

# Society and Clubs

Edited by Iroa Fewell

## Reports of Re-union Given by Adjutant Mrs. Bell Littrell

The following interesting report of the 42nd annual Soldiers' and Sailors' association's reunion has been compiled by Adjutant Bell E. Littrell:

At 10:30 a. m., called to order for the business meeting by Lieut-Commander E. W. Madison, acting for Col-Commander J. C. Woods, physically not able to fill the office.

Opening songs, "America," Adjutant Bell E. Littrell read the minutes of last meeting.

Meeting place for next year, Grants Pass. Time to be agreed on later by officers.

Officers elected for coming year: Col-Commander, Hiram Huntley, Grants Pass; Lieut-Commander, E. W. Madison, Grants Pass; Maj-Commander, James N. Adams, Grants Pass; chaplain, Fiddie Woods, Medford.

Resolutions committee appointed Lulu Howard, chairman; Anna Stinebaugh and Wilford Allen, convener. A bounteous luncheon was served at 12:00. A waitress ably served all granddaughters of G. A. R.'s, and they paid special attention to the honor guests, the G. A. R.'s seating them at a separate table, lovingly also to visitors and widows of G. A. R.'s.

At 1:30 p. m., called to order by E. W. Madison who asked Carrie Young senior vice president of W. R. C., who filled the place of President Ethyl Weed, not able to be present, to take charge of program. Memoriam by Anna Stinebaugh.

An interesting program of readings and music was given. A duet, piano and guitar, by Pearl Autry and Mrs. Bailey of Grants Pass; a reading by Mrs. Frank Walker of Ashland; a reading by Mrs. Mae Vanta of Ashland; a song by Joyce Sims of Medford, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Ted Sims; a reading by Mrs. Blanche Jenkins of Medford, all of which were enthusiastically received.

Wilford Allen, commander of Sons of Veterans of Grants Pass, called on for a few remarks in honor of the Grand Army of the Republic, our flag and country; then introduced Commander Gates of Hillsboro, who gave us all something to think about, a stirring appeal. Resolutions were then read by Commander Wilford Allen.

Whereas, for 42 years now the Southern Oregon Soldiers' and Sailors' association has assembled annually for a reunion, particularly to meet with and honor the veterans of the War of the Rebellion, those who wore the "blue," and whereas, there was never a time when need was greater for the preaching and practicing of these principles of liberty, of justice and of purity; the principles upon which our government was founded, then now.

Therefore, be it resolved: that we, the members of the affiliated patriotic organizations in meeting at Medford, Ore., this 30th day of August, 1934, pledge ourselves anew to our honored guests, that we will continue from year to year to carry on the campaign of education by precept and example, in the hearts of our people; the spirit of the love of God, of country and its institutions, devotion to the principles which led them on in the 60's, and to keep the stars and stripes the unsullied banner which they preserved to the country.

And be it further resolved: that the thanks of this association go to the people of Medford for the hospitable greeting which they have accorded, and for the entertainment which has been so bountifully provided.

And that these resolutions be copied and printed in all the county papers in Jackson and Josephine counties. Respectfully submitted by fault Howard, chairman, Anna Stinebaugh and Wilford Allen.

Closed: song, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again." All joined in unison in the Lord's prayer.

Six G. A. R. members present, all between 88 and 90 years of age. Judge Colvig, 90 years old on September 2, was not able to be present, was greatly missed, and also Polk Hull was not present.

One American Legion member present from Ashland, one W. R. C. member from Central Point, the rest W. R. C. Sons of Union Veterans, Daughters of Union Veterans, one D. A. R., all who were registered from 75 to 85 or more at luncheon, were in attendance at the afternoon program.

Miss Dickerson Returns From Vacation In South

Miss Ruth Ella Dickerson, called from Santa Barbara, Calif., where she spent the summer.

To Visit Mrs. Gregory Today

Mrs. Stalder of San Francisco will visit Mrs. F. A. Gregory of 220 West Second street Sunday.

Past Noble Grands Club

To Meet September 13

Mrs. E. W. Pease of 17 South New-town street will entertain members of the Past Noble Grands club on Thursday, September 13.

To Attend Health Meeting

Miss Helen Bullis and Mrs. I. E. Schuler are leaving for Portland, where tomorrow they will attend a state health board meeting. They plan to return here Tuesday night.

Leave Today For Portland

Mr. and Mrs. Art Endris and Jack Walker are leaving today by motor for Portland, where they will spend a few days. Mrs. Endris has just returned to Medford, from spending two weeks at Sunset on the Rogue.

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## D. A. R. Notes

The third annual district conference of the Oregon Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, Southern District, will be held in Medford on Friday, Sept. 14 with Crater Lake chapter hostess.

The morning session will be called to order promptly at 11 o'clock by Mrs. B. G. Harding, first vice-regent and chairman of the Southern district. Opening exercises, greetings and the reports of state officers will occupy the time until the noon recess when a no-hostess luncheon, in charge of Mrs. H. F. W. Spilver, regent of Crater Lake chapter will be served.

A group of colonial airs, sung by Mrs. Richard C. Joy of Ashland, will open the afternoon meeting. She will be accompanied by Miss Imogene Wallace.

Hon. Irving Vining of Ashland will be the principal speaker, with "The Constitution, America's Greatest Heritage," for his subject.

Mrs. Mark Weatherford of Albany, state regent, will address the conference, and reports will be given by chapter regents and chairmen of state committees, followed by a round table discussion.

All of the meetings will be held in the parlors of the M. E. church, Main and Mistletoe streets, and are open to all members of all of the six chapters in this district. Many members of the visiting chapters are expected to attend and it will be an excellent opportunity for all local members to enjoy this inspiring program. The luncheon will be served in the church dining room and Mrs. Spilver requests that reservations be made by telephoning her, 861-Y, not later than next Wednesday, Sept. 12.

## The W. C. T. U.

The W. C. T. U. will meet Thursday, September 13, at the Girls' Community club (formerly the Y. W. C. A.), with Mrs. Belle Littrell leading.

Solos will be sung by Mrs. John Hubler. A program of addresses and readings by Rev. E. A. Oldenburg and others will be given on the topics "Citizenship" and "Legislation." All members are urged to attend as officers are to be elected for the coming year. Visitors are welcome.

Visits Parents

Mrs. Ekron Siebert of San Diego is in Medford to spend a month visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Gail, of 4 South Orange street.

Ever Ready Circle Will Hold Meeting

The Ever Ready Circle of the Presbyterian church will meet with Mrs. Frank Lindley Tuesday afternoon at her home, 128 Mistletoe.

Mr. and Mrs. Minto To Visit in Medford

Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Minto of Salem, are expected in Medford this week, to be the guests of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Minto.

Miss Howard Guest Of Mrs. Grigsby

Miss Mabel Howard of Albany, was the guest here last week of Mrs. James W. Grigsby, a classmate when they attended Albany college. Miss Howard arrived here Wednesday and left on Saturday.

Mrs. Gebhard Entertains Group Young Children

Mrs. W. J. Gebhard of Central Point entertained the children who will enter the first grade and their teacher, Mrs. J. S. Richardson, at her home Thursday afternoon.

Luncheon Meeting At Helen Smith's

The Womans club met at the home of Helen Smith Thursday afternoon, with Carrie Milnes acting as hostess. The meeting was in the form of a covered dish luncheon and business meeting. Assisting the hostess, were Dorothy Watkins and Florence Rush.

The next meeting is to be the regular card party at the home of Florence Rush, 701 West Jackson street, on September 20.

## W. Charlesworth Hardware Dept. Head at Ward's

Another family has been added to Medford's growing population with the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. W. Charlesworth of Vernonia, Ore.

Mr. Charlesworth, who has been manager of a hardware store in Vernonia for the past five years, will have charge of the hardware department at Montgomery Ward & Co., succeeding E. J. Bell, who was recently promoted to assistant manager of the local store, according to Manager C. D. Bean.

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## The Andrews Opera Company

20 Years of Opera From a Rail Fence Circuit

Interesting History of Medford's Pioneer Musical Family In One Night Stands in the Middlewest Many Years Ago as Told by Ed Andrews to Charles Hyskell.

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I didn't come into opera through the stage door. I came through the Methodist church. There are hymns that carry spiritual drama as profound as any music heard from the stage; and for centuries there have been great showmen in the pulpit.

I have sung Ko-Ko more than twelve hundred times in theatres and halls over the wide country between St. Paul, New Orleans, Philadelphia and Portland, Oregon, and never once was I hit with any concrete evidence in the form of farm produce. This alibi comforts an old trouper, believe it or not.

Criticism is a thing about which one ought to be reasonable. My first professional operatic performance, given at St. Peter, Minn., was attended by my preacher-father, farmer, who had his opinions about the moral status of "opera," although he was passionately fond of the choir music of 1880.

I was extremely anxious to have paternal blessing on what, to a God-fearing people of that period, was a morally radical project, to say the least; and so I told father that "Pinafore," written by Professor Sullivan, an English composer of choir music, would be high class, probably a sort of oratorio.

After the show father took me aside and said:

"Eddie, 'Pinafore' seems to be a very beautiful oratorio with nothing immoral in it, except where Dead-Eye said 'Damn, that boy had' can't you possibly change that?"

It was my first crisis as a producer and I hummed and hawed a few times. Recalling Mr. Gilbert's rule in serious situations I said:

"Maybe you're right, pa; I can make Dead-Eye say 'damn it!'"

That was the way I gave the line so long as we were in St. Peter and father was perfectly satisfied with the show.

Fifty years have passed since five of family of ten children of that preacher father started the opera company that the middle west ever knew as its very own. The organization in its genesis took the family name and in the next twenty years became well known to cities and towns in two-thirds of the United States as "The Andrews Opera Company." Throughout its career I was supposed to be its comedian.

Compared with today amusements were vastly different in the eighties. There were traveling minstrels, concert companies, ball troupes, I first saw the Ringling Brothers with a concert company and brass quartet, traveling by wagon, before they got into the circus.

Even the youth of that day were different, I might say more versatile, for by various devices they produced their own amusements.

When Lincoln was getting fairly into politics my parents were married at Clarkburg, Ill., and moved to a homestead near LeSueur, Minnesota. Both sang well, although with untrained voices.

The laws of heredity sometimes work strange apothoses. On my mother's side there was a grand-dad who fixed the features of Aragon upon every one of the ten children whom her Kentucky daughter bore to the Minnesota Scotch-Irish circuit rider.

Even to third and fourth generations they bred true to type, with the dark eyes, tawny skin, small nervous hands and feet of the tribes of Castile. When the Andrews Opera company began coming to town the citizenry probably muttered: "Troubadours from Spain." It may have helped business, for it was an epoch of the American transition when a foreign stamp on anything in the line of musical entertainment drew the big money.

At a risk of being pedantic I wish to fix the atmosphere out of which fifty years ago a group of young jaspers from the Minnesota wilds stepped into the opera business and made it click for nearly two decades. There was a certain inborn force of personality. My father was of a stern

school, but was one of the mildly persistent sort who could say "No" gently, with a slight circumlocution that was also final. His method reminds me of Abe Lincoln's flat refusal in 1848 to loan one John D. Johnson the sum of eighty dollars. Lincoln wrote:

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While at home for our vacation the Leavitt Swiss Bell Ringers, mostly Irish, came along, and gave a concert. They traveled with baggage in one wagon and the company of eight in a sort of bandwagon drawn by four horses; the company also playing in brass for street parades, for which both wagons were hitched together, with the six horses abreast.

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Mrs. W. D. Coburn, president of the unit, conducted the business meeting, at which the women voted to hold a community fair including both home economics and agricultural exhibits.

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