

Rehearsal Set For Musical

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Coie have been named by the Salem Business and Professional Women's club to manage the annual musical event of the group that is presented each spring under the direction of Mrs. Jessie Bush Mckelson. Announcement has been made that the first rehearsal of

the chorus will be held Monday night, January 5 at 8 o'clock at the Coie home, 875 South Liberty street.

Mr. and Mrs. Coie have taken an active part in music in Salem since coming to this city from Portland two years ago.

Mr. Coie, a baritone, is a graduate of the school of music at the University of Oregon and a member of Phi Mu Alpha. He was supervisor of music at Lakeview

and an instructor at Bend prior to entering the navy. He is now director of the choir at the First Baptist church. Mrs. Coie attended the McPhail School of Music in Minneapolis and appeared with a radio group in the midwest.

Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Manville and daughter, Margaret, of San Francisco who have been guests of their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Carruthers, 19th st., returned home Thursday. Manville is chief clerk for the Southern Pacific in San Francisco.

Gardening Today

This year, I hope, I am anticipating a little. Usually in mid-January, I receive questions on how to care for the Christmas poinsettias and then it is too late. It is important never to allow the temperature in the room where the poinsettias are kept, to drop below 50 degrees, and avoid draughts, as these two mistakes will tend to make the foliage drop. The retaining of the leaves is one of the attractive points in a well-grown poinsettia plant.



When flowering is over and the leaves begin to fall, the plant should be dried off and allowed to rest in a warm place for three or four months. Then it may be plunged outdoors over summer. Plants must receive full light at all times, excepting when they are resting.

The average modern house is kept too dry and too warm for the successful culture of native ferns, but many of the greenhouse ferns are from the south and will thrive in an atmosphere kept moist and the temperature between 50 and 80 degrees. In caring for the fern, remember it is not well to wet the leaves often. Water on the soil surface or by standing the pot in a bowl of water until saturated. But it is imperative to keep the plant from standing in water. Keep the outer surface of the pot free from scum and wash the leaves about once a month. Never let them dry in hot sun, and do not place them in direct sunlight.

Set Azaleas Out
The so-called Indian azaleas, as well as some of the Kurumes are frequently used as Christmas gifts. Usually in spring, these should be set out into the garden for future bloom. Much of the alleged tenderness of azaleas is due more to dryness in summer than winter cold. Remember that a mulch and some irrigation is needed during the summer or you will lose your azaleas. Acid soil is required and the azaleas need a little more light than the true rhododendron, but all do well in semi-shade. A sawdust, or peat moss or oak-leaf mulch will prove beneficial.

Do not plan to keep the hyacinth bulbs for further forcing. However, if the plant is treated correctly after it is through blooming it will do rather well in the garden. This means that water should not be given so plentifully after the blooming as during bloom, and as soon as possible set the bulb out of doors into the ground. You won't get any bloom the first spring, but you usually will the second, particularly if a little bonemeal has been scattered over the soil in the fall.

Those of you who have received or obtained, by yourselves, a lit-

tle evergreen tree which you hope to use again at some future Christmas, should give that tree the utmost care. If it is potted indoors this year, never for a minute let the roots dry out. Once the roots of an evergreen have become dry, your tree is gone. If you have planted it out of doors, I hope you planted it not more than an inch deeper than it was growing in the first place. It will be very necessary to keep the tree well watered during its first few summers and a mulch over the soil will also be beneficial.

Questions and Answers:
Mrs. W. W. H. of Cutler City writes to tell me (in response to my remarks on various mayflowers) that she had lived in Vermont for many years and the mayflowers there were hepaticas and not trailing arbutus which some easterners have known as mayflowers.

W. B. F. of Salem writes of his experience with naphthalene flakes and gladiolus in response to a request of J. D. D. a few weeks ago. "Last year," says W. B. F., "I had about 300 glad bulbs. I used 10 to 12 ounces on the bulbs and left them in the flakes until planting time this spring. After planting they were slow in coming up and about one-quarter of them never did sprout. Those that did were awful looking—some like corkscrews, others grew six to eight inches and then doubled back. Only a few had good blooms. In the spring, I purchased and planted more bulbs and these bloomed as glads should. I may be wrong, but I lay the failure of the bulbs I wintered to too much naphthalene flakes and this year I am using one ounce of flakes to 100 bulbs and will only leave them in the flakes 30 days." (Thanks, W. B. F.)

Mrs. T. R. T. (in reference to a holly article which recently appeared in The Oregon Statesman and in which the holly was referred to as the material from which was made the crown of Christ) writes that she has heard of a plant named "crown-of-thorns," and does not believe the holly was so used.

Ans.: In the holly article, the reference was made only as legendary in some areas. There is a "crown-of-thorns" plant, botanically known as Euphorbia splendens, but I believe its common name was given it because the plant's stems curve and are thickly covered with stout spines an inch or so long.

E. R. asks if the pepper-vine will grow here.

Ans.: I have never seen it here and the garden encyclopedias refer to it as tender and a native of Florida and Mexico.

Merry Christmas!

CLUB CALENDAR
SATURDAY
P. L. E. and F. club of Pythian Sisters. Christmas party with Mrs. Lillian Hixson, 179 North 25th street, 8 p.m.
TUESDAY
Sons of Union Veterans and auxiliary, with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Garrett, 2490 Garden Road. No host dinner, gift exchange.

Sunnyside Christmas Program to Be Tuesday

SUNNYSIDE—The annual Christmas program will be presented by Sunnyside school Tuesday, December 23 at 8 p.m.

Upper grade room, Mrs. Lorrie Walker directing, will present a play, "Christmas Comes to Grandpa" and the lower grades, Mrs. R. R. Green directing, will present "Rag Doll's Christmas eve." The entire community is invited.

North Santiam Women Hold Yule Time Party

NORTH SANTIAM—North Santiam Hom extension unit held its Christmas party at the Merle Cranes Thursday. Supper was served at 8 p.m.

Mrs. A. Ruby, Mrs. L. Scofield, and Mrs. Carl Bethell gave Christmas readings, and Mrs. Clarence Gavette read the Christmas story from the Bible.

Gifts were exchanged by the 22 members present.

Rosedale Christmas Program to Be Tuesday

ROSEDALE—The school's Christmas program will be presented Tuesday, December 23, at 8 p.m. at the school house.

The children's Christmas party will be December 24 when an exchange of gifts will be held.

The Christmas vacation will be from December 24 to January 6.

Mumps Attacks Two in Victor Point Area

VICTOR POINT—Floyd T. Fox and W. M. Tate are confined to their homes with mumps.

Mrs. W. H. Tate is a patient at the Salem General hospital.

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Valley Briefs

Aumsville—Two Christmas programs will be held here Tuesday night. The Aumsville firemen will have a program and treats from 6 to 7:45 and the Bethel church program will start at 8 o'clock.

Silverton—Born at the Silverton hospital, December 19, daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Eiden Mobley of Lyons, son to Mr. and Mrs. John Willis Goebel, jr., of Salem; December 18, daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Flopp of Salem.

Cloverdale—The school holiday program will be given Monday night, December 22 at the school house. Christmas vacation will extend from December 24 until January 5.

Silverton—S. A. Pitney, who has been with the police for the past two years has resigned, effective at once, and Lawrence Wright has been appointed to fill the vacancy, Chief of Police Victor Grossnickle has announced.

Unionvale—John Clow injured the two middle fingers of his right hand Tuesday while working with the U. S. Alderman wrapping attachment at the processing plant.

Bethel School Program To Be Held on Tuesday

BETHEL—Christmas entertainment for Bethel school will take place Tuesday, December 23 at 8 p.m. All are invited. No gift exchange will be held.

Mae Brown, teacher, and pupils will exchange gifts at a school party Wednesday afternoon, when school closes for the holidays. School reopens January 5.

Independence Families Are Holiday Time Hosts

INDEPENDENCE—Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Klassen were Mr. and Mrs. John Geisbrecht and family and Mr. and Mrs. John Klassen, Dallas, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Seavy, Albany.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Sohn last week were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bradway, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dodele, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Riba, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Thurston, and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ritchie.

Webfoot—Word has been received here from Bert Thompson, dated December 4 from Shannon, Ireland. He left McMinnville December 1 and spent one day in New York. He will visit his sister in Manchester, England.



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