

SOCIETY and CLUBS

Orchestra Is Topic For Monday Session Of Musical Society

The January meeting of the Medford Musical society was held at the home of Mrs. C. H. Paske, 1010 South Oakdale avenue, Monday evening, with Miss Melba Chehak as speaker of the evening.

Miss Chehak, who directs the orchestras of Medford public schools, gave a brief history of the development of the orchestra, and the program was completed with illustrations by several instrumentalists of this section of the state. Miss Chehak passed out miniature copies of symphonies which were of special interest to the guests, and gave sidelihts on the joys and woes of an orchestra conductor.

Assisting on the program were Glenn Matthews, Southern Oregon college music department staff member, who played Mozart's "Concerto for Oboe" with recorded orchestral accompaniment; Maurice Bailey, Southern Oregon college student, who performed the Mozart "Concerto for French Horn"; Miss Jeanette Thatcher of Medford, flutist, who played "Jota Basque" by Richard Cere; Harla Lee Wilson, Ashland, violinist, who with Miss Chahak played J. S. Bach's "Concerto for Two Violins" with Almus Pruitt as accompanist.

The violin concerto, which drew much applause, was of special interest since the two musicians will perform it for the concert Sunday afternoon, January 15, of the Philharmonic Society of Southern Oregon, the concert being scheduled for the senior high school auditorium here.

Each musician told something of his chosen instrument before playing, and Miss Thatcher also demonstrated the piccolo. Mr. Pruitt acted as accompanist for all the performers.

In the absence of Mrs. J. C. Collins, president, Miss Mabel Nansen presided over a brief business session. She announced the February meeting will be held in the Sunday school hall of the Presbyterian church, and will be a program of chamber music. Since the occasion will be a guest night, the meeting is being held in this large place in order to accommodate music lovers of Medford. A program of great variety will be presented by a quartet composed of violin, viola, cello and piano. The full program will be announced soon.

It was also announced that the society would present the concert pianist, Abramovitch, here on March 6.

Hostess chairman for the evening was Mrs. Howard Bush, who was assisted by Mrs. Earle Hoover, Mrs. C. R. Adamson and Miss Laura York.

University Choir Goes 'In Training' For Radio Audition

Salem — Willamette university's a capella choir, including three members from Medford, went on "training rules" this week that sounded like preparations for a Rose Bowl game.

All the hubbub concerned an audition today for Mutual Broadcasting system's college choir concert and the possibility the 84-voice group will be aired coast-to-coast later in the year.

Dean Melvin H. Geist, director of the choir and head of Willamette's college of music, asked his singers to stay out of snow ball fights, get lots of sleep, yell "sparingly" at basketball games and stay clear of smoke-filled rooms until after the audition is over.

Salem Radio station KSIM, a Mutual affiliate, is handling the audition and the transcription will be flown to Arthur Feldman, director of special events, in New York for network evaluation.

Medford students singing with the choir are Miss Jeanne Rice, Miss Loree Monteith and Herb Brower.

Two Noted Indians To Speak In Medford For Knife-Fork Club

Krishna Nehru, one of the leading intellectuals and public figures of India, and her husband, Raja Huthesing, also active in Indian political affairs, will speak for the January dinner meeting of the Rogue Valley Knife and Fork club January 23. It is expected that these two will draw a full attendance of club members.

Daughter of the late Motilal Nehru, distinguished and wealthy lawyer of India, and sister of Prime Minister Nehru and Madame Pandit, ambassador to the United States, Krishna Nehru, like all the other members of her famous family, plunged into politics during India's struggle for freedom. Since India has gained independence, she has withdrawn from public life and now devotes her time to literary

Jackson Association Elects New President; Mrs. Lattimer To Leave

Mrs. Riley Thomson was elected president of the Jackson school Parent-Teacher association to succeed Mrs. R. C. Lattimer, resigned, at a special meeting of the executive board this week at the home of Mrs. Don Wisely. Mrs. Lattimer, who held the position since the opening of the fall term of school, is moving with her family to Kansas City, Mo.

A past president's pin will be sent to her in appreciation of the service she gave the unit as president this year and as a worker in the organization during previous years.

A report on the scholarship fund was made by Mrs. Maynard Putney and Mrs. Paul Bauer spoke on the response to the fluorine treatment, offered by the Medford Dental association.

Plans for the January meeting of the Jackson unit were discussed. The meeting will be held by Friday evening, January 20, at 7:30 o'clock in the school auditorium. Dessert will be served by mothers of children of the fourth grade preceding the program.

There will be musical numbers under the direction of Miss Melba Chehak and a demonstration of new methods in teaching arithmetic by Don Davis, member of the Jackson faculty.

John Richard, Jackson county juvenile officer, will be chief speaker of the evening and the program topic is "Foundations for Better Communities."

Elliott Becken, assistant superintendent of Medford schools, will also be present to explain and discuss proposed legislation for 1950, which will influence the schools.

Several evening meetings have been arranged for the current P.T.A. year to enable fathers, as well as mothers, to attend. Mrs. Thomson emphasized, expressing the hope that they will respond to the special invitation being extended them.

Nichols Branch Club Has January Meeting; Plan February Party

Eagle Point — Nichols Branch Get Together club met at the home of Mrs. Bertland Stanley January 5 and during the afternoon plans were made for a party February 11 at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Gertrude Stanley. The party will be for all members and their families, and husbands are particularly invited to attend.

The meeting closed with a thought for an absent member, Mrs. Clebber McGraw, whose daughter is very ill in Iowa.

Mrs. Henry Holman was a guest.

Next regular meeting of the club will be at the home of Mrs. Gertrude Stanley.

CALENDAR

Thursday

8 p.m. — AAUW diversified arts group, home of Mrs. Harold Baughman, 922 Park avenue.

8 p.m. — Crater Lake Auxiliary, Eagles hall.

8 p.m. — Phoenix Lady Lions, home of Mrs. A. H. MacKintosh.

8 p.m. — Past Noble Grands' club, Girls Community club.

8 p.m. — Reames chapter, OES, Medford Masonic hall.

8 p.m. — Beta Sigma Phi, home of Mrs. Harry Stahl, 524 North Bartlett street.

Friday

12 noon — Medford Safety council, Jackson hotel.

12:30 p.m. — St. Mark's Auxiliary-Guild, parish hall.

12:30 p.m. — Friday Luncheon club, home of Mrs. Ida Hollars, 432 Plum street.

1:15 p.m. — Phoenix Garden club, home of Mrs. Vaughn Quakenbush.

3 p.m. — Howard Parent-Teacher association, music room of the school.

Local Man Promoted

On College Paper

Corvallis, Ore., Jan. 12.—(U.P.) Editor Jim Barratt of the Oregon State Daily Barometer today announced several staff changes on the college paper for the winter term.

Jim Clabby of Medford was elevated from executive editor to the daily's number two position of managing editor. Ted Hal Carlson of Adair Village will be sports editor in place of Bill Neland of Warrenton. Neland will continue as an assistant in the college news bureau.

Three additions in the associate editor position are Bob Mason of Albany, Doris Ewing of Corvallis, and Mrs. Marjorie Bainter Allen.

Ann Lienkaemper of Coquille will be feature editor, assisted by Larry Kott of Portland. Erma Dalrymple of Medford will continue as office manager.

pursuits and social welfare. Raja Huthesing continues to be active in Indian politics and is assistant editor of the Free Press Journal of Bombay as well as joint-secretary of the national planning committee of his country.

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Festival Plans, Shakespeare Shell To Be Improved

Ashland, Jan. 12.—Improved facilities inside the Elizabethan theater used for the Shakespeare festival productions, and plans for a parade and pageant to mark opening day ceremonies, were discussed at a meeting of the board of directors of the Festival association held here this week.

Members of the board feel that special preparations should be made for this year's performances, since it is the 10th annual production of the nationally famous festival.

Setting out of shrubs inside the old Chautauqua shell, and installation of a sprinkler system for interior irrigation were among the plans for the improvement of the shell, reported by A. C. Allen Jr., Central Point. New brochures for the 1950 production have gone to the printers, it was reported by Angus Bowmer, producing director of the festival.



NEW MANAGER — Walter G. Carson, above, will become Medford station manager for United Air lines on January 15, succeeding Max Henne who has announced his resignation. Carson has been manager at Catalina Island, off the California coast, for the past three years.

New Air Lines Station Head Due Jan. 15

Walter G. Carson, who on January 15 will become station manager at Medford municipal airport for United Air lines, is an eight-year veteran of the air carrier firm, according to Seely V. Hall, general manager of ground services for United.

Carson will succeed Max Henne who recently announced his resignation. For the past three years Carson has been station manager at Catalina Island. He was named to the post after handling Catalina traffic from Los Angeles for part of 1946.

The new Medford manager started his United career at Oakland, Cal., in 1940. During the war he served with the air transport command.

Henne has been with United and its predecessors since 1926. He has been Medford manager for about 13 years.

Los Angeles Region Rocked By Quake

Los Angeles, Jan. 12.—(U.P.) A noisy earthquake shook the Los Angeles area yesterday, frightening residents with its rumble but causing no damage.

California Institute of Technology seismologists located the tremor's center at about 15 miles from their instruments in Pasadena, Cal. It was "not particularly large," they said.

The quake came at 1:42 p.m. (PST) in the midst of a rainstorm and frightened audiences at several downtown theaters into the streets. Its greatest force was felt in tall buildings and the 27-story city hall swayed noticeably.

Many persons reported a "noise like an explosion" accompanied the first of two shock waves, felt as far inland as San Bernardino, 50 miles to the east.

Board Progressing In Fire Investigation

Davenport, It., Jan. 12.—(U.P.) A board investigating the fire that killed 41 women at Mercy hospital is making "definite progress," State Safety Commissioner Alfred Kahl said today.

"The investigation is shaping up," Kahl said, adding that the board would make a public report as soon as possible.

Agent G. W. Strand of the state bureau of criminal investigation has been assigned to aid in the investigation but Kahl said such action was "customary" and did not mean that there was any suspicion of arson.

The fire last Saturday destroyed an 81-year-old mental ward building at the hospital, which is operated by the Roman Catholic Sisters of Mercy.

Japanese publishers have received authorization of clearance since Oct. 1, 1949, to print 1,203 titles of books of American origin.

Rules To Halt Gouging Of Used Car Buyers

Washington, Jan. 12.—(U.P.) The federal trade commission has drafted a set of rules designed to prevent automobile dealers from "gouging" persons who buy cars on the installment plan.

The proposed rules were drawn up after automobile purchasers complained they were overcharged in sale and installment contracts and were forced to take unwanted accessories.

Among other things, they would provide that purchasers be given itemized costs at the

time of or before the sale.

The rules are being sent to some 50,000 dealers, manufacturers, finance firms and other interested parties. A hearing will be held here Feb. 8 to decide on their adoption.

WEATHER

By United Press
Northern California — Widely scattered showers today followed by clearing and slightly colder tonight. Friday fair except showers near Oregon border. Westerly winds off coast, 10-20 mph.

Bette Davis Silent On Marriage Status

Hollywood, Jan. 12.—(U.P.) Movie Star Bette Davis had no comment today about reports that she is breaking up with her husband again.

She filed a divorce suit last fall against Artist William Grant Sherry but agreed to a reconciliation when he promised to control his temper.

Hollywood, Jan. 12.—(U.P.) Movie Actress Gail Russell's courtship with Guy Madison lasted three years, but she separated from the young actor after five months of marriage. Miss

Russell refused comment yesterday but said she planned to start an Arizona vacation today.

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