

SOCIETY and CLUBS

To Dance

The Promenaders, square dance group, will hold their weekly Sunday night dancing party tonight at the home of Dr. and Mrs. S. E. Phillips, Big Boulder orchard. During the winter months the group dances in the recreation room of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Barnes, East Main street, and when weather permits, the dances are held outdoors at the Phillips' country home.



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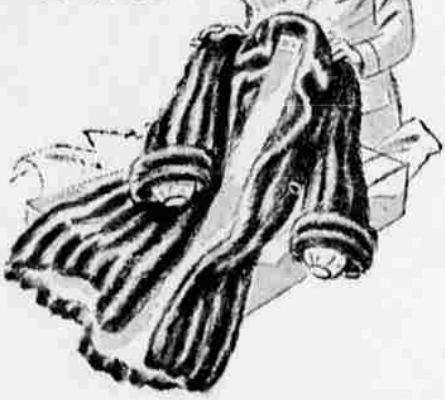
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Memorial Week-end Brings Pause in Social Activities

Memorial week-end and day is bringing a brief pause in the city's rush of early summer activities. While many will participate in the traditional parade and ceremonies set for Memorial day, both here and in other valley towns, many others have planned excursions to the lakes and rivers, to the seashore or a favorite camping or picnic spot.

Saturday those who remained in the city could divide their time between attending the lectures on canasta and bridge given by the noted Oswald Jacoby, attending the sectional track meet at the high school or perhaps going square dancing. One of the dancing parties was at the Elks' temple.

Mr. Jacoby is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. Reese Braley, having been a friend of Mrs. Braley's family for many years. The famous card authority was brought to Medford by the League of Women Voters and Rogue Valley Country club, and the Braleys had as dinner guests Saturday night Mrs. S. E. Phillips, president of the league, Dr. Phillips and Harry Holmes, as well as Mr. Jacoby.

Directors of the Shakespearean Festival, meeting this week-end had a chance to read a letter from the distinguished Shakespearean actor, Sir Laurence Olivier. The letter was a reply to an invitation telling the actor of the observance planned for the anniversary of Shakespeare's birth, but arrived too late to be read at the ceremonies.

Sir Laurence wrote "May I wish you many happy returns of Shakespeare's birthday and God speed to your enterprise." The letter came from his cottage at Chelsea in England.

Gene Malecki, Salem, publicity agent for this year's festival, is spending the week-end in the valley to meet with the directors and make festival plans.

Angus Bowmer, festival director, spoke for a dinner meeting of AAUW Friday night and in telling about the historical plays, one of which the festival will stage this summer, said they were a record of "human rebellion." In addition to "Henry IV," part one, which is to be done this summer, "As You Like It," "Antony and Cleopatra" and "Comedy of Errors" are scheduled.

The director said the costume designer had been struggling mightily over the problem of Cleopatra's dresses but finally had some designs which everyone seemed to think were "just right." Director Bowmer attempted to give some impression of their dash with a few provocative gestures and a lifted eyebrow and ended up by saying "The costumes are going to be worth the price of admission."

He threw in the remark that Falstaff, one of the characters in Henry IV, is the greatest comedy character of all time.

Once during his remarks Mr. Bowmer, an SOC professor, let a grammatical error slip out. He grimaced and remarked "it happens even to English professors."

Life is taking on an added flavor for the women who are working with the new Red Cross community service corps. Far from finding their new work boring or trying, they all declare that almost every visit or task brings a little adventure.

Mrs. Dale Newton started making visits to the home of a blind invalid and ended up by touring the countryside trying to buy a milk goat. She didn't succeed in buying a goat, but did find a goat owner who is supplying milk to the invalid. At a meeting of the corps Thursday she also told about the talking records which are supplied to the visually handicapped by the Oregon Commission for the Blind, and how eagerly the blind wait for each set of records to arrive. The talking records are secured from the Library of Congress, which now has 1100 titles recorded.

Mrs. Chester Guches visits an invalid boy and when recently in Portland, began telling a clerk at the counter of a Portland store where fishing tackle is sold about the boy and how he was learning to tie flies. The clerk's eyes filled with tears and she sadly told how her only son had died of rheumatic fever. "I want to give the boy something," she said, and added that she would send him some hackles.

Not having any idea of what hackles might be, Mrs. Guches wondered if she would have trouble transporting them home. She was surprised to find the box "full of nothing but feathers." While shopping Mrs. Guches forgot the package in a dress store and had to return for it. "The clerk gave me an odd look," Mrs. Guches reports. "I'll bet she opened the box and I'll also bet she doesn't know what a hackle is either."

Mrs. Lila B. Thomas makes visits to a couple in Ashland. Both are blind, and when Mrs. Thomas asked if she could read to them they both asked at once if she would mind reading the Bible. "I most certainly would not mind," Mrs. Thomas quickly assured them. It seems Mrs. Thomas read the Bible aloud to her mother for years, and it has been a pleasure to her as well as the elderly couple to re-read the passages which were favorites of her mother.

Other corps members spoke enthusiastically of their work with the visually handicapped, and of the courage of these people. One told of a woman who, faced with the fact that she was going blind, did her housework in the middle of the night, without light, and then checked the results in the day-time. She even knitted in the dead of night, and then looked at her work by daylight to see how she was progressing. "You can't know the despair of those who are going blind," she told her visitor.

Those who have visited the homes of the blind marvel at the fact that these handicapped persons keep their homes "as neat as a pin." One told of the blind man who is growing a vegetable garden. "But who weeded it for you?" asked the Red Cross volunteer. "I weeded it," was his reply. "I can distinguish the weeds by the way they feel."

Mrs. Edward Burgess and others told of the small gifts which bring happiness to the invalid children they visit—such trinkets as a string of beads, a bowl of gold fish or a tiny turtle. The turtle has become such a pet of one of the small patients that he keeps it in bed with him when opportunity affords.

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Miss Elizabeth Collins (left) and Miss Fidelia Boone have been selected by Medford American Legion auxiliary to represent Medford at Oregon Girls' State to be held at Willamette university in Salem June 12 to June 18. Miss Collins is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Collins, 2242 East Main street, and Miss Boone's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Boone, 1526 East Main street. —(Shangle photos).

Visitors

Guests at the Byron Griffith home, 920 Broad street, last week where Mr. and Mrs. Eric Wahlstrom of Iron Mountain, Mich., and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Forell and son, David, Sheboygan, Wis., and Mrs. Hilden J. Pryde Jr., and daughter, Karen Lee, Aberdeen, Wash.

The Wahlstroms are Mrs. Griffith's parents and Mrs. Forell and Mrs. Pryde are her sisters. The visitors were traveling by motor car.

press the thoughts of all when she said "It's ended up by the people I visit inspiring me, instead of my doing anything for them. I'm happier than I have been in many years." O.S.

Honor Prospect Woman At Anniversary Party

Prospect—Mrs. Halvar Haukli entertained in honor of Mrs. Fred Simington in observance of her birthday, May 18.

Guests attending were Miss Cathy Simington, Mrs. Helga Hakkerup, Mrs. R. L. Artmire and daughter, Frances; Mrs. Halte Salter, Mrs. Eula Middlebush, Mrs. Nellie Barry, Mrs. Gudrun Vognild, Mrs. Marjorie Biden and daughter, Beth; Mrs. Hazel Summers, Miss Kathryn South, Mrs. Lee Oswald and the hostess, Mrs. Haukli.

Dead line on Classified Ads: 5:30 p.m. for following day; 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; noon Saturday for Sunday a.m.

Medford Sojourners Meet at YMCA Room For Dessert, Cards

Medford Sojourners club met at the YMCA Thursday for dessert luncheon and cards. This was the regular semi-monthly meeting of the club, and some 36 members were in attendance.

Hostesses serving at the table were Mrs. J. I. Bacon, Mrs. Lois Wood and Mrs. James Grigsby.

At a short business meeting guests and prospective members were introduced. There were Mrs. K. B. Black, Mrs. L. E. Rattelle, Mrs. V. W. Dahlin, Mrs. J. G. Jolley, and Miss R. Helen White.

Bridge and pinocle were played with Mesdames L. G. McLaren, Allan Henderson and A. E. Stout taking bridge honors. Pinocle awards went to Mrs. H. E. Nulton and Mrs. John Graves. Another prize went to Mrs. Elliot Trees.

The next regular meeting of the club will be June 8, and each Sojourner is reminded to invite some newcomer to Medford to attend.

Springfield Couple Here For Week-End

Mr. and Mrs. A. Bruce McDonald of Springfield, Ore., are in Medford to spend the Memorial day vacation with Mrs. McDonald's mother, Mrs. Fred Rankin, and Mr. McDonald's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred C. McDonald.

Mrs. McDonald was also in the city last week, having returned to Medford with her mother and grandmother, Mrs. L. M. Beatty, after the two had been visiting in the north. Mrs. Rankin, Red Cross executive, attended a social worker's conference in Portland, and also a Red Cross session, while Mrs. Beatty was in Springfield with her granddaughter.

Medford Woman Leaves For Minnesota Visit

Mrs. O. W. Ebright left this morning for Northfield, Minn., where she will attend graduation exercises at St. Olaf's college, June 5. Miss Barbara Ebright, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Ebright, is a member of the graduating class. Mrs. Ebright will accompany Miss Ruth Peters of Lincoln, Neb., who is returning to Lincoln after being a guest of Dr. and Mrs. Ebright for the past two weeks.

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