

Birthday Parties Slated

Two birthday parties are on the calendar for the coming week in honor of members of the very young set.

Mrs. Parker Gies has invited guests to her home on North 23rd street Tuesday afternoon in honor of the first birthday of her daughter, Martha. The little girl's father, Major Gies, is now in Belgium.

A pink and white color scheme will be carried out in the appointments and a lighted birthday cake will center the table.

Honoring Martha will be her two grandmothers and aunts, Mrs. M. E. Branch of Independence, Mrs. C. A. Gies, Miss Beverly Branch and Mrs. M. D. Morrison, Mrs. Boyd Walker and Judy, Mrs. Peter Joffert and Peter John, Mrs. John Dietz and Gwendolyn, Mrs. Gordon Black and Diane, Mrs. Harry Clark and Ralph, Mrs. Ettrick Stinnette and Jimmy, Mrs. Eric Allen, Jr. and Kathie, Mrs. John Gallagher and Patrick, and Mrs. Stanley Wilt and Billy and Mrs. John Bleifuss and Connlin of Corvallis.

Jimmy Woodry's Party
Jimmy Woodry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Woodry, will celebrate his fourth birthday on Tuesday afternoon at an informal party at the Woodry home.

Guests have been invited to come between 2:30 and 5 o'clock. After several hours of games a birthday cake and refreshments will be served. Favors will mark places for the guests and daffodils will provide the decorative note.

Jimmy's guests will be Patty Claggett, Bobby Janice, Joy and Tommy Herberger, Larry Johnson, Carol and Gary Ramsden, Connie Collins, Suzanne Johnson and Delbert Isaacson.

Other guests will be Jimmy's grandmothers, Mrs. Robert Mills and Mrs. Jack Hyett, Mrs. Percy Meier, Mrs. Charles Claggett, Mrs. Joseph Herberger, Mrs. Robert Ramsden and Mrs. Carl G. Collins.

List Events Of Music Week

The dates of the National Music week have been set as May 8 through 13, but Salem's celebration of the annual event will extend over almost two weeks.

Officially, Music Week will open with a concert by the Willamette university band under the direction of Maurice Brennan, at Waller hall, on Sunday, May 6. Ralph Dobbs will be piano soloist.

Churches will have special musical programs during their regular services the opening day. On Tuesday night the Business and Professional Women's club vocal ensemble will appear at Waller hall. Sacred Heart academy will hold its annual junior and senior recitals on Wednesday and Friday nights at St. Joseph's hall.

Friday's program is the annual presentation of an operetta by children of Leslie Junior high school.

A program of special interest, the date for which has not been set, is the recital of Prof. and Mrs. Ralph Dobbs, who will give a piano and organ concert.

A pre-music week event will be the Parrish junior high school music festival to be held at the high school Tuesday, May 2. The program to be presented by the Camp Fire Girls and the Tri-Y choruses under the direction of Virginia Ward Elliott is another for which the date is indefinite.

Mrs. Walter Denton is chairman of music week.

Private and Mrs. Walter L. McDougal, Jr., are spending the weekend at the country home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter McDougal. Private McDougal has been transferred from Camp Roberts to Seattle. His wife came north from Hollywood to meet him and together they will go to Seattle.



Patricia Meisinger

Off On a Trip Local Accordionist Preparing For Tour With USO Entertainment Troop

Now we know that there is something in a name. The little girl who grew up behind a big accordion, is going to take her instrument, pleasant personality and exceptional talent, and go overseas with a USO entertainment unit.

And about the name—well, the name is Patricia Meisinger—and according to the family, meisinger means "strolling musician". Last week Pat passed her USO auditions in Chicago and was assigned to USO unit number 1, soon to be sent to entertain "working" soldiers in the front line. If all goes well with final physicals, she's headed for a globe tour.

After taking a four-weeks course in theatrics in New York, Pat will pack up exactly six evening dresses, three dressing short gowns and her accordion, will don a WAC officer's uniform and catch the boat for overseas.

Work is exacting, and for all the loads of numbers she knows, there's nine or more hours of daily practice to prepare for the show. The program has been laid out, although she had some choice of numbers. In many cases the key had to be changed, and a routine introduction learned for group singing.

Entertainment will be in various places, under many conditions. The group will entertain the sick, the fighting soldiers, in trains, planes, boats, huts and open fields. The musician must be prepared for all eventualities. She even has to learn to drive a jeep.

It wasn't just happenstance that Patricia won her place in the USO entertainment unit—she had to go out and work for it.

Professionals warned that USO entertainers are always "stars". But Pat got herself an appointment for an audition in Chicago last week. She gave out with all the personality, music and dancing she knew—and only drew a blank expression from the judge. Then she asked if he'd like "something classic—and then he smiled—and she was in.

Being a professional music teacher's daughter didn't mean that Pat Meisinger would take to music from the very start. Her mother, Fricilla Meisinger (now Mrs. J. A. Wiltsey) had to instill music interest in her child by constant prodding, just as other mothers. First the mother tried the piano, then marimba, and guitar, but the future USO entertainer just wasn't interested, until she took up the accordion when 12 years old. According to Mrs. Wiltsey, "I didn't care for the accordion at first, and it was a case of the teacher learning the instrument for the sake of the pupil."

Since then, Fricilla Meisinger

walk through the three large lounges and play request numbers.

Pat's next job was with the International Harvesters on a six weeks tour in theatres. Here she did vaudeville acts, was soloist and piano accompanist for a vocal trio.

Then came the audition. And that brings us up to this very week, when Patricia slipped started home for a few days before starting out again. Of course nine hours practice a day wouldn't be considered a vacation by everyone—but it's different when you are a musician with dreams of a wonderful future.

Relief Corps at Dinner Meeting

The Woman's Relief corps, auxiliary to the GAR, observed army day, April 6, with a dinner given by the Rebekahs at the IOOF hall. Justina Kildee was toastmistress. A meeting followed. Honors were given to Commander Theodore A. Penland of the GAR; Ellenore M. Zeller, national senior vice president; Agnes E. Lindahl, department president; Gertrude Washburn, department treasurer; Zella H. Bartness, department secretary, all of Portland. Goldia Kyle, department senior vice president, and Bertha Loveland, department counselor of Salem. Nellie M. Fleck Benscheldt, Diva Rounds, Cora McBride, all past department presidents of Portland, and other past department officers; Minda Slattery, of Eugene, Florence E. Shipp, Hattie B. Cameron, Sarah Peterson, Luella L. Engstrom, Rose B. Hagedorn, Rose Voris, all of Salem.

Those initiated were Mesdames Bessie W. Edwards, Mabel Gardner, Rhoda Nagle, Coral McNeill and Alta M. Scott. At the next meeting fifteen candidates will be initiated.

The Past Presidents club will meet April 10 at the home of Florence E. Shipp, 1880 Nebraska street. There will be election of officers. A card party is to be held April 12 at the home of Mrs. Goldia Kyle, 965 North 16th street.

Mr. and Mrs. H. I. Standley, formerly of Salem but now residents of Colton, near Los Angeles, were surprised by a group of friends on their 49th wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth C. Rose were dinner hosts for the Standleys. Mr. Standley was in the insurance business here until they left for the south last November.

Mrs. Carl Emmons and Mrs. Oscar I. Paulson, sr., will entertain members of chapter BC, PEO Tuesday afternoon at a one o'clock luncheon at the former's home on Fawk street.

Seen and Heard . . .

AU REVOIR TEA on Friday for Mrs. John L. Rand, who leaves in May for Portland to live, given by Mrs. Henry A. Cornoyer and daughter, Josephine (Mrs. James Clay Mobley) at their north Summer street home. . . Mrs. Rand, who will be missed by her many Salem friends, wore a becoming spring print pleum dress in shades of red, green and blue on a white background. . . Mrs. Cornoyer wore black with a white pleated ruffle around the low neckline and Josephine wore red silk jersey with a red and white print top and gold belt. . . Jo was busy chatting with friends whom she hadn't seen since her return from Mississippi and Texas.

Several came from out-of-town. . . Mrs. T. J. Rederich and daughter, Mrs. George McShatko, (Margaret Louise Rederich) were up from Vancouver, Wash. . . they formerly made their home here and were enjoying greeting their old friends. . . Mrs. Rederich was smart in black with a flamenco rose sailor. . . her tall brunette daughter was stunning in black silk crepe enhanced with Victorian rose flowers, long rose suede gloves and a black straw picture hat with coolie brim and black veil.

Margaret recently returned from New York City where she has been with her lieutenant colonel husband. . . Mrs. Irving Rand, wearing all black with Mrs. Claude McCulloch, both from Portland. . . the latter in a brown suit and pert brown hat with moss green trim. . . Mrs. George A. White, who poured, had a busy day socially as she had been to a luncheon in Vancouver before coming to Salem. . . Coming in later were her daughter Mrs. George Elmer Emigh and young daughter, Diane. . . Dorothy tells that her husband has been discharged from the marines. . . the past two months he has been in California coaching the Portland Beavers. . . Also here from Portland was Mrs. Hall S. Lusk. Beautiful arrangements of camelias in shades of pink and rose on the mantle and smaller tables about the rooms. . . a low centerpiece of camelias on the tea table and more on the buffet. . . A lovely vase of quince on a table before the bay windows. . . Good to see Mrs. Frank Snedecor and Mrs. Walter Stolz out again. . . the latter with her daughter, Mrs. Willard Marshall, stunning in a black and white pin stripe skirt with black jacket, off the face black hat and silver fox furs. . . Spring hats have certainly been pretty this year and we love to write about them. . . Especially liked Mrs. C. B. McCulloch's pink sailor. . . Mrs. Breyman's

and white print and a large black off the face hat. . . **MOVING DAYS** are popular with many Salem families this spring. . . and Mrs. Arthur Hay moved last week into their newly purchased home on South Liberty street. . . and at the same time Mrs. Velma Farmer moved back into her home on North Summer street, which the Hays have been occupying. . . Mr. and Mrs. Roy H. Mills will be moving later in the spring to their new home on South Winter street. . . With them will be their daughter and grandson, Mrs. Kenneth Hanson and Mrs. Charles, who are here until Corporal Hanson returns from Europe. . . in Salem for a short while. . .

BRIEF NOTES . . . Visiting Major and Mrs. Louis Schoel and daughter, Jeanne (who were here last week one day from Carmel where he is stationed nearby at Fort Ord. . . Gail looked her usual smart self in a grey tulle with matching hat and grey feather trim. . . Mrs. Melvin Goode of Albany has been here visiting a few days and was all smiles as she is expecting her navy lieutenant husband home soon from Hawaii. . . he has been away nearly two and a half years. . . She looked smart in a beige tulle, "blonnie girl" sailor, brown topper and brown felt. . . Two charming visitors in the capital this week. . . Mrs. Emil Sick and Mrs. William Mulligan of Seattle, who were guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Shepard. . . At the dinner the Shepards gave for their guests Tuesday night Mrs. Sick, an attractive brunette, wore a stunning black "5 o'clock dress" enhanced with designs of colored beads and a white dressy sailor. . . Mrs. Mulligan wore a smart black frock and hat. . . her only ornament a brilliant pin at the neck. . . Mr. E. M. Doud entrained Monday for Montgomery, Alabama to visit with his son-in-law and daughter, Lt. and Mrs. John Kolb (Genevieve Doud) and his grandsons, Patrick and Michael. Lt. Kolb was recently promoted to first lieutenant. . . Mrs. Harry H. Weinstein is in Portland this weekend visiting with her sister, Miss Bernice Hochfeld, who is a first class, WAVE, who is home on leave from Washington, DC.

Merten Program Is Today

Betty Jean Merten, Mezzo soprano, a pupil of Lena Belle Tartar will sing in recital this afternoon at 3:30 at the Roberts studio. Jewell Gueffroy will be her accompanist.

The following program will be given:
Spesso vibra per suo giobbe...Scarlatti
Plaisir d'amour...Martini
An die Nachtigall...Brahms
An die Veilchen...Brahms
Der Schmelz...Brahms
Nocturne F. Minor...Chopin
Fantasie impromptu...Chopin
The Little French Clock...Kountz
Into the Night...Edwards
Peek Clouds Away...McCullin
A Spirit Flower...Campbell-Tipton
Valse...Russell
The Bird of the Wilderness...Horemans
The Coming of Spring...Rachmaninoff

The AAUW afternoon literature group will meet on Wednesday at the home of Mrs. W. E. Kinsey, 940 North 15th street. The speaker will be Mrs. E. F. Carleton, who will review "Immortal Wife" by Irving Stone.



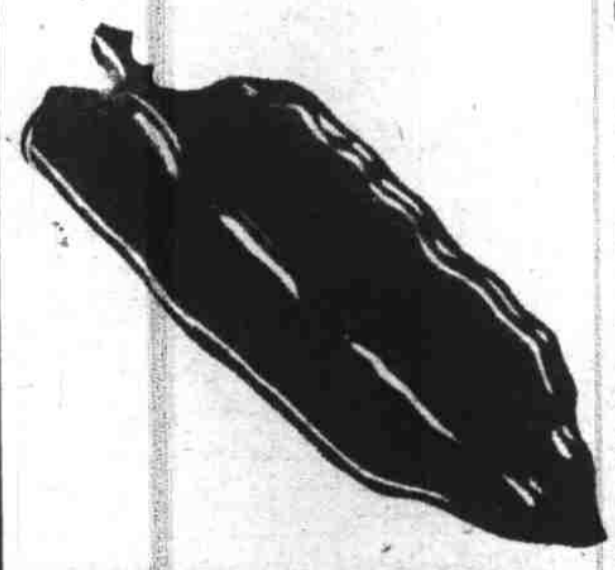
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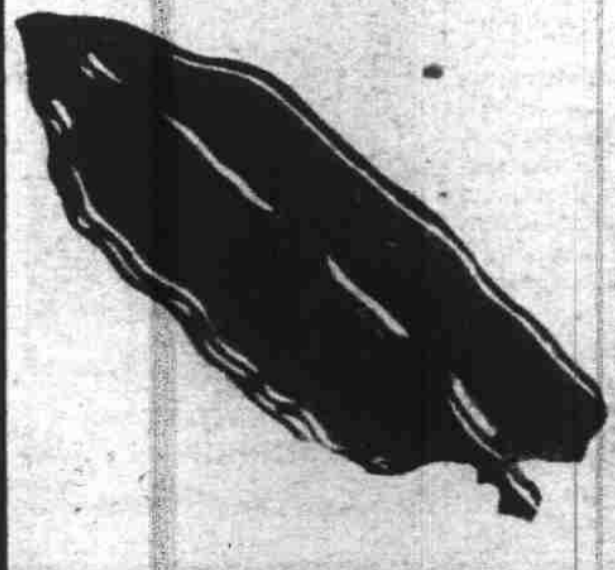
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