

SOCIETY NOTES

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Final Book Chat Evening Is Held At Public Library; Interesting Reviews Are Heard

The fifth and last of the series of book chats and library teas to be given this spring to benefit the book fund of the La Grande public library was an event of last evening and was attended by 85 people of the community. The program included four reviews covering a varied field. Arnold Gralapp, who spent a year in Alaska, very fittingly spoke of "Alaskan All" by Barrett Willoughby and supplemented his remarks with beautiful lantern slides. Miss Florence Day reviewed "At 33" by Eva LeGallienne. Mrs. George Birnie, "My Life and Hard Times" by James Thurber and Alfred Meyers, Beverley Nichols' "A Thatched Roof."

Episcopal Guild Plans Shower

A cup shower for the benefit of Honan hall was planned by 30 members of St. Peter's Guild who met Wednesday afternoon at the hall. The shower will be held on March 21 and each member is asked to bring a donation. Mrs. Henry Hill, Mrs. C. J. Edenhelm and Mrs. H. W. Guthrie are in charge of the event.

Mary Elizabeth Club Closes Year

The luncheon at which Mrs. J. M. Stadfield entertained the Mary Elizabeth club was a delightful close to the year's social activities. Luncheon was served at one o'clock at a table decorated with a centerpiece of daffodils and greens, green tapers and nut cups in the St. Patrick's motif. The afternoon was spent in games and informal conversation. Mrs. William Condit was a guest for the afternoon.

Miss Mabel Doty Speaks in Wallowa

Miss Mabel Doty, librarian at the La Grande Public Library, will discuss fiction, travel and biographical books tomorrow at the meeting of the

Church Women Are Entertained

Mrs. Herbert S. Brownston, assisted by Misses M. L. Whitney, Ray Fuller, Martha Jane Moss, S. C. Smith, Dorothy Smith and E. C. Harding, were hostesses to the members of the Ladies Aid society of the First Methodist church at the Brownston home Wednesday afternoon. The devotionals were conducted by Mrs. Lee Hanford. After a short business meeting Rev. W. H. Hertzog gave a talk on the special services of Holy Week. Miss Mabel Doty gave some book reviews using a book of poems by Ethel Romig Fuller and some essays from "Pleasures and Palaces." The hostesses served following the program. Decorations used were the jonquils which are so lovely now.

Social Hour Will Follow Lodge

The Ladies Auxiliary to the U. P. Old Timers' club are announcing a social meeting for Monday evening following the regular lodge meeting. The affair is scheduled for 7:30 o'clock and will be held in the club rooms in the depot building.

Mrs. I. C. Bowser Entertains Board

The executive committee of the Presbyterian Missionary society was entertained at tea yesterday afternoon by Mrs. I. C. Bowser at the final meeting of the year. After reports were heard of the year's work, the hostess served tea.

The final meeting of the Missionary society is being enjoyed this afternoon at the home of Mrs. Alfred L. Richardson.

Members of the board who were present yesterday were Mrs. R. S. Eakin, Mrs. O. E. Anderson, Mrs. S. B. Morgan, Mrs. L. B. Moe, Mrs. Lynne Boltenkamp, Mrs. H. H. Cleaver, Mrs. L. Denham, Mrs. Mamie Lewis and Mrs. Bowser. Mrs. Clyde Webb and Mrs. George Richardson are members but were unable to attend.

Wallowa branch of the American Association of University Women, at the Miller hotel in Wallowa.

Couple Observe 50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace R. Copeland, of Walla Walla, are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary today and are the incentive for a celebration which is being held at their home. Mr. and Mrs. Copeland are the parents of Mrs. P. L. Ralston. Mrs. Ralston, accompanied by Miss Ruth and John, grandchildren of the honored guests, went to Walla Walla yesterday morning for the event.

Pythian Sisters Plan E. O. Meet

The Pythian Sisters will meet tonight in special session to make plans for the Eastern Oregon convention at which grand officers will be entertained here in April. The meeting will be held at 8 o'clock at the K. of P. hall.

Poppy Club Is Entertained

Mrs. Otis Palmer was hostess at a delightful afternoon party on Wednesday when she entertained the Poppy club at her home. Mrs. Herbert Hacker was high scorer. Mrs. Homer Lefel, consolation, and Mrs. H. M. Howard, a guest, received the guest prize.

Mrs. Walter Palmer will entertain the club on March 21.

CRICKET FLAT PERSONALS

Rube Witty left Sunday evening for the central part of California where he is employed after spending a week visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Q. V. Witty.

"Grandma" Susan Tucker is now visiting at the home of her granddaughter, Mrs. Mary Foster, of La Grande.

The pupils of the Hindman school have completed their posters for the contest on Little Women and they are now on display at the Harmon furniture store.

Mr. and Mrs. Mantus Witty and children, Constance and Jack, of La Grande, came Friday to spend several days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Q. V. Witty.

Ivan Myrick, who is working at the John Brugger ranch, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Myrick.

The honor roll list for the Hindman school for the past six weeks is: Jack Hug, first grade; June Hug, eighth grade.

Delbert Witherspoon and Helen Halgarth have both been absent from the Hindman school for the past ten days on account of the chicken pox. Dale Myrick was absent the first part of the week.

La Verne Brugger returned to his home Sunday after spending the past week with Leonard Barnes at Haines.

Geraldine Witty, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Witty, of Palmer valley, is spending this week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Q. V. Witty.

Link Wood has been staying with his brother, John, who is seriously ill at Hot Lake. Irie Rydman is staying at the Wood's ranch doing chores while Mr. Wood is away.

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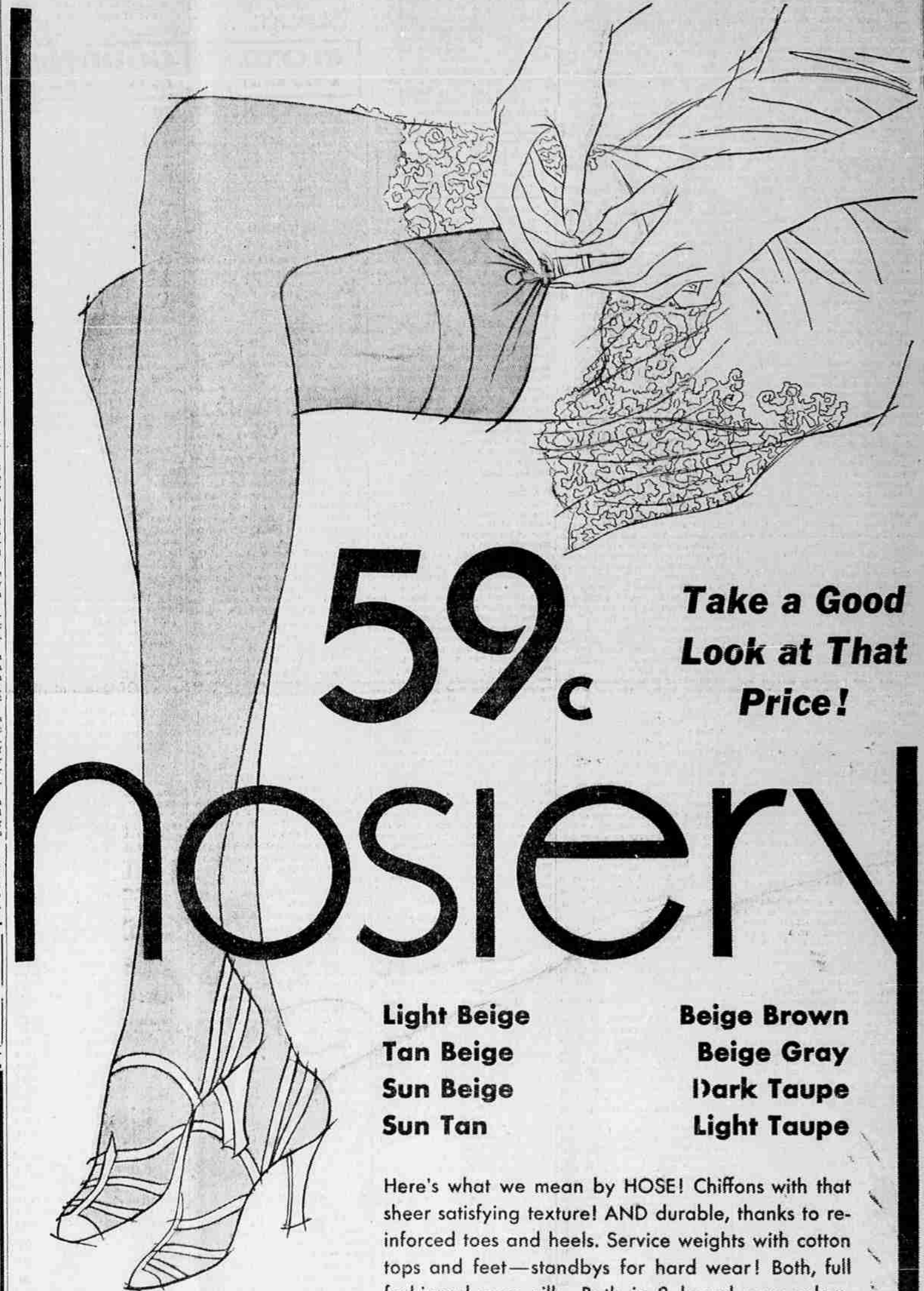
FRANCE STIFFENS SPYING PENALTY DUE TO SCARES

By Richard G. Massock
PARIS (AP) — Stiffer punishment for spies has been voted by the French parliament, impelled by speedy action by revelation of alleged espionage rings involving a young American couple, Robert Gordon Swits and his wife, in one and Serge Stawsky, arch swindler, in another. A bill raising the minimum prison

term from one to two or three years, depending on the seriousness of the offense, leaving the maximum at five years and penalizing a wider range of acts susceptible of endangering the state, was adopted after lying in a parliamentary pigeon hole more than 10 years. Espionage throughout France since the World war has been so prevalent, a senate committee found, that a more drastic law was urgently needed. Twenty-five spy cases, with 27 arrests, 14 convictions and three executions agitated Europe in 1933. Ten of the cases were in France alone, where 18 spy suspects were arrested and a dozen convicted. State secrets have been stolen, bought and sold, the authorities declare. The spy scare has been greatest in the neighborhood of France's new \$3,000,000,000 fortifications on the German frontier. Women, always glamorous figures in the mysterious shadows of espionage, have figured in the French cases. Half of the 10 suspects caught in the dragnet that entangled the Switses are women. The mysterious "Marie Louise" of the famous Hallie-Stewart case of the Tower of London, lurks in the background, with French police suspecting a connection between her and some of those arrested in Paris. "La Belle Sophie" Drost, a frontier beauty, was sentenced recently to two years' imprisonment. She was convicted, along with five men, of espionage on the new forts.

Secrets written on necktie-linings, inscribed on cigarette paper and hidden in the imitation pearls of necklaces, or embossed in a telegraphic dot-and-dash design on a feminine handkerchief, have been discovered by the French police in some of their investigations. Wrist-watches which really are tiny cameras, and fountain pens used to pump up surreptitiously a few drops of a new chemical in a war-gas laboratory, also have been seized. Here are some of the major offenses of espionage punishable under the new French code: Obtaining, divulging or inducing others to obtain or divulge secret objects, plans, maps, documents or information of a military, diplomatic or economic nature which affect the national defense or safety. Making photographs or drawings within six miles of a fortification, or other military establishment, to which access is forbidden strangers. Secret trial is provided for, if the authorities think the country's welfare would be endangered by publicity, and courts martial are given jurisdiction over all spies in time of war or a state of siege.

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