



Society

All communications should be in by Friday. Address society editor, or Phone 75.

Now that Christmas is a thing of the past society is turning its attention with renewed interest to the Charity Ball to be given at the Natatorium Tuesday evening, December 29th under the auspices of the Associated Charities and the Greater Medford Club. Almost every member of these clubs is contributing in some way toward making this party an unqualified success. It is to be hoped that a thousand tickets may be disposed of. This would mean that all the destitute in Medford would be made comfortable and happy for many months to come.

Very beautiful decorations have been kindly donated by the M. H. S. Alumni Society. Many novel features will be introduced, making the anticipation of a fine time for all a certain reality. Every detail is being carefully arranged by the following committee: Mrs. E. B. Hanley, Mrs. Delroy Getchell, Mrs. John M. Root, Mrs. Charles Schreffel, Mrs. F. E. Merrick, Mrs. Ed Andrews, Mrs. J. C. Westerlund, Mrs. C. M. Kidd, Dr. J. Lawrence Hill, Mr. J. C. Westerlund.

The patronesses are: Mrs. George B. Carpenter, Mrs. Frank Madden, Mrs. Richard Wilson, Mrs. H. C. Stoddard, Mrs. H. U. Lumsden, Mrs. S. Vilas Beckwith, Mrs. C. E. Gates, Mrs. F. W. Streets, Mrs. W. I. Vawter, Mrs. J. E. Mundy, Mrs. H. L. Walther, Mrs. Fred Hopkins, Mrs. Lincoln McCormack, Mrs. Charles Connor.

The "White Christmas" entertainment at the Baptist church on Christmas eve was enjoyed by a large audience. The violin solo by Miss Clark, the illuminated "Song of the Star," by Miss Bratney, and the tableaux were especially pleasing. Donations were made to the city charities and war sufferers, consisting of money, clothing and edibles. In addition to this, several classes reported having sent packages of clothing, etc., to some of the needy ones of the city.

Some of the Sunday school boys were on hand early to make deliveries. The Philanthropy class sent canned fruit to the Boys' and Girls' Air society. Class pledges were made by nearly all the classes pledging to some specific work for the coming year. The indications are that the service will prove to be a very helpful one for the church and Sunday school. The Rev. Mr. Carstons, a former pastor, is expected to be here on the second Sunday in January. He will surely find a live Sunday school and young people's society.

At the next monthly musicale to be given under the auspices of the Greater Medford club at the Page theater Monday afternoon, January 4, the "Persian Garden," a musical setting by Liza Lehmann, of "Omar Khayyam's Rubaiyat" will be rendered. A dramatization of Omar and his poems appeared here a short time ago to a packed house. Mrs. Florence Halliday-Haight as hostess for the day is presenting this beautiful and successful work for the first time in Medford. The soloists are: Miss Margaret Jacks, soprano; Mrs. Florence Halliday-Haight, contralto; Forest Edmeades, tenor; W. F. Isaacs, basso; Fred Alton Haight accompanist.

Mrs. Isaacs, president of the Greater Medford club, gave a very interesting talk on the subject of music at the high school, Monday, December 14. She took the occasion to invite all the pupils to attend the musical given that afternoon at the Page. The young people gave her a very enthusiastic reception, their applause showing their appreciation of fine playing. This was the first of a series of talks to be given on the subject of music. Ed Andrews will be the next.

On Tuesday afternoon, December 22, the members of the Junior league gave a party in the basement of the M. E. church. Many interesting games were played, but the fish pond from which each member caught a Christmas top, offered the main attraction. After refreshments, consisting of creamed cake, each child was given a bag of candy and nuts from the Christmas tree.

Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Smith entertained Mr. and Mrs. Bert Anderson, Joan Anderson, William Vawter and Milton Schuchard at Christmas dinner.

Dr. and Mrs. S. A. Lockwood gave a surprise dinner on Tuesday evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Matthews. It being their wedding anniversary, the rooms were decorated with fir, cedar, holly and Oregon grape. The table was made attractive with red, black and gold lacquer ware, and a miniature Japanese bungalow and formal garden occupied the center. Those present were Dr. and Mrs. J. J. Emmens, Mr. and Mrs. George B. Peck, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Matthews and Dr. and Mrs. S. A. Lockwood.

A delightful Christmas entertainment was given by the pupils of the Methodist Sunday school Christmas eve. The following program was rendered: Song, congregation; prayer, Rev. Hawkins; recitation, George Goodman; instrumental duet, Misses Mabel Gould and Marian Palmer; play, "A Genuine Christmas"—first act, "recitation, Katherine Hawkins; second act, recitation, Eva Hooker; third act, duet, Esther and Elinor Palmer; fourth act, song by school. Much credit is due the ones in charge of the program for the success of the entertainment, as the program showed that much time had been spent in training the children.

The undergraduate men of Medford are planning a smoker for New Year's evening. Men from the different colleges and universities of Oregon and California will attend. Ralph Haleon, Charles Prim, Gilbert Stewart of California, Lyle Walther and Herbert Alford of Stanford, Ned and George Vilas and Armond Taylor of O. A. C., and Emerson Merrick, Edison Marshall, Harold Cochran, Don Newberry, Will Vawter of Oregon are among those eligible.

The Revelers gave a very charming dance at the Country club Tuesday evening. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Bardwell, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Biddle, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Vera Vawter, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Abercrombie, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Rothermel, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Grey, Misses Susan Deuel, Fern Hutchinson, Bea Kentner, Sidney Dibble, Rob Deuel, Leon Speck, R. H. McCurdy and Billy Morgan.

Among the many Christmas dinners given Christmas day was the one given by Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Boyden of North Central. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Fred V. Medynski, Mrs. Connor, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Perry, Miss Frances Perry and Allen Perry Jr.

The executive board of the Baptist Missionary Society will hold a New Year's reception for the members of the church in the church parlors next Friday afternoon from two until five o'clock. Light refreshments will be served and all members of the church are urged to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Hutchison entertained at dinner Christmas day for the following: Mr. and Mrs. Jap Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lindsay of Central Point, Mr. and Mrs. H. U. Lumsden, Mrs. E. M. Lumsden, Mr. McCurdy, and Mr. Treve Lumsden.

Mrs. Burdette Dodge of 19 Geneva Street entertained a number of her girl friends Tuesday afternoon. Those present were Misses Caroline Andrews, Leah Walther, Joan Anderson, Ina Cochran, Vera Olmstead, Louise Williamson and Jean Budge.

Mr. Rayburn Blackburn and Miss Viola Wolfe were married at the home of the bride Thursday evening, in the presence of friends and relatives, Rev. H. E. Tucker officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Kent entertained Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Welch and family, Mrs. Sadie Elmhurst and Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Rothermel and family at dinner Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Stennett entertained at dinner Christmas day. The following were present, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. C. Peart, Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Valentine, Miss Gladys Peart, Mr. George Peart.

Mr. and Mrs. Maddox of Portland avenue, entertained Christmas day for Mrs. Lunt and two sons, Miss Katherine Hallway and Mr. Bonney.

J. E. Hodge of Klamath Falls is spending the holidays with his family at the ranch on Ross Lane.

The Misses Ethel and Marie Elfert have gone to Roseburg to spend the Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Redden spent Christmas with relatives in Grants Pass.

Chester A. Arthur Post entertained the Woman's Relief Corps Wednesday evening, Dec. 23rd with an oyster supper. The "boys" claim they did all the cooking. The ladies decided there were some fine cooks in the Post, and each lady is trying to find out if her husband was one of the cooks. Comrade Andrews in his usual happy way extended a hearty welcome in behalf of the Post, was sorry he was not mayor and able to give them the keys of the city, as it was, he could only present them with the key to the hall. Comrade Bender gave the W. R. C.'s several commitments in regard to their work and gave a short talk on Woman's Relief work in hospitals and on the battle field during the civil war. Comrade Carpenter reminded us of our boy and girlhood days and expressed his sympathy for Adam and Eve, because they never knew the pleasure of being a schoolboy and girl. A song by Miss Velma Woods, recitations by Willie Boardman, Noble Everett and Mrs. Mirraugh, a poem by Mrs. Bender and a humorous reading by Mrs. Manning assisted in the entertaining. The very pleasant evening closed with an "oyster song" given by the members of the W. R. C.

There will be a meeting of the Greater Medford club at the library on Monday, December 28, at 2:30 o'clock. Miss Alice Hanley will read a paper on "Indian Wars in Oregon." One of the members of the charter commission will be present and give a ten-minute talk on the proposed charter. All members who are interested in the organization of a dramatic department in the club are requested to be present, as this matter will be discussed.

A fine entertainment was given at the Oak Grove school house last Wednesday evening by the school and Sunday school. A delightful little play, "The People of Story Book Land," was given. Each child represented some character and told either in song or verse who he was. The school house was decorated with greenery appropriate to the season. After the program, with the aid of his fairies, gave candy and presents to all.

Miss Beulah Warner, who is teaching in Stockton, California, is spending her vacation with relatives in Medford. Miss Warner was accompanied by her niece, Miss Ruth Warner, who is attending school in Stockton.

Little Bayard Getchell gave a 2 o'clock Christmas dinner for twenty little guests.

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The Alumni ball, which occurred Christmas night, was beyond a doubt one of the most brilliant affairs ever held in Medford. No expense had been spared and every little detail was carefully provided for in an endeavor to make this the crowning event of the year.

The large Natatorium hall was beautifully decorated for the occasion with numerous Christmas greens and the High School colors, red and black. A huge Christmas tree, brilliantly illuminated by scores of colored lights occupied the center of the floor, while the stage was treated with a clever scheme of decoration, partially screening the orchestra from view. A large number of small Xmas trees were placed around the dancing floor and a profusion of mistletoe, laurel berries, etc., used in numerous places about the hall helped to carry out the Xmas spirit. These decorations will all be reserved for the use of the Charity Ball which is to take place next week.

An excellent crowd was in attendance, a great many college students being present. The list of patronesses for the affair was as follows: Mrs. M. L. Alford, Mrs. W. I. Vawter, Mrs. R. L. Wilson, Mrs. H. H. Sargent, Mrs. R. F. Antie, Mrs. S. S. Smith, Mrs. Bert Anderson, Mrs. H. L. Walther, Mrs. C. E. Gates and Mrs. Wm. Budge.

L. M. Foss, wife and two children are spending Christmas holidays with Mrs. Foss' parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Stone, near Central Point. They will return Sunday to their new home in Lewiston, Idaho. Mr. Foss is connected with the O. R. & N. as traveling representative.

Mrs. M. A. Ralston and daughter, Edna of Sutherlin, Oregon, arrived in Medford Wednesday afternoon to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Ralston.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Madden entertained at Christmas dinner for the members of the Country Club whose wives are visiting in the east.

Miss Anna Parucker and Miss A. Hansen returned Friday from Portland. They also attended the Teachers' convention at Eugene.

Mr. and Mrs. Delroy Getchell entertained at an 8 o'clock dinner on Christmas night. Covers were laid for ten.

Miss Sidney Dibble of Billings, Montana, is visiting Mrs. R. G. Bardwell of 1902 S. Oakdale.

Miss Enid Hamilton has returned from a visit with friends in Seattle and Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pellett of Salem spent Christmas with friends in this city.

AWAKEN INTEREST OF CHILDREN IN STUDY OF MUSIC

Through a desire to stimulate greater interest in music in the young people of the community, Mrs. Irene H. Isaacs recently addressed the pupils of the high school on the subject. This is the first of a series of talks to be given the pupils of public schools by different musicians of our city.

Mrs. Isaacs said in part: "It is my purpose to call your attention to and impress upon you the value and importance of the study of music to; urge you to a greater appreciation of an art which has yet to gain its rightful place as a 'beneficent influence in daily life.'"

"Not having been intelligently comprehended, it has consequently failed to a great extent in its mission to uplift, broaden, strengthen and strengthen and sweeten human existence.

"Music possesses a peculiar, sacred power, arousing in one thoughts and aspirations otherwise unknown, to force upon the young mind the study of mathematics, grammar and other practical subjects to the exclusion of music, produces a one-sided development, leaving the imagination and spiritual nature dormant and dwarfed. Also, no study is so many-sided—so all-embracing as the art of music with its rhythm, its phrasing and its science of harmony—the latter being mental gymnastics coupled with the development of the inner ear which hears and creates harmonies inaudible except to the mind and soul of their originators.

One may ask how can the combination of tones which to a very great extent are descriptive of human passions and earthly experiences uplift and develop the spiritual? By its very nature, music is more spiritual than material; less human than divine. Just as the Bible and its teachings remain undefiled and uplifting despite the perversion and grossly literal interpretation of many of its students, so music remains noble and beautiful in spite of similar perversion. Surely no one could have delved more deeply into the milk and mire of earth than did Richard Wagner, allowing the

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characters in his operas to be the impersonations of hate, passion and mortal frailty—symbols of human forces at war. But always in the music, independent of the text one feels instinctively, with dread foreboding, sin's awful punishment, the inexorable law of compensation and then at last the triumph of good. Our late beloved Lillian Nordica has said: 'No friend of music, or of humanity, can afford to be without some familiarity with this important branch of knowledge. Through it every thinker will be convinced that music is destined to become an ever-more and more powerful agent for good as civilization advances.'

WEMME LEAVES FORTUNE TO AID ERRING GIRLS

PORTLAND, Dec. 26.—E. Henry Wemme, who came to Oregon more than thirty years ago as an emigrant German boy, left an estate valued roughly at \$500,000, according to a petition for the probate of his will filed yesterday afternoon. The prospects are that when an actual appraisal is made its value will exceed that sum considerably. Most of the estate is to be devoted to the construction and maintenance of a maternity hospital in Portland for wayward and unfortunate girls.

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