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Bazaar Was A Decided Success

(Contributed)

The bazaar of the club, a comparatively new organization, was the first adventure of large proportions ever undertaken by the ladies and its splendid success demonstrates, beyond a doubt, something of the unique ability and capacity of this group of some 40 women, and gives them courage to attempt even larger, bigger things in the future.

As an affiliate of the Country Gentlewoman's league, which sponsors rural clubs and offers many services and privileges to the same, furnishing splendid plays and dramas for free use the club will probably soon be attempting some worthwhile dramatic efforts to further enhance their treasury, which the bazaar has now increased some \$250. This success was due not alone to the activities of the members for the last four months but as well to the generous, loyal support of friends and business men and women of both Illinois Valley and Grants Pass, as well as to many of the absent members and distant friends, even as far away as New York and Honolulu.

The bazaar was so very well organized with committees responsible for every minutest detail of the day that the general chairman, Mrs. William A. Brown, had little left to do but to look proudly on and see the ladies put it over. Such an affair is always a valuable revelation and shows unmistakably the shirkers, the jerkers and the workers, and of the latter the club has a very large percentage, indeed.

Owing to the difficulties of serving an elaborate banquet to such a large group of people it was decided to limit the number to 150, but the crowds were so large that there were 230 served before the doors were closed. Mrs. H. H. Wilson with her efficient committee and well chosen waitresses together with the genial dinner hostess, Mrs. Robert Balzke and her assistants, and Mrs. Blake Miller, the treasurer, did themselves proud.

Before the opening hour of the bazaar ladies were arriving to take advantage of the early bargains. Two awards were announced: first for the most attractive booth, which the Judges gave to the White Elephant booth, Mrs. Earl Boyd, chairman; and second, to the booth having the largest amount of sales, this went to the fancy work and utilities booth, Mrs. H. H. Morris, chairman. Had the tea room been included in the awards it might have tied with the first prize winner, Mrs. Phil Patrick and her assistants having spared no pains to make it most alluring, and as a result reached their coveted goal for China relief.

All the special features and booths were attractive, foods and sweets, dolls and baby booth, the grab-apple tree for the kiddies, and the two charming ladies, Mrs. Dew with her 100 pockets and Mrs. E. N. Cooke as the fortune teller.

Were space available the club would like to print in detail the names of all other donors aside from those who contributed foods.

COMING EVENTS

Friday, December 5—Grants Pass Library Auditorium, talk and pictures by J. G. Bacher of Portland, under auspices of Grants Pass Garden club.

Saturday, December 6 — Elks' Smoker in Grants Pass. Public invited.

Tuesday, December 9 — H. E. U. meeting at the home of Mrs. A. A. Johnson. Annual gift exchange will be held. Those attending bring wrapped gift, gift not to exceed 25c.

Friday, December 12 — Garden club annual Christmas party and gift exchange, Lone Mt. Valley Resort.

KERBY HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

By Elva Messenger

A very instructive and entertaining puppet show was given at the high school last Monday, for both the grade school and high school students. The program, on the subject of "Good Teeth", was sponsored by the State Health association.

Eugene Bowman, a representative of the Curtis Publishing company, visited the high school Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Bowman offered Kerby high the opportunity to earn some money for the student body treasurer by selling subscriptions to the Curtis publications. The pupils were divided into two teams. The juniors and sophomores shall compete against the freshmen and seniors. Each team has two captains, each of whom is the president of his respective class. Every student shall participate in the project and 200000 200000 200000 200000 200000 magazines are Saturday Evening Post, Ladies Home Journal, Jack and Jill and Country Gentleman. Don't be too much surprised if some student with a high pressure sales talk raps at your door in the near future.

Visitors at school during the past week were alumni: George Baldwin, Bob Smith, Wendell Lee and Ray Bergman.

Miss Bailey, girls athletic instructor, has chosen this year's varsity volleyball team. Those who made the team were Dennis Sauer, Betty Strong, Peggy Haberman, Charlene Miller, Mae Webb, Norma McCrady, Doris Jones, Lois Taylor, Heidi Sachse and Florence Loofer. Two of these girls will be placed as substitutes, but nothing definite as yet.

The honor roll for Kerby high for the past six-weeks period, ending November 28, 1941 is:

SENIORS

Heide Sachse	1.0
Doris Jones	1.0
Louise Hammer	1.25
Helen Halm	1.5
Beatrice Marchant	1.5

JUNIORS

Barbara Byrne	1.0
Jim Baldwin	1.25
Joyce Payne	1.4
Bob Wendt	1.4
Maxine Allen	1.5

SOPHOMORES

Alice Smith	1.0
Charlene Miller	1.25
Yvonne Payne	1.25
Donnis Sauer	1.5

FRESHMEN

Allene Brewer	1.0
Walter Goldsby	1.5
Rosemary Sachse	1.5

Women Meet at Vernon Home

The December meeting of the Cave Junction Women's club was held at the home of Mrs. H. C. Vernon last Tuesday. Attendance was very good for that stormy day. A delicious potluck luncheon was served.

It was decided that the library would be open only on Saturdays during the busy holiday season, so for the coming month and possibly next month the library, which is in the Auxiliary meeting room, will be open to the public on Saturdays from 2:30 to 4:30.

Mrs. W. O. Burch displayed a fine amount of completed work for the Red Cross, in which other organizations had participated. Followed games and an exchange of gifts.

The January meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Elwood Hussey, January 6.

These having been given recognition on the menu cards furnished with the dinner, together with the lovely individual boutonnieres made by Mrs. Nellie Wilbur.

To the American Legion who so graciously furnished the hall, and to the auxiliary ladies for use of their kitchen and to every single one who gave support and assistance in any particular the club offers its sincerest thanks.

Gilbert Gable, 49th State Leader, Dies

Coming as a complete shock to many in the valley who had just heard Gilbert Gable talk in Cave Junction last Friday night, was the news Tuesday that he had passed away that morning from an attack of acute indigestion.

Many newspapers of the west had made front page news of Gable's secession plans, and all of them have printed lengthy articles of his career since his passing, but from the San Francisco Chronicle we publish the following by Stanton Delaplaine, perhaps the last newspaperman to interview him.

Gilbert Gable, Mayor of Port Orford, Oregon, died yesterday morning and he left a great idea unfinished.

He had built the 49th State of Jefferson into national prominence.

I think he was a man whose historical importance was yet to come. If Gilbert Gable's dreams had come to fruition, a new area of the West would have been opened.

I suppose I was the last newspaperman to interview him — a friendly, warm talk in a redwood cabin while the Oregon skies poured dark rain into the pine-

covered hills.

Gable was the spark plug of the State of Jefferson, that amazing secession movement of five border counties who thought their rich mineral and timber lands were being neglected by the parent states of Oregon and California.

Gable was never what he claimed to be: "A hick Mayor of a Western Coast town." He was a smooth, cosmopolitan product with clothes cut by a New York tailor and an acquaintance list built up from 11 years as a public relations man for Bell Telephone Company in Philadelphia.

For the dramatics of it, he liked to pose as just a small town mayor.

Gable probably knew that his 49th State and secession movement would never be accomplished. But he knew the weakness of state legislatures, the pin pricks of adverse publicity, and he used them neatly.

But death beat him to the knockout punch.

Club Entertained Tuesday Afternoon

Mrs. Sam Bunch entertained Tuesday afternoon at her attractive home in Bridgeview, members of her bridge club and guests, at a dessert luncheon and afternoon of bridge.

High score was won by Mrs. H. O. Smith; second, Mrs. M. C. Athey; low, Mrs. R. S. Leonard. Mrs. Smith was also awarded the traveling prize.

IT MAKES SENSE

DON'T BE A STOOGE FOR HITLER

By Henry I. Harriman

Don't be deceived. Hitler has eyes in the United States which read everything that is printed in the nation's newspapers and magazines. Hitler has ears in the United States which listen to what Americans are saying. The eyes report to Berlin on what they read. The ears send back what they hear.

But they don't send to Berlin—either the eyes or the ears—all that they see or hear. Hitler and his bloody-handed fellow gangsters have no interest in reports that America is prosperous or that America is brave. His agents, it may be safely assumed, wasted no cable tolls to report that thousands of Americans volunteered to pay taxes for defense last March although the law did not require them to do so. They were smart enough not to tell their master that countless Americans mailed in a five or ten dollar bill with a note saying, "Use this to lick Hitler."

They sent plenty of cables, just the same. They quoted editorials which said that the United States would crack under the strain of the mounting debt. They quoted public speakers who said that Congress was bungling the job of arming America, that the production program was far behind schedule, that efficiency was intolerable to the Roosevelt Administration, that thousands of soldiers in the nation's new armies were meditating desertion because of frightful conditions in the camps.

These reports were cabled to Hitler by his myriad eyes in the United States. Der Fuehrer's eyes were also alert. They heard, perhaps, two business men at lunch. Their conversation was about as follows:

"You know, Joe, it's all a matter of favoritism down there in Washington."

"I'll say it is, Bill. Know the right people and you get the contracts. The Administration is out to crush business, anyway; particularly little business."

Maybe they listened to two lawyers in the club car of a limited bound for Chicago. They were prosperous lawyers, plump and well fed and they thoughtfully sipped cocktails before dining.

"The trouble is with Congress," said the first lawyer. "Congress is a collection of fools and knaves. Why I know it for a fact that out one member of the House in a hundred is on the level."

"You never said a truer word, John, they're just out for them-

selves, every man down there. And the Senate isn't much better."

Possibly Hitler's ears in this country heard two ladies shopping for furs in a Fifth Avenue shop. They were handsome ladies, if a trifle squeezed into their expensive dresses. One of them was buying a coat.

"At any time but this I wouldn't dream of paying so much," she said. "But my husband tells me I might as well, that inflation will be here in a few months and that money won't be worth anything at all."

"That's what my husband says," declared the second lady. "I wanted to buy a diamond necklace, but he feels that he has to scrape together every possible dime for taxes and that he won't be able to pay them anyway. What's to become of us, my dear?"

Reports of such printed material and conversations are cabled nightly to Hitler and his aides and nightly they are cheered by this added certainty, that loathed and detested America is merely a decadent democracy. The reports are garbled, of course, for that is part of the Nazi technique. The reports cabled to Hitler say that unrest is rife among the civilians and soldiers of the United States, that taxes are crushing, that Americans have no faith in their Congress, that the economic structure is tottering, that inflation is so greatly feared that virtual panic has gripped the buying public. In due course, naturally, these reports are broadcast to the German people.

Don't be a stooge for Hitler. But in this there is not a hint or implication that you have no right to criticize the government. When the right of criticism dies, democracy dies, too. The point is to know your facts. It is a preposterous falsehood to intimate that more than a microscopic fraction of the members of Congress are dishonest. It is a fantastic exaggeration to say that ruinous inflation or crushing taxes lie ahead. It is a slur and a slander on the young men of the armies to predict that more than an occasional sorehead will desert.

Criticize as much as you like. Study the grave issues, domestic and foreign, with which the Administration and Congress must wrestle. But know your facts. Don't spread distorted half-truths which Hitler can twist into lies. Let's have all of his stooges in Berlin, not here.

Kerby News Notes of General Interest

(By Ed Dailey)

Hurley Wilson and George Bour made a trip to the Frog Pond last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Elroy were in Grants Pass transacting business last Saturday.

Blake Miller of Cave Junction was a business caller in Kerby the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Adams came in from their mine last Saturday and will spend a few days at home in Kerby. They came out for supplies to take to the mine.

County Treasurer Lincoln Savage and Mrs. Savage were Sunday visitors of Mrs. Clara Magill at Clara's Bungalow Coffee shop. Mr. Savage is Mrs. Magill's brother.

Cubbe Wilson had the misfortune while playing at school, to fracture his collar bone last week. He is at home gradually improving.

Maurice Sauer and George Bour transacted business in Grants Pass last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker of Long Beach, Calif., were visiting a few days at the home of M. and Mrs. A. Borling of Reeves Creek ranch. Mrs. Walker is a niece of Mr. Borling.

Knute Lindgren of Kumfy Kamp dining room was a business visitor in Kerby last week end.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING HELPS STUDENT FUND

At a meeting of the school board of Kerby high school last Monday evening, the board authorized an expenditure to match a fund from the student body, to purchase an Ampro projector moving picture machine with sound equipment for school purposes. The machine was ordered, but no definite date given for its delivery.

Eugene Brown, director from O'Brien, handed in his resignation as a member of the board, giving as his reason that he was moving from the district and would make his home in Crescent City. The resignation was accepted, but no appointment will be made until the January meeting of the board.

DINNER PARTY AT FLOYDS

Last Thursday evening Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Floyd were hosts at their home in Holland when they entertained at a dinner party.

The evening was spent playing pinochle with high score going to Mr. and Mrs. Lew Holland, low score was won by Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Martin and the traveling prize went to Mrs. K. C. Hamilton. The guests were, Mr. and Mrs. Lew Holland, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bears, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Villair and the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Harry R. Floyd.

EUGENE W. BUCKMINSTER

Funeral services were held last Sunday in Grants Pass for Eugene W. Buckminster, who passed away last Friday, November 28th at the home of his sister, Mrs. F. F. Hibbard.

Mr. Buckminster was 82 years old at his passing and has been seriously ill for several months at the Hibbard home.

Surviving are his widow, Eva Buckminster; two daughters, Mrs. H. C. Fessler of Raton, N. M., and Mrs. B. Mays of Stockton, California; two sisters, Mrs. Lillie Bates of Red Bluff, California, and Mrs. F. F. Hibbard of Cave Junction, one brother, Walter, living in Florida and another brother Henry of Oklahoma.

Harold Bowerman made a trip to Grants Pass this week.

Garden Club Members Hear Flory

The Illinois Valley Garden club holds its November meeting Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Harry O. Smith on Caves highway, with Mrs. H. R. Floyd, president, presiding. Reports and minutes were read by Mrs. J. J. Villair, secretary.

Guest speaker was R. C. Flory of Flory's Nursery in Grants Pass, who gave an interesting talk and demonstration on shrubs, pruning of shrubs and fruit trees.

Plans were discussed to open a garden center at the News office about January 1st, where garden library books and magazines will be available to club members. Mrs. Bert Watkins gave a talk on "House Plants and Care." A flower arrangement of red chrysanthemums was displayed by Mrs. E. J. Wilbur.

Wednesday afternoon a committee met with Mrs. Gladys King to formulate and discuss plans for holding the Annual Christmas party, charity benefit tea and gift exchange, which will be held Friday, December 12th, at the Lone Mt. Valley Resort. Mrs. R. S. Leonard, Mrs. M. C. Athey and Mrs. Chris Wendt will be in charge of the tree and gift exchange.

On Friday evening, December 5, at the library auditorium in Grants Pass, Mr. J. G. Bacher of Swiss Floral company of Portland, will talk on camellias, their care and growth. He will also show pictures of the famous Kew Gardens in London, the world's horticultural center, being the greatest institution of its kind anywhere and in existence since the 16th century. Club members and the public are invited to attend this evening's program. To defray expenses a small fee will be charged.

Visitors present were Mrs. L. G. Gentner, president of the Medford Garden club, Mrs. C. L. Goff, Mrs. Sadie Nichol and Mrs. R. W. Johnson, all of Medford and Mrs. C. G. Hockett of O'Brien.

At the close of the meeting the hostesses, Mrs. C. G. Morris, Mrs. John W. Smith, Mrs. James Payne and Mrs. W. F. Darger served refreshments.

WHAT THE LEGION AUXILIARY IS DOING

At the meeting Wednesday the unit assisted the Post to entertain District Commander Victor Mercelli with a late lunch. He had high praises for the work the unit does.

The Post and Unit recently gave a farewell party for three boys who left to join the navy, with about 40 present. The boys honored were Buster Branham, Robert and Herbert White.

The "hope chest" to be sold just before Christmas will soon be displayed at Martin's hardware. Chest packed with blankets, spread, pillow slips and other articles, each article worth several times the price of a ticket. Further information can be had from any Auxiliary member.

A large supply of used clothing and shoes is on hand and anyone is welcome to them by calling the first or third Wednesday at the Auxiliary kitchen. More used clothing can be used for child welfare and carpet rags. Donations gratefully received at the kitchen on sewing days.

The series of card parties are in full swing and grand prizes will be on display during the next one to be held, Saturday, December 13.

Four former members are back in the unit: Donnis Sauer, a Junior; Beatrice Brown, Zenna Jennings and Carolyn Sauer, also a new member, Mrs. W. O. Burch.

There will be no social at the next meeting, December 17. Instead there will be a short business meeting and later all will attend the P. T. A. show at the Cave City theater.