

In the Social Realm

Mr. and Mrs. William Myer entertained at an elaborate course dinner on New Year's day. Their guests were Messrs. and Mesdames E. E. Gall and L. O. Van Wegen. C. C. Gall and Mrs. E. J. Roberts.

Sewing Club.

Mrs. Monte Briggs was hostess to the Monday Sewing Club this week. Sewing, conversation, games and refreshments constituted the order of entertainment for the afternoon.

Coasting Party Postponed.

The proposed Siskiyou coasting party has been postponed on account of the irregularity of the train service at present, and that the coasting will be better when the snow settles. Further announcement will be made later.

Eleven O'clock Club.

The Eleven O'clock Club will meet for the second informal dance of the winter season at Moose hall Friday evening of this week. Dancing will commence at 8:30 and will continue until after 11, when supper will be served by the ladies.

Exalted Ruler Visits.

Grand Deputy Exalted Ruler Logus of Oregon City made his first official visit to Ashland lodge, B. P. O. E., last Saturday night and was royally entertained. Following the business meeting several new candidates were initiated and a big feed concluded the evening's doings.

Luncheon.

Mrs. C. B. Lamkin is entertaining a number of friends today at luncheon in honor of Mrs. O. J. Stone. Mr. and Mrs. Stone, who leave soon for Portland to make their home, are being royally entertained by their many Ashland friends. They have been the guests of honor at a number of affairs during the past week.

R. O. T. N. Club.

Mrs. C. F. Shepherd entertained the R. O. T. N. Club at her home on the Boulevard Wednesday afternoon. Five hundred furnished the entertainment for the afternoon, after which Mrs. Shepherd served a fried chicken dinner with all the good things that go with it. The members declared it was the best they had ever sat down to.

Maccabees Install.

The Maccabee lodge has installed the following officers for the Ashland lodge: F. H. Crowson, past commander; R. J. Shaw, commander; J. E. Crowson, lieutenant commander; G. F. Damon, record keeper; E. Walrad, chaplain; G. W. Monroe, sergeant; C. Hoper, M. at A.; C. H. Gillette, first M. of G.; A. L. Irwin, second M. of G.

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Theatre and Luncheon.

Marion Stratton entertained a number of her girl friends at her Nutley street home Saturday night, the "centerpiece" of the evening being a most elaborate "feed," followed by a theatre party at the Vining. Those present were the Misses Maria Caldwell, Flora Provost, Marion Summers, Alice Hast, Olive Fancher, Mina Brower, Amy Leavitt and Gertrude Barber.

Skovgaard.

There will be nothing offered at the Vining Theatre this winter which will have the general appeal to the society folk of Ashland which Skovgaard and his company of Metropolitan singers have. Several theatre parties are already arranged for that evening and others will follow. The prices which will be charged in Ashland put the attraction within the grasp of everybody, and a full house is anticipated.

Walters-Lowe.

Chester C. Walters of Talent and Elnar Lowe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Saunders of Ashland, were united in marriage Monday evening at the Ashland home of Rev. M. C. Reed, pastor of the Methodist church of Talent. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. James Pellett of Talent, sister and brother-in-law of the groom. Mr. Walters is employed in the mercantile establishment of Vandersluis & Burgan and is a young man of good standing in his home community. The bride is well and favorably known in Ashland, having lived here for a number of years. The young couple will reside in Talent, where they will be at home to their many friends in the near future.

Auxiliary.

The Ladies' Auxiliary met in regular session Monday evening at the club house on Vista street, with over thirty members present. A very pleasant and profitable evening was spent, the annual election of officers resulting as follows: Mrs. Sam McNair as president and Mrs. E. R. Grieve as secretary were re-elected; Mrs. A. W. Boslough was elected vice-president to succeed Mrs. J. P. Wolf, and Mrs. A. H. Pracht was elected treasurer to succeed Mrs. M. E. Briggs. A social hour followed the business meeting and light refreshments were served. The hostesses for the evening were Mesdames Pracht and Provost and Misses Lillian Patterson and Lydia McCall.

Civic Improvement Club.

The Civic Improvement Club met Tuesday afternoon at the library and transacted much business in spite of the fact that there were but a few present, owing to an incorrect date in the notice of meeting. Mrs. J. F. Meikle of Berkeley, the first president of the club, was in attendance, and gave an excellent talk about conditions past and present. She gave an interesting review of the struggles of the first few years and complimented the club on the amount of work accomplished since that time. A plan was adopted and committees

appointed to put on a sweet pea show in July during the same days of the springs celebration and the Shriners' pilgrimage. An invitation was received from the Greater Medford Club to attend an exhibition of the paintings of Dorland Robinson in that city on the 21st of the month at Hotel Holland.

Stock Reducing Sale.

\$1.25 to \$2.00 velvets at 60c yard; 25c to \$3.00 silks at 50c; \$15.00 plumes at \$5.00; hair goods cut in two. Flowers and feathers at 5c and up. Mrs. Simons. 66-2t

Wednesday Afternoon Club.

The Wednesday Afternoon Club spent a most profitable time yesterday at the home of Mrs. Dr. Parson on North Main street, with Mrs. F. H. Johnson and Miss Carnahan assisting. The ladies were provided with materials of which to fashion handkerchiefs, to be sold at some future time for the benefit of the club.

Resolutions of the appreciation of the Wednesday club to Mrs. O. J. Stone for her faithful and efficient services in church and social work were presented and adopted.

Arrangements and committees were made and committees appointed to plan for a cafeteria dinner to be given during the last week in January.

The names of Mrs. Rondeau, Mrs. Maxie and Mrs. Rand were added to the list of members. A social time and delicious refreshments were enjoyed by the company.

W. O. W. Annual Installation.

The annual installation of officers of Ashland Camp No. 243, Woodmen of the World, was held Monday evening, January 10, at I. O. O. F. hall. A large number of members and their families attended. District Manager D. J. Beakey installed the following officers: Consul commander, Howard E. Ewer; banker, J. F. Rocho; clerk, J. R. Wick; escort, J. W. Wiley; watchman, C. E. Sams; sentry, F. L. Rush; managers, Rev. P. K. Hammond, W. A. Bibby and T. K. Bolton.

After the installation J. F. Rocho presided and announced the following program: A piano duet by Mrs. Goodman and Master Lyle Sams was splendidly rendered. A male quartet, Lloyd Stratton, Harrison Howell, Allen O. McGee and Howard E. Ewer, were roundly encored. Two solos by Earl Rasor, accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Parson, were given in his usual good voice. Rev. P. K. Hammond gave a brief but very interesting talk along fraternal lines. Mrs. R. C. Goodman pleased the audience with two superb selections on the cornet, accompanied by Mrs. Goodman on the piano. A short talk by District Manager D. J. Beakey, in which he emphasized that the biggest thing about the order was not its immense reserve fund nor its 825,000 members, but its purpose—which is to protect the home—proved especially interesting. Light refreshments, prepared by the Women of Woodcraft, concluded a most pleasant evening's entertainment.

Ladies' Juliets of the \$1.25 and \$1.50 grade now 98c while the sale lasts at the Ashland Trading Company.

AT THE CHURCHES

Baptist Church Notes.

Sunday school at 9:45. Morning worship at 11; subject, "The Effectual, fervent Prayer." B. Y. P. U. at 7:30. The evening message will be especially for young people. Do not forget January 30.

First Church of Christ, Scientist. Pioneer avenue south. Sunday service at 11 o'clock. Subject of lesson sermon, "Life." Sunday school at 10 o'clock. Wednesday evening meeting at 8 o'clock. Reading room open from 2 to 4 daily except Sundays.

Congregational Church. On Sabbath, January 16, the following services will be held: Sunday school at 9:45. Morning worship at 11; subject, "Perfection in Christ." Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:30. Evening service at 7:30; theme, "Salvation." You are cordially invited to attend. Rev. R. W. Farquhar, minister.

Methodist Church. A home church. Services at 11 and 7:30. Sermon by the pastor both morning and evening. Sunday school at 9:45. Dr. Gregg, superintendent. Miss Jessie Hathaway leads the Epworth League at 6:15. Subject, "Evangelists of the Home Land." Strangers and others cordially welcomed to all these services. W. J. Douglass, pastor.

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Ashland Library Shows Growth

The Ashland public library is one of the largest in the state and takes a prominent part in the life of Ashland. The annual report of the librarian, which is printed herewith, shows a substantial increase in the use of the library by the people of Ashland and a growth of every department. The total circulation during the year from the library was 32,320. This figure alone shows the scope of the work which the library is doing and is indicative of the development of the breadth of the community which must result.

The Ashland public library is housed in a nicely appointed and artistic building in an ideal location. It is homelike and cozy and is a favorite place for a few hours' diversion to hundreds of Ashlanders. We may well be proud of our library and of the librarian and library board who have brought it to its present importance to the community.

The following is the annual report for the year ending December 31, 1915:

In 1915 the library made the largest growth since it was established in 1892. The circulation increased 29 per cent over that of 1914. The gain in circulation was about evenly divided between the three departments, children's books, adult fiction and adult non-fiction being slightly larger than the other departments. We hope the increase will continue.

The library has received a number of gifts of books in the past year, also a number of magazines and pictures which were very acceptable. We are glad to have people pass their books and magazines on to us when they are through with them. It gives others a chance to enjoy them, and gives the library management a chance to spend the library money for other much needed things.

During the year there were added to the children's department three new tables and eighteen chairs, graded as to size from the youngest library reader up. And the children were also favored through the months of June, July and August with a story hour one day in each week, and it is hoped to have it again next vacation.

Book Account.
Number of volumes in the library at the beginning of the year 5187
Books purchased, 593; books donated, 315; magazines bound, 23; total additions, 931. Books lost by borrowers, 2; books worn out, 26; books missing, 7; total withdrawals, 35. Net increase... 896

Actual number of books in the library at the close of the year 6083

Finance.
Unexpended balance from preceding year \$ 929.75
Received from city tax levy 2373.75
Fines and other sources... 105.69
School board 150.00
\$3559.19

Expenditures.
Heat \$ 198.97
Light 48.10
Janitor 240.00
Salaries 976.00
Repairs and improvements. 284.38
Furniture 117.15
Stationery and supplies... 78.30
Postage, express, freight and dray 30.93
Books 547.51
Magazines 85.25
Binding 21.00
Insurance 102.00
Miscellaneous 53.79
\$2783.38

Balance on hand..... 775.81

Summary.
Total number of volumes in the library 6083
Number of volumes added during the year..... 931
Class in which gain is largest..... Adult non-fiction
Number of books repaired in the library 720
Number of newspapers and periodicals currently received 63
Total circulation during the year 32,320
Largest daily circulation, 244; smallest, 38; average 104
Percentage of children's books circulated 29.2
Percentage of adult fiction... 52.5
Number of borrowers' cards issued during the year... 657
Total number of borrowers' cards in force..... 2,500
Number of days open during the year for the circulation of books 310
Total number of days open... 362
Hours open each week..... 56
Board of library trustees: Mrs. M. S. Mult, president; Mrs. R. L.

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REGARDING TREES

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BLANCHE E. HICKS, Librarian.
January 1, 1916.

Annual Meeting.

The annual business meeting of the Congregational church was held on Wednesday evening of this week with a good attendance of members and friends. The pastor was in the chair and conducted devotional exercise. The clerk read the minutes of all business meetings held during the year, after which a rollcall was taken, the members responding with a verse of scripture. Reports were then submitted by the pastor, clerk, treasurer, trustees, deacon, Christian Endeavor Society, Sunday school, Ladies' Aid Society, Missionary Society and the Siskiyou Circle. The election of officers for the present year resulted as follows: Church clerk, Mrs. L. Hilly; church treasurer, Harry Sayles; assistants, W. Powell and Mrs. C. Cain; trustees, Charles Gray and W. O. Dickerson; deacon, C. A. Prescott; Sunday school superintendent, John Hoag; deaconesses, Mrs. J. P. Dodge, Mrs. Wing, Mrs. D. R. Mills and Mrs. T. D. Bunnell; choir leader, Mrs. J. H. McGee; organist, Mrs. Myrtle Drake; ushers, John Patty and Don Spencer. The rest of the evening was spent in a social way, refreshments being served by the Ladies' Aid.

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