

# SOCIETY AND CLUB NEWS OF THE WEEK

By CLARA MARY DAVIS

## Angus Bowmer's Play One of Ten Best in Contest

Angus L. Bowmer, instructor at the Southern Oregon College of Education in Ashland, received word that his one-act play, "Rogue Rest," was in the first ten comedies selected by a board of critics for dramatic writing in the United States and Canada. Dr. Margery Bailey, proctor for drama awards at Stanford university, made the announcement and requested the privilege of reading Mr. Bowmer's play to the Third Dramatists assembly at Stanford university, where the winning plays were viewed and read last week.

Mr. Bowmer is expected to return today from San Francisco where he attended the play readings. At a meeting Wednesday for play directors, producers and authors, Mr. Bowmer was one of three to address the assembly. He talked from the standpoint of the author, and was introduced by a Portland civic theater man who mentioned that he had to go all the way to California to meet the man (Bowmer) who had obtained more publicity in Portland papers than Portland's own civic theater. The Portlander referred to the Shakespearean Festival.

Dr. Bailey described "Rogue Rest" as being hilarious, unaffected, forthright and charming. Awards and criticisms of the first ten plays in the national contest were to have been made last night.

Mr. Bowmer was director of the Shakespeare Festival association for five years and has been director and actor in numerous outstanding plays in the valley in the past few years.

## Bride-Elect Is Feted at Large Shower Party

Miss Marjorie McKee, bride-elect of Ransom Vess of Los Angeles, Cal., was honored at a large miscellaneous shower party last week when Mrs. Fred M. Weatherford entertained at her home on North Central avenue.

The following program was enjoyed during the delightful affair: Solo, "To You," by Lois Herman; skit, Gertrude Nelson and Winona Varner; reading, Ethel Rogers. Refreshments were served with a three-tiered bridal cake forming the table center.

Guests included Mesdames Clarence Starkey, Henry Herman, Carl Foster, Dayton Varner, Ethel Rogers, Willard Van Rhee, T. Tompkins, C. Goble, Charles McKee, C. T. Bingham, Henry Lacy, David Nelson, W. Applegate, A. Yokum, M. Snyder, Clyde Richmond, George Vestal, Dr. Sussie Standard, Ina Rinker, L. C. House, Fred Robbins, Arnold Kornstad, Neville Von Stein, Loren Scheel, M. Johnson; the Misses Lois Herman, Emeline Applegate, Lois Snyder, Dorothy Tompkins, Winona Varner, Gertrude Nelson, Melva Rogers, Dorothy Rogers, Lottie Watkins, Eva Goble.

## Rev. Bray is Visitor Here

The Rev. William D. Bray of Turrell, Ark., was a visitor in Medford for several days last week and was the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hanoy and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Thomas.

The Rev. Mr. Bray had been visiting his parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. Bray and family of North Bend. He is a former resident of Medford and a graduate of Medford high school and of the South Methodist university of Dallas, Tex., where he finished his work in the Theological seminary last year. He is now pastor of the Methodist church in Turrell. En route south, the Rev. Mr. Bray will be the guest of his sister Kathleen and his brothers, Max and Paul Bray, in Berkeley, Cal.

## B.P.W. Picnic Today At Lake of Woods

The Business and Professional Women's club enjoyed a picnic at the summer home of Mrs. Maude Snider at Shady Cove, Thursday evening. There were 32 members present. Dinner was followed by cards.

An executive council meeting was held Wednesday evening at the home of Lunetta Bussey, president. At the meeting it was decided to send a car with delegates to each of the district conferences. Geraldine Taylor was appointed as a director to fill the vacancy of Mabel Mack, who has moved to Corvallis.

All members are urged to remember the picnic to be held at Lake of the Woods today noon with Klamath Falls as host. Those wishing to attend are to call Lunetta Bussey.

## Play Is Lauded



Angus L. Bowmer, whose play, "Rogue Rest," was among the first ten comedies selected by a board of critics for dramatic writing in the United States and Canada. The play was read to the Third Dramatists' Assembly at Stanford university in Mr. Bowmer's presence last week.

## Green Residence Scene of Bridge Breakfast Party

Mrs. Raymond A. Miksche was feted at a surprise bridge breakfast and shower party Friday morning at the attractive Old State road home of the Gordon R. Greens.

Hostesses for the pleasant affair were Mrs. Green, Mrs. G. O. Humphrey and Mrs. C. M. Starnes.

Guests included Mesdames Frank Perl, R. Jack Simpson, H. C. Obye, Dwight Findley, Jack Porter, Bayard Getchell, Major M. Morris, Mark Miller, S. Ralph Dippel, John J. Wilkinson, V. J. Robinson, Charles Reams, Scott Davis, D. Ford McCormick, Lee Bown, F. G. Bunch and E. A. Littrell.

Mrs. Miksche received many lovely gifts and bridge prizes were won by Mrs. Dippel and Mrs. Getchell.

## Annual Reunion Of Association Next Saturday

The following notice was sent out this week to all Women's Relief Corps of southern Oregon:

By order of the Lieut.-Col. Commander J. C. Woods: The forty-eighth annual reunion of the Southern Oregon Soldiers and Sailors' association will be held Saturday, August 24, 1940, in the Grange hall, Central Point, Ore.

The officers of the association, together with a committee from the local Women's Relief Corps, are planning for a full day of pleasure and entertainment. Please see that every Union veteran of the Civil war in your town has an opportunity to come if he is at all able. Of course, we are expecting a large delegation from your organization.

Following registration, and promptly at 10:30 a. m., a business session will be held, selecting meeting place for next year and election of officers.

At noon, a picnic dinner will be served. The hostess organization will be in charge of tables. Meat, coffee, cream, sugar, rolls, butter will be furnished. Visitors please bring cakes, pies, etc., and your own table service. The program will begin at 2 o'clock, and we are asking each organization to furnish either a musical number, a reading or some short stunt. We are planning some interesting features for the entertainment.

We are inviting the department commander of the Sons of Union Veterans and the department presidents of the Women's Relief Corps and the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and hope that they may find it possible to be with us.

Please see that all your members are aware of this meeting and let us have a real get-together of the patriotic organizations of southern Oregon affiliated with the Grand Army of the Republic.

## Rammin Home Is Scene of Meet

Wenonah club met Thursday afternoon at the home of Gladys Rammin for desert bridge and pinocle. High scores were held by Martha Bittie and Peggy Grimes. Visitors for the afternoon were Austria Barneburg and Dorothy Scripser.

Assisting the hostess were: Sarah Tolle, Vera McBeck, Martha Bittie, Mabel Quackenbush, Ina Dooms, Ethel Haertle, Mary Lou Watson and Virginia Grimes.

## Relatives Arrive For Young-Moore Wedding This Week

Mrs. Moore Kaufman of Frankfort, Ky., and her daughter, Mrs. Ned Williams of Cheyenne, Wyo., are expected to arrive in Medford tomorrow to be guests at the wedding of Miss Beverly Young, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Bowman of Ashland and David Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rawles Moore of this city.

Mrs. Kaufman is Mr. Rawles Moore's sister.

The ceremony will be an event of Wednesday in the First Presbyterian church of Ashland.

Mrs. Moore was hostess on Thursday afternoon at her home on the Old Stage road at a garden party honoring the bride-elect. Twenty-five guests called between the hours of 4 and 6, and were received by the hostess, her daughter-in-law-to-be, and the latter's sister, Miss Floy Young, who recently returned from Chicago, where she attended the summer session at Northwestern university.

Assisting at the punchbowl and about the garden were Mesdames Arthur Warnock, George B. Canode, Otto J. Fronnmyer and Charles Wing, and the Misses Jean Wing and Allison Aya.

## Mrs. Segessman And Group Home From Long Trip

Mrs. E. W. Segessman and daughter Mary returned to their home in Trail last week from an extensive motorcar trip to Canada. They were accompanied by Mrs. Segessman's sister, Mrs. E. C. Vossen of Eugene.

The trio traveled far north into Canada as LeRoy, which is 84 miles above Saskatoon. Mrs. Segessman and her sister, with their family, lived in LeRoy a number of years ago and this marked their first trip back for eight years. While there they visited their two brothers who later accompanied them to Banff. They also visited relatives at McGee and Calgary.

They made the return trip via the new loop road from Banff to Vancouver. Mrs. Segessman said that before coming back into the United States from Canada they were detained for some time while they proved that they are citizens of this country. She advised tourists to take their voter's certificates or other positive identification along.

In Vancouver and Auburn, Wash., the group visited relatives en route home.

Mrs. Segessman described wheat crops in the vicinity of her former home as looking very good. However, near Alberta, the trio viewed a large plot of wheat which had been ruined by hail.

The trip took six weeks, during which time the group traveled 5,000 miles. Mrs. Segessman said that although the scenery was interesting on the trip, that of the United States and especially Oregon's Crater Lake national park far surpassed it for actual beauty.

## Guest Day Leads Calendar Events

One of the largest social affairs of the week will be the quarterly guest day of the Medford Sojourners club. The affair is to be Thursday afternoon at the Hotel Medford, with each member of the club bringing a guest. Making arrangements is a committee headed by Mrs. O. J. Halboth, with Mrs. O. R. Fritz, Mrs. T. T. Bennett, Mrs. Jack Nail, Mrs. R. J. Alfrey and Mrs. Murray Marley as assistants.

The party will be a 1 o'clock dessert luncheon, with bridge following.

## Eugene Couple Visits Achesons

Mr. and Mrs. J. Russell Acheson had as their house guests for several days last week, Mr. and Mrs. Ray C. Hendrickson of Eugene. Mr. Hendrickson is athletic coach at the University high school and his wife is society editor of the Eugene Daily News.

From here, the couple planned to visit Crater Lake national park en route to their home in the college city.

## Stuarts Vacation At Lake of Woods

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Stuart and son, Richard, and Miss Isabel Stuart left yesterday for Lake of the Woods to vacation for a week. They will be guests at the David Holmes summer home.

At the lake they will be joined by the Stuart's daughter, Miss Gracia, who has been at Gird Scout camp for a week.

## Earl Tumys Are Hosts For Dinner And Rodeo Party

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Tumy were hosts last evening for a delightful buffet supper party at their home on Park avenue.

The affair honored three popular matrons who have been visiting in the valley for some time. They are Mrs. Marjorie Pitts of Chicago, Ill., Mrs. Charles M. Black of San Francisco, and Mrs. Elizabeth Brown of Kalamazoo, Mich.

The Tumys' guests numbered 30. After the dinner party the group attended the rodeo at the fairgrounds.

Mrs. Pitts, the sister of Mrs. Lillian Salade, plans to leave for her eastern home this evening. Mrs. Black is the house guest of Mrs. Corbin Edgell and Mrs. Brown, recently the house guest of Mrs. J. J. Emmens, is spending some time visiting Mrs. W. B. Biddle at the Hotel Medford.

## Night Acquacade Anticipated For Wednesday

An innovation in benefit affairs will be the Moonlight Acquacade Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred S. V. Carpenter on the Old Stage road.

The unique event is sponsored by the Jackson County League of Women Voters. League members and their guests are invited to attend.

Participating in the acquacade will be the following bevy of lovely maidens: The Misses Helene and Jeanne Salade, Peggy Gardner, Jean Schuler, Susan Vilas, Nina Tuttle, Patricia and Colista Farrell, Lois Pringle, Nan Tengwald, Deborah Tumy, Julie Carpenter, Peggy Scherer of San Francisco, Cal., and Ruddy Hale of Lake Forest, Ill.

Other water attractions by expert swimmers will follow the acquacade after which guests may swim or play badminton and cards.

Tickets to the benefit may be purchased from any member of the League and from Miss Gertrude Butler at the county courthouse. To alleviate the parking problem, persons are asked to attend the affair in groups to lessen the number of cars.

Plans for the Moonlight Acquacade were formulated at a League board meeting Friday afternoon at the home of the president, Mrs. Leonard Carpenter.

Another League event planned was the appearance here on September 23 of Countess Samoyaka, Polish refugee and Mrs. Iverson Macadam of Portland who will lecture.

Departmental appointments for the coming year were announced by Mrs. Curtis Hopkins. Mrs. Rupert Snyder will be assistant chairman of government and operation department and the new chairman of the department of government and social welfare is Mrs. Robert W. Sleeter.

## Frances Myers Returns Home

Miss Frances Myers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Myers returned to her home last week from Pasadena, Cal., where two months ago she completed a two-year course at the Pasadena Junior college. Her schooling was in the department of doctors and dentists' assistants.

A guest at the Myers home is Mrs. Myers' sister, Miss Jessie Yockey of Kansas City Mo. She plans to spend a fortnight here during which time she will visit all of the interesting scenic places. This marks her first trip to Oregon.

Other recent guests of the Myers' were Mr. Myers' three nieces, the Misses Grace, Doris and Lois Myers of Saskatchewan, Canada. They were en route to Pasadena, Cal.

## Miss Hale Feted At Luncheon Event

Miss Helene Salade entertained at the home of her mother, Mrs. Lillian Salade in Central Point, with a luncheon party Friday afternoon.

The enjoyable event honored Miss Ruddy Hale of Lake Forest, Ill. Miss Hale is the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. F. Corning Kenly.

After luncheon the hostess and the twelve guests went to the home of the Alfred S. V. Carpenters for an afternoon of swimming.

## Salem's Visits At Talent Home

Miss Grpha Williams of Salem is a visitor at the home of her sister, Mrs. A. E. Walker in Talent.

## Shakespearean Plays End; Brilliant Season Recorded

Oregon's sixth annual Shakespearean Festival is history, as far as the dramatic world is concerned, but not in the hearts and minds of southern Oregon.

The plucky spirit which has prompted young thespians from all parts of the country to labor under two months of intensive summer stock work, has carried this unique venture to new heights this year. The 1940 season closed last night in Ashland's civic Elizabethan theatre with the final showing of "As You Like It," but the memory of this season will long remain.

The ghost of William Shakespeare last night saw his play done in modern form, both literally and materially. Costumes were of modern attire, necessitated as a result of the disastrous fire which early Thursday morning swept through the backstage storage and costuming departments and destroyed nearly 65 per cent of authentically reproduced Elizabethan raiment. Flannel shirts, splashed with bright colors, logging boots, "tin" breeches, and bettered felt hats provided a severe contrast to the flowing rhea used in the time of the "good Queen Bess."

Notwithstanding the fact that production heads have achieved the so-called impossible and rebuilt three entire shows in as many days, the quality of the performances has not been dampened by the material losses. If anything, patrons found a new spirit. Dramatic sequences were pitched to a higher degree, comedy scenes were more receptive and the invisible cloak of co-operation which has aided in the

reconstruction work, prevailed to the final moments of the closing scene.

Today, the spirit of the immortal playwright treads an empty and barren stage. Except for packing and classifying of the weaver remaining costumes, the season is history. Players are making preparations to return to their various homes in all parts of the country. To Washington, D. C., will go Harry Moses. Richard Farmer is leaving for Los Angeles to rejoin the cast of "The Drunkard." Delmar Solem plans to set out for Tracy Minnesota and his regular position as a high school instructor. Doug Hubbard will return to Spokane and dramatic circles in the Inland Empire. Harriet Uecker is leaving for Hollywood and theatrical work in the nation's film capital.

Locally, participants are reluctantly returning to the whizzing progress of modern-day life. Plans for the 1941 season are already underway, but depend upon action from the executive council and board of directors. The definite amount of the loss sustained in the fire is not known. Production heads, however, estimate that \$2,000 will cover costumes, damage to backstage departments and props.

Both Director William David Cottrell and Art Director Lois M. Bowmer will be in Ashland next week completing their final work. Mrs. Bowmer plans to spend a week in Seattle within the near future and Mr. Cottrell will also leave for a short vacation.

## Rogue Lodge Is Scene of Dinner Party for Group

Rogue River Lodge was the scene of a no-host dinner party Friday evening when a group gathered to greet Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Bacheider of San Mateo, Cal., and to celebrate the birthday of Elbert L. Lenox of this city.

The visiting couple are the house guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. (Jerry) Jerome at their home on West Main street. Mrs. Bacheider is Mrs. Jerome's sister.

Those participating in the affair were Mr. and Mrs. Lenox, Mrs. Maude Clemenson, Mrs. Madge Brassfield, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Orr, Mr. and Mrs. A. Orin Schenck, Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. Orr, Mr. and Mrs. O. O. Glenderfer, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Jerome.

Mrs. Jerome and the Bachelers arrived in Medford several days ago from San Mateo via the Redwoods highway. Mrs. Jerome had spent five weeks visiting the couple. She attended the Golden Gate international exposition on Treasure Island, and other Bay City attractions.

## Miss Parish Is Hostess for Party

Miss Thelma Robison left Thursday for her home in Chicago, Ill., after spending several days here as the house guest of Miss Helen Parish.

Prior to her departure, the visitor was honored at a party when Miss Parish was hostess at the home of Mrs. Fletcher Fish in Phoenix.

Twelve guests were bidden to the affair and cards were enjoyed during the evening.

## Art Class Has Enjoyable Meet

The Jackson County Art class held its weekly class meeting at the home of Miss Gertrude Sullivan, 619 Columbus avenue, last week.

The class spent the afternoon doing pastel painting.

Next meeting will be held Thursday afternoon, August 22, at the home of Mrs. Grace Walker on Lotzer lane.

## Miss Paulsen Is Medford Visitor

A recent visitor in Medford was Miss Marjorie Paulsen, who was the guest of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. George Stevenson, at their home on the Old Pacific highway north.

Miss Paulsen was en route to her home in North Dakota after spending the past two years in Honolulu, Hawaii, where she graduated in June from the University of Hawaii.

## Service Club Will Convene

Service club of Spanish War Veterans will hold a special meeting Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the home of Edith Bundy, 804 South Central avenue.

## Betty Wilfley to Wed Mr. Young in September Rites

Mr. and Mrs. Ray F. Wilfley announce the engagement of their only daughter, Miss Betty Wilfley, to Ray A. Young, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Young of Herman, Neb.

The couple will wed in a morning ceremony on September 7 in the First Presbyterian church with Dr. Sherman L. Divine officiating.

Miss Wilfley came to Medford two years ago with her parents from Nebraska. Since that time she has been popular in social and civic affairs and is a member of the Business and Professional Women's club, president of the Crater Lake Guild of the Presbyterian church and associate member of the American Association of University Women. She attended Doane College in Crete, Neb., and graduated from the Lincoln, Neb., business college.

Mr. Young came here a year ago and is the office manager of Lost River dairy. He is a graduate of University of Nebraska and is affiliated with Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity.

## Miss Grover Is Visitor Here

Miss Ruth Grover of San Francisco, Cal., is visiting her mother, Mrs. Nettie Grover, here at her home on Welch street for a week.

## Missionary Group Will Convene

The Women's Missionary society of the First Presbyterian church will meet at the country home of Mrs. B. R. Elliott, Tuesday at 2 p. m. Members are to call Mrs. R. S. Daniels for transportation.

## GEN. LACKLAND ON VISIT TO J'VILLE

Before continuing his routine field inspection flight late Friday afternoon, Brig.-Gen. Frank D. Lackland visited in Jacksonville where his mother resided when she was a young girl.

His mother, now 80 years old, has frequently told him about the old pioneer mining town and he showed great interest in the place and particularly the original buildings that have survived, especially the church that is supposed to be the oldest Protestant church west of the Rockies. The general also went through the museum which houses many relics from the early days of Jacksonville. He had visited Jacksonville once before, about a year ago.

General Lackland is commander of the first wing, U. S. army air corps, with headquarters at March field, Riverside, Cal. He was en route north.

## French Sail Home

A party of French sailors sailed aboard the French steamship Athos today to be repatriated under a guarantee of safe conduct by Premier Mussolini of Italy.

## Dive Injures Girl

The Dalles, Aug. 17.—(AP)—A dive into shallow water at the city natatorium critically injured Mary Ann Larson, 17, yesterday. She suffered serious paralysis and probably a broken neck.

## Medford Girl Weds Mr. Savage Monday Evening

At an impressive ceremony Monday evening at 5:30 o'clock at the country home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nahs, Miss Emelle Nahs became the bride of Gene Savage, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Neal Savage of Walla Walla, Wash. The Rev. Phillips, pastor of the Christian church in Central Point, officiated.

The bride wore a beautiful aqua colored dress with a corsage of white gardenias. Mrs. J. L. Conger, her sister, was her only attendant and Mr. Conger acted as best man for Mr. Savage.

Rooms were decorated with baskets of pink gladioli. Guests were relatives of the two families. A reception followed the ceremony.

The bride is a graduate of the Medford high school.

The couple left after the reception for Bend where they will make their home. Mr. Savage is associated with the public road administration.

## ALL GETTING FISH IN DIAMOND LAKE

Diamond Lake, Aug. 17.—(Spl.)—Fishing at Diamond lake has been in the superlative degree the last week. This term can be used, as many limits are taken from the lake every day, and invariably every party that goes on the lake gets its "suffice."

Figures to prove the number of fish taken, and the number sent to various points in the United States follow: Sam Wood, to Mrs. Frank O. Graves in Hollywood, Calif., 12 fish; W. R. Wion, to F. J. Placky, in Tyndall, S. D.; A. J. Mihalick, to C. C. Bechtold, in Portland, 21; C. H. Meyers, to Margaret Berg in Oakland, Calif., 8; F. M. Michael, to Silas Nowell in Lynnwood, Calif., 14; K. M. Sather, to Kent N. Sather in Petaluma, Calif., 3; E. O. Patch and P. H. Montgomery, to George E. Volke in Los Angeles, 21; Hester H. Nichol to James S. Taylor, in Piedmont, Calif., 4; to Wm. B. Nichol in Reno, 4.

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## Births

Born August 16 to Mr. and Mrs. Hudson Brent of Siltcoos, Ore., at Osteopathic clinic, a baby girl weighing 6 pounds 12 ounces. The baby has been named Donna May.

Farm Work Gains Salem, Aug. 17.—(AP)—Oregon's employment service placed more workers on agricultural jobs than any other state except Texas during the first half of 1940. Director L. C. Stoll was advised by the Social Security board today.

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THE SUNDAY SUPPLEMENT

Members are asked to bring a covered dish and their own service.

A business session will follow the dinner.

Mrs. Fay Paris Returns to City

Mrs. Fay Paris returned to Medford Friday from Portland and coastal points where she spent a week vacationing.

In this city she is making her home in the Moss apartments at 314 North Central avenue.

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