

Returned Peace Corps Volunteer Tells Club Of Service in India

Miss Bonnie Zimmerman of Hermiston, recently returned Peace Corps volunteer from two years service in India, was special guest of the Soroptimist club at its luncheon meeting last Thursday noon. Miss Zimmerman was accompanied by her grandmother, Mrs. Orian Wright of Heppner.

Other guests of the day were Mrs. Wallace Wolff and three Heppner High school senior girls, Gale Malcom, Teenie Moore and Marty Boyajian.

Miss Zimmerman gave a very informative talk of her Peace Corps work with the middle class of Indian people, accompanying her talk with descriptive colored slides of the people, their customs, and ways of life. Her first year was spent living in the villages, helping the common class of people learn more of the modern ways of poultry raising. "I found that this was not so well accepted at first, however," she remarked, "because I was a woman working with men, and women there are shunned and little respected, except as common laborers."

Her second year was devoted to teaching the newer ideas of food preservation, finding the dehydration or sun drying of foods of special interest and applicable to their way of life.

Machines are still very lacking in India, with all work done by hand, and mostly by the women. Everyone has his own job, according to which of the four castes he belongs, she pointed out. Animals are still sacred, and the Brahma bulls are allowed to roam freely throughout the countryside. Diseases are prevalent because of their crude way of life, and with no sewage systems, and the only pasteurization plant in East India is found in Calcutta. Shortage of firewood throughout the country presents serious problems, also, and transportation is found difficult especially in the large towns. Miss Zimmerman found railroads, however, quite well developed.

Miss Zimmerman went to India, after three months Peace Corps training, along with three young married couples, 30 boys and four single girls. They found their experiences there very challenging.

Bonnie has applied for work in the South American countries as a representative with the Ball Canning Company, working in the field of demonstrating new processes in food preservation. She expects to receive definite word on the application later this month.

Dinner to Precede Next Legion Meeting

Several items of important business will be under discussion at the March meeting of the American Legion and Auxiliary on Monday evening, March 6. Members will meet for a potluck dinner at 7 p.m. Drawings for door prizes at the dinner add extra excitement. All members are urged to be present.

Following the dinner, Legion members will make further plans for their dance, scheduled for Saturday, March 11.

Plans of the Auxiliary are to have the linen chest filled by the night of the dance, so that it can be given away that night. Those still desiring tickets may get them at Case Furniture store, or from Auxiliary members. Plans for an Easter bake sale will also be discussed, according to Mrs. Frank Hamlin, president.

SOCIETY



MISS GINNYLOU TURNER

Turners Announce Daughter's Betrothal

Mr. and Mrs. Don Turner are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Virginia Lou, to Douglas Burpee of Bloomfield Hills, Mich., son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Burpee.

Miss Turner is a junior in education at the University of Oregon, and a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. Mr. Burpee was graduated last June from the University, majoring in business administration, and is a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity. He is presently employed with General Motors in Detroit, Mich., and is scheduled to complete Marine Officers' flight training in June.

The couple is planning a June wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Struckmeier visited their son Dick at Northwest Christian College in Eugene during Parents' week-end, February 18 and 19. They stopped en route to visit their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Weiler and family, in McMinnville. The Struckmeiers returned home by way of the Clear Lake cutoff and the McKenzie highway and recommend the trip for its scenic beauty.

Queen and King Rule Over Gay Festivities Of Sweetheart's Ball

Verina French and Bob Harris were crowned Queen and King of the Sweetheart's Ball Saturday, February 27. Each received gifts, presented by Alfred Drake and Teresa Harshman. Others on the court were Carol Rawlins, Jill Schmidt, Donna Potter, Kay Daggett, Allyn Witherrite, Stan Rauch, Steve Wagenblast and Mike Allsup.

A good-sized crowd attended the ball which was held in the high school cafeteria. Invitations were extended to Ione, Riverside and Condon High schools. Most of the out-of-town guests present came from Ione High.

Members of the FHA and FFA had decorated the room with red, pink and white decorations. A fountain at the back of the room was surrounded by individual tables covered with red, white and pink paper. Other decorations consisted of a sweetheart's tree, red hearts, and a false partition of crepe paper at the far end of the room.

Music was provided by the Morning Reign of Salem, who played as many slow songs as fast numbers for the semi-formal dance.

FHA president Jill Schmidt expressed thanks to the chaperones for their help, and to all the students who attended.

Three Are Honored At Birthday Dinner

Mrs. Richard Clark, Mrs. Bob Hager and Mrs. Harold Erwin were honored at a family birthday dinner on Sunday, February 19, in the Wagon Wheel banquet room. Mrs. Hager and Mrs. Erwin served special birthday cakes for the occasion.

Those gathered for the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hager and Jan, Mrs. Emma Hager, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hager, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Erwin and Mrs. Richard Clark.

Assembly Initiates Two New Members; Plans 'Dark Night'

Ruth Assembly No. 50, Order of Rainbow for Girls met Monday, February 20, in the Masonic Hall. Members had the pleasure of initiating two new girls Marie Van Marter and Michelle Larkin. Present for the occasion were Marie's mother, aunt and grandmother all members of Ruth Chapter, No. 32, Order of the Eastern Star.

Next regular meeting date of Ruth Assembly, March 6, will be a "Dark Night" at which time all members who are able to do so will travel to Condon to be guests of girls of the Condon Assembly.

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Gribble were in Salem last week-end from Friday until Sunday visiting with his uncle, Stubby Mills and family.

Lowell Gribble attended a weed control meeting on Monday, February 27, in Salem.

Visitors at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Dirk Rinehart over the past week-end were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Stern of Moses Lake, Wash. The Sterns and Rineharts became friends when both men were in the armed forces in Texas.



MISS KATHI HYSKELL

Miss Hyskell to Wed Hank Pointer in June

Mrs. Margaret Hyskell of Hood River has recently announced the engagement of her daughter, Kathi, to Hank Pointer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Pointer of Lexington.

Miss Hyskell attended Hood River High school and Oregon State University. She is presently employed in Portland by Horace Mann Insurance Group. Mr. Pointer attended school in

Civic League Seeks Kindergarten Teacher

Heppner Civic League met in a regular session Monday, February 20 in the kindergarten room at Heppner Elementary

school. Lexington and was a 1965 graduate of the University of Portland. He is presently employed in Salem.

A June wedding is being planned by the couple.

Main item under discussion was the hiring of a new kindergarten teacher for next fall to replace Mrs. Elmer Schmidt who is moving to Hermiston. It was agreed to try to find a certified elementary teacher who would be willing to teach both classes of kindergarten. Mrs. Lyle Jensen and Mrs. Roy Davis will be co-chairmen of the spring rummage sale with the date and place still undecided.

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