

SOCIETY and CLUBS

Pianist Presents Opening Concert For Association

(Mrs. E. E. Gore)
The Jackson County Civic Music association Friday night gave the first concert of the 1946-47 series at the senior high school auditorium presenting E. Robert Schmitz, pianist, in a program that proved to be a revelation of pianistic art. The program was entirely representative of piano literature from Bach, 1685, to today's Gershwin. Selecting three representative numbers from his extensive Bach repertoire, Mr. Schmitz played with exactitude, quiet shaded control and a scholarly observance of pattern that resulted in a most satisfactory and musical rendition of this master's monumental work.

The great Chopin Sonata, in four contrasting movements, was played without pause and was marked by deep musicianship in interpretation, as well as by amazing fluency, dexterity and security of technique.

After a brief intermission the music of the modernistic and impressionistic masters was the offering. As an interpreter of Ravel and Debussy, stressing the development of the modern French school, Mr. Schmitz is said to have no equal and the audience was keenly and enthusiastically responsive to the perfection and beauty of the music.

Besides being an internationally known concert pianist, Mr. Schmitz is outstanding in the field of radio, chorale and orchestra organization, has brought out his own edition of many master works and has published an exhaustive treatise elucidating the many intricacies of piano playing. He has been filling recent concert engagements in Seattle and other cities of the northwest and is returning to San Francisco for further concerts.

The encores were "Prelude" Debussy, "Golliwogg's Cakewalk," Debussy, and "Waltz in C-sharp Minor," Chopin.

Christmas Party At Local Church To Be Tomorrow

One of this week's large social affairs will be the Christmas tea which women of the Methodist church will give at the church Monday afternoon to honor new members of the congregation and of the Woman's Society of Christian service.

A musical program has been arranged, with Mrs. Luella Schoppert and John Brewer to sing vocal solos, cello and violin duets by Vivian and Genevieve Bush and piano numbers by Harriet Walker.

Mrs. M. N. Wiley, Mrs. W. T. Frost, Mrs. Clarence Pankey, Mrs. Ralph Woodford and Mrs. W. P. Brooks, circle chairmen, will pour.

Committees are planning a bright setting of holiday greenery and other traditional decorations.

Tea hours are from 2:15 to 5 p. m.

University Women Meet December 19

A program appropriate to the Christmas season will be given at the meeting of the Medford branch, American Association of University Women to be held Wednesday at the home of Miss Della Whisenant, 418 Arcadia street, at 8 p. m. Pupils of Miss Mabel Nansen, public school music supervisor, will provide holiday music and Mrs. Louis Gerlinger, Grants Pass, will also be on the program.

Assisting Miss Whisenant will be Mrs. Lewis Conger, Miss Elizabeth McGalliard, Ruth Stewart and Mrs. Melvin Lattie.

To Visit Relatives
Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Rawlings of Vallejo, Calif., are in Medford as guests of Mrs. Rawlings' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Yantiss, 303 Vancouver avenue.

Many Gay Parties Given Last Week By Valley Groups

Many gay holiday parties were given last week in various parts of the valley by clubs and other groups.

Among those entertaining were members of the Oak Grove Neighborhood club, who held the annual Christmas dinner party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wilson on Janney Lane the evening of Dec. 8. Christmas gifts were exchanged and the evening spent in games.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. George Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Connell, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Crocker, Mr. and Mrs. John Elson, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cardner, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Marks, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Root, Mr. and Mrs. Clare Shores, Mr. and Mrs. George White, Mr. and Mrs. V. T. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Hopfer and the host and hostess.

Sojourners' club held a Christmas party Thursday afternoon at the Girls' Community club. Gifts were exchanged, with Mrs. H. Stahl playing Santa Claus. At bridge prizes went to Mrs. Merton Lyster, Mrs. D. C. Hood and Mrs. Irving Household while pinochle prizes were won by Mrs. H. Ecklund, Mrs. F. Clements and Mrs. D. Coltrane. Mrs. Leo Hazel also won a prize.

Mrs. Frank Humphrey, Mrs. Frances Simcox and Mrs. Clements made up the hostess committee.

Thursday evening women of the Howard Extension unit entertained their husbands at a party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Swing, Old Central Point highway. Mr. and Mrs. Milo Ross led carol singing and gifts were exchanged.

Medford Zontians were entertained Monday evening at the home of the president, Mrs. Florene Bolton, 527 Spencer street, with other officers as assisting hostesses. At games prizes were won by Mrs. Anne Gorby and Mrs. Katherine Fleming and there was group singing of Christmas songs. Gifts for the men at the Camp White hospital were assembled at that time. Other officers of the group are the Mesdames Grace Holmes, Stella Mae Hendrickson and Josephine Kirtley.

Californians Visit At Horsch Home Here
Mr. and Mrs. Ben Mueller of Oceanside, Calif., were guests the past week of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Horsch, 1121 East Main street.

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Mistletoe Camp Plans Yule Party

Thursday night the annual Christmas party will be held by Mistletoe camp, Royal Neighbors, for members, their families and friends at the KP hall. A program is being planned and there will be a Christmas treat for children.

Mistletoe club elected Pearl Miller president at a meeting and Christmas party last week at the Girls' Community club. Maude Lovell was named vice-president and Freda Kingsley, secretary and treasurer.

Chairman of the affair was Luella Vosika, who had decorated the tables in an attractive holiday theme. Mrs. W. J. Moore, Ashland, was a guest and about 25 members were present. Next meeting will be Jan. 9.

Wave Ensign In City As Guest of Relatives

Ensign Anne E. Shannon is in Medford to visit her aunt, Mrs. C. O. Larson, and Mr. Larson, at their home, 832 Minnesota avenue. Ensign Shannon, on terminal leave from the Waves, arrived here Wednesday from Jacksonville, Fla., and will leave

this week for her home in Albuquerque, N. M. Ensign Shannon served as a Link trainer instructor and later as a navy aviation communications' officer.

Miss Rankin In City For Week-End Visit

Miss Patricia Rankin, Red Cross recreation worker at

Bushnell General hospital, Utah, spent last week-end in Medford with her mother, Mrs. Fred Rankin, 132 South Oakdale avenue. Also a guest of the Rankins was Major Hektor Rodrigues, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Major Rodrigues served with a Brazilian battalion which served with the Allies in Europe.

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Captain And Wife Leave

Capt. and Mrs. John J. Dougherty left Medford Monday by automobile for San Diego, Calif. After a brief stay there they will continue to Philadelphia, Pa.,

the home of Capt. Dougherty, where they will remain for the present. Mrs. Dougherty is the former Betty Jo Southwick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Southwick, 915 West Main street.

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