

Society News and Club Affairs

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Mrs. J. C. Nelson To Be Afternoon Hostess

Mrs. J. C. Nelson will receive the teachers of the senior high school in a delightful afternoon garden tea at the Nelson home Wednesday afternoon. This will be in the nature of a farewell for the summer for all the faculty of the high school.

Mrs. George Hug will preside at the tea during the afternoon. Those assisting in serving tea will be Miss Ola Clark, Miss Leah Ross, Miss Carmelita Barquist, Miss Ila Comstock, Mrs. Bernice Duncan, and Mrs. Marjorie Preble.

Eastern Star Women Hear Mrs. O. Jessup

The social afternoon club of the Eastern Star met Tuesday afternoon at the Masonic club rooms for a program followed by a tea. 45 women came to hear Mrs. Oliver Jessup speak upon phases of South American life as she has met them during her residence there recently. Mrs. Jessup gave a very interesting talk well illustrated with souvenirs, and pictures of the life there.

The social room was attractively decorated with a profusion of all manner of spring flowers. Tea was served following the program hour by a committee whose chairman was Mrs. Anna McKee, and who was assisted by Mrs. Josephine Vazs, Mrs. Anna Socolofsky, Mrs. Florence Reeves, Mrs. Katie Howe, Mrs. Emma Sigmond, Mrs. Lucille Tumbleton, Mrs. Margaret Nissen, Mrs. Nellie Murray, and Mrs. Fern Forgye.

Bride-Elect Given Surprise Shower

Mrs. Dale Taylor was hostess at her home on South 19th street, for a surprise shower given for Miss Ruth Davidson Tuesday night complimenting her approaching marriage to Gerald Billiter.

A treasure hunt for hidden gifts occupied the first part of the evening following which a three course supper was served by the hostess. Pink and yellow was the color scheme which was carried out in flowers and in the supper place cards and favors.

Guests for this affair were the honor guest, Miss Davidson, and Miss Dorothy Van de Walker, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Billiter, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Barton, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Irwin, Mr. and Mrs. Clay Heulett, Gerald Billiter, Glen Chamberlin, and Mrs. Dale Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. Forester W. Royal of 2375 Maple avenue, will go to Wilbur on next Saturday next, June 1, to be in attendance at the reunion of old pupils of Umpqua academy. This institution was one of the outstanding schools in early Oregon history and each year former residents and pioneers of that community gather together with school graduates and friends for a day devoted to reminiscences. Mr. Royal will appear on the program on that day.

Mrs. William Lytle had as recent guests her sister, Mrs. Robert Stanfield and Miss Susie Fennell Pipes both of Portland. Miss Pipes is a Portland musician who may prove herself a popular Salem guest artist next winter with special musical evening given in individual homes. This interesting eastern custom would be a pleasing innovation for Salem.

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"The Piper" Revives Interest in Miracle Play Stories

As old as humanity is the interest in drama, and story. This interest has been the keynote in learning. Children listened to the deeds of their fathers and forefathers and then imitated them and thus learned the customs and habits of their people. With the advent of other means of learning, the story and drama still hold a paramount place in the educational and spiritual existence of people.

Some such history is that of "The Piper" nurtured in the old folk life of Germanic tribes, told and retold from generation to generation and finally written into the story of the "Rat Charmer" by a German poet, and later into a German opera. (Dr. Hans Seitz sang the lead in it once upon a time in Germany) and later in history it has been told in poetry.

Outstanding among such poems is the one by Josephine Preston which is being dramatized by the Salem Drama League and is to be presented for the first time in Salem Sunday afternoon in the home of the Calvary Baptist church at the old Grand theatre.

That the play should be given in the church is symbolical of its beauty for in truth through the piper, it is a protest against pettiness, intolerance and ignorance as is represented in the lines which the piper speaks to the mother of Jan, the leading child character: "I love thy child. Trust me—I love them, all. They are the brightest miracle I know. Where ever I go, I search the eyes of men To find such clearness—and it is not there. Lies, greed and cruelty, and dreadful dark! And all that makes Him sad these thousand years. And keeps His forehead bleeding—Ah, you know!"

In "The Piper" there is an added interest to the regular story portrayed in that to him who understands there is the story of the origin of the drama as we know it today. The drama proper began with the old miracle plays which were originally held in the church and which nearly always had three characters in common—a devil to represent the evil, a sword swallower, and an imitation of the hell's mouth. Then there would be other characters to represent the spirit of Christ and that of Mary, or universal motherhood. In the play "The Piper," the piper is the representative of good and Veronica represents universal motherhood. The production of this play by the Drama League is a compliment to the understanding of Salem, and it is a privilege as well to have an opportunity to introduce it to both the children and the grown folk. All the stage settings, the costume designing, musical interpretation, and directing is being done by Salem folk. The proceeds from the sale of it, is reported, are to be used just to defray expense of production.

Mrs. Otto Paulus, who has taken much work in the field of the drama both in the west and in the east and who is instructing in "Play Production" in Willamette university is directing the play. Mrs. F. D. Thielens has charge of the costuming. Mrs. William Burdard is assisting in music interpretation, and Monroe Gilbert is doing the stage settings.

Mrs. T. Roberts Is Bridge Luncheon Hostess

Mrs. T. A. Roberts was hostess to the Tuesday club for a luncheon and bridge afternoon at her home Tuesday. Pink madragons centered the one o'clock luncheon table where covers were laid for Mrs. Roy Keene, Mrs. Curtis Cross, Mrs. Earl McMechan, Mrs. Dan Fry, Jr., Mrs. W. Connell Dyer, Mrs. Harry Hawkins, Mrs. Frits Slade, Mrs. Ercel Kay, Mrs. Keith Powell, Mrs. Arthur Rahn, Mrs. MacHofer, and Mrs. T. A. Roberts.

Bridge occupied the center of attention for the remainder of the afternoon after luncheon. Mrs. Earl McMechan won the guest prize for high score.

Mrs. Prescott's Class Closes For Summer

The meeting Tuesday afternoon closed an interesting year's work for Mrs. Prescott's drama class. Using Bellinger's "History Drama," for a text book the class has studied the development of the drama from the primitive legends up to the time of Ibsen, with some attention given to the outstanding work of each period.

Several lessons were devoted to Shakespearean drama. Several short plays were read by Mrs. Prescott for the class during the year, and at each meeting a short period was allowed for discussion of items of current interest pertaining to the theater.

The class very much regrets the departure of Mrs. Prescott, who will be leaving Salem. Members of the class are: Mrs. R. A. McCully, Mrs. W. C. Keck, Mrs. John Reid, Miss Luella Baker, Mrs. C. I. Lewis, Mrs. B. B. Herrick, Mrs. P. E. Graber, Mrs. J. M. Devers, Mrs. W. E. Feldman, and Mrs. E. T. Pierce.

W. R. C. Hold Annual Service

The W. R. C. will hold their annual memorial services at the circle in the City View cemetery Thursday morning at 10 o'clock and at 1:30 o'clock services will be held for sailors, marines, and aviators in the center of the Memorial-Polk county bridge. For this ceremony all patriotic orders are asked to be present and they are especially asked to wear their colors.

Following this ceremony a pot-luck dinner will be served in the dining room of the First Christian church at 12 o'clock for all grand army men, their wives and the members of all patriotic orders. Each family will bring its own table service and food.

The board members of the Y. W. C. A. will honor Miss Elizabeth Baker with a one o'clock luncheon to be given in the Y. W. C. A. dining room today. This will be in the nature of a farewell affair for Miss Baker who will leave Salem soon. A second affair will be given by the Younger Business girls for Miss Baker at the Spa. This will also be a luncheon for Mrs. George H. Alden will leave Salem this week for a visit of several weeks in southern California.

Mrs. August Kuether of Fairhault, Minnesota, and Mrs. John Newman of St. Paul, Minnesota, were guests of Mrs. Heny Taska, North 18th street, and Mrs. Mary Pfeifer of North 16th street Thursday and Friday of last week. They are on a pleasure tour from Minnesota out through the western states and plan to return to their home by way of California and the southern route.

Noteworthy Visitor Is Salem Guest

Mrs. Virginia Bacon, state librarian, has had as her guest this week her sister Mrs. William Nicolas Strahan of Portland. Mrs. Strahan is the popular author of "Footprints," the mystery story which won the Scotland Yard prize for this year, a prize given by Double Doran & Page for the best mystery story of the year; and "The Desert Moon Mystery" which is the best mystery story seller of the year and which was also the first book to be chosen by the Crime club.

Mrs. Donald Young Luncheon Hostess

Mrs. Donald Young was hostess for a lovely 10 cover one o'clock luncheon at her home Saturday. The luncheon table was spread with a yellow silk cloth centered with a miniature satin and lace covered box filled with a French bouquet of spring flowers. Covers were laid for Mrs. Bertha Stewart of Portland, Mrs. Russell Catlin, Mrs. L. H. Tarpley, Mrs. William Burghardt, Mrs. John Roberts, Miss Mable Robertson, Mrs. Clifford Brown, Mrs. Curtis Cross, Mrs. David Eyr, and Mrs. Young. The afternoon was very happily spent in conversation.

Brush College Plans Homecoming

The annual "homecoming" picnic held by the Brush college community club will be June 1 this year, in the Brush college picnic grounds. This is a real event for there have been in past years as many as 500 people gathered to do honor to the "old home" place and to renew many old-time acquaintances.

A picnic dinner will be featured at noon, and during the day sports, races, and even baby shows will be special attractions. Mrs. Oliver Whitney will have charge of the baby shows, the Brush college helpers will have charge of the dinner arrangements, and other committees have been appointed by E. A. Utley, president of the club.

Mrs. Anna L. Burdick of Washington, D. C., member of Federal board of vocational education who has been attending the vocational conference of last week in Portland, came to Salem to be a guest of Mrs. Virginia Bacon Monday and accompanied her to Corvallis where Mrs. Bacon spoke at the Oregon State College.

Wallace Road: Mrs. Mose Adams and Mrs. Ernest Peterson were joint hostesses for a bridge tea afternoon at the home of Mrs. Adams recently. Four tables of bridge was in play during the afternoon. Mrs. Marie Flint McCall won high score and Mrs. Corydon Blodgett won second.

Mrs. Mary Johnson, Mrs. Alice Coolidge, and Miss Lelia Johnson will be hostesses for the Past Matron's club meeting Friday evening at the home of Mrs. Ida Godfrey. A special program is being planned.

Members of the Jason Lee choir were honor guests for a banquet given by members of the church in the church dining room Tuesday evening at 6 o'clock.

Mrs. J. M. Devers has just returned from Indianapolis, Indiana, where she had been called by the death of her mother, Mrs. Augusta Higert.

Mrs. Frank Spears motored to Portland where she spent the day Tuesday.

Steel Bridges Will Be Built In This County

Steel bridges, even though they cost five times as much as those of wooden construction, are ultimately cheaper and consequently will be made the standard for Marion county, members of the

court decided Monday. The first bridge to be built in line with this policy will be one on the Killen bridge road where Johnny Griese-nauer is directing the work of a crew building a market road. According to Roadmaster J. W. Culver, a dozen wooden bridges in the county may be replaced by steel bridges this year. While some of these bridges are little more than culverts, it has been found that their replacement by steel will bring economy.

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Camp Fire Girls To March In Parade

All the Camp Fire Girls of Salem are to march in the Memorial day parade. Following the parade the girls and their parents will meet at the First Methodist church and from there the whole group will drive to Mehama. At Mehama the mother will stay at the Camp Fire girls picnic grounds and prepare lunch while the girls and fathers will hike to Shelburg Falls.

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