NEWS of SOCIETY

Social news must be in the hands of the society editor by 9:30 o'clock. Due to the fact that the social page is made up before noon, it is practically impossible to insert stories after that hour. Hereafter, items, no matter how important they are, that are delayed beyond that hour, will not be printed until the following day—News Editor's Note.

The dance given at the Country club last evening for the purpose of raising funds for the painting of the exterior of the club house was a great success, with a large crowd in attendance. Besides a number of La Grande people being in attendance five couples motored over from Pendleton to attend the affair.

Baskets of spring flowers artistically arranged decorated the club rooms and the evening was very enjoyably spent dancing, with excellent music furnished by Lindsay's orchestra. Punch was served by Miss Dorothy Funk and Miss Adelaide Ruth Clark.

The committee in charge of this charming event were Mrs. A. L. Richardson, chairman, Mrs. Bruce Dennis, Mrs. John Theisen, Mrs. W. H. Bohnenkamp, Jr., Mrs. C. W. Perkins and Mrs. Ray Murphy.

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A very attractive affair took place last evening when the parents of the eighth grade students of the La Grande Central school gave a delightful party honoring the members of the class, who are leaving the grade school to enter high school. At eight o'clock the class, their parents, the school board and the eighth grade teachers gathered in the gymnasium of the high school, which was beautifully decorated, and a very enjoyable time was spent playing games, dancing, with music furnished by a number of the high school boys, and having a general good time. Punch was served the young people during their games and dancing.

At about 11 o'clock the happy party went to the domestic science department of the high school, where they were served to delicious refreshments. While at the table A. C. Hampton, superintendent of city schools, spoke to those present, giving a very interesting talk that would prove very beneficial to the young people just entering high school if followed. Dr. Brownton, representing the parents of these young people, thanked the teachers for the work they have done during the school year, after which they were again taken to the gymnasium and in a short time the party adjourned.

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The Thursday Auction Bridge club spent a very enjoyable time yesterday afternoon, when Mrs. J. J. Carr was hostess, at her home on Fourth street. Bridge was the feature of the afternoon with Mrs. W. R. Jones winning high honors.

Mrs. Carr's home was exquisitely decorated with the season's flowers and during the afternoon a delicious two course luncheon was served.

The club will meet next Thursday, May 29, with Mrs. C. J. Edenholm as hostess.

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The charter members of La Grande Lodge, No. 463, ladies auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, entertained the order Tuesday evening following the regular business meeting. The tables were beautifully decorated with spring flowers and delicious refreshments were served.

The charter members are Mrs. Lilly Abbott, Mrs. Blanche Hamilton, Mrs. Gertrude Hangerud, Mrs. Cora Kerr, Mrs. Elizabeth Clay and Mrs. Myrtle Ruby.

The order was formed twelve years ago on the seventh day of May and during this meeting the work of the order for these twelve years was reviewed.

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Mrs. E. J. Green will present her piano students in a group of three recitals during the coming week, the first of which will be given Sunday afternoon, at 3:30 o'clock at the public library. The public is cordially invited to attend these recitals.

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Miss Mayda Marie Becker, of Portland, returned to her home Wednesday evening, after visiting for several days in La Grande at the home of Mrs. Lynn Wright.

Resort Favorite

This type of costume was the favorite at Palm Beach and is expected to be at all the summer resorts this season—just a simple pleated outfit of white canton crepe embroidered at the [illegible] sleeves and neckline. It is the simplest of all frocks to make at home because the pleater does the work. It is lovely in delicate colors or even in black.

Maxville, (Special) — Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Fine pleasantly entertained a number of friends and relatives Wednesday evening, honoring their guest, Miss [illegible] Hug, of La Grande. Much of the time was spent in singing [illegible] Fine at the piano [illegible] journment delicious refreshments were served.

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Cove, (Special)—Mrs. Geo. Baker entertained twenty members of the Ladies Aid Society of the M. E. church at her home here recently. The features of the afternoon were a shower of pounds and a savings bank for the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul M. [illegible] and a miscellaneous shower for the baby son of Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] Hartley. Before adjournment delicious refreshments were served and everyone expressed themselves as having had a most delightful time.

Those present were Mrs. M. J. Daffey, Mrs. [illegible], Mrs. Effie Allen, Mrs. Geo. McLeming, Mrs. Bert Peterson, Mrs. Mae Kelly, Mrs. Oscar Land, Mrs. Thos. Towle, Mrs. [illegible] Towle, Mrs. Clara Anderson, Mrs. [illegible], Mrs. Edna Conklin, Mrs. Snelser, Mrs. A. A. Antles, Mrs. Geo. Miller, Mrs. J. C. Miller, Mrs. R. J. Baker, Mrs. Earl Baker, Mrs. Ned Kight, Mrs. Ray Hartley and Mrs. Geo. Barker.

SAWMILLS TO BE BUILT

PORT ORFORD, Ore.—J. H. Bagley, representative of Clayton Marks, Chicago capitalist, whose timber holdings in Curry county approximate [illegible] acres, lying between Port Orford and Rogue river, is at Gold Beach making preliminary arrangements for extensive logging operations.

Present plans include construction of seven or eight miles of logging railroad in the Euchre creek district with a terminus at Frankport, a small harbor 20 miles south of Port Orford where it is proposed to transport the logs to other ports by means of sea-going rafts. All shore rights have been purchased by the Marks interests, and it is probable that a small breakwater will be constructed at Frankport.

Mr. Bagley, in behalf of Mr. Marks recently purchased the T. N. Hull sawmill and timber holdings at Euchre creek.

Celebration to Be Omitted

SILVERTON, Ore. — Silverton will not hold its usual Fourth of July celebration this year, it was decided at a meeting of the Delbert Reeves post of the American Legion. Since the organization of the legion, it has been [illegible] the Fourth of July celebration. The legion decided that it was better Silverton did not have a celebration this year, as the Silverton business men are paying the expenses of the chautauqua, which will be free to the public at Silverton during the last week in June. The legion also is assisting with this.

SAVE HEALTH, MONEY, MORALS

By FREDERICK STRICKER.

Thousands of dollars were saved through the few hundred invested in a health and recreation service on the Eola ranch, between Salem and Independence, during the September, 1923, hop harvest.

This unique experiment succeeded in holding more than a thousand workers on the job until the end of the harvest, in contrast to the experience in 1922 when the force dropped from 1000 to less than 300 at the end of the first few days. This continuous service of the large number of workers reduced the period of the harvest from a month to 22 days, saved a perishable crop and cut the cost of harvesting by eliminating eight days overhead. One ranch in the neighborhood of Eola abandoned the picking of a large acreage because of the difficulty in holding workers.

The health service furnished at the welfare headquarters in each camp, first aid for sick and hop poisons, burns, cuts and bruises, and supplied calls on patients suffering from dysentery or other disorders incident to unripe fruit and hastily prepared food. Suggestion in the daily paper which was mimeographed on the ranch, induced many to choose a wholesome combination. The grocery stores on the ranch received fresh supplies daily and milk was delivered from an accredited dairy.

Out of the seventeen injured during the harvest, only one man lost any time from work. Cases needing a physician or dentist were taken to the neighboring town in a car belonging to the welfare workers, or medical attendance brought to them. Many of the cases of illness in other years which had broken the morale of the working staff were among the children who were either taken to the fields in the hot sun or left in camp to take care of themselves and eat whatever they might find. Much of this trouble was prevented this year by the day nurseries which cared for the children too young to help their parents. For the tiny babies there were pallets of straw and for the older children, simple playground apparatus, games and stories. The ranch provided free milk for these children each day. The food [illegible] for the children's lunch by their parents was given them by the attendants at the proper time.

The program of evening recreation around the camp fire proved so attractive to the hundreds of workers who assembled night after night that one of the two dance halls built by the management did not justify the cost of an orchestra and was closed. The other dance hall was open only five nights a week.

A printed circular sent out weeks before the season opened, to the addresses of former employes, and to auto camps and other assembling places of migrant workers, had asked them to bring musical instruments and theatrical make-up and to be prepared to use any gifts they might possess for entertaining. Among those who came were musicians, story tellers, dramatic readers, tumblers, dancers and a slack rope walker, and one family which had been on the vaudeville stage and which coached the members of its own camp in a seven-act performance for the entertainment of another camp. The star performers were frequently asked to repeat an act for another camp. Boxing, volley ball, horse shoes and other athletic events gave an outlet for surplus energy.

Conversation in the field dealt with the performance of the night before and plans for coming events. This crowded out the usual arguments with check bosses and scraps among the workers. The ranch management announces a similar program for 1924, with the addition of a school for the children.

Deep Sea Tennis Court for Helen

So that Helen Wills may keep in form during her trip to Europe, where she will take part in the Olympic games and probably meet Suzanne Lenglen, a tennis court was built upon the liner Berengaria. The photo shows workmen rushing work on a backstop with inset of Miss Wills, America's girl tennis marvel.

DAMAGE SUIT IS FILED

PENDLETON, Ore.—Damages in the amount of $15,000 are asked in a suit filed in circuit court by Frank B. Ritchie as father of Frank B. Ritchie Jr., deceased. The defendants in the suit are the Walla Walla Valley Railway company and the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company.

The plaintiff claims that his little son fell into a post hole on the company's right of way and was strangled to death when clothing worn around his neck caught in a fence. The accident happened April 1, 1924. The defendant companies were negligible in that the fence had not been kept in a condition to prevent the boy from coming onto the right of way, the plaintiff set forth in his complaint.

Timber Cruised by Students.

CORVALLIS.—More than 2500 acres of timber were cruised and mapped by students in the school of forestry while on their annual spring trip in the Oakridge district. They also surveyed a route for three miles of railroad in that district and inspected the Douglas firs planted on Dead mountain for experimental purposes. Mr. McDuff, supervisor of the Cascade national forest, and R. R. Wilcox, forest examiner, supervised the work. Approximately 60 students went on the trip, which occupied ten days.

Port Orford Wins Trophy

PORT ORFORD, Ore.—Northern zone schools of Curry county won the championship field and track meet at Gold Beach, winning 254 points in the different events to 98 points by central zone schools. The southern zone, comprising Brookings harbor and other schools, did not enter. Winning the county meet twice in succession gives Port Orford school possession of the county schools trophy, a handsome silver loving cup.

LAND TILLED FOR WHISKEY

THE DALLES, Ore.—Land that yielded "40 gallons to the acre" of moonshine whiskey was tilled by Sheriff Christensen and a force of deputies on the ranch of Willard Quinn, in the southern part of the county. Quinn had been held in jail here on a charge of cattle stealing. A still, thought to be his property, was found recently in a cave along the Deschutes river, but none of the finished product could be located.

The sheriff hitched a team to a plow and started to work. The first half acre yielded 20 gallons of buried liquor and one barrel was demolished when struck by the plow, the sheriff said.

Roads Near Scio Improved

SCIO, Ore.—The roads in and around Scio are being generally improved. Four blocks of the city streets are being graded and rocked. One mile in district No. 15 has been regraded and rocked and another eighth of a mile is ready to be rocked. Three miles of the road leading east toward Mill City is being improved. The roadbed will be 20 feet wide and it will be rocked a distance of 16 feet. A new bridge will be built on Go-Penny creek, which will be the same plan as bridges on the highway. The road is being worked from Mill City this way, and it is planned to connect the Mill City and Scio sections next year.

Tragedy

For 11 hours Helen Duncan, aged 3, kept frightened vigil beside the bodies of her mother and father. In the presence of the child, Earl Duncan, Kansas City, Mo., murdered his wife and then ended his own life. The child was found huddled in a corner when police arrived.

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