

Women's Section

SOCIETY CLUBS MUSIC

At Concert Monday Evening Pianist Delights Audience

(By Gladys Adamson)
Monday night's concert, played by the eminent pianist, Bernhard Abramowitch, was a triumph both for the artist and for the Medford Musical Society, whose members have long wished to present him to our city. Since the two occasions when he played "for members only" the society has been anxious to share this great artist with all music lovers in the Rogue River valley.

Seldom, if ever, has a pianist been accorded such rapt attention from a Medford audience, and Mr. Abramowitch was highly pleased with our reception of the tremendous Schumann "Davidsbündlerstanz." When told of the large number of music students present, he smiled with pleasure, knowing that those who have delved into the mysteries and intricacies of a Schumann composition would realize something of the magnitude of this work.

To have the opportunity of hearing this composition is quite unique, for seldom does a pianist have the courage to undertake it. We have never seen it programmed on a general concert; it is usually reserved for the seminar or festival series in a great music center. Its technical demands are limitless and in it Schumann employed every device of modulation, rhythmic pattern and variety of mood imaginable. Eighteen small sections, each a complete entity, were played with a delightful selflessness which constantly amazed the listener. This work is probably the most difficult of all Schumann compositions, and yet it was played with such effortless ease that one was carried away into each little sidestep, as the composer doubtless intended one should be. Again and again, one felt that here was a performer who is so deeply grounded in the works he plays that one hears the work of the composer, rather than the work of the pianist.

This is not always so. Too often, the longest memory of a recital is of the mannerisms of the performer. One critic has said "Abramowitch is the kind of musician whose thought-processes strike you as essentially creative rather than presentative." Let us say it in simpler language; this musician has no showmanship, nor does he need any. His sincerity is so intense that he immediately loses himself in the music he plays. His mastery of the piano is so great that his performance seems almost too easy. One must remind oneself of the tremendous demands of the numbers he presents.

From the first note of the Mozart "C Minor Fantasy," with which the concert opened, it was evident that this pianist might well be called the "little giant of the piano." Small in stature, the magnificent brilliance of his technique came almost as a surprise. He played Mozart with so much more variety than is the usual style for this composer, that new wonders were found throughout this well-known number. Exquisite delicacy and clarity of tone, contrasted with passages of intensity which sounded like Beethoven, gave a new brilliance to the work.

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Handmade Work Shown At Methodist Circle Tea On Friday Afternoon

The exhibit and tea held on Friday afternoon in the parlors of the First Methodist church by circle eight proved to be an interesting event. Hand crocheted table cloths and hooked rugs made up the large part of the display. A collection of handcraft work from Camp White filled one large table and claimed much interest.

Among the many articles exhibited were a bed spread and table cloth made by Wody Jordan, an 80-year-old man, of Higginville, Mo., who is a brother of Mrs. James Mathews of Medford. Mrs. I. C. Williams had on display three table cloths and Mrs. A. E. Brockway, who possesses a large collection of hooked rugs of the picture variety, loaned several for the exhibit. Mrs. Brockway's work is very colorful and added much to the event.

Mrs. Ira Jones, who is nearing 90, displayed several crocheted rugs and a table cloth. An immense braided rug made by Mrs. Cora Carder, was much admired. Mrs. Helen Arnsperger's crocheted bedspread was made while she was recovering from a broken arm.

A framed picture in very fine petit point, made by Mrs. A. H. Henderson, received much favorable comment. Mrs. Henderson is recognized as an exponent of Schubert compositions, and one would have enjoyed hearing more of these lyric works.

In discussing the "story" back of the Schumann "David League Dances," Mr. Abramowitch was asked what composers of today he considered the "Davids" among us. He immediately named Sessions, Shoenberg, who began as such a brilliant young composer but dropped out of sight for twenty years, but has now come into prominence again, together with Stravinsky. When asked about Ernest Bloch who now resides in Oregon, the pianist said he would like to present some of his compositions when he comes again to Medford. In view of the great pleasure evidence by his audience of Monday night, such a pleasant thing just might happen again.

Family Here

Chief Petty Officer and Mrs. G. W. Walker and daughter, Gloria, spent the week-end in Medford with Mrs. Walker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grover Brunelle of West Beall lane. The Walkers returned to their home in Vellejo, Cal., Sunday evening.

New Training Course For Scout Volunteers Offered In Medford

A training course for volunteer supervisors in Girl scouting is being offered in the Medford district for the first time, with the first meeting held at the Scout House on March 2. This is a 24-hour training course for any adult with at least one year's experience in Girl scouting who will agree to not only take the course, but who will assist three of four troop leaders in starting new troops, or who can give personalized assistance to troop leaders until they can take formal training.

The course will include discussion of all record and registration forms, a thorough study of the three program levels, Brownies, intermediates and seniors, child and adult relationships, leader and supervisory relationships and techniques.

Enrolled in the course are Mrs. Rollin Jones, Mrs. Ted Hornschuch, Mrs. Melvin Cannon, Mrs. Marian Neidermeyer, Mrs. John Murphy, Mrs. W. R. Reichstein, Mrs. O. J. Miller, Mrs. Jack James, Mrs. Allen Jewett, Mrs. W. T. Parsons, Mrs. C. H. Barbee, Mrs. Floy Finch, Mrs. David Walsh, and Mrs. Vernon Allen.

Next session of the course will be held March 15 at the Scout House from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Meeting Held Saturday In Thomas Young Home; Review Regent's Book

Neva Britton Lowry CAR club met Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Thomas Young, 1203 Queen Anne avenue, and following the business session Mrs. Boone G. Harding reviewed the book, "The Trail Led North."

This book was of special interest to the club because it was written by the state regent of Daughters of the American Revolution, Mrs. Archie W. McKeown.

Informal discussion followed, and refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Glen Taylor and Mrs. Roland G. Beach.

Present were Mrs. D. O. Hood, Mrs. Harding, Mrs. G. Q. D'Albini, Mrs. C. B. Pankey, Mrs. Ray Bailey, Mrs. O. H. Breneman, Mrs. F. J. Newman, Mrs. Frances Cochran and the three hostesses.

Mrs. Stanley Chirgwin and Mrs. Volney Dixon became new members, and Mrs. H. E. Marsh was a guest.

Second Style Show Planned By League; Many Seek Tickets

So heavy was the demand for tickets for the annual spring style show of the Junior Service League that a second complete show has been planned, the chairman, Mrs. Robert Cunningham, announced yesterday afternoon.

The two shows will be Friday and Saturday, March 10 and 11, both at the Rogue Valley Country club. Luncheon will be served Friday at 12:30 p. m., and Saturday at 1:30 p. m., with the show following luncheon each day.

Members of the country club may make reservations for themselves and their guests by calling the club, Mrs. Cunningham states.

In the show, which is themed to "fashions around the clock," members of the service league will model clothing from several valley stores.

Butte Falls Group To Present Plays Friday At School

Butte Falls—Butte Falls Parent-Teacher association will present two comedies at the high school auditorium Friday, March 10 at 7:30 p. m. Proceeds from the event will be used for the visual education program of the school.

The first one-act play will be "Madame President." The scene is a modern home, the time the present. The cast is made up of Mrs. Jerry McDougall and Ross Bowles.

Second of the plays is entitled "George" and the scene is a summer home on Cape Cod and the time is also the present. In the cast are Mrs. Bill Ronayne, Mrs. Bill Harris, Jerry McDougall and Bill Harris.

Mr. McDougall is directing the plays and Ross Arent is acting as stage manager. Mrs. Virgie Hartlerode is publicity chairman for the event. Mrs. Ross Arent is acting as property manager and Mrs. Ross Bowles and Mrs. Sealey Tedrick will be prompters. Glenn Sheppard will have charge of lighting.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

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Plan Safety Program For Lincoln PTA Unit; Announce Annual Tea

Al Randles, safety chairman for the Medford Council of Parents and Teachers, will be the guest speaker at the March meeting of the Lincoln Parent-Teachers association to be held Friday, March 10, at 2:30 p. m. in the school gymnasium.

All past presidents of the association have been invited to attend this meeting for the celebration of Founder's day.

A committee to nominate next year's officers will be elected at this meeting, and several interesting announcements will be made.

Mothers from Mrs. Yvonne Dugan's and Miss Norma Ebnother's rooms will be in charge of refreshments, and all parents, teachers, and friends of the school are cordially invited to attend.

Central Point Corps Takes New Members

Central Point—Mrs. Shirley Tully and Mrs. Naomi Vanderpool were voted into membership at the last meeting of the Central Point Women's Relief corps. Visitors from the Medford corps were Mrs. John Foster and Mrs. Blanche Cozine.

Officers will meet tonight at eight o'clock to practice for ceremonies to be held during the district convention in Ashland March 18.

Golden Wedding To Be Observed With Open House

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Langley of Jacksonville will be honored on their 50th wedding anniversary at an open house Sunday, March 12, at the home of their friends, Mr. and Mrs. V. T. Wilson, Janney lane. Friends of the Langleys are invited to call between the hours of two and five o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Langley are longtime residents of the county.

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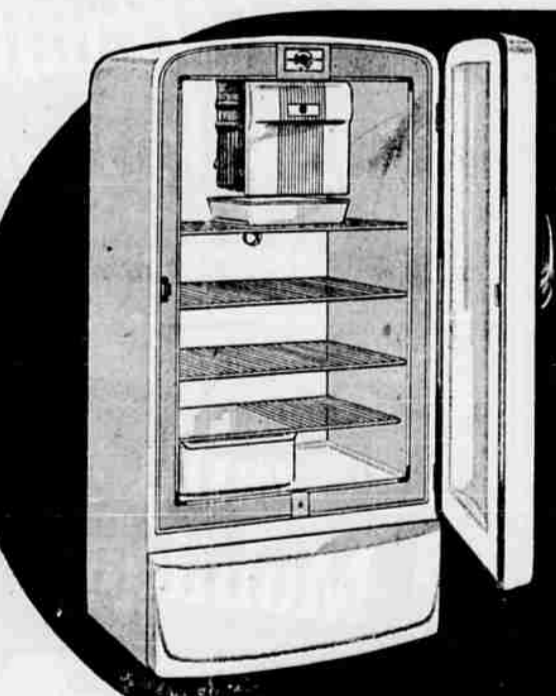
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