

SOCIETY AND CLUB NEWS OF THE WEEK

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Popular Bride Is Honored at Several Parties

A recent bride who was feted at several delightful social affairs last week was Mrs. Paul Herron, the former Mrs. Gladys Bengtson who was married in Reno, Nevada.

Mrs. Hilding Bengtson entertained for Mrs. Herron at a luncheon and shower party. Eighteen guests were bidden to the affair. Sweetpeas centered the bride's table and holiday decorations were used about the room. The honoree was the recipient of many attractive gifts.

Other hostesses were members of the junior high school faculty who entertained with a tea which was served in the home economics room of the school. Mrs. Herron received a gift from the faculty.

Mrs. Herron is the daughter of Mrs. Rose Ekelson of Heppner, and the cousin of Mrs. Hilding Bengtson of this city. She has been prominent for a number of years in social, school and theatrical groups of this city and was a school teacher here for a number of years, lately being a member of the Junior High School faculty.

Mr. Herron, son of Mrs. Mable Herron of North Oakdale, has made his home in Medford for many years, and was also in business for several years in San Simon, Arizona, for which city the couple left to make their home. Mr. Herron is re-entering business there.

DeMolay Mothers Convene Tuesday

DeMolay Mother's club will hold a regular monthly session Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Fred Strang, 416 South Central avenue.

Dessert will be served at 1:30 o'clock. All mothers of DeMolay boys, whether members of the club or not, are invited to attend the affair. They are asked to bring a small gift for the tree.

Joy to the World!



Girl Scouts help to keep alive the charming custom of the roving carolers of long ago who used to stop by each lighted window to sing of Christmas cheer. The fresh voices coming clearly through the brisk December air are eagerly awaited each season. Above, a group of Girl Scouts and their friends gather round the piano for an informal rehearsal.

Legion Auxiliary Dignitaries to Attend Meeting

Among distinguished guests who will attend the district conference of the American Legion Auxiliary in Medford Wednesday at the 2 o'clock meeting in the Medford Hotel, will be Mrs. Alfred Mathebat, national vice president of the Western district; Mrs. William Horstfall, department president; Mrs. Laura Goode, department vice president; Mrs. Mae Whitcomb, department secretary and Mrs. Peggy Young, district president and several members from all units in District 4. Tea will be served at 3:30 o'clock. A business meeting will follow.

In the evening the posts and auxiliary members will hold a banquet at 7:30 at the Hotel Medford followed by dancing.

After the regular business meeting last week the post and auxiliary members enjoyed a Christmas party. Several carols were sung by the choral club, directed by Marguerite Luman, each guest brought a toy to be packed by Mrs. Edna Overmyer and sent to the families of the veterans in the Roseburg hospital. Chloe Ellenburg, junior auxiliary chairman, reported on a party held for the juniors in the armory. Nettie Ellenburg, community service chairman, asked two members to go to the Red Cross office each day this week to help wrap Christmas packages for several needy children in the valley.

Lemery Home Will Be Lunch Scene

Women of Rotary will hold its annual Christmas party Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Charles W. Lemery, Roseborough addition.

Mrs. C. C. Leonard and Mrs. M. T. Wray will be the assistant hostesses.

A covered dish luncheon will be served at 1 o'clock. Members are asked to bring two gifts, one to be exchanged and one to be put in baskets for distribution.

Priscilla Group Meets Wednesday
Priscilla circle will convene Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Harry Leclerc, 706 Second street.

2:30 p. m.—Wednesday Study club, Girl's Community clubhouse.

7:30 p. m.—Rebekah, I. O. O. F. party, I. O. O. F. hall.

Thursday
1:00 p. m.—Methodist Bible class, home Mrs. A. E. Brockway, Stewart avenue.

1:00 p. m.—Relief corps, armory.

8:00 p. m.—Nurses-B. P. W. Girl's Community clubhouse.

8:00 p. m.—Degree of Honor, clubrooms.

Christian Church Cantata Program This Evening

The First Christian church will present a cantata, this evening at 7:30 o'clock in the church.

Among those attending will be the Presbyterian church members.

The program follows:
The Christ Child—Hawley
Presented by choir of Christian church. Effie H. Kurtz, director; Mable Sims, pianist; Dorothy Gore, violinist.

Prelude.
Tenor solo—The Voice That Cried In the Wilderness. Lois Young, soloist.
Bartitone recitative—The People That Walked In Darkness. Philip Henselman.
Arie, Shine—Chorus.
He Shall Feed His Flock—ladies' three-part chorus: Lois Young, soloist.

Tenor solo—Hail, Hail—Ross Stroud.
Mixed quartet—How Beautiful Upon the Mountains. Joyce Young, Oetha Olson, M. E. Olson, John Kirkpatrick.

Soprano solo—My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord. Joyce Young.
Sing, O Heavens. Chorus.
Quintette with soprano obligato—Blessed is He. Euvon Trees, Emma Clement, Ross Stroud, Neal Curry, Ray Cameron, Effie Kurtz.

Hymn No. 46—Come All Ye Faithful. Congregation and choir.
Offertory—The Plains of Bethlehem. Soprano solo—O Little Town of Bethlehem. Eloise Winkiebeck.
Glory to God in the Highest. Chorus.
Tenor solo—Peace on the Earth. Marmie Olson with echo quartette: Joyce Sims, Helen Young, Alice Curry, Carl Winkiebeck.

Soprano solo—Holy Night! Peaceful Night! Mrs. Kurtz and chorus.
Final chorus—O Praise the Lord.

Joint Yule Party Thursday Evening

The Oregon State Nurses association and the Business and Professional Women's club will hold a joint Christmas party at the Girls' Community clubhouse Thursday evening at 8 o'clock.

Committee in charge of the affair includes Helen Parish, Hazel Swayne, Gladys York, Enid Funk and Eva Judd.
All members are asked to attend this annual social event.

Rebekah Lodge Dinner Monday

Rebekah Lodge will hold its annual homecoming dinner Monday evening at 6:30 o'clock in the I. O. O. F. hall. A program will follow the dinner. This will mark the last meeting in which the present officers will preside.

Just Folks Have Christmas Party

Just Folks circle convened last week at the home of Mrs. Ernest R. Gilstrap on Geneva street for a Christmas party and luncheon. Twenty members enjoyed the pleasant afternoon. Hostesses were Mrs. E. Bradfish and Mrs. L. Wheaton.

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

Girl Scouts Trace Origin Of Christmas Tree Custom

Have you ever looked at your Christmas tree ornaments with bright colored gleams and wondered where the idea of Christmas trees originated?

That happened to a group of Girl Scouts one day. And being good Girl Scouts they set to work to find out the facts. Guided by Mrs. Gerrett S. Miller, of Washington, D. C., the girls hunted public libraries and blew the dust off long unopened books.

Their first surprise came when they learned that the custom of the Christmas tree did not become popular until half a century ago; the second, when their trail led back to early Scandinavians long before the establishment of the Roman Empire.

Before the time of Christ, when sun worship was the major religion, the evergreen was believed to represent the sun, its branches the sun rays. Early Scandinavians conceived the universe to be a gigantic evergreen in whose branches dwelt the gods and at whose base lived the Three Fates, today translated into the Three Wise Men.

France, the girls found, had a thirteenth century romance to contribute. In it, the hero finds a huge tree in the forest, laden with candles, some upright, some upsidown, and above the tree, a child with a halo round its head. According to legend, when the Pope heard the story he interpreted the tree as mankind, the child as the Christchild, and the candles as good and bad people.

Probably the most popular tale of the Christmas tree's origin is that which attributes the custom to Martin Luther. One Christmas Eve as he walked homeward, the winter sky was studied with brilliant stars. Later, filled with the wonder of it, he tried to describe the sight to his family. But no words he could find suited him, and finally he rushed outside to return with a small fir tree which he decked with lighted candles.

But the story which credits St. Winifred with the tree's origin seems most in keeping with the spirit of Christmas. While addressing a group of converts, the story goes, he seized an axe and slashed down a huge oak, that had formerly been part of their Druidic worship. As the tree fell to the ground, a tiny young fir tree stood revealed, unharmed, pointing its green branches towards the stars. Winifred turned to his converts:

"This little tree shall be your holy tree tonight. It is the wood of peace, for your houses are built of fir. It is the sign of an endless life: for its leaves are ever green. Let this be called the tree of the Christchild; gather about it, not in the wildwood, but in your own homes; there it will shelter no deeds of blood, but loving gifts and rites of kindness."

The tree is not known to have become a feature of Christmas until the sixteenth century when a Strasbourg manuscript (1608) describes it as part of the Yule celebration. For two hundred years only the Rhine country decorated Christmas trees. In 1830 the idea was taken up by Munich, Bohemia, and Hungary. By 1869 trees were on sale throughout Paris. The custom was not prevalent in England until the marriage of Queen Victoria to a German prince. German emigrants brought the usage to America.

Many Attend Party At Swartz Home

Mrs. William Swartz, 40 Berkeley Way, was hostess to the members of the Pythian Sisters club on Tuesday evening for their annual Christmas party.

A turkey dinner was served and a beautiful Christmas tree and exchange of gifts was enjoyed by the guests.

The regular business meeting was held with the election of officers for the coming year. The remainder of the evening was spent in playing pinochle.

The following were present: Mesdames Lillian Flynn, Elsie Casebeer, Susie Yost, Belle Yarbrough, Ella Wortman, Blanche Potter, Ruth Waldron, Esther Waldron, Judy Wolf, Fannie Waldron, Mary Weber, Hermine Kline, Grace Reed, Gene Bateman, Mary Wilson, Maxine Ferguson, Minnie Heine, Mabel Heimroth, Della Watkins, Emily Conrad, Lula Fisk, Austria Barneburg, Grace Fulkerson, Adalide Swartz, Nell Potter, William Swartz, Ray Yost, D. L. Flynn, J. B. Yarbrough, Mr. Fisk.

Mrs. Canode to Visit Relatives

Mrs. George B. Canode will be among Medfordites spending the Christmas vacation out of town.

She plans to visit over the holidays in Los Angeles with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Warnock.

Mrs. Canode also plans to spend some time with the Theron P. Hookers and their young son John before returning here to resume her teaching duties in the Washington school.

C. P. Alumni Group To Entertain Soon

Central Point high school seniors will be honored at a party Friday evening, December 29 at 8 o'clock at Chalkers' Motel on the Rogue river near Gold Hill.

Hosts for the annual affair will be the Central Point high school alumni association. Officers include Ernest Shaver, president, Janice Nealon, secretary, vice president, Donald Niedermeyer.

All alumni and senior class members are invited to attend the event. Tickets may be obtained at Stone's drug store in Central Point.

P. E. O. Party To Be Tuesday Eve

P. E. O. chapter BE will enjoy a Christmas party Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. George B. Canode on 1716 Crown road.

Miss Ora Cox will be the hostess. Committee in charge of the affair is composed of Miss Gertrude Parker, Miss Annette Gray and Mrs. Eudora Ferry.

Bible Class to Meet Thursday

Mrs. Mary Jones will be hostess to the Women's Bible class of the Methodist church Thursday afternoon at 1 o'clock at the home of Mrs. A. E. Brockway on Stewart avenue.

A covered dish luncheon will be served and a Christmas party will follow. Members are to meet at the church at 12:30 o'clock for transportation.

Wednesday Club Will Meet Soon
Wednesday Study club will convene at the Girls' Community clubhouse Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

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6:30 p. m.—Rebekah lodge, I. O. O. F. hall.
8:00 p. m.—Crater Lake Guild, home Helen Holt Wilson, 11 Corning Court.

Tuesday
1:30 p. m.—Lady Elks, Elks Temple.
1:30 p. m.—DeMolay Mothers, home Mrs. Fred Strang, 416 South Central.

2:00 p. m.—Presbyterian missionary group, home Mrs. A. R. Clement, 1224 West Main street.
6:00 p. m.—Mary-Martha circle, Methodist church parlors.

6:30 p. m.—V. F. W., armory.
7:30 p. m.—P. E. O., BE, home Mrs. George Canode, 1716 Crown road.
7:30 p. m.—Golden Links, home Mrs. L. J. Knox, 221 Portland avenue.

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