

## Society and Clubs

### Junior High School Announces Concert On Friday Evening

Students of Medford Junior High school will give the annual spring concert Friday, May 2, in the auditorium beginning at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend and a small admission charge will be made.

Several groups will be presented. The orchestra, directed by Miss Audrey Brist, will play a group of selections and four choruses, all directed by Ray Lewis, will sing. These include a chorus of pupils in the seventh grade, a mixed chorus, a boys' chorus and a girls' chorus.

Numbers by the band, directed by Albert Huntehmann, will complete the program. The junior high groups appeared last week-end in the district music festival, and received high praise from the critics and judges.

### Medford Students On Scholastic Roll

Vernon Thatcher and Miss Mary Wait, both seniors in science from Medford, have been listed on the Oregon State college scholastic honor roll.

Both earned a grade average of at least 3.5 or better. A 3.5 is halfway between an A and B average.

Miss Wait is a daughter of Mrs. F. Wilson Wait, 220 Vancouver avenue, and a young Thatcher is a son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Thatcher, 210 Beatty street.

### Plan Dinner

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## Festival Association Plans Augmented Music Program

Ashland—Will Shakespeare will still be the featured attraction, but he will have to share at least part of his glory with composers of his era at the Oregon Shakespearean festival this year.

The festival's new Elizabethan music program is described by festival founder and producing director, Angus Bowmer, as "the most important step forward since the festival's reestablishment after the war." The directors' enthusiasm is echoed by the festival association's board of directors and by music lovers throughout the Rogue river valley.

The festival's success in securing the services of an outstanding professional director is one of the major reasons for optimism. "A program of this sort often depends on the person directing it for success," President Rodney Keating declares, "and we feel that we are fortunate in having just the right man for the job."

The new director is Hans Lampl of the University of Southern California music department, an authority on ancient instruments and music of the Elizabethan period. Director Lampl plans to have the three groups of musicians he will organize here appear in one full concert, that on the evening of August 29. In addition, however, he will conduct a small concert orchestra and choral groups in "curtain-raisers" before each play performance and in other short programs, and will compose and direct the incidental music of the plays as well.

The young director studied piano, violin and theory at the Vienna academy, and received his master of music degree from the University of Southern California. He taught for one year at Morningside college in Iowa, then returned to USC where he conducts two choral classes, teaches piano, and assists in the opera department.

He developed his interest in ancient instruments and Elizabethan music, he says, while studying interpretation with the well-known harpsichordist Alice Ehlers.

Mr. Lampl is a U.S. army veteran, having served for four years with an Army band in the southwest Pacific during the war.

Plans for the inaugural year call for the establishment of three groups—an orchestra, a small group of madrigal singers, and a large chorus. Most of the musicians will come from the valley, although Lampl will bring a number of music students here with him and it is expected that a number of others will apply for parts in the program. Meanwhile, the festival association office in Ashland is



Hans Lampl

listing both vocalists and instrumentalists interested in auditioning for the director when he arrives early in June, and the Tudor Guild in Medford is also recruiting musicians.

Lampl plans to incorporate as many ancient instruments—recorders and the like—into the orchestra as possible, and it is understood that a number of musicians in the area are now learning the almost-forgotten art of recorder playing in preparation for the summer. Mrs. Lampl is a professional recorder player and will help her husband with orchestral work this summer.

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