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SOCIETY

MRS. GRACE E. ANDREWS, Editor
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Calendar of the Week

Saturday, Nov. 3—Civic Club Party, Civic Club House.

Monday, Nov. 5—Ashland Study Club, hostess Mrs. V. V. Mills.

Monday, Nov. 5—Royal Neighbors meet, Moose Hall. Initiation and social.

Tuesday, Nov. 6—Civic Club, 2:30 P. M. Club House.

Friday, Nov. 9—All day meeting, millinery class at Mrs. C. A. Brown's, Boulevard.

Merley Circle Entertained

Mrs. Albert Williams was hostess to the members of the Merley Circle, at her pleasant home on Vista street, Tuesday afternoon of this week. Mrs. Williams was assisted by Mrs. Lulu Williams, Mrs. Edwards and Mrs. Chapman.

This meeting was purely a social affair and the afternoon was spent in interesting games varied by selections of the Victrola and a delightful reading by Mrs. O. F. Carlson.

The decorations were in keeping with the Halloween spirit and were beautifully carried out.

Delightful refreshments were served by the hostesses at the close of the successful afternoon.

Special Meeting in Bellview

There will be a special meeting of the Upper Valley Community Club at Mrs. C. A. Brown's on the Boulevard about three miles east of town for those particularly interested in the making of hats.

It will be an all day meeting and Miss Grace Tiech, the County Demonstration Agent will be there. The ladies will bring their lunch as is their usual custom at these all day meetings.

All are expected to be on hand early, bringing their materials with them for the millinery class.

This is not the regular meeting of the club, but a special one for millinery. The regular meeting occurs the third Wednesday of each month, and the next one is held at the home of Mrs. Ed Gowland on the Boulevard, the twenty first of November.

Guild Meets Weekly

Trinity Guild is meeting every week now in preparation for the Bazaar that they are planning for the third Thursday in December which date occurs the twentieth of the month.

A full attendance of all the membership is desired as there is much to do in preparation for the event.

Usually their meetings are fortnightly but the change of program is to be noted and it is very important that every one come when possible.

Married

The marriage of Miss Corinne Robinson and Mr. Briggs Salisbury occurred at the Presbyterian Manse, Wednesday of this week at four P. M. the Rev. F. C. Koehler officiating.

They were attended by Miss Florence Marrett, a friend of the bride's. Miss Robinson is an Ashland girl, her parents living at 1089 Boulevard. She is a recent graduate of Ashland High, and has many friends who are interested in her happiness.

Mr. Salisbury is a contractor for road work and the young couple will make their home for the present in Marysville, California.

The good wishes of their friends are extended to them for their future happiness.

Entertained While in Ashland

Mrs. J. E. Peck has been the complimented guest of a number of her friends: a dinner guest at the Simpson's; the guest of the Provost's at the Harvest Home ball and many others, some of whose invitations she could not accept. Mrs. Peck has enjoyed meeting her old friends very much and regrets that her stay is so limited.

Her mother, Mrs. F. G. McWilliams having gained sufficiently to accompany her, Mrs. Peck, her little son Jimmie, with Mr. and Mrs. McWilliams will leave for Mrs. Peck's home in Southern California Friday of next week. Everyone is hoping that the change will be beneficial for Mrs. McWilliams.

An Informal Birthday Party

An informal birthday party occurred at the home of Miss Alice Gilmore on Iowa street last Sunday. The occasion being the celebration of Mrs. Gilmore's, Miss Edna Kennedy's, Miss Margaret Miller's and Miss Ermina Selby's birthdays.

The decorations were in true Halloween coloring and spirit, and the table and rooms looked bright and gay in their pretty arrangement.

The honor guests certainly enjoyed the happy occasion and will long remember this joint celebration.

Harvest Home Ball

The Harvest Home Ball, given by the Elks, was a very successful affair and those who attended, count it one of the most delightfully infor-

mal and jolliest parties that they have given.

The music, it goes without saying was all that could be desired, and to add to the enjoyment, the orchestra were costumed also, and gave many numbers that were, though unexpected, fully appreciated by those present.

The costumes of the guests afforded much amusement and some were quite unique. Mr. Bently and Mrs. Elwood Hedberg were awarded the first honors for appropriate and unusual costumes.

The banquet, accompanying this so happy affair, was a very elaborate one and one to which the guests did full justice.

Club Have Theatre Party

The Club made up of business girls, had a very delightful dinner party Friday night, followed by a theatre party at which, "The Enemies of Women" was the attraction.

The dinner was served at the Plaza, and was truly an enjoyable affair. Not alone the menu was satisfactory, but the camaraderie of the merry little company was very evident.

This group of young women have surely the happiest times together and their association has been of many years standing.

Hallow'en Party

A most delightful Hallow'en party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Beagle, the evening of Hallow'en.

The rooms were beautifully decorated in the Hallow'en colors and carried out the thought of the season most appropriately.

The games were those suited to the occasion, and for the fortunate ones who were victors, suitable prizes were awarded.

The refreshments were in keeping and were very delicious, and to which the guests did ample justice.

About twenty-two relatives and friends made up the guest list, and who voiced, on goodnights being said, their enjoyment of this delightful evening.

Guests at Dinner

Mrs. Acklin and Mr. Everett Acklin were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rose, at Hillcrest, their beautiful home, on Terrace street, Sunday.

The dinner was a very elaborate one, duck, that delicious bird, being the piece de resistance and it was all the delicacies of the season.

The evening was spent in a most delightful visit with host and hostess.

Fellowship Luncheon and Banquet

Two very pleasant features of the Convention Thursday were the Fellowship Luncheon at Hotel Ashland and the Banquet in the evening at the Baptist church.

At the former the conference began, just before the closing of the forenoon session was continued at the luncheon under the leadership of Dr. Van Nuys, and proved of keen interest to those present.

The banquet at six o'clock Thursday evening was held in the dining room of the Baptist church and the guests comprised the delegates, the Sunday school workers from the different churches, and the distinguished visitors.

Four long tables were laid, as well as smaller ones, and all were filled.

The banquet was given by the ladies of the different churches and was a triumph of culinary skill.

This proved a very happy feature of the session and seemed most thoroughly appreciated by those privileged to be present.

Guest Departs

Mrs. Alfred Haggerth, who has been a guest at the Convalescent Home for the past four months, left Thursday for Grants Pass. From Grants Pass, she will go to Southern California for the winter. Mrs. Haggerth is a charming young woman and made many friends here.

Convention Visitors

Mr. and Mrs. C. Hartley of Phoenix were here for a part of the convention. Dr. and Mrs. Webster of Phoenix and Rev. and Mrs. Angel of Phoenix were among other convention delegates.

Here This Week

Mrs. Mary Brown of Grants Pass is a visitor at the home of Mrs. Ida Neil and Miss Anna Hargrove for a few days.

To Attend Homecoming

Fred Taylor and Mrs. Mina Minard departed Friday morning in the Taylor machine for Coravillis where they will attend the annual Homecoming festivities. Mr. Taylor is a graduate of O. A. C. and will come home with many interesting tales to relate. E. N. "Candy" Butler, is in charge of the Plaza during the relief of Mr. Taylor.

OIL SITUATION AND ITS REMEDY

Outlook Magazine Presents Article of Interest on Future of Shale Oil.

is of Particular Interest in View Shale Oil Development Near Ashland.

(By Judge C. B. Watson)

A recent article in the Outlook Magazine by an unquestionably competent author discusses the oil situation and finds the remedy for the rapidly disappearing supply from the great bodies of oil shale found in many parts of this country. He says:

"It may be a fact, and it may be nothing but a scare, but the United States Geological Survey, backed by the Bureau of mines, reports that there are only 9 billion barrels of crude oil now remaining in the ground in this country 'recoverable by the present production methods'. Since this report came from government scarehead lines, we must take the statement as we find it. \* \* \*

"But 'scare, guess, or fact, the statement comes to us from competent disinterested authority.'"

He then proceeds with facts and figures, as follows: "each year since 1916 the people of the United States have been consuming more petroleum than their wells have been producing, and have been making up the deficiency with imports, very largely from Mexico. In 1916 we produced 301 million barrels, consumed 319 million, and imported 21 million. This has continued in constantly increasing quantity year by year, 1922 saw a production of 551 million barrels, a consumption of 586 million and an import of 135 million barrels. \* \* \*"

The shortage in production and increase in consumption accompanied by increased importation is continuing at a rapidly increasing ratio, until we have an assurance from interested expert authority in the realm of oil producers that the situation is growing dangerously critical. Production and consumption has steadily increased since 1916 but each succeeding year has shown consumption is gaining on production by added millions each year which is measured by the increase of imports.

Rely on Shale Deposits

The steady increase in the demand followed by an increased ratio in production has prompted the large oil interests to hedge against the inevitable by purchasing up all the available fields of oil shale within reach, for in that source they see the only possible solution of the world's greatest problem. This fact alone indicates the nearness of that time when the mechanical distillation of oil from shale must supplant nature's methods which are evidenced from the pumping from diminishing pools thousands of feet below the surface. The writer continues:

Consumption Exceeds Production

"The total annual world production of oil outside the United States is only about 300 million barrels—less than we consume each year,—and by far the larger portion of this comes from Mexico, whose wells are known to be on the decline. All other countries together do not now produce 'at current methods' enough oil in a whole year to satisfy Uncle Sam's gargantuan appetite for two months."

Thousands of men are now working on this great problem including the U. S. Geological Survey, the American Mining Congress and Bureau of mines and believe the solution rests in the great shale beds of the nation and that we do

not need to rely on foreign countries for our supply. The value of these beds to meet the emergency has already been demonstrated and only methods of operation are to be perfected to bring the desired results. These experimental operations are now going with feverish interest in hundreds of places and Yankee intelligence and effort will soon see the dark fluid pouring from thousands of retorts and the nation's pulse on the oil question dropping to normal.

Hartman Syndicate a Pioneer

It is strange that the oil-shale beds of Oregon have not been known to the United States Geological Department until their existence was called to attention by the development work of the Hartman Syndicate and now it is rapidly coming to their attention with stunning effect that these beds are the richest of any that are shown on the records. It looks also that the last discovered will be the first developed and that Ashland, though in Oregon, will be the pioneer in this world-startling enterprise. The great Hartman retort will be in place at the shale before the end of the year and their multiplication go on with all practical rapidity. The persistent push and confidence, under the greatest handicaps constantly maintained by H. W. Hartman ought to make his name one to conjure with.



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