

SOCIETY and CLUBS

By Janet Wray Smith

Kiwanis Club Picnic

The Kiwanis Club really did themselves very well last night, when they had a large picnic in Litchia Park, in Ashland. Not only did they take their families and friends, but they arranged to have the picnic coincide with the first night of the "Taming of the Shrew." After enjoying an informal meal in the park, the younger members of the party went swimming in the Twin Pinnacles, while a number attended the Shakespearean opening.

Missionary Society

The adult Missionary Society of the First Christian church will meet Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the church.

Mrs. S. E. Sater's group will develop the subject, "Up and Down the Land."

Mrs. Ralph Cook's group will be in charge of the social hour. Friends and visitors are always welcome.

Home From California

Dr. and Mrs. F. C. Bunch returned Saturday from a two weeks vacation trip in California. They were most of the time in San Francisco and Los Angeles. During their stay in Los Angeles they were guests of E. A. Pendarvis, who is Paul Pendarvis' father. The Bunch and Pendarvis families were childhood friends in Oklahoma.

Return From Trip To Coast

Mrs. E. H. Janney and her daughter have returned from a three weeks vacation in Los Angeles. During the time they were gone, Mr. Janney and Douglas Janney spent most of their vacation on the coast.

Sister Arrives From Los Angeles

Miss Josephine Mann of Los Angeles arrived this morning for a visit with her brother, J. C. Mann, and his family.

TAMING OF SHREW OPENS ASHLAND'S PLAY FESTIVAL

With "Taming of the Shrew" as the opening vehicle, the Oregon Shakespeare Festival opened last night before a crowd of over 700 in Ashland's outdoor theatre. On an original Elizabethan stage, Director Angus Bowmer and his company of talented young artists presented one of Shakespeare's most popular comedies just as the Bard of Avon wrote it, in the original manner with a minimum of stage effects and properties and without a pause between scenes.

The result was a pleasing production, enlightening to the student of Shakespeare and good comedy to the vast majority of people. The audience who came to be entertained, the evening was cool and the star-budded sky above a beautiful Litchia Park formed a perfect backdrop for the stage on which the brightly costumed players swept through the gay lines of the play with kaleidoscopic color and action.

The play itself was preceded by a short ceremony in which the Oregon Shakespearean Festival association, newly formed sponsoring organization, made its public debut. Frank Van Dyke, Ashland attorney and president of the Ashland chamber of commerce, acted as master of ceremonies and introduced Judge Earl B. Day, of Jackson county, president of the new association, Ole Arnsperger, president of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, Charles Pruitt, Medford's acting mayor, and Mayor Thornton Wiley of Ashland were among those who spoke. Telegrams from Governor Charles H. Martin, Senators McNary and Steiwer and others congratulating the southern Oregon group were read.

The ceremonies ended, Florence Hubert's "Waltz Queen" played a short overture and the curtain rose on the festival's first production. From the opening line it became apparent that the performers were not to be awed by the classic lines or frightened by the fact that they were playing Shakespeare before a critical audience.

They plunged into their work as if they enjoyed it and carried the play along with a light-hearted swing that won instant approval of the crowd. Roberta Nourse carried the difficult role of Katharina, the Shrew. As the hell-cat who is tamed by the lusty abuse of Petruchio, played with enthusiasm by Bob Steiman, she turned in a neat and convincing performance.

Doreen Leverette was charming as the demure Bianca, little sister of Katharina who could not be married until her elder sister could be tamed and yoked in matrimony.

William Cottrell, who assists Bowmer as director, played with finesse the role of Baptista, the slightly senile father of the two girls. Joining Beischer, as Grumio, Richard Sleight as Hortensio, and Morgan Cook as Tranio carried their difficult roles with ease.

T. Arnold Baughn played a convincing Lucentio, winner in the quest for Bianca's hand. Two comedy characters, Jim Baughman as Grumio and John Barker as Blondello, were entertaining in their clownish roles. They have become regular fixtures with festival audiences.

Mrs. Patton Leaves For Home

Mrs. Edith W. Patton, formerly of Medford, left yesterday morning for her home in Berkeley, Calif. Mrs. Patton, with her daughter Doris, and her sons, Billy and Kenny, have been occupying the Reese Braley house for the past month.

Luncheon and Bridge for Friday

The local army set is planning one of its interesting social afternoons for Friday, when they will entertain at luncheon and bridge at one o'clock at the Hotel Medford. Mrs. H. J. Mellinger and Mrs. Mary Driscoll will be hostesses this week.

Guest Entertained

Miss Sybil Kennedy of Gateway, Ore., is the guest of the Misses Mann. The girls have been spending several days at a cabin on the river and will return tonight. A party is being planned for the honor guest by a group of Ashland young people for this evening.

Bridge Party Postponed

There is a convention of fire insurance executives, to start Thursday this week, so the luncheon and bridge party that has been planned for Friday by the army set has been postponed. A later date will be set.

Brief Visit

Miss Clara Ford of Berkeley, Cal., stopped for a few days in Medford on her way home from a visit in Michigan. Miss Ford has been a guest in the city several times during the past 10 years, and plans her trips so that she can stop here whenever possible.

Pythian Picnic

The Pythian club will hold a picnic at Jackson Hot Springs Thursday at 5:30. All Pythians, and Knights of Pythias and families are invited. Coffee will be served by the Pythian club.

LeRoy Lindner played a Lord and Sheldon Walter was Christopher Sly, the drunken tinker. Frances Hardy was the hostess, Frank Smith a page, Norman Hamilton a huntsman and Harold Reedy was Curio, a servant to Petruchio. All fitted perfectly into their characters.

Ruth Auston appeared as a widow and Audrey Lofland and Kathleen Nourse were "curtain boys." Costumes and lighting effects were especially impressive. Lois Bowmer, costume director, designed all costumes used in the show with an eye for their effect in the complete ensemble and in many of the more elaborate scenes, the stage took on the appearance of a huge oil painting.

Bradley Paige and Eddie Nugent, Hollywood players, were among those witnessing the production and they were especially impressed with this feature.

"This is one of the finest Shakespearean performances I have ever seen," said Nugent. "From a professional standpoint, the play impressed me with its tempo and balance, and I was carried along by the plot as acted out by this talented group of artists."

"The costuming is marvelous," said Paige. "I was pleased to learn that they were designed and made here at the Southern Oregon Normal school. I had taken it for granted they were imported from a professional costume house. The grouping effects on the stage took full advantage of the novelty and color of the costumes and were heightened by skillful lighting."

Both actors complimented the performers on their individual characterizations. Others in the audience were equally impressed.

Tonight's offering will be "Romeo and Juliet," Shakespeare's immortal tragedy. In the leading roles will be T. Arnold Baughn, Cornish student, as Romeo, and Kitty Ingle of Ashland as Juliet.

The curtain will rise at 8:30 o'clock and the performance will require about two hours. Backed by the newly formed association, the festival this year has already gone well over last year's box office receipts, assuring the financial success of the shows. Reserved seat tickets at \$1 and general admission tickets at 50 cents are still on sale at the chamber of commerce in Ashland and at the chamber of commerce and Pruitt's Music-Radio Center in Medford.

Both reserved seat and general admission tickets may be procured at any time and used for any of the performances.

Lumberman Dies

PORTLAND, Aug. 3.—(AP)—Anson S. Brooks, 84, chairman of the board for the Brooks-Seaton Lumber Company, Inc., at Bend, died last night at his home in Minneapolis. Philip R. Brooks, his nephew, said today.

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SIX IN HOSPITALS AFTER DERAILING OF S. P. SPECIAL

Soft Pumice Prevents More Serious Wreck On Main Line Near Yamsay — Broken Rail Is Blamed

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 3.—(AP)—Six persons lay in Oregon hospitals today while remaining members of an American Express tour continued their journey through the northwest—a journey interrupted yesterday when six cars of their special train left the rails of the Southern Pacific main line near Yamsay, in southern Oregon.

Mrs. Henry McCullough, Allentown, Pa., who was injured in a fall in a San Francisco hotel the day before was one of the five taken to the hospital at Eugene.

Others were: Sigourney Anderson, negro, Los Angeles, dining car waiter, possible fracture of left hip. Los Angeles, negro, chef, scalded by boiling water.

Henry McMill, Los Angeles, cook, bruised side and back. Elmo Smith, Los Angeles, porter, wrenched back, injured knee.

Mrs. H. L. Dick of Chicago, Ill., was taken to a Portland hospital with a sprained back.

Sixteen others received attention for minor injuries. The accident occurred at 7:31 a. m., when most of the 137 passengers were asleep.

Breaking of a rail, over which the railroad's crack Casco Limited had passed safely less than two hours before, was believed to have caused the wreck.

Two dining cars, a lounge and three tourist sleepers left the rails, and were whipped along for 700 feet through the soft pumice roadbed. Some of the cars inclined steeply, but none turned over.

Trainmen said the pumice prevented more serious wreck, as the soft surface brought the rear cars to a halt when a coupling broke before the speeding train was stopped.

TO MAKE LEVITT CRATER MEMBER FOLLOWING DINNER

Reservations for the banquet honoring David H. Canfield and E. P. Levitt will close at noon tomorrow, it was announced today. Up to that time reservations may be made at the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce.

The banquet will be held at 6:30 tomorrow evening in the Hotel Medford. It is sponsored jointly by the chamber of commerce and the Crater club. It is a farewell testimonial for Mr. Canfield, who is relinquishing his position as superintendent of Crater Lake national park to become superintendent of Rocky Mountain national park in Colorado, a post to which he was promoted recently.

The Levitt will also be a welcome for Mr. Levitt, superintendent of Las-

sen Volcanic national park, who will succeed Mr. Canfield at Crater lake. After the banquet the Crater club will hold an initiation for Mr. Levitt in the club's ritual room in the hotel basement. The formal initiation will be held in full. All attending the banquet are invited to attend the ceremony.

It was emphasized by Karl L. Janouch, toastmaster, that women are not only invited to attend the banquet and initiation, but are urged to do so. Mrs. Canfield is to be one of the honor guests.

A delegation is expected to attend representing the Grants Pass Chamber of Commerce and the Siskiyou national forest. Mr. Janouch and others will represent the Rogue River national forest.

ELKS OFFER PRIZE FOR DECORATIONS DURING CONCLAVE

Three cash prizes totaling \$50 will be offered for the best decorated store windows during the annual state convention of Elks clubs, which will be held in Medford September 24-26, inclusive. It was announced today. First prize will be \$25, second \$15 and third prize \$10.

The local Elks lodge, convention host, will not solicit money from Medford merchants to stage the convention, and asks only that business firms co-operate by displaying flags and decorating their windows in purple and white, official B. P. O. E. colors.

Over 500 out-of-town visitors are expected to attend the three-day convention, which is sponsored by the Oregon State Elks association. A full team of 120 or more members is expected from Portland.

About a dozen officials from Ashland, Medford, Klamath Falls and Grants Pass lodges met in the local temple Sunday afternoon to discuss convention plans. The three other southern Oregon units pledged their support to Medford in playing host to the state gathering and each will assist in the program.

It was decided to stage no parade this year because of the fact that Saturday would be the only day available. It was pointed out that traffic on that day would seriously interfere with an organized parade. However, it was explained, there would be several marching bodies during the convention.

The Medford Elks softball team issued a challenge to the Klamath Falls Elks, the winner to play any state Elks team on Sunday, September 16, day of the gala picnic.

Three Parables Sermon Topic of Nazarene Pastor

Speaking at the Church of the Nazarene Sunday morning, Fred M. Wetherford, pastor-evangelist, used as his topic "Christ Speaks to Two Classes." He drew his sermon from the three parables in the 25th chapter of Matt.

"In this chapter Christ virtually said one thing in three different ways," the pastor declared. "He takes up three parables to teach the truth. In each of these he addresses himself to two classes of people, the wise and the foolish."

"In his teaching throughout it will be observed that Christ addressed himself specifically to two classes of people. In his sermon on the mount including the 5th, 6th and 7th chapters of Matt., it will be recalled that his final appeal erected a division between the wise and the foolish, with one class building upon the rock and the other upon the sand."

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JAPANESE TRYING PROVOKE CONFLICT IS RUSSIAN CLAIM

Government Organ Flays Wrecking of Consulate at Tientsin — Open Sympathy Expressed for China

MOSCOW, Aug. 3.—(AP)—The newspaper Izvestia, official organ of the Soviet government, today charged Japan as trying "to provoke a conflict with the U. S. S. R. by any means" in a denunciation of the wrecking of the Russian consulate at Tientsin.

The entire Soviet press blazed with indignation as Japan rejected a "determined" Russian protest against the raid on the Russian consulate during the fighting between Chinese and Japanese for possession of the city.

Revenge Held Motive Izvestia declared the attack on the consulate by White Russians, opposed to the present Soviet regime was inspired by the "insolent, cowardly action of Japanese militarists" and charged it was made in revenge for the failure of frequent attempts to raid Soviet frontiers.

"The white guard provocateurs Japanese masters should know their vile provocations toward the U. S. R. R. will fail and not remain unchallenged," thundered Pravda, organ of the communist party.

The Russian press expressed open sympathy for China in the conflict with Japan over the rich north China provinces of Hopeh and Chahar.

"It is not enough that the Japanese army is bombing Chinese cities, exterminating a peaceful population and occupying foreign territory," Pravda asserted.

Likened to Wolves "It is using every occasion to try to provoke new conflicts. The path of the Japanese troops is strewn with bodies. Passing through the burned Chinese quarters they are strolling

all over the city like hungry wolves searching for objects to attack." The press also attacked the Japanese administration of the Chinese Eastern railway and accused it of again withholding pensions due former Soviet employees of the line.

The Japanese ambassador to Moscow, Mamoru Shigenitsu, told the Russian foreign office last night that his government could not comply with the Russian demand that the raiders be punished, property seized by them returned and compensation paid for damages.

The Soviet charged the attack was made by White Russians, who are opposed to the Soviet regime, and was organized by the Japanese intelligence service.

BOY HIKER HELD IN AUTO THEFT

Charged with automobile theft, Howard Joseph Bergmann, 17-year-old hitch-hiker from Madison, Wis., was being held in the county jail today following his capture last night about two hours after allegedly stealing a 1936 Terraplane sedan owned by Justin B. Smith of route 4, Young Bergemann will appear in juvenile court in a few days, the county court said.

Mrs. Justin B. Smith, she reported to city police, parked the automobile on South Bartlett street at 8 o'clock last night, while she attended the movies. The car was gone when she returned and she immediately notified city police, who in turn told state police and the California quarantine station. At 10:10 p. m., the quarantine station notified city police that Bergemann was being held, and state police returned the youth and automobile to Medford.

The youth told state police he had hitch-hiked from Wisconsin, had worked a while near Marshfield and was on his way to San Diego to join the navy.

The department of agriculture says strip sodding with buffalo grass may hold soil against wind erosion the same as strip cropping holds soil on hilly farmlands.

Closing time for Too Late to Classify Ads is 1:30 p. m.

JAPAN PLACED ON WARTIME FOOTING FOR CHINA DRIVE

Ban On Foreign Ships Lifted to Free Own Tonnage — One Year Increase Profit Taxes to Raise Funds

TOKYO, Aug. 3.—(AP)—Emergency and commercial measures put Japan on a virtual wartime footing today for the first time since the Russo-Japanese war.

Neutral observers said the decrees would give the Japanese nation and foreign powers a concrete idea of how determined Japan is to achieve by war those aims in China she failed to obtain by diplomacy.

Lift Shipping Ban. Bans against American and other foreign coastal shipping between Japanese ports were lifted, apparently for the threefold purpose of:

- 1. Diverting foreign vessels from the coast of China where the Japanese navy may establish a blockade. 2. Making available all Japanese tonnage for shipments to China. 3. Providing means of transportation for essential commodities in foreign vessels.

Besides raising 400,000,000 yen (about \$120,000,000) for war purposes by issuing special bonds, the government decided to acquire several hundred million more yen by decreasing a one-year increase in taxes on national bonds, stock dividends and corporation profits.

It also levied a surcharge on profits accruing from the hostilities in China to munitions makers, corporations and individuals.

It imposed a 2 percent ad valorem tax on cameras, films, motion picture apparatus, phonographs, records, musical instruments, precious metals, jewelry, tortoise shell, pearls and coral.

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