enable the garments to be sent to headquarters at one time, and avoid a house-to-house canvass from this organization.

The Wednesday Bridge Club was most pleasantly entertained Wednesday afternoon last week at the home of Mrs. A. Andrews, 1516 Adams avenue, the hostess being Mrs. T. H. Goodhue and Mrs. Andrews. The winners of the honors were Mrs. J. Van Buren and Mrs. John Thiesen.

The Wednesday Bridge Club met the previous week at the home of Mrs. G. L. Larson, where the members and their husbands were entertained at dinner by Mrs. E. E. Bragg and Mrs. Larson. Afterward the evening was spent at cards. Mrs. Miller won the ladies' high honors and Mr. Hampton the gentlemen's; while the booby prizes went to Mrs. Logan and Mr. A. Andrews.

Miss Helen Curry of La Grande and Miss Jean Shanard of Bridgewater, S. D., house guests at the James Johns home on Jackson street, were honored Saturday evening by a 6:30 o'clock dinner for which Miss Helen Johns and Miss Mary Johns were hostesses. The pretty table was centered by a great cluster of daffodils encircled by yellow candles, and nine guests enjoyed the affair.

Miss Shanard and her mother, Mrs. George H. Shanard expect to depart tomorrow for their home in Bridgewater after a fortnight's visit in Pendleton.—Pendleton East Oregonian.

The Neighbors of Woodcraft entertained a large number of friends at Eagles' hall Tuesday evening, this being the second of a series of monthly socials planned by that order. The musical numbers consisted of a vocal solo by little Phyllis and Carl McInnis, piano solo by Miss Lela Wake, and a song by Miss Pomona Mackinnon. The program was much appreciated, and all numbers encored. A delicious luncheon of coffee, coffee and cake were served by the committee composed of Mesdames MacDonell, Hunsley, Erdman, Starck and Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Mcomber, of St. Anthony, Idaho, have been guests for a few days at the home of Mr. Mcomber's sister-in-law, Mrs. Fred Osterling and Mrs. O. M. Helms. Mr. Mcomber has been in very poor health for some time past, having had

several delicate operations on his throat and head performed. The recommendation of his home physician that he seek a drier climate brought him here to pay a visit to Dr. Phyllis at the Hot Lake sanatorium, to secure advice in regard to his condition.

Mrs. C. S. Stowell, assisted by Mrs. Eli Beaudette, entertained the Parkdale club Wednesday afternoon at her home in Fruitdale. There was a large attendance of the members and a program of music, readings and recitations formed a part of the afternoon's entertainment. A two-course luncheon was served. The next meeting of the Parkdale club will be two weeks hence and the hostess will be Mrs. M. S. Carroll, of May Park, who will be assisted by Mrs. C. C. Goodidge.

Some twenty of the friends of W. F. Ashman volunteered to help him celebrate his birthday at his home on Spring street Thursday evening. Returning from a walk with Mrs. Ashman and some friends at about 8:30, he was surprised on entering his home to find the guests gathered there. Games and music were enjoyed until a late hour, when refreshments were served, and the guests then took their leave, wishing their host "many happy returns of the day."

Last Tuesday evening a surprise gathering overwhelmed Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Conrad at the farm home near Mt. Emily. That was in the nature of a farewell to the surprised hosts who were on the eve of leaving for their new home in La Grande. Almost the entire neighborhood for miles around participated in the event and all expressed the sentiment that Mr. and Mrs. Conrad have never been found wanting in the essential qualities of companionship and neighborly association.

The O. W. band members were pleasantly surprised at their band rehearsal Thursday evening by Mesdames Ray Whallon, J. P. Caldwell, A. P. Nelson, Fred Smith, A. Moser, L. Stark, L. Spencer, B. Johnson, W. Malloy, and Miss Geraldine Johnson of Joseph, who introduced hot coffee, sandwiches and cake into the music makers' program. The boys were unanimous in their invitation to the ladies to "come again."

Work on the program for the repetition of the Old Folks' concert at the Christian church Friday evening this week. The program that will be given will be a new one in most respects, but will be along the same lines as the former one was, so that those who saw the first performance will enjoy this one also. The costumes employed before will be made use of again in many instances.

Many friends of Mrs. A. Polack will hear with pleasure that she is improving satisfactorily after a serious illness. While not able to get outside yet, she has been able the last couple of days to spend a little time up around her home.

A Knights of Pythias social evening will be held in their castle hall tomorrow (Monday) evening, when

the knights and their ladies and a few invited friends will be entertained at cards and dancing. Marion F. Davis of Union, a prominent official of the order, will be present to give a brief address, and there will be an interesting program carried out.

A fine attendance greeted the Volunteer Firemen's hall, given in Rex Hall Friday evening, and with excellent music to keep the crowd moving and in good spirits one of the best dances of the season was enjoyed. The firemen were well

satisfied with the patronage and feel encouraged to promote other such pleasant evenings again.

Mrs. A. E. Ivanhoe, county superintendent of schools, left yesterday morning for Walla Walla, on her way to attend the convention of the Inland Empire Teachers' Association at Spokane. Mrs. Ivanhoe intended to visit friends in Walla Walla over Sunday and then to go on to Spokane for the convention, which

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