

Miss Marion Smith Is Crowned Queen Central Point Bethel

Central Point—Miss Marion Smith was crowned queen of the Central Point Bethel, Order of Job's Daughters, in a ceremony held June 12 in the Central Point Masonic hall. The bethel was assisted by Medford chapter, Order of DeMolay and Miss Smith received her crown from her brother, Douglas Smith, councillor of the DeMolay chapter.

Installed were: Marion Smith, honored queen; Carlene Von Buskirk, senior princess; Donna Lavin, junior princess; Linda Obenchain, guide; Belva Chew, marshal; Helen Tonn, chaplain; Virginia Dew, senior custodian; Sharon Whitlock, junior custodian; Judy Servold, recorder; Joanne Ritter, librarian; Anita Conger, treasurer; Vicki Noel, musician; Earlene South, inner guard; Maria Jean Abbott, outer guard; Darlene Bonner, Joanne Henderson, Nadra Moore, Melva Chew and Mildred Gail were installed messengers. Barbara Pree was appointed historian, and Geraldine Gidney, lady of the lights.

New choir members are Rosa Drake, Grace Gail, Jeanne Stelle, Maxine Day, Gwen Moore, Melba Allen, Beverly Hogue, Muriel Swing, Ruth Fisher, Jacklyn Cummings, Irene Cummings, Colleen Snook, Alice Martin, Francis Hogue, Rita Rose, Sarah Turner, Sherrill Von Buskirk, Sue Van Galder, Sally Elden, Karen Johnson and Joanne Henderson, soloist.

Jean Malott was appointed hospitality chairman; Joan Morse, sociability chairman; Helen Hood, Dixie Lee Walker and Gayle Godden, welcoming committee; Susan Gustison, Sharon Copsey, Delora Dunn, examining committee, and Sally Mongold and Gail Childress, custodians of paraphernalia.

Installing officers were the retiring queen, Nancy Mallori; guide, Esther Snook; marshal, Jan Freeman; chaplain, Patsy Faber; musician, Loral Jewett; junior custodian, Shirley Lyman; senior custodian, Muriel Swing and recorder, Marilyn Jantzer.

Introduced from the large audience were Mrs. C. D. Elhart, Ashland, past grand guardian for Oregon and Andrew Stevens, Ashland, past associate grand guardian, as well as guardians, associate guardians and officers of valley bethels.

Medford DeMolay members present were Master Councillor Douglas Smith, Darrell Vinson, Paul Schaeffer Jr., Jack Ward and Paul Schaeffer, Hal Vrooman. DeMolay, presented the new queen with a gavel which he had made.

Miss Esther Snook presented the retiring queen, Miss Mallon, with a past queen's pin from the bethel. The hall and dining room were decorated in the rosegay theme, and an addenda which followed the ceremonies was also in this theme.

Oberammergau Citizens To Hold Oratorio Week

Germany's Oberammergau Passion Play community plans to hold an Oratorio Week this summer, to be highlighted by the complete original composition of the St. Matthew Passion by Johann Sebastian Bach to be given in the Passion Theatre under the direction of Eugen Papst, a native of Oberammergau. Other performances, including religious works and chamber music, will be played in the Little Theatre. Oratorio Week is scheduled to fit in with the Salzburg Festivals to give visitors an opportunity to attend both events.



Miss Marion Smith (Shangle studio)

Average Age of Brides Getting Younger in U.S.

Girls getting married this month are likely to be as youthful a group of June brides as any in American history, the Institute of Life Insurance reports this month. Many of these brides will be marrying young men in the armed services, and setting up housekeeping for the first time in cities and towns near their husbands' Army camps or Navy installations.

Figures published this spring by the U. S. Census Bureau show that girls in this country have been marrying at younger and younger ages since 1890. Twenty-two years old was an average or "median" age for marriage in that year; today, half of all women who have ever been married were first married before their twenty-first birthdays. Figures before 1890 are not available, but genealogists believe that even in Colonial days the average "age-at-first-marriage" was higher than it is today.

The Census Bureau says there are now more than 900,000 women in America whose husbands are in service and about three-quarters of these wives are under 30 years of age. Over 500,000 of them are living with their husbands and the rest are at home, with their parents or in homes of their own. Two-thirds of all these wives have children; over half of them have children of pre-school age.

Although almost everyone has become conscious in the past few years that girls are marrying at younger ages than they used to, not everyone realizes what a significant change this has meant for family life in this country, according to the institute.

One effect of younger marriage ages in the past few years has been the nation's higher birth rate. Although larger families of seven or eight or nine children are no longer common in the United States there are many more small families of two or three children. Most babies in the United States have young mothers who are in their middle twenties.

Partly because of the Korean war, there are now more than seven million households in America where women have the full

Activities Planned By Women's Club; Committees Named

Plans for summer activities were made at a meeting of Scottish Rite Woman's club held Monday evening at the Masonic temple, with the president, Mrs. Ira D. Canfield, presiding.

A 6:30 o'clock potluck dinner was planned by the club for the June 23 meeting, with a social evening to follow. All Scottish Rite Masons and their wives are invited to the affair. Those whose names begin with A to J inclusive are asked to take meat dishes; K to S vegetables and salads; T to Z cakes.

Mrs. Canfield appointed Mrs. Tony P. Franco, Ashland, Mrs. Herbert L. Alford, Mrs. Howard C. Goldsmith and Mrs. Ralph Lue on a calling committee, and Mrs. Fred H. Graten, Mrs. Jack Weddle, Mrs. Edward C. Root, and Mrs. Clay M. Lee on a telephone committee.

A financial report was given by Mrs. Ralph Krows, treasurer. The president announced that the Scottish Rite picnic would be July 20 at the Edwin H. Taylor Ranch. Mrs. Perry Gregg and Mrs. Ralph Lue were named to buy prizes for the picnic.

The official hostess, Mrs. Franco, introduced and welcomed Mrs. Sam J. Fulco, Grants Pass, as a new member.

Garden heliotrope, columbine, and catalpa decorated the refreshment tables and the Scottish Rite men joined the women for the coffee hour.

Hostesses for the evening were Mrs. Alford, Mrs. Lee L. Stone, and Mrs. Kneut C. Wernmark.

Plan Open Air Stage For Historical Plays

Rothenberg-on-Tauber, Germany, popular among countless tourists from all parts of the world and famous for its magnificent presentations of the historical play, "The Master Drought," soon will have an open-air stage. The town's quaint medieval wall and towers will serve as a perfect backdrop for the stage, while its picturesque streets, ancient market square, and the great hall in the City Hall, centuries old, provide natural settings for this play as well as "Shepherd's Dance" and a number of Hans Sachs plays which are performed several times every summer.

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Ruth Kilbourn, Frank Buchter In Cast of Play

Included in the list of supporting players in "Suspect," the Footlighters' June production, are the president and vice-president of the organization, Frank Buchter and Miss Ruth Kilbourn.

Mr. Buchter is cast as Sir Hugo Const, elderly newspaper magnate whose remembrance of a 30-year-old unsolved murder embroils the Smith household in a very tense situation. Mr. Buchter, recently employed by radio station KYJC, will be remembered by valley theatergoers for his many roles in Footlighter productions in the past several years. He was last seen as Dr. Pitt, the liberal college professor, in "Goodbye, My Fancy." He also took prominent roles in the Christmas and Easter radio dramas sponsored by the Little Theater group.

It is Sir Hugo's recognition of Mrs. Smith's Scotch servant, Goudie MacIntyre, which brings to light the tragic story of Mrs. Smith's past. The part of Goudie is played by Miss Kilbourn, who was cast as the harried alumnae secretary in "Goodbye, My Fancy." Miss Kilbourn, a welfare worker, appeared in several plays at the University of Oregon before joining the Footlighters last year.

Set construction for "Suspect," which will open June 24 for a five-night run at the little theater on the fairgrounds, is being supervised by Bernard Roberts. He is assisted by Robert Roberts and Joan Lashua, a newcomer to the group.

Jerome McDougall is director.

Acquatic Weed Killers Demonstrated at Talent

Talent—A field day demonstration of aquatic weed killers was held in the office of the Talent Irrigation district office here with a discussion in the morning of June 11 and field trip in the afternoon, according to W. B. Tucker, county agent in agriculture.

William Mercer of a chemical company gave the demonstration of the chemical "dead-X" which is applied to kill the submerged weeds in irrigation ditches, Tucker said.

Attending the demonstration were over 20 representatives from Siskiyou county in California, and Jackson, Josephine, Lake and Klamath counties in Oregon.

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