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Society

Keeping up its usual standard of excellence in everything it does the Neighborhood club held society in the firmest attention Tuesday evening when the first of a series of three entertainments entitled "Art, Song and Dance" was held in the High School auditorium before a large and a decidedly appreciative audience.

The event reflected the study of the Neighborhood club and showed plainly the benefit the ladies have derived in their research of architecture.

All the numbers on the program were admirably explained and the three lecturers—introduced by Nettie, the Anonim—whose part was taken by Mrs. Harry Talbot, continued as a Grecian lady.

The three lectures were presented by Mrs. Ray Logan, Mrs. A. L. Richardson and Mrs. E. Rosenbaum. Each lady was most admirably suited to the role which she portrayed, and by gorgeous costumes, excellent slides and clear explanations made every one present feel the atmosphere of the period which they portrayed.

Mrs. Logan, as Cleopatra, was costumed befitting the Royal Queen of Beauty, in a shimmering yellow satin creation resplendent with jewels. She wore a golden crown adorned with the serpents of Egypt—the symbol of wisdom.

Mrs. Richardson, representing the fair Goddess Hebe, wore a crepe de chine Grecian robe, which was patterned directly from the statue of Hebe, by Thorwaldson. She carried a peacock fan and wore a diamond tiara.

Mrs. Rosenbaum, as Cornelia, a Roman matron, was costumed in an orchid voile gown draped after the Roman style and trimmed with bands of gold. This gown was designed from the famous statue of Minerva in Rome. She carried a Golden Roman staff.

Mrs. Harold Grady sustained her brilliant reputation as an aesthetic dancer in the two exquisite numbers which she interpreted, the first being the ancient Egyptian dance of Tarda, a princess in the time of Menes who reigned five thousand years, B. C., her second number was the classic dance of Psyche, in which her spry-like movements fascinated the audience.

La Grande is very fortunate in having Mrs. Grady at this time, as she is one of the best dancers on the coast, and comes from a lineage of aesthetic dancers.

The Monday evening, under the direction of Mrs. Richardson, composed of Mrs. Ray Logan, Miss Jeanette Stoddard, Miss Thelma Lefell, Mrs. Hal Bohnenkamp, Miss Marjory Silverthorn, Miss Lucan Condit, Martha Scofield, Grace Pickens, Mary Fitzgerald, Thelma Osterling and Mrs. Oscar Poarch most admirably rendered the very difficult song of "Miriam and Her maidens" by Schubert, the part of Miriam was taken by Friederike Schilke. They were fittingly costumed as Hebrew maidens. Their voices blended beautifully in a great burst of song. The part given was Miriam's call to the dancers.

Immediately following the song the sound of the symbols announced the approach of the dancers who were led by Miss Ash, as Miriam. Their rhythmic movements admirably reflected the religious mode in which they danced before Moses after crossing the Red Sea.

Everyone present was most enthusiastic in their praise of the talent shown by both the singers and dancers in this number.

Their costumes were an exact reproduction of the early Egyptian dancers. The girls in the dance were Margaret Corbett, Stella Dault, Wilma Osterling, Dorothy Dunbar, Jeanette Wheatley and Mildred Rahlke.

Both the song and dance reflected not only the talent of the singers and dancers but also the interpretative ability of their leaders, Mrs. A. L. Richardson and Mrs. Harold Grady.

"The Hymn to Apollo," the oldest hymn in the world was played on the violin of J. David Haines. Mr. Haines in his representation, most artistically rendered the difficult notation.

One of the prettiest numbers on the program was the gracefully fairy like dance of four Athenian maidens, given by Dorothy Dunbar, Catherine Riddle, Mary Kirkwood, and Gladys Black. They were dressed in dainty Grecian costumes decked with sprays of flowers. Their pretty baskets of flowers used in interpreting, this dance made it one of the gems of the evening.

Miss Beasis Allison accompanied the dancers and Mrs. Wood Berry the singers, both of whom gave great satisfaction.

The evening was brought to a climax by the tableau of the Roman Vestal Virgins, guarding the sacred fires of the Romans. The Vestal Maidens was portrayed by Miss Helen Robins, and Naga Goddess Emily Hoffmann, Tracie Pearson, Frieda Klopstein and Bob Toss as attendants.

Every number on the program was the presentation of a picture which has set a high standard for the two remaining evenings to be given next week Tuesday and Wednesday.

Also point to miles from Starkey for the Grande Ronde River Thursday

there was an all-day pleasure event that will be remembered by nearly forty young people as long as they live. It was the Senior day picnic and was arranged for the pupils who will graduate this year from the La Grande schools. The entire senior class was present, with Miss Naomi Williamson as chaperon.

Leaving La Grande at 9 o'clock in the morning the picnic grounds were reached at 11 o'clock. The boys immediately began fishing and the girls picked wild flowers. At noon all congregated for the picnic feed, which was a good one and the menu carried everything desirable, from the festive picnic sandwich to ice cream and cake. After dinner fishing was again indulged in and the young ladies formed a local Mazama body and explored many of the hills and mountains.

About 3 o'clock rain began to fall and the party started home, arriving at the High School building early in the evening. It was a jolly occasion and happiness was everywhere present. The vigor of youth was pronounced and it carried with it all the fun known to youngsters who are about to graduate, and start upon life's solemn duty as citizens.

Iris Camp No. 2980, Royal Neighbors of America, very royally entertained their State Supervising Deputy, Mrs. Ida Hamblen, of Portland, and neighbors of Island City Camp on Saturday, May 3. Neighbor Hamblen held her school of instruction in the afternoon and prepared the camp for initiation work in the evening, at which a class of nine were instructed in the mysteries of the order. Neighbor Hamblen is always welcomed in this camp, as she organized it some eighteen years ago, and there were three of the charter members present at this meeting. Neighbors Whitby, Riedland and Bradway. Neighbor Hamblen was presented with a beautiful bouquet of roses, in behalf of the camp, for her services so cheerfully given, after which sixteen of the Neighbors put on a fancy drill, under the direction of Paul Orville Neighbor Gharst. At the close of the meeting ice cream and cake were served.

Friday afternoon there was on display in the rooms of the grade schools, Central, Riveria and Greenwood, an array of specimens of the pupils' art work that was viewed by a large number of interested and very appreciative parents and friends. This display, arranged under the supervision of Miss Blanche Clark, who is considered one of the best art instructors in the northwest, was undoubtedly the equal of any similar exhibit ever made in the state, and while regretting that a full write-up cannot be given today, the Observer congratulates all who had any part in the making and arranging of the display, and will have in the next Sunday Morning Observer a report that will do justice to all.

The program which is to be presented by the Neighborhood club Tuesday afternoon, promises to be a very delightful and interesting affair. This is a special program, which is not noted in the year book, but which, nevertheless, is well on to the average of the club's afternoon entertainments. It is earnestly hoped that a large membership will be present at this meeting. The annual club breakfast will be planned and discussed also during the afternoon.

Mrs. Ray Murphy entertained the members of the Westminster Guild of the Presbyterian church at her home Friday evening, when a pleasant evening was spent. During the devotional part of the meeting, Mrs. Grace Fries, of San Diego, Calif., gave a talk on San Francisco's Chinatown that was interesting and instructive. This was followed by brief attention to business matters, and the balance of the evening was spent socially.

Mrs. Hattie Hamill, of Pullman, Wash., is spending a few days in La Grande visiting her nephews, Ralph and William Walter, and her niece, Mrs. Blanche Shannon, and also her sister, Mrs. Lee Jackson, of Iowa, who is visiting in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. McAllister were host and hostess to the members of the Liberty Mining club last evening. Dinner was served at 7 o'clock and the guests were entertained at bridge for the balance of the evening. Mrs. M. B. Donohue won the honors.

The Gleaners' class of the Christian Church Sunday school gave an invitation-social Friday evening in the basement of the church, in honor of the returned service men who attend the church. There was a goodly number present and a very enjoyable time was spent in various social games.

Mrs. Grace Barry, of Payette, is at Hot Lake for a few days, accompanying a lady friend from Payette who is there for treatment. She visited her sister, Mrs. Stella Ingle, Friday, returning to Hot Lake yesterday morning.

Mrs. C. M. Brown of Vancouver, B. C., is visiting her sister, Mrs. A. J. Brooks, of this city, this being the last meeting of the two after a separation of nine years. On Thursday Mrs. Brooks arranged a surprise reception in honor of her sister, which proved a most pleasant affair to all participants. The guests present were Mesdames Hanna, Harding, Anderson, Coleman, Pickens, W. Mohr, H. Mohr, Patent, Buchanan, E. Connolly, Hugh Connolly, E. Lovell, McDowell, Bennett, Hamilton, Ladden, Rudge, Homer Taylor, O. Paarch, Bragg, Peacock, Alkin and Misses Grace Pickens, Louise Hamilton and Gladys Taylor.



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Election of officers was held by the Parkdale club at their regular meeting Wednesday. The following were chosen for the ensuing year: Mrs. C. S. Stilwell, president; Mrs. John Povey, vice-president; Mrs. C. C. Coolidge, secretary; Mrs. Kate Hanley, treasurer; Mrs. George Kelly, chorister. The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. R. A. Wilkerson, who was assisted in the reception by Mrs. Phil Thompson. Following the business of the meeting a fine spread of refreshments was provided. The next meeting of the club will be at the home of Mrs. Wm. Anson.

Celebrating the State University Day yesterday, the local alumnae of the University of Oregon gathered together at a banquet at the Sommer hotel last night, and spent a most pleasant evening in the old college style. College songs were sung and stories and adventures of college days related. During the meeting there was organized a local Alumnae Association, with the following officers: Mae Nell, president; Naomi Williamson, secretary; H. R. Hanna, treasurer. It is intended to hold a meeting of all graduates and ex-students of the university at the home of Geo. Curvey Monday evening, May 19.

A quiet wedding ceremony was performed at the home of Rev. and Mrs. N. S. Hawk, pastor of the First M. E. Church in this city Friday evening at 8 o'clock, when Miss Grace Hartman, of La Grande, became the bride of Robert S. Gray, of Pendleton. Mr. and Mrs. Gray will make their home in Pendleton, where the groom is connected with railroad work.

The Sans Souci club met Wednesday evening last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kiddle, Island City. A very delightful evening was spent at Five Hundred, and Mrs. Bert Patterson won the honors. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. L. A. McAllister, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Kiddle, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce DeWain and Mr. Frank Lilly.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Allison, of Multigan, Idaho, have been visitors in La Grande the past week and have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Wallace. They are traveling by auto and are on an overland trip which will include Portland and the coast country as far south as California.

The Island City Sewing Club was entertained Thursday afternoon, last, by Mrs. George B. Richardson at the home of her sister-in-law, Mrs. R. J. Cotner, 1404 O avenue, La Grande. A pleasant afternoon was spent and refreshments were served.

The Retail Clerks' Association danced at Rex Hall Friday evening, one of the most enjoyable events in local social circles during the last week. There was a big crowd and a thoroughly enjoyed evening was the report given by all.

Mrs. T. B. Johnson returned to her home in La Grande Wednesday evening last, after a three weeks' stay at Hot Lake sanatorium. Mrs. Johnson underwent an operation at the lake and is now much improved in health.

The Eastern Star Social club spent a pleasant evening at Five Hundred at the home of Mrs. F. W. Parsons Tuesday of last week. Mrs. E. C. Tuckey was the winner of honors.

Mrs. A. W. Schaupp and daughters visited here last week-end with Mrs. Schaupp's sister, Mrs. Colon R. Eberhard, while Mr. Schaupp transacted business and attended supreme court.

Mrs. O. E. Silverthorn entertained the members of the Woman's Missionary society of the Presbyterian church on Friday afternoon, with fifteen guests present.

Auxiliary A was pleasantly entertained Friday evening at the home of Miss Margaret Corbett. The usual evening's program was carried out and a general sociable time enjoyed.

The members of the Thursday Bridge club were entertained on their regular meeting day last week by Mrs. C. P. Newlin. Mrs. F. S. Ivanhoe won the honors at cards.

Mrs. Frank Baker, of Pendleton, is spending the week-end in La Grande, visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Hal Bohnenkamp.

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The first evening of the Neighborhood club entertainments was such a success that every one present went forth an advertiser and it has been so much talked about that the two remaining programs scarcely need any introduction to the people of La Grande.

The first number on the program of the second evening will be a drill of Roman youths. All the splendor of the army which was the strength of Rome will be most vigorously brought out in this delightful portrayal.

The walls of Rome fell according to prophecy and from their ruins grew the early Christian architecture in conjunction with the new religion of Christ. This very interesting transitional period will be explained by Lydia, a pioneer of the Christian religion.

A vested choir will sing the Te Deum Laudamus, which is the most ancient Christian hymn of any length coming to us through the Latin.

The Byzantine style of architecture being the most colorful and life like will undoubtedly prove very interesting to the audience. Developed in the far east as it was, it is unfamiliar to the modern world.

The description of Santa Sophia, the gem of the east will be given by Theodora, the wife of Emperor Justinian—who built the cathedral. It passed under the Mohammedan yoke and the wonderful building of antiquity was changed to a Mosque. Then the ceremonies of the Christian faith were changed to those of Islam. They added to the exterior tall minarets—which were the chief distinguishing characteristic of the Byzantine style. From the minaret towered toward the golden east it was a custom for a Muzain to sing a song of praise to Allah supreme. The identical music of the song will be given on instruments by Alm Hassan.

Following this song there will be a Russian dance interpreted by a Moscow maiden.

St. Mark's Cathedral, the jewel of the architectural world, will be described by the Douglas Binaura.

The Ave Maria familiar to all music lovers was first sung by the Venetians and will be artistically rendered by a Venetian lady.

The evening will close with a tapestrian Emperor Justinian and Empress Theodora with guards taken from a mosaic in the cathedral at Ravenna.

The complete program of the second evening follows: Roman Frolic—Roman Youths. Early Christian Basilica—Lydia. Te Deum—Professional. Byzantine Cathedral: Santa Sophia—Theodora. Song of a Muzain to the Rising Sun—Alm Hassan. Solo Dance—Moscow Maiden. Saint Mark's—Dacressa Bianca. Ave Maria—Venetian Singer. Emperor Justinian and Empress Theodora with Guards (Dancers).

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