

Back to School . . .

Alumnae of Willamette university who returned for annual Homecoming were feted by the campus sororities with events throughout the weekend.

Alpha Phi Alpha entertained with a buffet supper Friday night at the chapter house, with the pledge class in charge of arrangements. Fall flowers and bright leaves were the keynote for decorations with luscious horns of plenty arranged on the sideboards in the dining room. A giant pumpkin centered the decorations.

In charge of decorations were Anita Jarman, Marianne Low and Margaret Hoover, while Maxine Wagner, Laura Jean Bates, Delvon Long and Roberta Jean Yocom completed the committees.

Attending the supper were the following: Mrs. William E. Kirk, and Katie Taylor, Ruth Carkin, Laura Lee Tate, Maxine Cushing, Ruth Cole, Beth DeLapp, Helen Heath, Betty May Wendreth, Loretta DePew, Anne Morris, Margery Herr, Gail Dennison, Dorothy White, Mildred Blake, Maxine Richards, Betty McCall, Beverly Sherman, Freda Bucarench, Helen Carvis, Glenerva Hamesberger, Wilma Matthes, Dorothy Tate, Barbara Viesko, Donabelle Savage, Dorothy Arnold, Mary Bennett, Janet Blake, Janrose Blake, Jean Carkin, Virginia Loop, Pauline Olson, Betty Provost, Jean Selden, Laura Jean Bates, Imogene Rock, Olive Torbet, Billie McLeod, Margaret Hoover, Pat Carter, Betty Jean Tucker, Bernice Weir, Maxine Wagner, Dorothy Hoar, Anita Jarman, Jean Yocom, Marianne Low, Shirley Blackman, Thyra Curry, Billie Grimm, Naomi Harris, Betty Brock, Irma Huber, June Nichol, Phyllis Neal and Olivia Olson.

A Homecoming luncheon was enjoyed by alumnae and members of Delta Phi Saturday noon. The fall motif was emphasized in decorations with pumpkins, apples and nuts centering the tables. Mrs. William Bush was in charge of arrangements for the alumnae, and Miss Eleanor Todd was in charge of general arrangements, assisted by Miss Marcia Fry, Miss Zoe Fretz, Miss Helen Zimmerman and Mrs. Tinkham Haight.

Those attending were Virginia Case, Janice Patterson, Jane Findley, Gwen Griffith, Betty Keller, Carol Clark, Ruth Hedges, Margaret Upjohn, Martha Shirley, Harriet Bush, Ruth E. Rhoten, Polly Bain, Kay Winge, Betty Randall, Ann Strother, Rosemary Felton, Bonnie Dickson, Phyllis Haight, Miriam Day, Mary Stapleton, Ella Rose Mason, Kay Wilson, Catharine Thomas, Louise Stuyts, Margaret Hughlett, Dorothy Estes, Eleanor Todd, Elvy Fredrickson, Eloise Findley, Bernadine Neilson, Virginia Hobbs, Bette Burkhart, Betty Sackett, Frances Virginia Melton, Enid Waddington Sharp, Lillian Hart Aiken, Lois Latimer, Lorena Jack, Hazel Hoffmaster, Mary Nims, Yvonne Mozee, Thelma Lathrop and Mrs. Frank James.

Pledges of Delta Phi served and the trio, composed of Miss Dorothy Estes, Miss Helen Zimmerman and Miss Elvy Fredrickson entertained with vocal selections. Miss Mary Stapleton played piano solos.

Alumnae of Beta Chi sorority planned their reunion for breakfast Sunday morning, to be followed by the annual alumnae business meeting. Mrs. Kenneth Manning made contacts with alumnae, who include Mrs. Wayne Doughton, Mrs. Ralph Barnes, Mrs. Dan Schreiber, Mrs. Merrill Ohling, Mrs. Manning, and the Misses Charlotte Kallander, Doris Laney, Margaret Siegmund, Dorothy Baldwin, Loretta Fisher, Wilma Spence, Eleanor Trindle and Barbara Hollingworth.

Miss Lucille McIntyre and Miss Susanna Schramm were in general charge of the affair, and were assisted by the Misses Mary Jean Huston, Lois Butler, Louise Cutler, Miriam Jensen, Betty Andrews, Jan Johnson and Marge Maulding.

Visiting at the Beta Chi house for the weekend are the Misses Irene Christie, Dorothy Moore, Nancy Boles, Jackie McBee, Bettie Browne, Betty Jeannet, Barbara Kester, Barbara Minor, Doris Laney, Nancy Austin and Margaret Sehon.

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THE Salem Garden club has changed its meetings from evenings to afternoons, to accommodate members who find it difficult to attend the sessions at night, due to a necessity of walking and of the dim-out. This is the first time that the club, which has been organized for many years, has had afternoon meetings. Miss Edith Schryver made the announcement of the change of meeting time. The sessions now will begin at 2:30 and will be held at the Art and Recreation center in Fringle park.

At the meeting scheduled for Monday, Mrs. C. A. Ratcliff will give a talk on the culture and practical use of herbs. A display of chrysanthemums will also be shown during the afternoon, with members invited to bring specimens. Mrs. Homer McWain will give a practical demonstration of dividing and dis-budding, and will bring some of her new varieties.



Miss Fernel Gilstrap, (right) whose engagement announcement party is discussed in a story below. (Kennell-Ellis photo).



A POPULAR young matron is Mrs. T. H. Dunham (above) who will leave soon to spend several months in California, with her husband Lt. Dunham. She will be accompanied south by her young son, Tommy. Dr. Dunham is stationed at Camp Cook in the base hospital. (Jesten-Miller photo).

Engagement Told . . .

At a cleverly arranged afternoon luncheon, at The Spa Friday, announcement was made of the engagement and forthcoming marriage of Miss Fernel Gilstrap, to Mr. Leroy Downing. Covers were placed for 17 guests at the table which was decorated with the fall motif. On tiny scrolls placed in the individual cakes, read "Leroy and Fernel, November 15."

Miss Gilstrap is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. E. J. Gilstrap of Turner. For the past year she has held the position of field secretary for Turner Memorial Home, and this fall entered Willamette university.

Mr. Downing, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Downing of Hanford, Calif., formerly of Turner, was graduated from California Polytechnic in San Luis Obispo last June, and is now stationed with the naval reserve in San Francisco.

The wedding will take place in Berkeley at 2 o'clock on Sunday, November 15. The bride's father will officiate at the ceremony. Mrs. Hugh Holte, a former Willamette student, will be matron of honor, and Mr. Dan Hartman, USN, San Francisco, will act as best man.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilstrap, and the bride-elect's sister, Mrs. Ruth Fowler, will accompany her to San Francisco.



DR. AND Mrs. R. Franklin Thompson are special guests this weekend on the Willamette university campus, here of course for homecoming and the Willamette-College of Puget Sound game. Dr. Thompson, president of College of Puget Sound, was formerly vice-president of Willamette university. The popular couple were guests at dinner on Friday night at the Delta Phi house of which they are patrons. Dr. Thompson was guest speaker at the university supper held on Saturday night. (Cut courtesy Collegian).

A 'Glamorous Star . . .

The Salem Community Concert association's winter series of entertainments begins on November 12, with the appearance of the glamorous star of the Metropolitan opera, Bidu Sayao, at Salem high school. The enchanting Brazilian soprano was introduced to America by Toscanini, who chose her as his soloist in Debussy's "The Blessed Damosel" with the New York Philharmonic Symphony orchestra in 1936.

Bidu Sayao (pronounced Bee-doo Sigh-yaw) has starred with the Metropolitan opera company since the following season. She is slim, petite, dark-eyed and typically Latin in looks.

At the age of 14 Bidu Sayao became seriously interested in becoming a singer, and began study with Mme. Theodorini in Rio de Janeiro, her birthplace. Later her family took her to study in Paris with Jean de Reszke. She made her concert debut in Rio de Janeiro and returned to Europe for operatic engagements in Rome, Milan and Turin. She sang in France at the Paris opera and returned to South America to sing at the Teatro Colon in Buenos Aires.

On a visit as a tourist to the United States, the soprano chanced to meet Toscanini, who recalled having heard her in an audition in Milan. He asked her to sing "The Blessed Damosel."

Like a few other of the younger Metropolitan stars, Bidu Sayao wears beautiful clothes, and wears them well. She has a fabulous collection of jewels and wears the finest wristwatch in the world, its face less than one-fourth inch across. She owns two of the 12 platinum-fox-furs in existence. And she is known in New York and Rio as one of the world's best dressed women.

Admission to the Community Concert series is available only to members of the organization. The sale of tickets was conducted in the early spring and is now closed to everyone except new residents of Salem, those who have moved here since the ticket campaign.

Other artists to appear on the series are Albert Spalding, violinist, January 11, "The Marriage of Figaro" presented by a special company on February 11, and Paul Robeson, baritone, March 11.



MRS. Elmer S. Meads, who was Miss Charlotte McKee before her wedding at the Knight Memorial church on October 24. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer McKee and the groom is the son of Mrs. Maude Meads of Chayenne, Wyoming. Staff Sergeant Meads is now stationed at Ft. Lewis, Washington. (Jesten-Miller photo).

MISS Pat Meisinger, daughter of Mrs. George Meisinger, has returned from a five-week stay in Los Angeles where she studied with the accordion teacher and composer, Anthony Galla-Rini. Miss Meisinger is a senior at Salem high school and is a popular and talented musician. She assists her mother at the Priscilla Meisinger studio and is now playing her instrument in Portland theatres. (Kennell-Ellis photo).

