

Meetings Announced For Extension Units; Agent To Be Speaker

April meetings are planned by some of the county's extension units for this week.

Medford Parents' Extension unit will meet in the new home of the chairman, Mrs. L. J. Heidemann, 1806 Thomas road, at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 1. Mrs. M. H. Fields and Mrs. D. E. Plaisance are leaders for the project "Making Buttons, Belts, and Buckles."

Hostesses for the evening are Mrs. G. W. Baker, Mrs. H. A. Clement, and Mrs. G. L. Stewart. Anyone interested in attending is welcome.

Mrs. Howard Ash will be hostess for a meeting of Rogue-Elk Home Extension unit Wednesday, April 2. The subject will be "Making Buttons, Belts and Buckles," and will be presented by Mrs. Ash and Mrs. Clarke Detillan.

Lake Creek—"Belts, Buckles and Buttons," will be the subject for Lake Creek Home Extension unit meeting April 2 at 10:30 a.m. in the home of Mrs. Leland Charlie.

Those attending are to take scissors, needles, thread, thimbles, pins, pencils, soft card for wetting, scraps of fabric, ruler, and table service. Anyone interested in home extension work is invited.

Applegate—Miss Mollie Ray will be hostess to the Upper Applegate Extension unit at her home Wednesday, April 2. The afternoon will be given over to a discussion on "Streamlining Housework" by Miss Eula Wintermote, home demonstration agent.

An added feature will be a plant exchange with an accompanying fee, proceeds to go to Azalea House Furnishings fund at Corvallis. The business meeting also will be held in the forenoon. Luncheon is being arranged by the committee and the meeting is to open at 10:30 a.m.

Dates Announced For Annual Event

The annual Southern Oregon Music Contest-Festival will be held in Medford Friday and Saturday, April 25 and 26. Choruses, bands, and orchestras from eighteen junior and senior high schools in this district will participate.

All groups will perform for either a numerical rating, or for criticism only. All events are to be open to the public and a special program is being planned for Friday evening.

To Meet on Tuesday

Chi Rho Missionary society of Zion Lutheran church will hear a talk on "India Mission Work," at a meeting Tuesday, April 1 at 8 p.m. Mrs. James Brown, 24 North Orange street, will be hostess to the group.

Mrs. Kent Blackhurst will be the speaker. Mrs. Hans Edwardson will be cohostess.

Story of "Claudia" Grows to Industry; To Be Vining Play

Ashland—"Claudia," one of the four plays which the Vining Repertory theater will present during the spring season to open April 14, is said to be more than a play—it's an industry.

When Rose Franken first sat down to write a short story about a sensitive but somewhat immature young newlywed wife, she probably had no idea what would develop from the story. The saga of Claudia Naughton and her husband David blossomed into 24 short stories, three novels, a movie, a radio serial and, of course, the play which the Vining company is now rehearsing.

When the first story was published in Red Book magazine, the reaction was overwhelming. The editors of the magazine and Miss Franken were deluged with letters and woke up to the fact that they had stumbled on to "something big." The editors asked Miss Franken if she thought she could write another couple of stories or so about the same characters. But two or three sequels weren't enough. Every time one was published, the readers clamored for more so that Miss Franken was following Claudia and David's married life on their farm at the rate of about sixteen stories a year.

The success of the stories induced a book publishing firm to ask Miss Franken to make them into a novel. This was so popular that a second was published the following year. Though plays are usually made out of unusual and extra-ordinary characters and situation, Broadway Producer John Golden believed a fine play could be made out of the typical story of the average American couple. Miss Franken turned out a stage "Claudia" in three days.

When the play became a great hit in New York, "Claudia" was made into a radio serial and the motion picture rights were bought by David Selznik for \$187,000. "Claudia" has gone through every possible transformation of a fictional character, including television.

The Vining's "Claudia" is Elmarie Wendel, young actress who starred in "Mary, Queen of Scots" at the University of Oregon last summer and a member of Montana's Virginia City players. The play is directed by Philip Hanson.

"Death of a Salesman," "Arsonic and Old Lace," and "The Importance of Being Earnest" fill out the April 14-May 10 schedule of modern drama.

Military Order Holds Dinner and Meeting

Members of Cebu Swamp Military Order of the Lizards, held a recent meeting at the home of Mrs. Harry Barneburg. Mrs. Don Anderson, gila monster, presided.

The meeting was preceded by a covered dish dinner. Guests for the afternoon included Mrs. Clyde McClung and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wood of Salem.

Name New Officers For Tudor Guild; Announce Heyday

Tudor guild, formed two years ago by Ashland and Medford people interested in the Oregon Shakespearean festival, recently elected new officers and was incorporated as a non-profit organization under the laws of the state.

Named to office were Mrs. Clark Jones, Medford, president; Mrs. B. A. Cope, Ashland, vice-president; George Rode, Medford, secretary-treasurer. Mrs. I. E. Schuler has been head of the organization, and Bren H. Starcher is the retiring treasurer.

A board of directors was created and serving on this will be the three officers and Robertson Collins, Mrs. A. C. Allen Jr., C. Reese Braley, Mrs. Darell Huson, all Medford; Mrs. E. W. Jermark and Rudy Vest, Ashland. Mrs. Schuler and Dr. Margery Bailey, Stanford university, will act as advisers to the board.

Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Jermark are particularly interested in the Shakespearean gardens at the festival shell in Ashland and Mrs. Braley will oversee scholarship funds of the guild. Mrs. Huson will head the guild's musical activities and will be assisted by Mrs. Otto Frohn-mayer.

Main activity of the guild the past two years has been the Bard's Heyday, a large garden party which served the double purpose of stimulating interest in the forthcoming festival plays and of raising funds to aid student actors. Mrs. Richard Finch, Medford, has been named chairman of this year's Heyday and it will be July 20 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Berthold Barnum, Pacific Highway south, who were hosts for the event last year.

Named to assist Mrs. Finch were Mrs. Charles Ely and Mrs. M. P. Boehme, Medford, ticket chairmen; Mrs. Harry A. Skerry, Ashland, food; Russ Jamison, Medford, lighting; Mrs. Rentz and Mrs. Phyllis Morse, both Medford, booths; Mrs. Martin Sands and Mrs. L. D. Inskeep, Medford, decorations; Mr. Collins, program.

Dr. Bailey will again come up from Stanford university to lecture on Shakespeare.

PTA Council Plans Session Wednesday

The spring meeting of Jackson County Council of Parents and Teachers will be held Wednesday, April 2 in Fellowship hall of the Rogue River Presbyterian church.

The session will open at 10:15 a.m. with a coffee hour, which will be followed by a business meeting. New officers will be elected.

Members of all Mothering-ers' choruses of the county will present a program before the sack lunch at noon. Coffee and salad will be served by the Rogue River PTA.

Ralph Jones, superintendent of Grants Pass schools, will discuss the education bills which will be on the ballot for general election next fall. A "buzz session" and question period will follow the discussion. It is stated that this legislative workshop will provide much of the information necessary to inform local PTA units of contemplated changes in the state education system.

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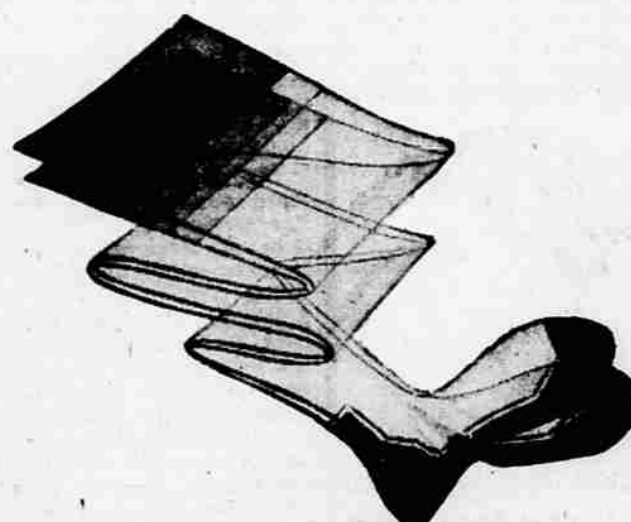
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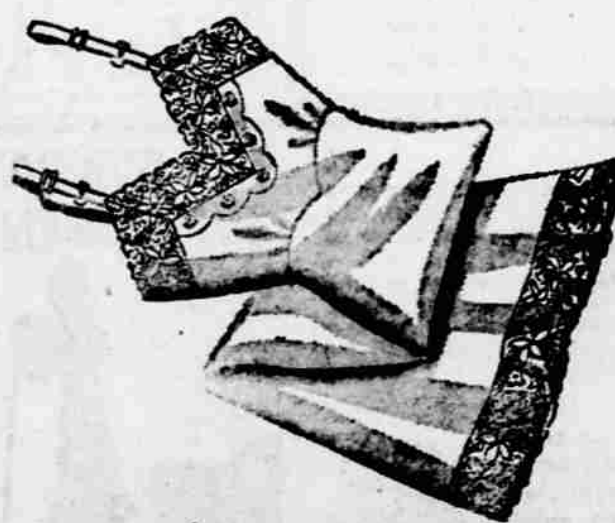
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