

NEWS of SOCIETY

In the May number of "Music and Musicians" published at La Grande by David Schwan, organist, appears a full front page half-length portrait of Mrs. A. L. Richardson, one of La Grande's popular entertainers and the author of that excellent journal. The following is a brief mention of Mrs. Richardson's career.

The appearance of Mrs. A. L. Richardson, cultured, sophisticated, has not been confined to the ordinary state of Oregon, but she has also been successful in California, having been presented by the Elks Women's Club, San Francisco, to the musical department of the organization.


Mrs. Richardson is a pianist, organist, and singer. She has been directed by Mrs. Richardson and her own gifts as a singer have added to the artistry of these occasions. At one of these events the La Grande Observer made the following observation of Mrs. Richardson's singing: "Mrs. A. L. Richardson sang 'Spirit Flower' by Campbell-Tipton and the 'Jewel Song' from Gounod's 'Faust'. The 'Jewel Song' calls for beautiful technique as well as dramatic ability. Mrs. Richardson was at her best in this number and sang it so splendidly that the spirit of the haunting melody seemed very real."

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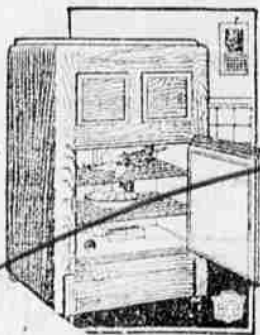
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tions of merit of one of Oregon's leading artists.

The appearance of Mrs. Richardson before the Baker MacDowell Club this season gave her an opportunity to display technical and interpretative versatility in arduous and highly technical work for her enthusiastic audience. The program included Handel's "Care Solo," Puccini's "In del vi-dromo," Stange's "Die Bekehrte," Del Negro's "Homing," Verdi's "Il Bacio," Wood's "I Heard You Call My Name," Walker's "The Dream," Kathryn Johnson's "Dawn," Max Shal's "A Dream Fancy," Thomas "Je Suis Titania" and the Bach-Gounod "Ave Maria" with violin obbligato. The local paper gave the following account of the concert: "The soloist, Mrs. A. L. Richardson of La Grande, proved herself to be an artist of exceptional ability. Her gracious manner and charming personality soon for many audience friends in La Grande. Her numbers were enthusiastically received and the interpretation of each gave evidence of her taste and intelligence as a musician of high ideals. Her program consisted of an array of exceptional songs that it would be difficult to name the most pleasing ones. The 'Spirit Flower' by Campbell-Tipton was excellent and her last number, the 'Palomane' from 'Mignon' by A. Thomas, a composition that would tax any voice, was artistically given and the high, birdlike notes so easily handled, that her audience was charmed."

On another occasion, in a concert at East Bay, Nevada, Mrs. Richardson was the artist of the evening, singing three groups. The White Pine News reported her singing in these words: "Mrs. Richardson sang Handel's 'Care Solo' with a style of expression and confidence of tone that demonstrated a wide and accurate knowledge of the interpretation of the musical work of this master. She is the possessor of an excellent soprano voice and has enjoyed an extensive cultivation which has developed that pianistic quality and flexible control of tone so much sought after by soprano in coloratura work. This quality of voice was well illustrated in the singing of 'Je Suis Titania' from the opera 'Mignon'."

To have advanced so far along the highway of vocal excellence, Mrs. Richardson has devoted much time to study and has sought the sources of the best instruction. In Portland Mrs. Richardson studied with Rose Courson Reed, one of that city's outstanding teachers and also sang under Mrs. Reed's direction at the club auditions. Two seasons were also spent with Arthur Alexander, formerly associated with Jean de Reszais, Percy Decker Stephens visited Mrs. Richardson for a season and another was spent in New York City under Oscar Sangster. These periods of study plus the natural quality of voice and personal charm combine to make Mrs. Richardson a soloist of decided acceptability.

On last Friday evening the Young Women's Educational Auxiliary of the Methodist Church enjoyed a progressive dinner, about fifty young women being present. This was the last meeting of the auxiliary before the summer vacation, and was also the occasion for the election of officers for the ensuing year. The first course of the dinner was held at the home of Mrs. H. S. Brown, which was beautifully decorated in Japanese fashion, with Chita McKennon, Dorothy Brown and Hazel Deaf serving, dressed in Japanese costumes. These three girls also

gave a fan dance to the music of a Japanese gong, and Chita McKennon gave a very clever Japanese reading.

The second course was given in the private dining room of the Summer hotel. At this course the various toasts were given, and the new officers elected. Officers for the ensuing year will be Miss Olive Wilson, president; Miss Edie Snider, vice president; Miss Annetta Johnson, secretary and Miss Mae Stearns, program chairman. These new officers responded to toasts, as did also the past president, Mrs. Sherwood Williams, Mrs. H. P. Landis and Miss Bertha Waldinger. Mrs. H. E. Dixon, president for the past year, was a very charming toastmistress.

The third course was at the home of Mrs. Charles De Forrest. Here one of the most original and cleverly decorative schemes that has been used during the existence of the auxiliary was carried out, and much credit is due Mrs. De Forrest and Miss Waldinger for the enjoyment they furnished. Chita McKennon, Dorothy Brown and Hazel Deaf also served this course, and Miss McKennon gave an Irish recitation.

Dessert was served at the home of Mrs. H. E. Dixon, and coffee at the home of Mrs. Landis, where Mrs. Stanley Lyon sang a group of songs.

The committee in charge of this very successful dinner consisted of Mrs. De Forrest, Mrs. Brown, Miss Mae Stearns, Mrs. J. L. Woodell, Mrs. C. M. Rosemond, Mrs. E. C. Cooper, Miss Emma Hartman, Miss Neil Mahaffey and Miss Bertha Waldinger. The members of the auxiliary are deeply appreciative of the untiring efforts represented.

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Mrs. Hattie Shurt, whose marriage will take place some time this fall to Howard Hanes, was the inspiration for a delightful miscellaneous shower last evening at the country home of Mrs. Lee Reynolds, when the Westminister Guild held their regular meeting. The home was beautifully decorated with lilies and the shower was given in the form of a May basket.

Miss Shurt led the devotion for the evening and Mrs. Clyde Webb had charge of the program. At the close of a very enjoyable evening a delicious luncheon was served by the charming hostess.

The second dancing party of the Junior members of the Country Club will take place at the club Friday evening, starting at 8:30 o'clock. The committee in charge, consisting of Mesdames H. J. Kirtlen, Edna H. Eberhard, H. N. Sibley, G. L. Landon, A. J. Stange, Hattie Smith, H. M. Bay and Sherwood Williams, invites all Junior members to be in attendance. Any Junior member not having it way to go in the club is asked to notify the committee.

The Allied Ladies Aid will meet with Mrs. Ralph Clement, East of Grand City, Thursday afternoon, July 15. Mrs. Ed. Jumper, Mrs. Everett Waldinger and Mrs. Jack Almonte will have charge of the program, which will be given honoring Mother's Day, and Mrs. L. A. Howell, Mrs. Frank Wright and Mrs. L. E. Clement will assist in service.

The Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Church will meet at the home of Mrs. H. C. Smith, 172 1/2 Washington Avenue, Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. "The Mystery Box" is the subject.

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Elgin	7:50	11:50	3:50
Minam	8:30	12:30	4:30
Wallowa	9:10	1:10	5:10
Lostine	9:30	1:30	5:30
Enterprise	9:55	1:55	5:55
Joseph	10:15	2:15	6:15

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