

WHAT SOCIETY IS DOING



PERSONAL notices of visitors in the city, or of Coos Bay people who visit in other cities, together with notices of social affairs, are gladly received in the social department. Telephone 133. Notices of club meetings will be published and secretaries are kindly requested to furnish same.

WHEN WE ARE PARTED

WHEN we are parted let me lie in some far corner of thy heart. Silent and from the world apart. Like a forgotten melody; Cherished by one, and one alone, For some loved memory of its own; So let me in thy heart abide When we are parted.

NO MAN SHOULD MARRY A GIRL MORE THAN SIXTEEN YEARS YOUNGER THAN HIMSELF.

NO woman should marry a man more than eight years younger than herself. The ideal marriage is when the man is 21 and the girl is 18. Couples who wed at 31 and 28 have had too much chance to become cynical and worldly. These truly sapient sayings orders for men and women who would embark on the sea of matrimony have just been issued at the ninth International Purify Congress meeting in San Francisco. According to all reports, the congress was composed largely of those persons of whom Emerson sighed "The reformers affect one as the insane do; their motives may be pious, but their methods are profane. They are a buzz in the ear." The particular buzz in this instance emanates from Dr. Albert E. Mowry of the Hospital College of Medicine, Chicago.

Mrs. Christopher's Age Limit

And, if you please, he wants his marital time card made compulsory by national legislation. I wondered just how his idea of the proper age for marriage would impress an intelligent modern woman. So I went to Mrs. Sarah Christopher, for several years trustee of the National Christian League for the Promotion of Purity, but whose interest in the newest theories of social morality has not destroyed her sense or humor and of human nature. These are the matrimonial age limits which Mrs. Christopher suggests: A man should always be from five to twenty years older than the woman he marries. The woman who marries a man younger than herself is robbing the cradle. In the ideal marriage the girl should be at least 25 before she becomes a wife, the man at least 30 before he assumes the role of husband.

Experience Taught Shakespeare

"Why, even Shakespeare tells us that a woman should marry a man years older than herself!" she exclaimed. "Don't you remember the passage in 'Twelfth Night' which protests vehemently against a bride who is near the age of her prospective husband? "Shakespeare probably knew what he was talking about," she commented.

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ed. "His wife, Anna Hathaway, was several years older than himself, and his marriage is reputed to have been unhappy. Doctor Mowry thinks that a woman should not marry a man more than eight years younger than herself. If she takes one that much her junior she's robbing the cradle. And why should she want to do it? The average man is a fool until he's 30.

Based on Physical Attraction.

"How can any thoughtful person suggest that a girl of 18 should make the most important decision of her life, the choice of a husband? At that age she is looking for a combination of Apollo, Solomon and Croesus. She ends by eloping with a plumber's assistant—if she is foolish enough to elope with anybody. Generally speaking any intelligent woman of 30 wouldn't touch with a 10-foot pole the boy she worshipped in high school, wouldn't pay for burying him except for the joy of getting rid of him.

"I am opposed absolutely to early marriages," Mrs. Christopher continued with earnestness. "They are and must be based altogether on physical attraction, for between 16 and 25 the physical lure is strongest. But to ideal the union between a man and a woman must be a marriage of true minds." That can only come after the minds have developed; after, that is, the period of extreme youth. Twenty-five is the very youngest age at which a girl should marry; 30 the lowest limit for a man.

No Morality in Early Marriage

"So often people wonder why any couple is divorced after ten, twenty, twenty-five years of married life. I don't wonder at it at all. They have simply reached the limit of their endurance. They married when were too young for tolerance, for self-control. The quarrels were little ones at first, but they grew more serious and the gulf between widened constantly. They grew apart instead of growing together, and in my opinion the former is much more likely to happen than the latter when very young persons marry.

"Glitter dominates the choice in early marriages. The bridegroom of 21 thinks he's caught a star and wakes up to find that he has a box of chocolates tied with silver gilt."

"The argument which the advocates of early marriage consider most important is that it safeguards morality," I suggested. "Anyone who gets married in order not to go to the devil will get there just the same," she retorted. "To advocate or to use marriage as a safety valve is to insult the highest ideals. The principle of self control instilled in boys and girls will safeguard morality better than the prescription of early marriage.

"The best matrimonial motto I know is 'Look before you leap and overlook after you leap.' The girl of 18 and the boy of 21 will do neither."

PASTIME CLUB MEETS

A pleasant session of the North Bend Pastime Club was enjoyed by Mrs. Earl Hutchins, Mrs. Roscoe Hazer, Mrs. Justin Arms, Mrs. Joe Olin, Mrs. Richard Marshall and special guest, Mrs. J. M. Thomas. Last Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Edward Thomas, who, during the afternoon, rendered some instrumental music for the pleasure of her guests and at the close of the afternoon served dainty refreshments. In two weeks the club will meet again with Mrs. Milas Richardson.

PRISCILLA CLUB PICNIC

The Priscilla Club ladies of Bunker Hill, their husbands and families, some special guests and their families, numbering in all about fifty-five went to Port Barnum last Sunday morning to enjoy a day of rest and recreation. The weather was beautiful, the crowd happy, the picnic dinner everything that could be desired. In fact, there was nothing that could

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COOS RIVER OUTINGS

Coos River is still popular as an outing resort for the Coos Bay people, several parties having spent last Sunday at Goodwill's and other pretty places. Among these was the Sigma Chi members and their guests who celebrated their annual feast with a picnic and mutton barbecue at Goodwill's, the launch Albee H having been chartered for the occasion. The affair was voted one of the best ever given and was heartily enjoyed by the following: Mr. and Mrs. Jack Flanagan and family, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Butler, Mr. and Mrs. Claud Nasburg, Mrs. Doble, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Kendall, and son, Jack, Mr. and Mrs. George Stevenson, of North Bend, Mrs. Chas. Hall and son Keith, Misses Genevieve Sengstacken, Grace Kruse, Frances Williams, Madge Barry and Messrs J. E. Montgomery, T. T. Bennett, Ben Fisher and Russ Tower.

A party of girls laden with lunch baskets left early Sunday morning on the Rainbow for J. A. Blatt's ranch on South Coos River, where the day was passed in delightful outing sports, among these being the popular pastime—swimming. About noon, or at the time when their appetites reached the highest pitch, the girls sat down to a sumptuous picnic dinner. They returned on the Rainbow in the evening. Those going were Misses Inez Johnson, Ruby Carlson, Carrie Ross, Rilla Ross, Alma Eklad and Esther Asplund.

RECEPTION FOR TEACHERS

A very pleasant function for the near future is being planned by the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Church. It is a public reception for the Marshfield teachers, of both grammar and high school, and will be held in the church on the evening of Friday, September the seventeenth. Although the plans are not complete, it is announced that the committee of which Mrs. J. S. Stubblefield is chairman, is arranging for an excellent musical program, besides other good features.

AID SOCIETY MEETS

The Ladies Aid Society of the Norwegian Lutheran Church at North Bend had a delightful picnic last Thursday at the home of Mrs. L. O. Strommen at Cooston. The party left North Bend on the launch Cooston at 10:45 a. m. and arrived at the destination about noon, when the hostess served a delicious luncheon out in the grove. A very pleasant afternoon was spent, and the hour of departure came all too soon for the guests. Those present were: Mrs. J. Jacobson, Mrs. Fremdahl, Edward Fremdahl, Mrs. L. Lillebo, Marion Lillebo, Mrs. E. Lillebo, Mrs. L. Knudsen, Robert Knudsen, Mrs. O. Jagea, Mrs. L. Oxnevad, Lars, Sven and Marie Oxnevad, Mrs. John Olsen, Seneca, Clara and Tillie Olsen, Mrs. J. B. Johnson, Miss Johnson, Mrs. J. Olson and three children, Mrs. B. Mathisen, Mrs. P. Refsland, Mrs. Gust Steen, Effie Flanten, Inez Kjelland, Olivia Kjelland, Rev. and Mrs. R. O. Thorpe.

ALERT CLUB MEETS

The members of the Alert Club met Thursday in Gould's Grove. All of those in attendance seemed glad to come together again. An hour was spent in visiting and the ladies did fancy work. Many brought their swimming suits and enjoyed bathing in the river and others played in the sand. Ice cream and cake was served by Mrs. Gould and Mrs. Barker. Those present were Mrs. Barker and little daughters, Mrs. Billings, Miss Hazel Cowan, Mrs. Gould, Mrs. Jacobson, the Misses Johnson, Mrs. Kent, Mrs. Larson and daughter, Mrs. Nowlin, Miss Jeanette Nowlin, Mrs. Noah, Mrs. Heryl Noah, and two children, Mrs. Piper, Miss Evelyn Piper, Jack Piper, Mrs. N. Rood, and sons, Miss Lulu Smith, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Terry and daughter.

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A number of Bunker Hill young people under the chaperonage of Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Jacobson composed a merry party Sunday morning going up to Enegren's Grove for the day, the trip being made on the gasoline launch Rex. Those participating in this pleasant trip beside the chaperones were: Misses: Sennie Refsland, Cora and Alice Mathisen, Louise Var. Loo and Messrs: Bert Iverson, George Van Loo, and Jalmar Refsland.

HIKE TO BEACH

Among the Sunday picnickers this week was a party of people who spent the day at Goodwill's popular summer resort, participating in all the events that go towards making a delightful outing. Included in the party were: Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Stack, Misses Frances, Irene, Margaret and Helen Stack and Messrs Emmett and John Stack, Mr. and Mrs. R. Daigle and Misses Eugenie, and Mhu and Messrs Arthur and Raymond Daigle, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Daigle and daughters Verste and Stella, Mr. and Mrs. George Hennessey, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Murphy and children, Mrs. J. T. Vasey, Miss Marie Vasey and Masters Charles and Bobbie Vasey, Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett Knox, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis McCarthy and children, Misses Laura Dubay, Emma Hansen, Elvira Prizen, Florence Hebert, Lillian Thorwald, and Messrs: A. E. Gagnon, Orrin Burrows, Horton, Halbert Carlisle, Beavers, and Abraham Dubay.

PRISCILLA CLUB

Miss Alice Mathison and George Van Loo, followed later by sumptuous refreshments, made up a very pleasant evening for the following: Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Jacobson, Misses Dorothy Locke, Sennie Refsland, Cora and Alice Mathison, Louise Van Loo, Elsie Larsen, Edna and Jennie Johnson, Josephine and Hannah Nay and Messrs. Oliver Larsen, Bert Iverson, George Van Loo, Lawrence Myers, Jelmar Refsland, B. McDonald, Harry Allen, Gilbert and Elmer Johnson and J. Johnson.

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Last Monday morning, Rev. J. S. Stubblefield and wife and daughters Ethel and Gertrude, Mrs. D. A. Jones and daughters Maxine and Elizabeth, and Isabelle and Dorothy Ferguson walked to the beach over the boulevard trail, returning Wednesday afternoon via Libby. They camped at Sunset Bay where they enjoyed the pleasures of camp life in true style.

AUCTION BRIDGE CLUB

A dainty color scheme of lavender, carried out in asters and sweet peas formed very artistic decorations for the home of Mrs. J. S. Hanson on Wednesday afternoon of this week, when, assisted by her sister, Miss Bruce Kelley, she was hostess to the members and special guests of the Auction Bridge Club, at a one-thirty o'clock luncheon followed by bridge. At the latter, guest prize was awarded to Mrs. George Goodrum, and Mrs. Carl L. Davis was the successful winner of the club trophy for high score. This delightful affair was attended by special guests Mrs. W. P. Miller, Mrs. S. C. Small, Mrs. Crosthwaite, Sr., Mrs. Ida Conrad, Mrs. George Goodrum, Mrs. P. W. Powers, Mrs. Esther Lowell. The members attending were Mrs. E. Crosthwaite, Mrs. J. S. Lyons, Mrs. Carl Davis, Mrs. W. H. Kennedy and Mrs. Adelsperger. The next club meeting will be in two weeks with Mrs. Kennedy.

BIRTHDAY SURPRISE

Last Monday evening a number of friends of Miss Jennie Johnson of Ferndale, called to spend a few hours in honor of her birthday, the plan being a complete surprise to the young lady. Games and music, the latter being contributed by



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