



# Society

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Mrs. Halliday-Haight, as hostess for the next monthly musicale to be given by the Greater Medford club at the Page theater Monday afternoon, January 4, has arranged a program which should appeal to every music lover in Medford, and there are many. An artist herself, it was expected that Mrs. Haight would present something especially artistic, and in the song cycle, "In a Persian Garden," she is giving us music of a very high order. The greatest singers have appeared in this work in all the largest cities. It is a work for artists and is seldom heard in the smaller cities.

Other composers have set to music the "Rubaiyat," but no setting has reached the great popularity of that of Liza Lehmann. This is due to the real beauty of the music, the tone color employed to bring out the meaning of the words, and the distinct Persian effects retained all through by the voices and accompaniment. Liza Lehmann is an English vocalist and composer. Her work is marked by originality and expression and refinement of sentiment, which betrays strongly the influence of Schumann.

Program:  
"Nocturne" (Schumann, op. 21, No. 1), Miss Genevieve Wortman.  
"Scherzo" (Chopin), Miss Emma Drew.

Aria, "In Verdure Clad" (The Creation), (Hayden).

Song, "Sing, Smile, Slumber" (Gounod), Miss Margaret Jacks.

Concerto in G Minor (Mendelssohn, op. 25), first piano, Miss Emma Drew; second piano, Miss Genevieve Wortman.

Aria, "O Love, Thy Help" (Samson and Delilah) (Saint-Saens); song, "Dreams" (Bartlett), Mrs. Halliday-Haight.

Biographical sketch of Omar Khaiyam and Liza Lehmann, Mrs. George T. Wilson.

"In a Persian Garden," a song cycle, the words selected from the "Rubaiyat of Omar Khaiyam." The music composed by Liza Lehmann, direction of Mrs. Halliday-Haight. Soloists: Miss Margaret Jacks, soprano; Mrs. Halliday-Haight, contralto; Forrest Edmeades, tenor; William Isaacs, bass. Accompanist, Fred Alton Haight.

The charity ball given at the Natatorium Tuesday night under the auspices of the Associated Charities and Greater Medford club, was the best attended society event of the season, over 500 couples being present. Never has there been in Medford a happier gathering, for through it all was a spirit of good cheer. The scene was a very beautiful one, with many lights gleaming through the Christmas greenery. At 11 o'clock supper was served from numerous small tables arranged in the small hall, which was beautifully decorated for the occasion. Too much credit cannot be given the committee in charge of the affair, whose untiring efforts gave to Medford one of its most brilliant gatherings. The proceeds will go to gladden many homes. The committee was composed of Mrs. A. B. Hanley, Mrs. Delroy Getchell, Mrs. John M. Root, Mrs. Charles Schieffelin, Mrs. F. E. Merrick, Mrs. Ed Andrews, Mrs. J. C. Westerlund, Mrs. C. M. Kidd, Dr. J. Lawrence Hill, J. C. Westerlund. The patronesses were: 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. F. Mundy, Mrs. H. L. Walthers, Mrs. Fred Hopkins, Mrs. Lincoln McCormack, Mrs. Charles Conner.

Mrs. W. F. Quisenberry of 424 S. King street entertained at bridge on Wednesday afternoon. A very delightful time was had by all. The following were present: Mrs. Gordon Schermerhorn, Mrs. Jack Stewart, Mrs. R. F. Antle, Mrs. J. W. Folt, Mrs. Emil Schmidt, Mrs. R. M. Foster, Mrs. John Barnsburg, Mrs. W. H. McGowan, Mrs. H. P. Hargrave, and Miss Weeks. The club will meet next Wednesday with Mrs. Gordon Schermerhorn.

Mrs. A. C. Burgess and son Ralph and Miss Dorothy Wicks, who have completed their engagement with the Boston Ideal Opera company, which recently made a tour of the middle west, returned to Medford Tuesday.

Mrs. A. C. Allen gave a dancing party at the Natatorium last Monday evening in honor of her daughter, Miss Mary Allen and Miss Henriette Weins of Guatemala, which proved to be a most delightful affair. Those present were: Misses Ruth Warner, Lenore Vance, Dorothy Thorn, Leah Walthers, Frances Kenny, Vera Olmstead, Laura Page, Irene Smith, Lucinda Cochran, Vera Merriman, Joan Anderson, Jean Budge, Mary Gore, Catherine Swen, Miss Coffin, Alfreda Garretson, and Miss Canton, Mrs. L. R. Allen, Mrs. Garretson, Mrs. Marguerite Allen; Messrs. Carter Brandon, Robert Penluze, Emerson Merrick, Earl Hubbard, Jay Gore, Francis Bennett, Chas. Ray, Lloyd Williamson, Herbert Alford, James Vance, Milton Schuchard, Lyle Walthers, Ralph Pierce, Fredborn Garretson, Clyde Barnum, Virgie Strang, Ben Plymate, Walter Merrick, Grover Corum, Herbert Launspach, Dr. Howard Canton, and A. C. Allen.

The Christian Endeavor society of the Christian church held a business meeting and "watch party" at the home of B. B. Graham, corner 8th and Oakdale Thursday evening.

Election of officers as held for the coming year the following were elected: President, Agnes Robinson; first vice-president, Marie Hammond; second vice-president, Mr. Fry; treasurer, Lenore Godlove; secretary, Russell Wallace.

After the business meeting a short program was rendered as follows:

Song, Nana Seely.  
Reading, Marie Seely.  
Song Ruth Schuler.

After the program dainty refreshments were served.

There was a good attendance at the meeting of the Greater Medford club on December 28. Miss Alice Hanley, daughter of a pioneer, read a paper on Indian wars in Oregon. Her paper showed that she was thoroughly conversant with the subject under discussion.

Mr. Ben Sheldon talked interestingly but briefly on the proposed charter, after which the meeting adjourned. Mr. Ben Sheldon talked interestingly but briefly on the proposed charter, after which the meeting adjourned.

At the January meeting Mrs. Sargent will tell about the Rogue river valley in the early days.

A delightful entertainment was given Christmas night by John B. Renaud, Jr., for the children of St. Joseph's Catholic church of Jacksonville at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Harbaugh. The room was beautifully decorated with Christmas bells and mistletoe and a handsome Christmas tree had been prepared for the occasion. The entertainment was opened by Christmas songs given by the church choir and after the presents had been distributed the rest of the evening was spent with music and social games. The children returned home with cheers for the pleasant evening that had been given them.

A very delightful time was had New Year's eve, when the building committee of the Elks' lodge, composed of L. B. Haskins, C. E. Gates, T. E. Daniels, R. R. Ebel, L. M. Lyon, S. I. Brown and Scott V. Davis, entertained the Elks and their ladies at their new building on North Central avenue. Dancing and card playing formed the evening's entertainment, after which a banquet was served in the banquet hall. About 300 were present. Hazelrigg's orchestra, composed of five pieces, furnished the music for the evening.

A public reception will be given this evening by the Phoenix club for Miss Marion Towne, Jackson county representative to the state legislature. A program of music and speeches will be given. Miss Towne will leave in a few days to attend the opening session at Salem.

The Epworth League of the First Methodist church gave a holiday social in the church basement Wednesday evening. The young men of the League entertained in a royal manner. Games were played and a good time enjoyed by the large number of young people present.

The Parent-Teacher's association of the Lincoln school will hold their meeting at the school building next Friday afternoon, January 8th. Mrs. J. K. Hawkins will lead the discussion. All parents are urged to attend.

Miss Marion Waldron of Portland and Ward Ketsur of this city were married in Portland last week. Both young people are well known here and are very popular.

The upper Trail school closed for the holiday vacation Friday, December 18. The guests having arrived about 2:30 o'clock, the blinds were drawn, the candles on the tree were lighted and the following program was rendered:

Song, "olly Students"; recitation, "A Wish," Vivian Dow; recitation, "A Possibility," Loretta Dow; recitation, Ivan Skyrman; cradle hymn, "The Bethlehem Babe," Loretta Dow, Floris Skyrman; "The Coming of the Christ Child," story told by Miss Shoultz; song, "Tis Christmas"; recitation, "Patience," Floris Skyrman; recitation, "The Discoverer," Torance Dow; recitation, "Father's Xmas Box," Charlie Cushman; recitation, "Ted's Stocking," Theodore Dow; song, "Xmas Round"; dialogue, "Xmas Arithmetic," Dora Cushman, Torance Dow, Theodore Dow, Charlie Cushman; recitation, "Her Choice," Dora Cushman; recitation, "Wouldn't You," Torance Dow; song, "Vesper Hymn"; recitation, "The Sentinel," by Harry Skyrman; song dialogue, "The Snow Brigade," intermediate boys of school; "Letter of Regret from Santa Claus," read by Cyril Daw. After the program, games and puzzles were submitted by Miss Shoultz. Later light refreshments were served and presents submitted. Thus closed four months of school, with much credit due both to Miss Gertrude Shoultz, the teacher, and also to her pupils, who so willingly responded.

A very delightful time was had by about sixty who attended the reception given by the Auxilliary of the First Baptist church on Friday afternoon at the home of Dr. Eva Mains Carlow. The following program was rendered:

Instrumental duet, Mrs. Kitto and Miss Thatcher.

Piano solo, Lois Fouts.

Vocal solo, Myrl Daris.

Piano solo, Mrs. Kitto.

Duet, the Misses Meadows.

Piano solo, Margaret Holmes.

Vocal solo, Fidelas Moran.

Citronet solo, Wesley E. Smith.

Vocal solo, Gladys Hinman.

Recitation, Rusole Hibbard.

Instrumental duet, the Misses Stewart and Blackburn.

Quartet, Messrs. Allaway, Smith, Bennett, Carlow.

Vocal solo, Grace Bratney.

Reading, Grace Brown.

The ladies of the Methodist church met last Wednesday afternoon for the monthly home coming. A large number were in attendance and matters of much importance to the Aid and to the entire church were given attention. All ladies who miss these meetings lose much of interest and help to them.

The Queen Esther circle served mince pie and coffee after the business meeting, and the following program was given under their auspices.

Piano duet, Mrs. C. A. Meeker and Miss Berna Roberts.

Reading, Miss Ruth Hawkins.

Vocal solo, Mrs. A. S. Bilton.

Reading, Miss Vera Roundtree.

Violin solo, Miss Ruth Campbell with Miss Lucile Koontz accompanying.

The C. W. B. M. of the Christian church will meet at the home of Mrs. A. J. Hanby, 726 Welch street, Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, January 6. All the ladies of the church are cordially invited. The following program will be given:

Song, "A Charge to Keep," Scripture lesson; solo, "Mrs. J. M. Gressley"; paper, "Some Modern Revelations," Mrs. L. Quigley; reading, Mrs. A. W. Walker; song, "Work for the Night Is Coming"; paper, "How Can This Society Do More Efficient Work the Coming Year," Mrs. Driskel, Mrs. Seeley and Mrs. Brown; roll call and business session in charge of the president, Mrs. A. B. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. John Reter of Jacksonville entertained the following relatives and friends at their Jacksonville home: Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Polley and John Polley of Medford, Mr. and Mrs. John Boland of Weed, Cal., Mr. and Mrs. Chas. True of Medford, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Miller, of Medford, Miss Fay Launspach of Jacksonville.

The Woman's Missionary society of the Presbyterian church has changed the time of meeting from January 5 to January 13. The meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. H. C. Behling, 122 South Mistletoe. The subject is China, and Mrs. F. S. Carpenter has charge of the program.

Mrs. Geo. J. Kunzman entertained at supper Monday evening for Miss Leola Eubank of Eugene who is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. E. Dout.

The Washington school Parent-Teachers association will meet at the school house Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock. A report from their delegate to the state convention will be read and Mr. Mulkey will talk on the teaching of English, as Mr. Mulkey's talks are always very interesting we hope for a large crowd.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Jernsta entertained Mr. and Mrs. Hansen and daughter, Florence, at dinner Christmas day at their country home near Phoenix.

Among the Oregonians who are wintering in southern California are Mr. and Mrs. J. D. O'well, of Medford, who are at the Maryland, Pasadena.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Murphy and family left Wednesday for Portland where they will make their future home.

Miss Isabel Tapscott, of Yreka, Cal., is visiting at the home of H. L. Walthers of Siskiyou Heights.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pfeiffer and family will leave shortly for Seattle to make their future home.

The Wednesday Study club will meet at the public library next Wednesday afternoon, January 6.

Mrs. E. G. Riddell of 1114 South Oakdale entertained the Nullo Bridge club Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Myrtle Davis and Miss Myrtle Purkepple are spending the week end with Lorona Stratton.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Gay of Seattle are visiting at the home of Charles Gay in this city.

Judge Wm. M. Colvig spent New Years with his daughter, Mrs. Will Warner.

Miss Bertha Woolverton is spending the week, the guest of Miss Vera Jernsta.

Mrs. W. A. Hutton is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Wilson.

Miss Vera Jernsta was in Medford Tuesday visiting friends.

Dr. C. R. Ray has returned from a trip to Portland.

## DRAMA LEAGUE NOTES

Miss May Robson who is to appear at the Page January 2nd, is well known here. It is with pleasure that her many admirers are looking forward to seeing her in a fitting stage setting and equipment. In the old days before the building of the Page, Miss Robson appeared here under decided obstacles. She is quoted as saying that the keen appreciation of the audience quite made up for the ob-

lete theatrical equipment and the physical discomfort of a sprained ankle.

The Drama League wishes to call special attention to her present play "Martha By the Day." The production is a very adequate one and the quaint character of Martha gives Miss Robson wide scope for her unusual powers of interpretation, and insight into the lives of a class of women rarely attempted on the stage.

The mission of the theater is not one solely of amusement. From the beginning of its earliest inspection it has been a reflection and interpretation of the life of its period. By some persons of the present day, an evening at the theater is regarded as a means to banish thought, instead of inspiring it. Life itself, in many of its phases is grim, relentless and many plays, reflecting this can not be woven through with the brighter threads of laughter and facially amusing situations. Yet these plays are, if truthful, as necessary in reflecting life as a whole as the ones reflecting the surface of things. It must be remembered that the Drama League can only pick the best among the plays given us. Its like Bernard Shaw's epigram, "that the least ugly of the sisters is the beauty of the family." So too with plays. Many times it's a question of the least objectionable being the best play. It is not the fault of the drama league or of the local management, if our range

of selection is not as great as we would have it. Dr. Page is most loyal securing for us the best possible attractions and should have the support of all classes. If Medford should go down on record as a place that merely supported mediocre musical comedies, and the slap-stick variety of farces, it would be a distinct loss to the tone of our community.

It is a remarkable thing that a town the size of Medford should have an active Drama League center. Such a thing would be impossible in an ordinary rural town. But we must remember that in the Rogue

river valley we have a most unique community. The great universities and colleges of America are all represented here, retired men of notable financial standing, women of beauty and fashion from our largest cities, artists, critics and people of well known literary fame, go to make our cosmopolitan spirit.

The Drama League is a most active factor in larger communities and it is sincerely to be hoped that its members here, will not let the fine fire of their enthusiasm die, but to burn with renewed vigor in the coming year.

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