

Medford Unit To Hold Meeting on Wednesday

Mrs. Ira T. Burns will be hostess in her home at 2010 East Main street, to Medford Home Extension unit members when they meet Wednesday, March 12 at 10:30 a.m. The lesson for the day will concern kitchen storage and will be led by Miss Eula Wintermote, county extension agent.

A luncheon will be served at noon and those attending should take table service.

Club Members To Wear Song Title Costumes

Lively Oaks club members are to dress to represent song titles when they meet at 830 West Second street, Wednesday, March 12, at 7:30 p. m.

Since this is a business meeting members are asked not to take guests.

Colemans Home

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Coleman, 1806 East Main street, returned last week after vacationing for two weeks at Tucson, Ariz., where they stayed at the Tucson Biltmore hotel. En route home they visited at Las Vegas, Nev.



Heels make fashion news this Spring of 1952. And The National Shoe Institute recommends these new shapely mid-way heels. The pumps, pictured, of navy linen with over-all white embroidery, that is also an important new fashion note, for lending bright accent to Spring and Summer outfits.

To Elect

Chapter AA, PEO, will hold election and installation of officers at a regular luncheon meeting Wednesday, March 12. Mrs. R. W. Sleeter, 1715 East Main street, will be hostess for the 1 o'clock event. Assisting her will be Mrs. S. C. Watkins and Mrs. G. H. Ringo.

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Pity the poor worker who had to stay inside Saturday instead of being outdoors to enjoy the fine spring day. With the sun shining, the air warm and the first spring flowers in bloom, it's mighty hard to sit at the typewriter or stay behind the counter as so many must do.

There was plenty of evidence of those who were enjoying the day, however, as we hurried home for lunch and back again. Two or three yards had small girls with dolls and doll buggies out to play house on the lawn, a plowed field had four little boys busy with rocks, sticks and small shovels, and we met youthful riders out to enjoy the warm day on horseback.

The first spring days are good in many ways. They bring the sound of the little frogs, cheerfully croaking away from the pastures and orchard ditches in the early evening, and the brisk winds which dry the lines of clothing in a jiffy and leave them with a smell which is more delightful than expensive perfume.

As for the gardener, there is nothing more satisfying than the first spring days with the violets, winter iris, yellow jasmine and daffodils beginning to bloom and the sun warming his body as he bends to his task with shovel, rake and hoe.

Oregonians going to New York City soon become frustrated if not downright enraged with the "smug provincialism" of that great city according to Mrs. Robert E. Dodge, formerly of Ashland.

The Dodges went to New York last fall in order that Mr. Dodge might study at New York university for a doctor's degree, and by this time are beginning to think longingly of Oregon, according to a recent letter written by Mrs. Dodge to friends.

"We came last fall with the rosy glow of anticipation of spending two years in the city of cities," she wrote. "As has been the experience of other Oregonians with whom we have compared notes, we have had a terrific deflation. It seems to us that New York should have the opportunity to grow out of its smug provincialism and be made aware of the rest of the United States. And certainly, the west coast should stand a little more erect in pride of its stride ahead."

"There are many 'greats' to see in New York, of course—the Metropolitan museum, Frick museum, old, pinched lower Manhattan's business area, Rockefeller center, the Hayden planetarium, the United Nations buildings and the little (and it is a very small area) vicious world of Broadway shows."

Mrs. Dodge continued by saying that New York is a pathetic, bragging, politically rotten, run-down at the heel, fabulous city and adds that enlightenment about the city should come from an Oregonian because of the erroneous conceptions which

New Yorkers have of this state. She labels them both amazing and humorous.

"The headmaster in the children's school was amazed to hear that Oregon is not one of the coldest points in the United States," she wrote. "Ellen's teacher (seventh grade) placed Oregon as the most northern state in the west. A friend we have made here, a successful production manager for NBC's television shows, did not know Oregon had a coast line."

"My story of stories is from our first taxi drive after our arrival. We entered the cab, gave directions, even to the route to be followed in best New York form—so we thought. As we settled back the 'cabby' asked 'Where you folks from?'"

"After we had answered he said 'Oregon? They've got lots of snakes out there, right?'"

"Bob misunders too d. He thought the driver said 'steaks' so replied in a very positive and proud affirmative. Then the driver started to discuss the degree of poison attributed to our fine snakes which finally brought the four of us to such a state of hilarity that we left the poor taxi fellow convinced that not only snakes, but mighty screwy people came from the great wild area the other side of the Hudson river!"

Women golfers of Rogue Valley Country club astounded themselves Thursday by turning out more than 100 strong for the opening luncheon and play of the spring season. The March wind across the course seemed only a few degrees above freezing, but about a dozen women started bravely out to play after luncheon was over, and about 30 women turned out for their first lesson. With all this interest, officers and "old timers" were telling one another that it's going to be a wonderful year.

Only one incident marred the afternoon. That was when Mrs. Belle Schenck, one of the finest of the women players and one of the most enthusiastic golfers of the club, had a finger smashed when the brisk wind slammed one of the doors of the pro shop on her hand.

Mrs. William J. Miller, dynamic club president, conducted an efficient business meeting during luncheon, thereby winning the plaudits of several members who took time out afterwards to hand out a word of praise.

Mrs. Miller introduced every woman present during the meeting, and in many instances had an interesting word or two to say about the various members. When she came to Mrs. Jack Walker, who was the county chairman for the recent chest x-ray campaign, she said "Next is Adra Walker. Adra will be able to play golf now that she has that x-ray campaign off her chest." Through the howls of laughter, Mrs. Miller insisted that the pun was unintentional, but no one seemed to believe her.—O. S.

Couple Gives Party At Home Friday Night

A friendship party was given Friday evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Sandberg of Renault avenue. The guests played games and refreshments were served.

The invited guests were Mr. and Mrs. Albert Harrison, Gold Hill; Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Cameron, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Boggs, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Dixon, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Kaylor, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Thompson and Mrs. Elsie Lewis.

To Meet

The auxiliary to the National Federation of Post Office Clerks will meet in the home of Mrs. Gilbert G. Merritt, 2171 Canal street, Thursday, March 13, at 8 p. m.

Arrives

Mrs. Harold Olson, Portland, arrived in Medford Friday to spend a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Andrews, 35 Vancouver avenue.

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Virginia Doctor Says Shakespeare Was Gerontologist

St. Louis — (U.P.) — William Shakespeare was a gerontologist, according to Dr. Walter E. Vest of Huntington, W. Va.

Dr. Vest, whose vocation is medicine and whose avocation is English literature, made his exposition at the International Gerontological Society's second congress on the problems of aging.

He said the immortal bard understood full well both the physiological and pathological characteristics of senescence and he quoted abundantly from the master's works to prove his point.

The most nearly perfect of Shakespeare's biological description, he said, is the depicting of the "Seven Ages of Man" in "As You Like It."

In 28 lines the melancholy and philosophic character, Jacques, pictures the entire life span from cradle to grave, Dr. Vest said.

Lines Quoted

He quoted the sixth and seventh ages as "the most pertinent to gerontology."

They are:

The sixth age shifts into the lean and slipper'd pantaloon, With spectacles on nose and pouch on side, His youthful hose, well saved, a world too wide For his shrunk shank; and his big manly voice, Turning again toward childish treble, pipes And whistles in his sound. Last scene of all, That ends this strange eventful history, In his second childishness and mere oblivion, Sans teeth, sans eyes, sans taste, sans everything.

Dr. Vest also quotes the scene in Shakespeare's King Lear where the king, apparently feeling a tightness in his throat, calls to an attendant, "Pray you, undo this button: Thank you, sir." Then he falls dead.

Ahead of Medicine

This probably was "a cardiac death from its suddenness," Dr. Vest said.

He said the portrayal of Lear was centuries ahead of medicine. Dr. Vest also notes merry old Falstaff remarked that old men have "bitterness of gall," and, although the bard accents the sad and somber aspects of aging,

Guests Here

Dr. Gertrude McGill and Miss Marie McGill, Seattle, Wash., are spending the week-end with their niece, Mrs. S. D. Earhart, 11 North Peach street. The two women are en route to California.

Dr. McGill is a retired dentist.

he sometimes hit on the brighter side.

When old Adam pleads in "As You Like It" for Orlando to take him along, he said, "I never did apply hot and rebellious liquors to my blood."

Dr. Vest said regardless of Shakespeare's lack of formal

education his knowledge of physiology was greater than contemporary physicians and, quoting another medical man: "After God, Shakespeare created most."

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