

Week's Happenings in Medford Society

The Wednesday Bridge Club met Friday at the home of Mrs. John Harnburg on West Tenth street and reorganized for the season. There are twelve members.

The Medford Dancing Club, a congenial coterie of married couples, was organized this week. The first meeting was held Monday evening in the small hall at the Natatorium about thirty being present. The club list already numbers about fifty and Mr. R. F. Antle, 37 North Peach street, is the treasurer.

Thursday, October 19, being the birthday of Mr. E. G. Trowbridge, a number of his friends gave him a surprise by dropping to spend the evening. Five hundred was played and supper served. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Houch, Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien, Mr. and Mrs. Antle, Mr. and Mrs. Pardin.

Mrs. H. A. Gray, Jr., gave a bridge luncheon Wednesday at her beautiful rural home in honor of Miss Mary Johnston and Miss Florence Folger who are leaving soon for their former home in Akron, Ohio. Three tables of Auction Bridge were played.

One of the most largely attended affairs of the week was the harvest banquet given by the two adult classes of the Methodist Episcopal Sunday school in the parlors of the church Tuesday night, the members of the Philothea being guests. The men's class, Mr. Steep, teacher, number over one hundred members, while the ladies' class with Steep, as teacher, also has a flattering large membership; Miss Mae Phipps is president of the Philothea, an organization of young ladies whose object is systematic bible study in connection with social church life. These three organizations form an enthusiastic body of Sunday school workers around which the Sunday school superintendent, Clarence Meeker, is building a strong school. Tuesday evening the decorations were autumn foliage and fruits and a pleasing musical program was rendered by Mr. Hoy, Mrs. Van Scoyoc and Miss Marion Shannon, assisted by the Sunday school orchestra.

A pleasant gathering of the members of the younger set took place Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Bliton, 618 West Main street, where their daughter, Miss Mildred entertained. Ice cream in apple cups, and cake were served and the following nests were present: Misses Frances York, Lucile York, Ruth Wolfe, Ethel Gray, Helen Lawton, Lorraine Lawton, Ruth Warner, Esther Warner, Jean Budge, Helen Parucher and Vera Olmstead.

Among the many activities planned by the Brotherhood of the M. E. church is a Halloween supper, the exact date of which has not been set.

The Ladies' Guild of St. Mark's

Episcopal church met in the Guild rooms Thursday afternoon and made plans for a social and program to be given in the near future. One feature of the program will be an aria from "Rigoletto," sung by Mrs. Geo. Andrews.

Temple Hall was artistically decorated Wednesday night with a profusion of laurel berries, autumn leaves and chrysanthemums, for the banquet and social given for the Pythian Sisters by a special committee of the order. Mrs. Roscoe Johnson gave character recitations in pleasing style and Misses Lora Flynn and Lorraine Bliton gave instrumental selections on the violin and piano. Music for dancing was furnished by Misses Aitkin and Butler.

Mrs. E. N. Warner and Mrs. Derr were hostesses Tuesday afternoon to the Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian church. About twenty ladies were present. Mr. Daniels and Mrs. Shields will entertain at the next meeting.

One of the most potent factors for literary culture and social relaxation among Medford ladies is the Wednesday Study Club which, under the presidency of Mrs. E. B. Pickel, is entering upon its seventh year's work. The membership is limited to twenty-five and a resume of the programs show the club to be in touch with a wide range of subjects covering literature, history, music, art and current topics. The topic Wednesday afternoon, when Mrs. William Colvig, 8 South Laurel street was hostess, was Italy. Mrs. Rebee and Mrs. Neff, both of whom have travelled and studied in Europe, gave delightfully interesting papers in Italian life, breaking away from the traditional "sunny skies" and art interest and dealing with the life of the Italian peasant and the economic conditions of which he is a part. The members respond to roll call with items of current interest and light refreshment were served.

Mrs. H. P. Hargrave and Mrs. H. E. Morrison who have been enjoying a four months' trip east, are expected home next week. At present they are in Winnipeg with relatives.

The concert at the Medford theater Tuesday evening by Beatrice Dierke, the pianist, brought out a representative audience of Medford's music lovers, many of whom are personally acquainted with Mrs. Dierke and know that her art never disappoints. Whether on the concert platform, in her own home, or playing informally at the homes of her friends, Mrs. Dierke plays with a concentration of mental force that at once reveals the secret of her power over her audience as well as her ability to memorize and interpret a repertoire embracing as it does the representative works of the classic, romantic and modern schools. Responding to two encores she gave the Eminir waltz (Chopin) and Le Cynge, (Saint Saens.) This is Mrs. Dierke's first visit to Medford and she was wildly enthusiastic in her praise of the beautiful hotel, gorgeous autumnal weather and exceptional scenery.

Princess Victoria Louise Who is Seriously Ill



PRINCESS VICTORIA LOUISE OF PRUSSIA FROM A RECENT PAINTING.

BERLIN, Oct. 21.—Grave fears are expressed here for the recovery of the Princess Victoria Louise, the eldest daughter of Emperor William. She has been confined to her room for several weeks, with an attack of pneumonia.

while the miles of paving, the cultured homes and general air of prosperity of the citizens were all topics of surprised comment. Mrs. George Andrews, dramatic baritone, in his rendition of "The Toreador Song" from Carmen and the "Recitative" preceding the "Pilgrim's Chorus" from Tannhauser shared the honors of the evening. His encore was "Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep," which displayed the low notes of the chest register to fine advantage and made a decided hit with the audience. The Apollo male quartette did satisfactory work in their number, the balance of voices is good and the interpretation adequate. They are expected to do fine work through the season.

The ladies of the Greater Medford Club are planning a general reception to the ladies of the town next Wednesday afternoon at St. Marks hall. A musical program will be rendered and light refreshments served. Mrs. H. C. Keutner and Mrs. Wm. Rudge are among those interested in making the affair a success.

The first piano recital by pupils of Miss Flora Gray will take place at her studio next week when the pa-

pils of the school have three days' vacation on account of teachers' institute which is held in this city.

The Apollo Male Quartette has been engaged to sing for the rally of the Commercial Clubs of the valley which takes place the twenty-sixth.

Mrs. Biddle of Chicago who has been in the valley for a week visiting her son, returned to her home Thursday. Among those entertaining informally for Mrs. Biddle was Mrs. J. M. Root and a luncheon was also given in her honor Wednesday

evening at the Hotel Medford.

Mrs. F. W. Hollis was hostess to the ladies bridge club at her home, Oakland avenue, North, this afternoon. Three tables were played.

Miss Fern Hutchinson entertained with four tables of bridge Monday evening of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Taylor were among the Jacksonville people who attended "The Flower of the Ranch" at the Medford theater Thursday evening. Mrs. Taylor was also the guest of the Wednesday Study Club at the meeting at Mrs. Wm. Colvig's Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. Wm. D. Fuller of Berkeley, Cal., is in the city on a visit to his brother, A. H. Fuller of South Central avenue.

J. H. Cochran has returned from a business trip to Portland.

By courtesy of the Wednesday Study Club next Monday afternoon at 2:30 in the parlors of St. Mark's Guild, the public will be given an opportunity to view an unusual exhibit of original water colors by first artists of this country and Europe. Nearly all of the artists represented by this exhibit have been recipients of gold medals for notable paintings, and not one but has received reward of particular mention for at least one notable work at some famous exhibition. Mr. Riesdorf, the owner of the collection, will personally conduct the exhibit Monday afternoon, explaining each painting in its turn, and the public is cordially invited to attend.

An elaborate ten cover luncheon was given at the Medford grille Tuesday at 1 p. m. complimentary to Mrs. Dennington and Miss Mary Johnson of Akron, Ohio. The long table was beautified with variegated asters mingled with long branches of fern. Mrs. Folger's guests were Mesdames Glaise, Perkins, Dennington, Dodge, Parsons, H. A. Gray, Rau, Misses Johnson and Folger.

Miss Edyth Ring of New York City is in Medford the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Liggett. Miss Ring is a talented pianist and vocalist and may decide to remain in this city. The lady is a school chum of Mrs. Liggett and is one of the widely known vocalists in New York and Boston. Poor health, however, compels her to seek a milder climate than that of Atlantic coast cities.

Mrs. Harmon who has been spending some time in Medford, was the honor-guest Thursday at a one o'clock luncheon given by Mrs. Bart Harmon at the Medford Hotel. The tables were prettily arranged and were decorated with the delicate pink and lavender verbenas and asparagus fern. After the luncheon the ladies repaired to the mezzanine floor where two tables of bridge occupied their attention for the afternoon. Mrs. Carey, who made the highest score, was presented with a silver bonbon spoon and Mrs. Root

with second score, a unique menu book. Mrs. Harmon's guests were Mesdames Woodford, Harmon, Glaise, Carey, Root, Hafer, Gale, Perkins and Stokes.

Sunday, October 8, a dinner was given at the home of H. C. Turpin in honor of his brother, C. T. Turpin and wife of Missouri. This was the first reunion in fifty-six years and the occasion was also a celebration of H. C. Turpin's seventy-third birthday. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Turpin, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Turpin, Mr. and Mrs. Al Turpin, Mr. and Mrs. Nic Turpin, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Turpin, Mrs. Mary Milligan, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Bonney, Mr. and Mrs. Lane Wyland, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Turpin, Mr. Lake Edington, Misses Alma Thelma and Viola Wyland, Masters Clarence and Ralph Turpin, Vernon and Lister Turpin.

The Wednesday Girls Club held their initial meeting at the home of Miss Jeannette Osgood, October 11 and the second meeting October 18th with Miss Mabel Scantlin on South Laurel.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist church met Wednesday, October 18th, with about thirty members present. After the usual business had been transacted, the ladies made further plans for the Christmas bazaar which is to be held about the first of December, and committees were appointed to carry on the work. The society meets every Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the church basement and the president urges all members to be present and ready for work. Also all ladies interested in our church work will be welcome.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Christian church met at the home of Mrs. Walters on Genesee street last Wednesday. The afternoon was spent in sewing for the bazaar which is to be held the last week in November. There were present seventeen members and visitors who became a member before the meeting was over. Delicious refreshments were served. The ladies will meet next Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Kirby, 911 West Ninth.

Mrs. F. J. Miksche and her daughter are leaving today for Joliet, Illinois, where they will be present at the celebration of the golden wedding of her father and mother. Before returning they will spend some time in Chicago.

Miss Marion Merrill and Lida Austin spent Friday making the delightful climb up Roxy Ann.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Johnson returned Thursday for a visit with Mrs. Johnson's mother, Mrs. Margaret Durnam who lives near Roseburg.

Miss Edith Ring of New York who has been spending some time in Boston, arrived in Medford Friday and is with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Liggett at their home on Reddy avenue. Miss Ring is a teacher of both vocal and instrumental music and knowing that she will be a musical asset to Medford, it is hoped that she will remain.

MODERN FROST FIGHTING PLANT IS CONSTRUCTED ON THE POTTER PALMER ORCHARD

The modern orchardist of Jackson county, Oregon, has revolutionized many features of the pear and apple industry in the famous orchards of the Rogue River Valley. Years ago when this valley was almost unknown, the few men who had planted orchards confident in their knowledge of the soil, climate and other conditions, to successfully grow the best quality of pears and apples, little dreamed of the huge improvements effected in the past three years in this paradise of the west. Jackson county has now 80,000 acres devoted exclusively to the raising of the far famed Rogue River Valley pears and apples.

A few years ago Professor P. J. O'Gara was retained by the progressive up-to-date orchardists of Jackson county as consulting pathologist and etomologist. By his advice many important changes have been made until today Jackson county boasts of the most modern horticultural methods. Not the least important of the many things accomplished by Professor O'Gara has been the introduction of scientific methods for the protection of orchards from frost injury. This ar-

ticle does not intend to cover the many reasons advanced by Professor O'Gara for advocating the use of smudge pots with oil for fuel against the primitive methods in vogue a few years ago. Enough to say that the prominent orchard men of the valley are falling in line, with the result that many innovations have been made during the last year. Probably the most startling of these has been the erection of a plant at the Palmer orchard two miles south of Medford adjoining the famous Bear Creek Orchard, for the special purpose of combatting frost injury during the dangerous period each spring. Realizing the need for modern frost fighting equipment, Mr. Honore Palmer of Chicago, through Mr. W. A. Sumner, superintendent of the Palmer estates in Oregon, directed F. W. Dodge, engineer, Gold Hill, Oregon, to prepare plans and superintend the erection of a plant especially designed to give speedy distribution of oil to all parts of the orchard.

The tank itself is constructed of concrete, being waterproofed throughout and coated on the inside with the patent oil-proofing to pre-

vent the undesirable action of oil on orchard so as to give gravity flow concrete. With a capacity of forty and eliminate pumping apparatus, thousand gallons, the tank was placed on a knoll in the center of the

OMNIBUS DISASTER WHICH CAUSED DEATH OF ELEVEN PASSENGERS



LIFTING MOTOR OMNIBUS FROM THE BED OF THE SEINE

An automobile omnibus, with twenty-five passengers, in trying to avoid a collision with another omnibus coming in the opposite direction, plunged over the Archeveque Bridge in Paris, and into the River Seine. Eleven persons were drowned and ten others seriously injured.

oil as high as possible during the winter. The interior is divided into three chambers and the three outlets to the oil tank are provided with

valves operated from the outside of tank so that any leak in the pipe line can be checked as soon as discovered without interfering with the tank. The tank is provided with two openings for charging purposes large enough to admit a man to the interior and the oil is discharged through a four-inch pipe line in three directions, thus saving hauling oil uphill when distributing to pots. The discharge line carry the oil to four standpipes, situated at various strategic points in the orchard which means the minimum of labor in conjunction with speedy service. Owing to the nature of the ground and the size of the orchard the idea has been to eliminate useless labor, long hauls and to insure speedy and efficient service of oil to any part of the orchard.

Above the oil tank proper is placed a water reservoir with a capacity of ten thousand gallons. The water will be used for irrigating a small portion of the orchard and for spray purposes. Situated 1600 feet away from this combination oil-storage tank and reservoir is a well from which water is pumped to reservoir by a three horse power gas-

line engine. The outside dimensions of oil tank are 37x28x7 and water reservoir 28x28x30.

Carrying out the ideas of speedy distribution Mr. Palmer has furnished four oval tanks with a capacity of twelve barrels each. These tanks are placed on what is known as half-trucks and hauled through the orchard. Three rows of smudge pots are handled at the same time as the oil tanks are equipped with an up-to-date distributing apparatus permitting of three pots being filled simultaneously. It will readily be seen that the entire hundred acres can be handled with ease by this method. It will take 11,000 pots for smudging purposes or 110 pots to the acre.

Best Structure of Its Kind. Professor P. J. O'Gara on being interviewed by the writer, declared "the tank embodies the best insurance against frost. Undoubtedly the best structure of its kind in the world. The best labor saving device known for oil distribution to pots and model combination oil storage tank and reservoir built along scientific lines."