Society and Clubs

Jackson Students To Give Operetta Friday at School

"The tale of Peter Rabbit" will be dramatized in a colorful setting Friday night, April 4, when the Jackson school presents an operetta as part of the annual April Frolic at the schol.

Approximately 350 children of the first four grades will participate in the operetta and music and dancing, arranged as a preliminary and "between acts" specialty with the show, Mrs. Muriel Harvey, chairman, announced yesterday.

The spring garden scenery, made for the show was decorated under the direction of Miss Jacqueline Rosling, art coordinator in the Medford schools.

Leads in the operetta are carried by Jackson Phillips, as Peter Cotton Tail; Terry Earl, as McGregor; Jimmy Randles, as the dog; George Shreve, as the worm; and Carol Mann, Roma Sims and Joan Johnson, the three little maids.

The show will open with 100 fourth graders singing "Here Comes Peter Cotton Tail," and the audience is promised entertainment every minute until "time to go home."

All teachers in the primary department have been assisting Mrs. Harvey in the production, which promises to be a gala prologue to Easter entertainment in the city.

Programs and tickets are in charge of Mrs. Precia Medley of the Jackson faculty.

The operetta will be preceded by a chicken and noodle dinner, sponsored by Jackson Parent-Teacher association. Serving of the dinner will be from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Numerous booths will be operated in other parts of the building and a movie will be produced for entertainment of children not appearing in the operetta.

A hat shop will be opened to enable all guests to assume a carnival headdress for the evening. Home-baked foods, candy, flowers and plants will be offered at the bazaar.

Social Meeting Held By Baptist WC Class

Twenty members of WC class of First Baptist church held a social meeting Friday evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Carter, South Pacific highway.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Cochran took charge of games, using the "April Fool" theme. A short business meeting was conducted by President Keith Hockersmith, followed by devotions led by Don Minear who used "Faith" as his topic.

Pulitizer Drama To Be Presented By Vining Company

The fourth play to be presented by the Vining Repertory company at Ashland's Lithia Theatre during their April 14-May 10 season is the Pulitzer prize drama, "Death of a Salesman," by Arthur Miller. This also won the New York drama critics' award as the best play to be presented on Broadway in 1949.

Called by Brooks Atkinson of the New York Times, "one of the finest dramas in the whole range of the American theatre," this play has been a bigger success, not only in every major American city but also in most foreign capitals, than any other serious stage presentation of this century, with the possible exception of "A Streetcar Named Desire."

Setting of "Death of a Salesman" is Willy Loman's home in Brooklyn—a home that he has painfully paid for over 35 years of hard work, calling on customers in "the New England territory." But, like everything in Willy's life, his home is shabby. As he ruefully remarks at one point, his refrigerator has worn out before it has been fully paid for.

Through a series of flashbacks, it is revealed that Willy once was a successful salesman—or, at least, he thought he was. A glad-hander, his ideal was to be "not only liked, but well-liked." And, to their ruin, he had tried to impress this ideal on his sons. One o them he grooms for a heroic football career. "Personality always wins the day," he says.

But this illusion, shared by many Americans, proves false as old age encroaches upon the once-optimistic drummer. At the beginning of the play, Willy Loman is shown returning from one of his selling-trips, defeatedly carrying his heavy sample-cases back to his home, and without a single order. He is finished, but he tries not to face this grim fact, nor the truth that he has made both his sons into ne'er-do-wells, by trying to force them into ways not suited to their temperaments.

Richard Graham plays the role of the pitiful, beaten and confused traveling salesman who sees in his sons' failures his own futilities, mistakes and misdeeds. Elmarie Wendel will be seen as his faithful wife, Eddy Barron and Brad Curtis as the sons and Angus Bowmer as his friendly next-door neighbor.

Block bookings for theater parties and season tickets will be available until April 12 only.

Dance Dates Changed By Club in Gold Hill

Gold Hill—The square dancing sessions sponsored by Past Noble Grands' club of Amethyst Rebekah lodge, at the Odd Fellows hall, have been changed from Saturday nights to Friday nights. This new arrangement will take effect Friday night, April 4, and no dance will be held April 5.

A professional instructor, Warren Kimball of Central Point, will conduct the dance classes. No admission fee will be charged, but a collection will be taken up to cover instruction cost. The classes will be held every two weeks.

Women attending are asked to bring sandwiches or home-made cookies for refreshments. The public is invited to attend.

There are now 400,000 Indians in the United States, compared to about 250,000 around the close of the 19th century.

Speaker Explains School Tax Bills For Mothers' Club

A special meeting of Griffin Creek Mothers' club was held last Friday evening. Dad's night was observed, and a large percentage of the parents of the school attended.

Dr. Bill Sampson, assistant professor of education at Southern Oregon college, was speaker and explained the school reorganization and six mill tax limitation bills. Entertainment for the meeting was furnished by the barbershop quartet, "Three Notes and Dad."

During the business meeting, new Boy Scout troop committeemen were introduced. They included Floyd Robinson, scoutmaster; Walter C. Miller, assistant; Dr. George Goodrich, community representative; Harold O'Connors, chairman of the committee, Ed Goehring, Ben Wells, Ray Guches, and Chet Sessler.

Report of the recent Smorgasbord dinner dance showed a good profit. Purchase of a sewing machine for the 4-H sewing club, new scales and visual aid equipment were announced as recent purchases. It was also announced a party for teen-age or seventh and eighth grade students would be held Friday evening, April 4, and a county teachers' luncheon would be served by Boy Scout mothers, headed by Mrs. Ray Guches, on April 5th. Plans were also made for the annual public ham dinner April 20.

A nominating committee elected included Mrs. George Goodrich, Mrs. Robert Minear and Mrs. R. C. Warnock. Room prize was won by pupils of Mrs. Frinks's fifth grade room.

In explaining the proposed bill for reorganization of schools, Dr. Sampson stated the bill is designed for two reasons — to help equalize educational opportunities for all children and to enable schools to have more efficient administrative districts, each district capable of maintaining schools for grades from one to twelve.

He stated reorganization means reorganization of administration rather than attendance centers. He pointed out that the bill is drawn to give everyone in each community an opportunity to express approval or disapproval through public meetings and through vote for board representatives. If passed, he stated a state board will set up standards, then a county committee will be appointed with representatives from each district to study best possible methods for setting up school districts in that county.

Financially, taxpayers would be getting much more for their money if the districts are reorganized, he pointed out, since consolidation of purchase power would mean quantity purchase savings. In Jackson County alone, he added, a sum of $30,000 could have been saved last year if all paper towels and other paper products used in schools in the county could have been purchased on one order through a central office. Also, under the new plan, a surplus on one school such as textbooks may be transferred to another school having a shortage. He also pointed out the many advantages gained by districts which are now non-high school and which may be forced at a future date to secure other arrangements for high school facilities.

Speaking on the bill covering the six mill property tax limitation, Dr. Sampson said that in the opinion of the state attorney general it would nullify the basic school support act. He added that most groups believe this is a bill being promoted by proponents of a sales tax as a means of forcing support of the sales tax by school people and parents.

Next meeting of the Mother's club will be April 11 at 2:30 p.m. when Miss Mary Ellen Bell, health nurse, will present a film and discuss rheumatic fever.

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President Visitor In Central Point

Central Point—Mrs. Cleona Applegate, president of the F L clubs of Oregon, paid an official visit to Central Point F L club March 26. The meeting, held at the home of Mrs. John Kime, was preceded by dinner at Mary's Casa in Medford.

The state F L convention, to be held at Grants Pass in October, was discussed with the Central Point club being asked to seat the officers.

The next meeting will be held April 9 at the home of Mrs. John Kime.

Auxiliary Members To Attend Meeting; Plan Benefit Dinner

Medford Fraternal Order of Eagles' auxiliary is making plans to attend a convention of zone five of the auxiliary to be held in Lakeview April 19 and 20.

Ritualistic competition will be held between the teams from Prineville, Bend, Klamath Falls, Lakeview and Medford. This competition is preparatory work for the Eagles and auxiliary state convention to be held in Albany in June.

To raise funds for the trip, the Medford auxiliary is sponsoring a ham dinner Saturday, April 5, at 6 p.m. The public is invited, and it is stated that a reasonable price is being asked for the dinner.

Exemplar Chapter Names New Officers

Election of officers was held when Exemplar chapter, Beta Sigma Phi, met at the home of Miss Florence Erbes, 519 West Eleventh street, March 27.

Named to office for the coming year were Miss Thelma Loughary, president; Miss Florence Erbes, vice-president; Miss Adabee Seiler, treasurer; Mrs. Willard Sloper, secretary.

The program was given by Miss Seiler who had as her subject "Religions of China".

The hostess served refreshments at the close of the afternoon.

Willamette Choir To Present Concert

The Willamette university choir will sing in Medford Monday, April 14, at First Methodist church. The program will begin at 8 p.m.

The local concert will be one of 15 which the choir will give during the annual tour beginning today. The crimson-robed choir is directed by Melvin Geist, dean of the Willamette College of Music. Miss Doris Loder will accompany the choir as violin soloist.

Singing with the choir this year are Herb Brower, Medford, and Barbara Gertson, Medford.

Announce Winners

Medford Duplicate Bridge club played for master points at the weekly session Tuesday night, with Budd Gail and T. J. Fuson scoring 90½ points for first place.

Mrs. B. L. Sanderson and Mrs. George Codding took second with 90 points, and third went to Mrs. Jean Hall and Bill Kennedy, who scored 88½ points.

In fourth place were Mrs. T. J. Fuson and Jack Barr with 87½ points, and Mrs. Frank Baker and George Rode were in fifth place with a score of 85½ points.

CALENDAR

Calendar notices and news for the society section of The Mail Tribune must be submitted in writing, and deadline for the Sunday edition is 1 p.m. Friday. Deadline for weekly news is 5 p.m. the day before publication, and deadline for the weekly calendar is 9 a.m. of the day for publication

Thursday

6 p.m.—Phoenix PTA, potluck dinner at school.

8 p.m.—AAUW evening arts group, Olson's Furniture store, 613 East Main street.

8 p.m.—Central Point Junior High school, operetta in school library.

8 p.m.—Phoenix Neighbors of Woodcraft, Phoenix Grange hall.

Friday

10 a.m. — Phoenix Neighbors of Woodcraft Thimble club, home of Mrs. Dorothy Thompson.

10:30 a.m.—Griffin Creek Extension unit, home of Mrs. Dan Neill.

1:30 p.m. — Jolly Stitchers club, home of Mrs. G. G. Stagg, 614 Berrydale avenue.

Phoenix Society Gives Apron Penny Social; Elliotts Show Films

Phoenix—More than 70 persons attended the "apron penny social" given in the recreation room of Phoenix Presbyterian church last Friday evening. Sponsoring group was the Ladies' Aid society.

The program consisted of group singing, mixers and a film shown by Dr. and Mrs. Bert R. Elliott. The pictures were made by Dr. and Mrs. Elliott during their recent tour of Mexico.

Refreshments closed the evening, with Mrs. Mildred Parr as chairman of the refreshment committee.

Proceeds from the event will be used for church projects supported by the society.

Musical Program Given in Phoenix By SOC Students

Phoenix — Music students of Southern Oregon college presented a program of instrumental and vocal music for the congregation of Phoenix Presbyterian church last Sunday. E. C. Bjorli, director of the chorus, accompanied the students.

Miss Helene Robinson, piano instructor at the college, accompanied some of the numbers.

Instrumental numbers were given by a woodwind quintet composed of Miss Joyce Hoagland, flute; Miss Lenore Brown, oboe; George Adler, clarinet; Maurice Bailey, french horn; Miss Juanita Lenton, bassoon.

Miss Joanne Sousa gave piano numbers and a trio composed of Miss Dorothea Coe, Miss Ruth Newton and Miss Colleen Tiegs sang.

Miss Dorothea Coe, Miss Pat Powell, Miss Faye Peugh, Miss Virginia Westerfield, Jim Baker, Paul Adams, George Kekuna and Lloyd Bunnell made up an octet which sang. Quartet numbers were given by Jim Baker, Paul Adams, George Kekuna and Lloyd Bunnell.

Arrangements for the program were made by Mrs. Delhpia Schmelzer.

The program was well attended, and the free will offering taken will be added to a fund to buy a projector.

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A time for delicious surprises—each dressed up in Sunday-best. The smart hostess prepares muffins and fruit well ahead of time, sees to last-minute details while guests linger in the living room over chilled pineapple and orange juice, garnished with mint leaves.

Broiled Mixed Fruits

Arrange canned peach halves, pineapple, fresh grapefruit sections and maraschino cherries (add or substitute your favorites) in shallow baking dish. Dot with butter and sprinkle generously with Beet Sugar. Bake in moderate oven (375° F.) 15 to 20 minutes, basting occasionally.

FROSTED SCRAMBLED EGGS

Scramble eggs, saving out 2 egg whites for each 6 servings. Make meringue by beating whites until stiff; season with salt, pepper and Worcestershire Sauce. Place scrambled eggs in individual ramekins or large serving casserole. Top with meringue and brown in hot oven.

COFFEE CAKE MUFFINS

2 cups sifted all-purpose flour
½ cup Beet Sugar
3 teaspoons baking powder
¾ teaspoon salt
⅓ cup coarsely chopped walnut meats
½ cup seedless raisins
½ cup shortening
1 egg
¾ cup milk

Sift dry ingredients into bowl. Stir in all at once remaining ingredients; mix only enough to dampen flour. Spread half the batter into 12 generously greased, medium-sized muffin pans. Sprinkle each with 1 tsp. "Sugar 'n Spice" (made by mixing ¼ cup Beet Sugar and 2 tsps. cinnamon). Divide remaining batter evenly in pans, smoothing out.

DAISY DECORATION

Over top of muffins, shake "yellow" sugar (¼ cup Beet Sugar mixed with 6 drops yellow food coloring). Press in 5 blanched almonds, petal-fashion, around a pineapple chunk. Bake in mod. oven (375° F.) about 25 minutes or until toothpick, thrust in center, comes out clean. Invert muffin pans, gently, on cooling racks; let stand 2 to 3 minutes. Turn pattern-side up. Serve hot. Makes 12.

NO MUFFIN TINS? Then spread half of batter in well-greased 8-inch-square pan; sprinkle on Sugar 'n Spice Mix; spread remaining batter on top. Decorate as for coffee cake muffins. Bake in moderate oven (375° F.) about 30 minutes. Cut into 12 oblong fingers. Serve warm.

Time-Saving Tips

Prepare for baking 1 to 2 hours ahead and hold in refrigerator. Or bake in advance and reheat for serving; place muffins on a cookie sheet in moderate oven (375° F.) for 10 to 15 minutes.

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