

AAUW Study Unit To Close Season; Study English Arts

The diversified arts and antiques group of Medford branch, American Association of University Women, will close the season with a meeting set for Thursday, June 1 at the home of Mrs. William E. Jones, 2536 Lyman avenue.

The subject will be great paintings of England. Paul Gasparotti of Medford high school art department has loaned several copies of "Studio," a magazine edited and published in England, for the evening and the group colored prints and reproductions of the works of Reynolds, Turner, Lawrence, Gainsborough, Romney, Constable and Raeburn.

During the year the group has studied several of the arts of England. At the organizational meeting in August a brief history of England was presented in order the arts and antiques studied could be properly oriented. In September Mrs. C. R. Adamson sang and played English songs and traced the evolution of the music of England from minstrel singers to present-day composers.

Mrs. W. G. Garner gave a resume of English literature in October and included many favorite quotations from this literary art said to be the artistic field in which England has surpassed all other nations.

The creation and recognition of fine furniture was the English art discussed at November and December meetings by Mrs. L. P. Hiatt and Mrs. Fred Burich, with emphasis on the great cabinet makers, Chippendale, Sheraton, Adams and Heppelwhite, and the Queen Anne and Victorian furniture.

China was the theme of two meetings with all those attending bringing pieces of English china for illustration of the lectures. Spode, Minton and other less well-known kinds were shown and their identifying markings and methods of making were explained by Mrs. H. Ray Wilson and Mrs. L. B. Robertson.

Mrs. Harold Baughman explained the physical qualities of English crystal in March, telling of hand-blown, etched, molded and cut crystal. The history of England is written in her drinking glasses through their decoration with coats-of-arms and rulers' heads, she said. There were two distinct types of glasses, tavern and social, the latter being smaller and more beautifully decorated.

English crystal made prior to 1750 has a "pontil" mark, so truly old English glass is easily identified. The pomegranate, diamond and rose are typical English designs and Bristol glass is famous for its beautiful colors.

Mrs. Fred C. Lorish, who has a master's degree in landscape architecture from Smith college, discussed the architecture of England and showed the group many pictures of English buildings at the April meeting.

Program chairmen for the past year have been Mrs. H. Ray Wilson and Mrs. L. P. Hiatt. The leader was Mrs. Harold Baughman and at the May meeting Mrs. Leslie Robertson was elected leader for next year.

In June the group will decide upon next year's program. Anyone interested in joining or securing further information about the group may call either Mrs. Baughman, 3-1567 or Mrs. Robertson, 2-8737.

Washington Group Holds Installation At Final Meeting

Officers who will serve for the coming year were installed by Mrs. John A. Carter, president of the Medford Council of Parents and Teachers, at the last meeting of Washington Parent-Teacher association. The meeting brought the year to a close.

The new officers are Mrs. Chester W. Gueches, president; Mrs. J. J. Finegan, vice-president; Mrs. Catherine Walker, secretary and Mrs. Virgil Mohr, treasurer.

An informal tea hour preceded the meeting. Mothers of pupils in the first grade were in charge of the social hour, and Mrs. Marian Beeson and Mrs. Benita Gundry served. Pupils from the first grade rooms of Mrs. Zola Jordan and Mrs. Grace Kirtley sang.

Mrs. W. T. Frost, retiring president, thanked her officers and chairmen for their cooperation during the past year and presented each officer with a corsage. Chairmen reported on the year's activities.

As the room count was taken, each teacher was given a corsage as a token of thanks for their help during the year. Mrs. F. L. Ragsdale presented flowers to Mrs. Frost and expressed the appreciation of the association for her splendid work for the past year.

Mrs. Frost a past president's pin on behalf of the organization.

Mrs. Maurice Butts reported on plans for the sixth grade picnic, to be held at Twin Plunges and it was decided to increase the help given Brownie scouts sponsored by Washington PTA.

Plans were made for an orientation day to welcome the first grade pupils for next year. This will be held June 6 at 2 p.m. in the school and Mrs. R. S. Himmann will be in charge of the program.

A summary of the state PTA convention was given by Mrs. Gueches and Mrs. Ragsdale. Mrs. Gueches stated that a high spiritual quality prevailed throughout the entire convention, and it was brought out that since the foundations of mental and physical growth are formed at pre-school age, emphasis should be placed on pre-school clinics and study groups.

More harmonious relations between home and school were urged, she reported. Wider study of languages in the schools and more exchange students were recommended since the basic need for world peace is understanding among people, Mrs. Gueches stated.

All legislation which benefits children is supported by the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, Mrs. Ragsdale said in her report. She declared that PTA maintains one of the strongest lobbies in congress in the interest of legislation for child welfare.

She further reported that a tuition scholarship program to train teachers at the elementary school level is sponsored by PTA and that courses on PTA philosophy and procedure are now being instituted in the leading colleges of the state.

To Leave
Mrs. R. C. Bamber, Seattle, will leave for her home Wednesday after spending the past two weeks visiting here with her daughter and son-in-law. Mr. and Mrs. E. Ronald Rice, 302 Vancouver avenue.

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SOC Choir Gives Annual Concert; Reviewer Praises

(by Ollie DePew)
Ashland — Southern Oregon college's fast-growing music department gave evidence Tuesday evening of a year's ambitious achievement when the annual spring concert of 70 voices was given in Lincoln auditorium. Director O. C. Bjorlie's work showed all the professional finish that his audiences have learned to expect of him, and the choir was welded into a unit of quick response to mood or purpose.

The yearning sweetness of Dawson's "There is a Balm in Gilead" was sung with a restrained emotion which is high art. Kalinnikoff's "To Thee, O Lord," in typical Russian choral style, was done with vigor and sincerity, as was Tschesnokoff's "Come, Thou Holy Spirit." As variation, "Sing Praises" by Glarum, a spirited exhortation to rapture and adore, was rendered in a manner interestingly modulated, while the composer's "Beatitudes" had the solemn dignity of its Biblical source.

Two harmonious numbers, "Dark Water" by James and "Oh John" by Reynolds, were done in the satisfying, rich harmony of the spiritual. A change of tone was provided in "Kathryn's Wedding Day" arranged by Luvaas, sung in the jolly folk manner with accented rhythm. As a final number, the choir sang Wilson's comedy arrangement of "Clementine," in which the feminine wails of "Oh save me" were drowned by the male voices whose helpless despair was expressed in modern dissonance.

Director Bjorlie chiefly relied on his male quartet for comedy effects. The quartet, Robert Rae of Medford, Gerald Leslie, Frank Koch and Harry Kanasto were equally good for fun and for spirited harmony. They sang—and sometimes acted—"Sour Wood Mountain," arranged by Malin, "Who's That Tapping at My Door," by James, and "Tavern in the Town."

A well-trained women's sextet sang from S. Romberg, "Serenade" and "Wanting You," the latter a recent number. A mixed octet sang "I Wonder as I Wander" by Niles-Horton, and "The Peasant and His Oxen" by Smith-Ashenbrenner, a folk song in gay attire, sung by the group with alert variations.

Soloists of the choir were Miss Nancy Youngblood and Robert Rae.

Others from Medford who sang in the concert were Pauline Champlin, Ann Durno, Alice Howard, Bertha McCallister, Bill Plaskett, Virginia Gibbons, Earline Rogers, Ray Lofthouse, Rodney Royce and Ben Trowbridge. Miss Durno is a member of the women's sextet.

Gold Hill Couple Home From Azalea Festival; Watercolors Are Shown

Gold Hills—Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Wertz of Gold Hill returned home last week after attending the annual Azalea Festival held at Brookings, Ore., over the week-end. They report the weather warm and beautiful and that hundreds of visitors attended the annual event.

Mr. and Mrs. Wertz attended the coronation of Queen Leta Hassett Saturday morning, the ceremonies being in Azalea State park where the colorful blossoms, mountains and sea were "breath-takingly beautiful." They also were present for the queen's banquet and ball held Saturday night.

Mr. Wertz had taken 80 paintings for an art show, and the couple reports that scores of festival visitors saw the art exhibit. Mr. and Mrs. Wertz gave impromptu talks on the pictures, telling of the various historical Jacksonville paintings and giving character sketches of the people who sat for the Gold Hill "old timer" portraits.

The visitors report that the festival attracted dozens of writers and photographers, who took pictures of the queen, her court and the azalea gardens, as well as the Smith River Indians whose dances, costumes and basket weaving activities are always a colorful part of the festival.

Sunday events included a religious service in the park, a barbecue luncheon, art and flower show and a baseball game.

Mr. Wertz reports that he has been invited to exhibit in San Francisco later this year.

Chairmen Announced For Beta Sigma Phi; Garden Party Planned

Committee chairmen of Beta Sigma Phi sorority for the coming year were announced at the final regular meeting of the group for the season held recently at the home of Mrs. O. A. Eden, 211 Genesee street.

Miss Thelma Loughary was announced chairman of the program committee, to be assisted by Mrs. Ryder Berg; Mrs. Charles Ely, social committee; Mrs. William Hartman, membership committee, to be assisted by Mrs. Wilson Slater and Miss Jean Poland; Mrs. Barbara Norcross, publicity; Mrs. Norval Hildman, ways and means, assisted by Mrs. Rex Boehme and Miss Adabee Seiler and Mrs. James Winkler, service committee.

Mrs. Ray J. M. Miller, a recent transfer to the sorority, was elected new extension officer.

Plans are being made for a June garden party and square dance for members and their husbands or escorts. Regular meetings will be resumed the second Tuesday in September.

A picnic supper was served at the recent meeting in the Eden yard, followed by the business meeting with members grouped about the outdoor fireplace.

Former Residents Visitors in Valley

Mr. and Mrs. Iva G. Vermilyea, former residents of Gold Hill, have been visiting in the valley for the past month. While there they have been staying with Mrs. Mary Stennett, 325 South Riverside avenue, and have visited many other friends, including Mr. and Mrs. Howard Jamison, 525 West Tenth street, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Shaffer, 1315 West Main street.

They have also visited in Gold Hill. They have spent some time fishing in Rogue River and the various lakes in this vicinity. The Vermilyeas have just completed a year's trip throughout the United States. They have made their home in San Bernardino since leaving Gold Hill about five years ago. Though their plans are indefinite they hope to return to Rogue River valley to make their home.



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