

Parents of Students Entering Junior High Invited to Meeting

Medford Junior High Parent-Teacher association has announced the final meeting of the year for Thursday, May 15, at 8 o'clock in the school.

The program is being planned for parents of children who will enter the junior high school next fall. Parents of children in the sixth grade of the city elementary schools, or in the eighth grade of those districts which transport to Medford for the ninth grade are particularly invited to attend.

There will be discussion on the curriculum, activities and specific information that will help the parents and child, it was announced. Principal Glenn L. Linn and Don Darnelle will lead the discussion.

Entertainment will be presented by the Junior High Mothersingers, directed by Ray Lewis.

Refreshments will be served during a social hour planned in order that parents may meet teachers and personnel of the school.

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POTPOURRI...

Potpourri learned several new things about flowers last week. While attending the annual Homemakers' festival Wednesday we learned from Mrs. Howard Ash that it does not destroy the tiny native lavender orchid plants when the blossoms are picked. Having heard, and read, for many years that such was true, we were shocked to see dozens and dozens made into corsages for women at the festival, and expressed surprise.

Mrs. Ash picked the orchids from a bed in the Elk creek district, and reported that she has picked them from the same spot since she was a child. Mrs. Ash cautioned, however, that extreme care must be used since the little bulbs pull from the ground easily, which does mean that no orchid will grow the coming year. Others near-by contributed the information that some of the stem and leaves must be left also, to feed the bulb, as is the case with domestic bulb flowers.

We accepted gratefully one of the little orchid corsages, and put the flowers in a tiny pitcher at home in the hope that they would last for a time. We also were most pleased to be given one of the bouquets used to decorate the hall. Several of these were made up of the huge lavender or purple parrot tulips from the garden of Miss Claire Hanley Somerset. This variety of daphne was new to us, also.

Thursday we learned from Mrs. Merton Lyster the name of the most interesting shrub with white blossoms which Mrs. L. D. Inskeep and Mrs. Martin Sands had used in decorating the tables for the luncheon of Medford Council of Church Women. (Mrs. Lyster, kind soul that she is, had forgiven us for mixing her up with one of her close friends when we identified the women in a picture recently.)

Mrs. Lyster said the shrub was double file viburnum tomentosum (we guessed at the spelling) a variety of what is commonly called snowball, and that were shown in the flower arrangement, and had not been stripped, as someone had said at the

luncheon. A call to Mrs. Inskeep confirmed this information, and she added that it is not a new shrub, as so many thought, but actually quite an old type. Mrs. Inskeep remarked that often shrubs or flowers blooming in the yard are ignored by everyone until picked and combined with something to give them drama and interest. She said most flower arrangers strive for this dramatic effect in either color or line, or both.

This was true of two arrangements we saw later in the week. At the Zonta club dinner Thursday night the centerpiece of the speaker's table was of white stock, yellow daisies and lavender lilacs, with tall, very slender yellow candles among the flowers. Friday afternoon at the tea which Methodist women gave for Mrs. Clarence Meeker, a distinctive flower arrangement had been worked out by Mrs. Everett Faber. Mrs. Faber used one of the metal fountain containers on a large round mirror. Around the tiny fountain she arranged lavender columbine and other smaller blossoms and the container was encircled with deep green candles embedded in clusters of pink cherry blossoms.

The Zonta dinner was a pleasant event, with the naming of Mrs. G. Q. D'Albini as "Woman of the Year" the highlight of the evening. One of our table companions was Miss Eula Wintermote, who regaled us with a story told following a recent banquet for dairymen held in a local hotel.

The tables were loaded with good dairy food, milk, cream, yogurt and what have you, but horrors of horrors, the pats of "spread" were the wrong shape. One of the dairymen made a pointed inquiry of a waitress, and soon the "spread" was replaced with another kind, with pats of the correct shape.

On the program for the recent fellowship luncheon of Medford Council of Church Women were a number of children, who, with their mothers, demonstrated some of the family worship ideas used in Medford homes. One of the youngsters was small Larry Dierdorff, who with his brother, Todd, and his mother, Mrs. G. A. Dierdorff, demonstrated the story-telling and prayer hour which precedes bed-time at the Dierdorffs.

In explaining the idea to the two little boys, Mrs. Dierdorff suggested that they wear their pajamas, since it was a bed-time scene. Larry, who is six, considered this for some time and then asked, "will the ladies wear pajamas too?" When informed that they wouldn't, he forthwith refused to wear his, evidently having strong ideas on propriety. Worse yet, when the scene was being enacted and it came time for Todd, 4, to say his prayer, he balked. Later he explained that prayers were always followed by going to bed, and he wasn't going to bed in the middle of the afternoon.

Picture-taking turned out to be more than ordinarily interesting last week. The weekly stint of shutter-snapping included a trip over to Ashland and a visit at Susanne Homes hall. The comfortable lounge at the hall, which commands a fine view of the hills to the east, was filled with students enjoying a half-hour of loafing following the noon meal.

After the Mothers' week-end committees had been taken, the reporter-photographer team moved on to the home of President and Mrs. Elmo Stevenson. At Mrs. Stevenson's suggestion, she and her older daughter, Rosemary, were posed in the garden. While not extensive, the garden is of more than ordinary interest because it is located on two or three levels, the Stevenson home being on one of the steep hills on which most Ashland residents must build their homes.

One of the beautiful sights in the garden was a pink clematis, espaliered against one of the white walls of the house. The blossoms were not as large as we remembered the more familiar purple clematis to be, but were an exquisite sight against the white wall.

The trip over and back was enjoyed by Mrs. J. R. Smith, president of Southern Oregon College Mothers' club, who went along in order to be photographed with her daughter, Sidney. Mrs. Smith's stories of her father, the late William L. Greenleaf, were particularly interesting. Mr. Greenleaf was a well known Shakespearean scholar and reader, and Mrs. Smith told how he dramatized entire plays from memory, enacting every character in the cast in turn and holding the attention of his audiences as completely as would

an entire cast of players.

Mr. Greenleaf's voice was considered remarkable, and many living in Medford now remember his appearances in Medford and Ashland schools.

Item from the past: Browsing through a May 11, 1922 copy of The Mail Tribune, the following news release turned up from Santa Rosa, Calif. "A controversy over the question of whether Mrs. Thornberry Close, principal of the Rinconville school here, should be compelled to resign because she powders her nose and wears skirts eight inches from the floor has resulted in the resignation of two of the three members of the school board of trustees."

"Youth is broad-minded," said Miss Truida Duyvendak of The Hague, Netherlands, speaking at the Homemakers' festival Wednesday. "The youth of the world will broaden our horizons if we give them a chance." That youth is not bound by tradition was demonstrated at Medford Senior High school last night when a girl who is married and the mother of an infant daughter was crowned queen of the annual Junior-Senior prom. The student is Mrs. Charles Chitwood, the former Barbara Van Sickle, a beautiful and popular brunette.—O. S.

Sunday, May 11, 1952

MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—SEVEN

Install New Officers For Evans Valley PTA

Evans Valley — The Evans Valley Parent-Teacher association 1952-53 officers were installed Tuesday evening at a meeting of the group in the school. Mrs. Myron Newton is the new president. Mrs. Frank Van Dyke, past president of the Jackson County PTA council, was installing officer.

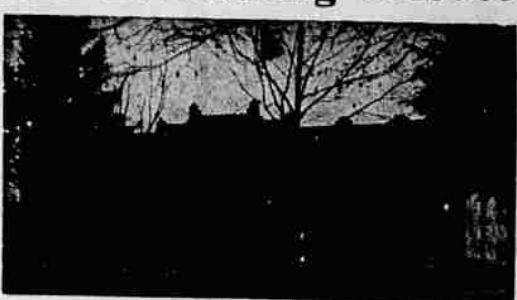
Mrs. Charles Ceiderburg is the vice-president; Mrs. Kenneth Damon, secretary, and Mrs. Walter Archer, treasurer.

A check for \$60 was presented to Mr. McPherson to purchase games for the different grades

at school. Miss Ivey Coffey, a student from New Delhi, India, now attending Southern Oregon college, was guest speaker. Nine members of Eve Prentice's Ac-

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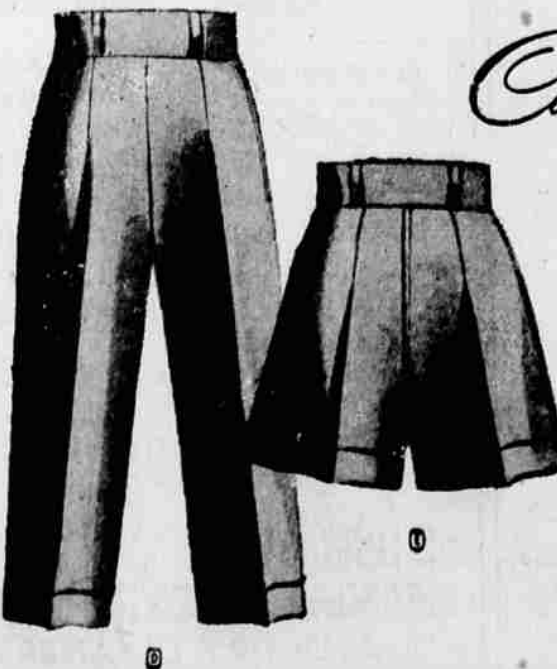
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